



Huron Shores United Church Annual Report



2019

A YEAR IN REVIEW



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN 2019

Because of you –

Over **\$183,736** was realized through weekly contributions of cash, assigned offering envelopes, PAR, special envelope donations, grocery Gift cards, fundraising events and promotions, for the **General Operations** to pay for Personnel, Property Management, Worship Services, Regional Representation & Denominational Assessments.

Because of you –

Teams of **volunteers** provided **programs** for Accessibility, Affirming, Christian Development, Congregational Care, and Mission & Outreach. **Projects** such as the Beach Clean-up, Free Store, Prayer Shawls, Community Bible Study, “BLUE” Ukulele Choir, and Meditation Group benefit our congregation and our community. HSUC volunteers sewed and sent children’s dresses to Africa and Haiti, visited the sick and shut-ins as well as supported local children in need.

Because of you –

\$2,650 plus monthly food contributions were donated to two local Food Banks as well as **\$5,776** was collected from the parking spot donation boxes and allocated to various local charities.

Because of you –

The 2019 budget set for the **Mission and Service Fund**, United Church of Canada was surpassed raising a total of **\$17,388** to support their many missions in Canada and around the world.

Because of you –

Supporting **Fundraising Events** as well as purchasing **Grocery Gift Cards** and other promotions, more than **\$18,604** was raised to put towards operations, and building completion costs.

Because of you –

In 2019, over **\$92,025** was contributed by individuals and local organizations to the completion of the Building Renovation Project of HSUC bringing our five-year total to **\$1,029,000**. Your donations to the “**Burn the Mortgage**” fund and towards the annual **\$51,000 Debt Retirement costs** were most appreciated.

Because of you –

And your **long-term vision in planning legacy gifts** through cash donations, bequests of insurance policies, investments, and committing your future financial support to Huron Shores United Church, you have enabled the completion of the building projects, and insured the continuation of spiritual services and community outreach programs to Grand Bend and area.

In 2020, Huron Shores United Church would greatly appreciate your ongoing financial support as we further our commitments as pillars of our community, open to and caring for all.



Our Mission Statement

“Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us, and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include **everyone** into congregational life.”

Our Priorities

- **Discipleship:** First we learn the message, next we live the message and then we share the message.
- **Justice and Outreach:** We promote fairness, honesty, *inclusiveness*, and sharing.
- **Leadership:** We inspire and encourage the congregation and give them choices of direction. We delegate and empower the congregation such that they sense stability in the leadership.
- **Ministry Partnerships:** We make partnerships with other religious communities and political organizations.
- **Pastoral/Spiritual Care:** We express our care and nurture the congregation and the community.
- **Spirituality/Self Care:** We develop a relationship with God and encourage life-coping skills. Our website offers assistance.
- **Stewardship:** We “walk the talk” by taking care of the gifts of our physical beings and our environment.
- **Worship:** Our worship presents a message regarding our relationship with God that applies to daily living. Through worship, we attempt to demonstrate, reinforce and strengthen the best characteristics of humanity.

Our Vision Statement

We seek to make this community a reflection of God’s plan, to be a safe haven for **ALL** who seek peace, justice, freedom; a place where differences are celebrated and accepted as gifts; where new ideas and new ways are not feared but rather embraced as we learn to expand our hearts so that **ALL** are welcome.

We affirm that this includes persons of **ALL** sexual orientations, gender identities, races, abilities, ages, economic circumstances and talents.

Jesus knew no boundaries. He reached out to all people, honouring **ALL** in their diversity. We celebrate the richness this brings to our church.

We are called to be a part of a ministry that welcomes and includes **ALL**, honours the gifts of each, and recognizes that **ALL** receive God’s abundant grace.

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Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda Sunday, January 26, 2020

Opening Motions

- Motion: That *Janice Sinker* be elected Chair of the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Motion: That *Mary McFadden* be elected Secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting.
- Motion: That voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present.
- Motion: That the Agenda be approved as circulated.

Act of Remembrance

Approval of Minutes

- Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
- Review
- Business arising
- Motion: That the minutes of the November 26, 2019 Congregational Meeting (Values and Sanctuary Cross) be approved. Small supply available.
- Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
- Review
- Business arising
- Motion: That the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, January 27, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Annual Report 2019

- Invitation to ask questions of any report
- (reports will be lifted from blanket motion and discussed in Individual Reports section)
- Motion to accept reports as printed, excluding: Financial Report, Nominating Report, and *other lifted reports*

Review of Individual Reports

- Financial Report
- Income/Expense on Budget for Operating Account
- Income/Expense on Budget for Building Project
- Balance Sheet of assets and obligations
- Independent Review 2019, Luke Nagel
- Appointment of Reviewer for 2021
- Motion to accept Financial Report
- Motion to appoint Luke Nagel as Reviewer for 2021
- Mission & Outreach team's recommendation to the congregation of the Mission & Service Fund target of \$15,000
 - Motion: to set the target for M&S givings in 2020 at \$15,000



Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

- Nominating Team (Nominations from the floor accepted)

Motion to accept Nominating Report

Nomination of Trustees:

- Bob Illman (Chair), Larry Taylor, Norm Harris, Doug Kyle, Rosalind MacDonald, John Scott, Ron Turner, Glenn Miller

Motion to approve Trustees as named

- Any reports lifted from blanket motion above
- Motion to accept these reports

Other Items

- Sabbatical May 1, 2020-August 30, 2020
- Revised Policy and Procedures (Draft circulated for 2 weeks).
- Updates include:
- Motion to approve Policy and Procedures

- Other items
- Reports not included in the 2019 Annual Report - available on request:



MINUTES of Annual Congregational Meeting **Sunday, January 27, 2019**

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This year's meeting was integrated into the worship service. Approximately 60 attended. The meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford leading in the opening motions.

Opening Motions - Kate Crawford

- **A MOTION was made that *Deb Gill* be elected Chair of the Annual Congregational Meeting.** It was asked 3 times for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations. ***Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Ernie Lane. Carried***

At this time Deb Gill took the floor.

- **A MOTION was made that *Mary McFadden* be elected Secretary of the Annual Congregational Meeting.** ***Moved by Norm Harris and seconded by Marion Ogilvie. Carried***
- **A MOTION was made that voting privileges be extended to adherents who are present.** ***Moved by Carey Eddy and seconded by Rhonda Manore. Carried.***
- **A MOTION was made that the Agenda be approved as circulated.** ***Moved by Myra Harris and seconded by Ron Turner. Carried.***

Act of Remembrance - Kate Crawford

- Names of the deceased were shown on the screen and each name was said in memory followed by prayer. Special attention was paid to Reverend Robert Putman (former minister of Grand Bend United Church).

Approval of Minutes - Deb Gill

- **Congregational Meeting held on May 7, 2017** - It was explained that these minutes were to vote on becoming an Affirming Congregation and needed to be approved. Deb mentioned that copies were available. There was no other business or questions regarding these minutes,
- **A MOTION was made that the minutes of the May 7, 2017 Congregational Meeting (Affirming Vote) be approved.** ***Moved by Charles McDonald and seconded by Marian Ogilvie. Carried.***

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes - the floor was invited to bring up any business arising. No comments were made.

- **A MOTION was made that the minutes of the February 4, 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting be approved as circulated.** ***Moved by Carey Eddy and seconded by Bob Illman. Carried.***

MINUTES of Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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Annual Report 2018 - Deb Gill - Recognized each of the team Chairs by calling their name and asking to stand. All were applauded. An Invitation was given to ask questions of any report. (Reports will be lifted from blanket motion and discussed in Individual Reports section).

- **A MOTION was made to accept the reports as printed, excluding: Financial Report, Nominating Report, and other lifted reports. *Moved by Blanche Savage and seconded by Myra Harris. Carried.***

Review of Individual Reports - Deb Gill

Financial Report - Bryan Beattie was invited to the podium. A thorough explanation was provided of the 2018 budget, the actual 2018 figures and the proposed 2019 budget. After completing the financial report, Bryan invited the floor for questions. There were none.

- **A MOTION was made to accept Financial Report. *Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Carey. Carried.***
- **A MOTION was made to accept the 2019 Budget. *Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Virginia Scott with the clarification that on page 25, under TEAMS "Right Relations" should be "Mission and Outreach". Carried.***

Independent Review 2018 done by Luke Nagel. A brief explanation was provided of the work that Luke had done on the Review. Luke has accepted the offer to do the Independent Review for 2019.

- **A MOTION was made to appoint Luke Nagel as Reviewer for 2019. *Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded Blanche Savage. Carried.***

Deb resumed with:

The Mission & Outreach team's recommendation to the congregation of the Mission & Service Fund target of \$15,000.

- **A MOTION was made to set the target for the Mission & Service Fund givings in 2019 at \$15,000. *Moved by Marian Ogilvie and seconded by Charles McDonald. Carried.***

Nominating Team - Marilyn Beattie spoke on this report. Asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Asked for nominees in attendance to stand and be acknowledged. Chairs who are leaving their positions were asked to stand and were acknowledged.

- **A MOTION was made to accept the Nominating Report. *Moved by Marilyn Beattie and seconded by Steve Northey***
- Deb made an announced that Janice Sinker is our new chair of Council. Fun & Fellowship and Affirming are actively seeking nominations.

MINUTES of Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 27, 2019

Nomination of Trustees:

- **A MOTION was made to approve Trustees as named: Bob Illman (Chair), Larry Taylor, Norm Harris, Doug Kyle, Rosalind MacDonald, John Scott, Ron Turner, Glenn Miller. *Moved by Bob Illman and seconded by Christine Bregman. Carried.***

Other Items

- **Revised Policy and Procedures** - a draft was circulated for 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Deb Gill explained some of the Policy and Procedure changes: changing name of Presbytery to Regional Council; removal of BET; remove Funds Development Team; change name to Property Management Team; add pertinent policies; update list of working groups.
- **A MOTION was made to approve the Policy and Procedures for submission to Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council. *Moved by Blanche seconded by Rosalind MacDonald. Carried.***

Deb asked if there was any other business. Melodie Northey brought attention to the “THANK YOU for Your Financial Support” page in the Annual Report and verbally thanked all for their continued support.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m. Moved by Virginia Scott

**Deb Gill
Chair**

**Mary McFadden
Recording Secretary**

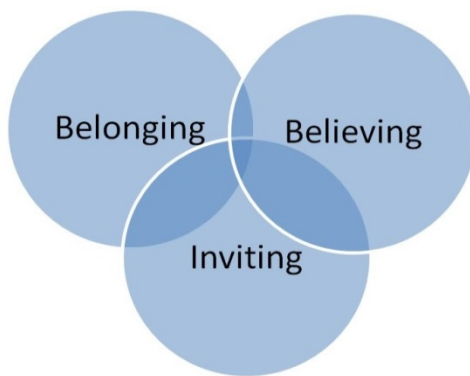
Report from the Minister

"I can do all things, through God, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

It really is true – the older you get, the faster time slips by. Here I am writing another annual report... my fifth for you. Whew! Where did that half decade go?

We had a lot of interesting conversations this year. Will we keep the organ? Will we remove or cover the large cross in the sanctuary? How can express hospitality to community groups who use our space? What is Grand Bend Place? Some might say we had a year full of conflict. I prefer to see it as a year in which we clarified our valued by using them to make decisions.

Because I believe this so deeply, I was honoured to participate in the Special Congregational Meeting held in November, in which we worked together, despite differing opinions, to articulate our 3 foundational values.



They are:

Faith/Love of God = BELIEVING
Community/Inclusion = BELONGING
Compassion/Compromise = INVITING



It is my hope that over the next year we can explore more deliberately and deeply how these 3 values both shape us and help us shape the world around us. I have asked the Council to use the values to select a shared project which they and I will work on during my upcoming sabbatical. We already know that it will fit in the BELONGING circle. I am looking forward to thinking in 2020 about projects which emphasize Community and Inclusion.

Many, many thanks go to the team with whom I work: **Mary McFadden**, who finally made good on her threat to retire as Office Admin; **Elva McIntyre**, our Music Director, who graciously encourages all around her to sing with joy; **Carey Eddy**, our Envelope Secretary, who keeps track of our donations; **Sherrie Smith**, our Bookkeeper, who helps money flow both in and out; **Bob Stewart**, our Custodian, who expresses our hospitality through cleanliness and order; **Janna Oud**, our new Church Administrator, who's flare for design is adding so much to the way we express ourselves; **Rev. Elise Feltrin**, our brand new Community Wellness Program Coordinator, who is creatively expanding our reach into the community and **Janice Sinker** who has her gentle and strong hand on our tiller as Chair of Council.

Grace and peace to all, **Rev. Kate**

Chair of Council Report

What an incredible year we have had! In 2019, Huron Shores United Church did some amazing things! Without an outstanding, dedicated staff, leadership teams working tirelessly, and committed, enthusiastic participants from our church family and from our wider community, these accomplishments would not have been possible. As we became more comfortable and at home in our newly renovated space, many exciting and innovative things began to happen.

We now have access to a beautifully equipped kitchen facility which will open up many wonderful possibilities for congregational events, community gatherings, conferences, family celebrations and beyond. A great kitchen is an asset to any home, and our church home is no exception!! The Fellowship Hall, now complete, serves as an inviting gathering place for many of our established groups and those that will develop in the future.

Through the generosity of *The New Ministries* Fund of the United Church of Canada Foundation, we are so fortunate to have been able to hire a Community Wellness Coordinator in 2019 who has begun the task of becoming acquainted with our community needs. Programs have been developing to provide opportunities for the greater community to become involved in activities, workshops, and conversations and other events which will enhance connections and relationships. The whole idea of being able to address social isolation in the community has been a key goal in the development of this Community Wellness Program.

Our worship space in our renovated church building is beautiful! So many talented hands have gone into making our sanctuary a place where people want to gather, worship and celebrate! 2019 was a year of finishing up and polishing to a pristine and perfect end result! 2019 saw the evolution of the concert hall, now named Grand Bend Place: Centre for the Living Arts. We had two major concerts in GBP in 2019. Both events were extremely successful, paving the way for the future planning of a number of concerts and fundraisers in 2020, all of which will benefit Huron Shores United Church in so many ways. We need to think differently about our space as time goes on. While as many as nine thousand churches in Canada are facing closure, Huron Shores United Church is looking far beyond that. We are seeing many people participating in activities on a weekly basis. Welcoming our community and offering programs and varied activities that will benefit and enhance quality of life for everyone will serve us well down the road.

Many thanks to our members and adherents for your continued donation of time, talent and financial support for this congregation. So many wonderful things have evolved because of your on-going support. Thank you also for communicating with Council. It is so important that we work together and listen carefully to one another as we move forward! These conversations are important and welcome! Communication is key!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to our Council members for their outstanding leadership and their unbridled enthusiasm as we move forward into a new and vibrant 2020 at Huron Shores United Church.

Respectfully submitted by **Janice Sinker**, Chair of Council



Congregational Visitors

The year began with two Congregational Visitors with Peter Challen leaving in June. Thank you Peter for your dedication in this role. I appreciated your assistance. In addition, I pass on appreciation of your time and kindness from some of those you visited.

The visiting has continued in conjunction with Rev Dr Kate to those who are unable to attend Church on a regular basis for a variety of reasons. It's most rewarding to hear their stories and in return to share the news of HSUC. Visits are mainly in person, however sometimes are completed by phone.

I look forward to continuing this pastoral link in 2020.

Submitted by: **Rosalind MacDonald**



Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel Team is the congregation's supervisor of staff. We ensure their jobs are being performed properly, that our people are satisfied with their jobs and that you are confident with their work performance. To do that, we monitor their job performance and take all concerns and compliments and ensure they are properly addressed. Our team consists of myself as chair, Maxine Eveland, Ernie Lane and Bob Fuller who joined us during this past year. We are a small team and are seeking new members to join our team. Normally, we meet a few times a year, and do informal checks with staff regularly throughout the year. In December we perform job interviews/performance reviews. When it comes to budgeting, we recommend salary increases to Finance, in keeping with United Church of Canada guidelines.

M&P has had a very busy 2019. Mary McFadden, after sixteen years, retired and through the hiring process, we hired Janna Oud who has brought a new and exciting measure to the Office. We also had a new position created, the Community Wellness Coordinator and again, through our hiring process have Rev Elise Feltrin as our new CWC. Elise has been busy getting to know our HSUC and our Grand Bend communities. Thus far she introduced the Thanksgiving Swarm on the side walk of the church, brought in the Knitting Pilgrim, introduced Urban Poling and has many more irons in the fire for 2020. This year saw M&P, along with Rev. Dr. Crawford and Blanche Savage plan Sabbatical 2020. With the blessing of Council, the Sabbatical Working Group worked to ensure Kate's Sabbatical would be well planned, trying to anticipate and consider all facets of the sabbatical. The SWG has held information seminars with Council and staff and will start with the congregation during the ACM in January 2020. Throughout the year we have consulted with several people from our congregation, Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council and other outside agencies for advice to ensure M&P is doing its job properly.

This was our first full year back home at HSUC which posed some minor space challenges such as shelving in the printer office and the custodian's room. However, with the help of the Property Management Team we were able to work through these issues. Our staff greatly appreciates all that we do to assist them in the performance of their jobs.

We remind the congregation that they can provide input to the Ministry and Personnel Team relating to our staff. If you see a problem that is staff related, tell one of the Ministry and Personnel Team. Let's thank staff for what they do.

This year, Peter Challen moved away from being a Congregational Visitor and we wish him well in his future endeavours. With Peter's exit, Kate and Rosalind began a search for a replacement. With success, we now have Joanne Barry joining the team. These two women can assist Kate in the visitation of congregational members who are not able to attend church on a regular basis.

2020 will present new challenges for HSUC, however, with council and the congregation working together, we have a great opportunity for growth. More importantly, after the sabbatical, we will have renewed opportunity for reunion with our Kate and more growth.

On behalf of the Ministry and Personnel Team, we thank our staff: Rev. D.r Kate, Janna, Elva, Bob, Sherrie, Carey, Rosalind and Joanne for what they do for our congregation.

We look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2020! Submitted by **Charles MacDonald**, Chair

Construction Working Group

Although we are slowing down, the Construction Working Group continues to be an amazing team who make solid decisions, often while having fun. Thanks to the generous donations of both members of the congregation and our community, we began this year by building a stage to accommodate the Rick Powell concert. This concert was supported by a grant from the Municipality of Lambton Shores, to support the issue of social isolation in our community during the winter months. Next, we completed the cement flower bed to be in compliance with the Municipal Bylaws. Thanks to the local Lions Club we will be receiving a donated bench and bike rack this spring, which will finish our project.

As well, we took on the ambitious project of completing the entire lower floor. This required the great organization and sweat equity of our Property Management Team co-chairs to move all of the furniture, etc. All the while, we were working at completing enough of the kitchen to acquire the building inspector's approval to access this space. This meant completing the plumbing, electricity, ventilation/fire system and the island. We greeted this accomplishment with great glee and it has very much eased the workload for any of our café or food services this fall.

In 2020 we are hoping for a grant from Lambton Shores for another concert that we look forward to in the late spring. Kate and I have applied for a federal accessibility grant, *New Horizons for Seniors*, to complete our exterior front railing. We are hoping that this \$17,000.00 project will be supported. We will find out the results again in the late spring. The second ambitious project that we are considering is attempting to make our facility more "green". This involves applying for a \$30,000 grant from *Faithful Footprints*. The grant would support completely replacing all of the windows in the sanctuary, except the new one of course, re-leading and re-hanging the stained glass, and would cost \$45,000.00. Stay tuned!

Beyond the 2020 plans, we will need to complete our kitchen and some AV and lighting projects.

I am extremely grateful for our team, including Peter Challen, Dan Gill, Ron Holmes, Bob Illman and Debbie Proctor.

Sincerely, **Deb Gill**
Construction Working Group Chair

Grand Bend Place

Huron Shores United Church has vision to reach out into the community and provide support, especially to people experiencing isolation. One aspect of this is using our building for community events during the non-tourist season, September-May. Concerns raised by the Booking Coordinator over a year ago led to a conversation in Council regarding usage, liability, and purpose. A *Concert Hall Working Group* was formed to give shape to the idea, and all members of the congregation were invited to participate, if interested. Periodic meetings with the Trustees and Council kept leadership informed. Finally, in the fall, approval was given at Council to create **Grand Bend Place: Center for the Living Arts**, a venue for concerts, entertainment, social gathering and learning, and the idea was shared at the Special Congregational Meeting in November. The *Concert Hall Working Group* members were thanked for their diligent work and dismissed, and a new working group established to move the project forward again, *GBP Working Group*, also reporting to Council.

Terms of Reference which address issues of liability, accountability and oversight have been developed and approved, although much still remains to be formalized as we evolve. Many volunteers from both the congregation and the community will be needed to make this a success, and to generate a reliable revenue stream from it to support the congregation financially. We are blessed in the Grand Bend community with talents that will allow us to succeed.

Purpose

1. To support the congregation in its commitment to accessibility, affirming and hospitality, by providing a secular aspect to our sacred space, especially for people who have been harmed by a religion in the past.
2. To support the congregation in its outreach into the wider community, through providing a welcoming space for a variety of community events and functions.
3. To support the congregation financially by providing an additional revenue stream from increased building usage.
4. To support the congregation in contributing to a healthy and vibrant community by offering safe, accessible, welcoming space, thus reducing social isolation and contributing to positive mental health.
5. To fulfil the requirements of secular granting agencies that their funds not be directed to the operation of a religious organization.

After a number of successful concerts we believe that there is evidence that there is an appetite for quality entertainment in the off-season. In 2019 we hosted *Rick Powell and Sisters of Soul*, in February (with the help of a *Vibrancy Grant* from the Municipality of Lambton Shores) and *The Good Lovelies*, in December, which sold out!

Submitted by **Bob Illman**



Office Administration

January 2 – August 31, 2019 (Mary McFadden)

On Sunday, September 1, Council and the congregation were involved in creating a truly memorable “Retirement Service” for me, Mary McFadden. I could expound on that day at length – but I only have so much room! It was amazing and I’ll never be able to justly show my appreciation to all involved. A sincere “THANK YOU”!

In the 16 years, 7 months and 3 days that I worked in the office of Grand Bend U.C. and Huron Shores U.C. with Rev. Harry Disher and Rev. Kate, there was never a dull moment! Upgrading, updating, amalgamating, name changing, moving office and place of worship, renovating ... well it was always invigorating!

On September 2 Janna Oud sat in the office chair ready to take over the role of Office Administrator. Together we crammed a lot in the two-week training schedule. I’ve heard many comments that went like this, “Wow, the change-over seemed so seamless!” I think that’s a good sign!

Submitted by **Mary McFadden**

Sept 2nd to Dec 31st, 2019 (Janna Oud)

On Sept 2nd I started here at Huron Shores United Church with huge shoes to fill. As I sat in with Mary for the two weeks of training, I now knew Marys’ “little Church Job”wasn’t so little.

Everyone welcomed me with open arms, and boy did I ever have A LOTTTTTTT of questions for everyone (and still do).

I hit the ground running with no turning back. September we got right to work, from the announcements, council reports, outside sign, learning power church, signage, website updates, mailchimp, daily printing projects.....and this is just the tip of the iceberg!

Two projects for me was designing the logo for “Grand Bend Place” and some of the print material. Also the new unveiling of the new “Shorelines Newsletter”...an ongoing project that I really enjoy.

As the months go on and we’ve flipped into a new calendar year, I am slowly filling those “big shoes” and making the position my own....but let’s not kid ourselves I still have questions for Mary!!

I look forward to many new challenges and invite everyone to pop in a see what we are up too!
There is never a dull moment.

Submitted by: **Janna Oud** – Office Coordinator



Affirming Team

We met regularly throughout 2019, even without a chair for our team.

- Met with Health Equity representatives from the Huron County Health Unit, Donna Parsons, and Bonnie Baynham.
- Attended the first GAB Session for networking for LGBTQ2SI+ people and their allies in Goderich.
- Led an Affirming Worship service in September, featuring the work of Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble, featuring the music of David Kai and Janice Sinker.
- We renewed our annual membership to Affirm United/S'Affirmer Ensemble
- Promoted to Lambton Shores the idea of installing a rainbow sidewalk in Grand Bend.
- We arranged a special event to fly the rainbow flag and the Canadian flag outside on Main Street for the first time. This involved the purchase and installation of special flag poles, and solicitation of generous donations from members of the congregation.
- Purchased the *Love Your Neighbour...* banner.
- Supported Lakeshore United Church in Goderich with their questions regarding beginning the Affirming process.
- Supported London PRIDE by participating in and attending the PRIDE Celebration choir concert.
- Contributed to Gail Fricker's Master's of Divinity graduation project on the importance of storytelling in making change (Atlantic School of Theology).

Submitted by **Wilma Harris**

Members of the Team: **Betsy Hanes, Janice Sinker, Blanche Savage, Wilma Harris, Kate Crawford**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

2019 was our first full year back in our newly renovated HSUC and we continued to meet on Monday afternoons from 1:30 -3:30 in The Fellowship Hall.

We are a fun and lively group who enjoy coming together to knit and crochet with a purpose. Our main focus is creating the Large Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets, our Pocket Prayer Shawls and our small Prayer Bears. We welcome new pairs of loving and praying hands to join us at any time to create or to just drop in and visit. Needles, yarns, patterns and patient teachers are always available. We have close to 40 members in our group with an average attendance of 20 or more each week coming from HSUC, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. John's Anglican, Sacred Heart Parish in Parkhill, from the Lutheran Church in Zurich and the Community at large.

We work away until mid-afternoon when we bring our finished creations and our prayer concerns to our Prayer Circle for Blessing. The shawls are then blessed by the Congregation during our Sunday service or taken over to Immaculate Heart for Blessings there. The shawls are then put into the Greenway Chapel where they are available for the taking after making an entry in our little green book.

As of mid Dec. 2019 638 Large Shawls/Lap Blankets, 435 Pocket Prayer Shawls, and 326 Prayer Bears have been sent out into Ministry since our beginnings in Oct. of 2015.

We have also created hats for newborns and cancer patients, toques for needy heads and several blankets to be sent to Africa for newborns.

Our influence has spawned "branches" in Scotland, Collingwood, Clinton and Waterloo.

We are grateful to the Congregation for embracing this Ministry giving or sending our creations both locally and around the world to wherever there is a need of comfort and the knowledge that someone loves and cares.

It has been my honour and privilege to lead this very special and talented group. At the end of this year I will be stepping down and handing over my responsibilities to the capable hands of Trish Murdock, Linda Smith and Sharon Soldan.

Respectfully submitted, **Lynda Holmes**



Worship Report

“No visible proof to speak of, but more than enough circumstantial evidence.” That is how Amistead Maupin speaks of God in *The Night Listener*. We see that same circumstantial evidence every day in our church.

The people who display that are many and we thank them all.

- Janice Sinker welcomes us all each Sunday and sometimes Steve Northey, Karen Etherington or others
- Dennis McIntyre is the lead of our audio/visual team, assisted by Bob Illman, Doug Kyle and Ethan Eddy.
- PowerPoint operation is Christine Bregman and Vince Bury.
- Chip Styles and Rev. Kate prepare the slide deck.
- Mary McFadden, and then Janna Oud do all those special things that keep the office going and makes sure we have bulletins available for the Greeters who have been arranged by Marion Larmer and now by Pat Lane.
- Elva McIntyre is choir director and enhances our worship with special anthems provided by our talented and hard-working choir. Paul Seagrave, Onalee Welch, Janice Sinker and Anne Spivy are alternate keyboard players.
- Doug Procter is our copyright specialist. Karen Etherington arranges Bible readers.
- Rhonda Manore prepares Communion.
- Julie Ciufo and Ann Russell welcome children to Sunday School.
- Dr. Crawford prepares the sermons and enwraps the service with all those details that make the difference.
- Susan Daum prepares those sermons for the website.
- Thanks to Charles MacDonald for finding pulpit supply. Bob Illman has prepared a plan to help us deal with emergencies or disruptions during a service.
- Bob Stewart keeps everything clean and shiny.
- Debbie Procter oversees the many changes in set-up for the sanctuary, and finds summer musicians for our outdoor services.
- Peter Challen oversees the outdoor set-up.

The many hands who make this happen are truly appreciated. The summer of 2019 saw us outdoors for six of ten summer services. Special services included Holy Humour, Ask Kate Anything, Communion, Easter/Sunrise, joint area service, Affirming, Right Relations, environment, Anniversary, Remembrance Day and outdoor picnic. Our welcome is extended by refreshments prepared by Lynne Desjardine or Lois Gill. Plenty of “circumstantial evidence” I’d say!

Respectfully submitted by: **Wilma Harris**



Christian Development

We had a busy and interesting year.

The FAMILY PICNIC & SERVICE was held on June 23rd at the John and Joan Love's farm with parking at Tom Love's farm. A Big Thanks to the Love Family for allowing us to have it on their property which is a beautiful setting. A Big Thanks to my team for all the organizing they did. This coming year we are planning to have this event at a different venue in June 2020.

SUNDAY SCHOOL We continue to use a United Church multiage curriculum called Seasons of the Spirit from Woodlake Publishing. This curriculum is ideal for ages 5 - 12. However, we welcome children 3 and up to our Sunday School program and younger children if they are accompanied by an adult. We use the curriculum to give our lessons direction, but we adapt it and add to it to accommodate the ages and needs of the children. We often plan extra games or crafts and provide toys for free play. The goal is to make Sunday School fun! We want the children to want to come to Sunday School. The teaching portion from the curriculum is typically 10 - 15 minutes. The remainder of the time is used to complete activities, crafts, and/or games based on the teaching. Sunday School attendance is sporadic. Some weeks we have no children. Sometimes we may have 8. Most of the time we have 1 or 2.

Julie Ciufo and Ann Russell are the Sunday School teachers.

Prepared by Julie Ciufo, Sunday School Supervisor

Thank you to Julie and Ann for looking after our Sunday School.

DEATH CAFE was well attended again this year. Everyone enjoyed eating cake, tarts, drinking tea and coffee with a lively and informative conversation about Hospice Care/Palliative Care with our guest speakers Kim Winbow, Pastoral/Spiritual Care and Palliative/Hospice Care for Jessica House and Sandra Gaunt, LHINS Huron Perth Palliative Outreach. Donations were received. If anyone has ideas that they would like us to discuss, please let Virginia Scott know.

ANGEL TREE was well received and many gifts were delivered to the Huron Christmas Bureau. Thanks to Ann Russell who brought a Christmas Tree, made the angels, and took down the tree between services from November 17 to December 7th, since we had a snow day on December 1st.

CHILDREN'S CAMP was not done this year as we had difficulty with finding a good date and we didn't have a kitchen ready yet. This year we have applied for a grant to help us to provide a 5-day camp for the children during the summer.

2019 Report on Adult Education Opportunities by Kate Crawford

The **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY** continued strongly this year, with over a dozen regular members and many drop-ins. We even continued through the summer, with two very special 'outings' to the Eagleson farm in Greenway. Sitting by the pool, sharing a meal and playing Bible Puzzle games turns out to be a whole lot of fun. The group runs with Rev. Kate's support, but does not always need her

Christian Development - cont'd

presence. We continued our tradition of joining the First-St. Andrew's Bible Study, and spend a very pleasant morning in their chapel studying scripture and renewing friendships. This fall and into the winter, we are delving into the seldom-tackled book Revelation. It has been exciting and informative to begin to unpack the beautiful and powerful imagery of Christ's triumph and God's power. All are welcome in this loving, supportive community of friends.

The GRAND BEND VIPASSANA MEDITATION GROUP also continued strong through 2019 under Rev. Kate's leadership, with ten or so regular meditators, and visitors joining as able. A half-day retreat was held in May, and an introductory course was offered in the fall, to welcome new meditators to our group. We finished collecting funds to match the New Ministries Grant which we had received, and spent the last of the \$1,000 supporting our teacher, Gil Fronsdaal, whom we access through www.audiodharma.org; making a donation to congregation; and saving a small amount to pay our Stratford teacher, Karen James-Abra, who will support us during Kate's sabbatical absence. HSUC money handling policies are followed with the free will offering. We are all beginners in meditation, and welcome anyone who wants to come and give mindfulness practice a try.

BLUEWATER LAMBTON UKULELE ENSEMBLE, BLUE, had a wonderful year of strumming, singing and general hilarity, with about 20 regular players and many visitors. We have had the consistent leadership of Rev. Kate, Ellen Baumgarten and Martin Jackson, the latter two driving to Grand Bend to share their enthusiasm for uke playing. Our big project was hosting a Uke-Fest in Grand Bend, inviting strummers from Bayfield, Ailsa Craig, Parkhill, Strathroy and Goderich. 54 folks came for a half-day of learning and laughing, including a wonderful catered lunch. The group continued through the summer, with locations outside including the beach house, the Green Cathedral and Legion grounds. HSUC money handling policies are followed with the free will offering, with a donation being made each week for use of the space, and some money being retained for special events, like the Uke-fest and paying our visiting teachers.

INTERGENERATION WORSHIP Rev. Kate wanted to include more deliberate family-style worship services this year, and did so, with the help of the Christian Education Team. Easter service was particularly meaningful, with an exploration of the 'rocks' in our lives, as we decorated rocks to put in the garden, or spread throughout the community.

Thanksgiving also saw us changing up worship, talking to each other and presenting our ideas about what we are thankful for (even our weaknesses) during worship.

A Big Thank you to Rev. Kate for managing all these programs.

This past year Bill Green resigned from our team and his experience and good humour is missed by all of us. All members of our Team Julie Ciufo, Dan Gill, Ann Russell, Kate Crawford and Chair Virginia Scott participate fully in this Team to put on events that we hope encourage people to increase their knowledge in our faith.

Submitted by **Virginia Scott**

Director of Music

One minute you're standing up and two seconds later you're sitting on the ground with a broken wrist. That's one way to start the year! Fortunately for me I had Janice Sinker and Paul Seagrave to play the piano and organ for me while my wrist recovered.

The Organ Working Group consulted with the congregation and determined that the community wanted to keep both the keyboard and the organ. We thank them for their leadership, and the Concert Series Team as well, because they used the last of the money they had been keeping to bring the organ consultant back to Grand Bend to hook our instrument to the new sound system.

Music for outdoor summer services this year was provided by the choir as a group and also individual members for a few of the Sundays. Other special music for summer services was provided by the 'Gee-Gee's', 'B.L.U.E. Ukulele Group', Anne Spivey, 'Mitchell Praise Team', Dockstader Family, and Jaidyn and Tyler McFadden.

The choir practiced most of the fall for this year's cantata 'Night of the Father's Love'. Anne Spivey was our accompanist and she did an amazing job. The cantata was used during a church service and it went very well. Thank you to our readers Mary McFadden and Karen Etherington, for your special talents. Choir - you did an amazing job as well!

On a sad note, we lost a long time member of our choir, Frank Loscombe. He was a very dedicated member and will be remembered for his yearly rendition of "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire....."

As always there's a big list of Thank You's.....

Paul Seagrave, Janice Sinker and Anne Spivey for your piano and organ skills.

Debbie Procter and Sharon Kyle for helping with the music and the new filing system.

Carey Eddy for being our social director.

Mary McFadden and Janna Oud for their office skills.

Dennis McIntyre, Bob Illman and Doug Kyle for running the sound system and equipment.

Thank You Choir for Another Great Year! Submitted by **Elva McIntyre**



Nominating Working Group

The Nominating Working Group has worked throughout 2019, filling Council positions as they became available.

Elected during 2019 by Council

Bob Illman – Regional Council Delegate	2019
Ros MacDonald – Regional Council Delegate	2019
Bryan Beattie – Regional Council Delegate Alternate	2019

Continuing in office for 2019

Bryan Beattie – Chair of Finance	2015
Ruth Ann Eagleson – Regional Council Delegate	2015
Marilyn Beattie – Regional Council alternate	2015
Wilma Harris – Chair of Worship	2015
Bob Illman – Chair of the Board of Trustees	2015
Virginia Scott – Chair of Christian Development	2017
Charles MacDonald – Chair of Ministry and Personnel	2017
Christine Bregman – Chair of Accessibility	2017
Peter Challen – Co-Chair of Property Management	2018
Christine Bregman – Minute Secretary	2018
Debbie Proctor – Co-Chair Property Management	2018
Lynne Desjardine – Chair of Mission and Outreach	2019
Janice Sinker – Chair of Council	2019

To be elected for the first time in 2020

Seeking Nominations

Affirming Team Chair
Congregational Care Team Chair
Nominations Working Group member

To be thanked for their contribution

Ken Eagleson – Regional Council delegate	2015
Janice Sinker – Regional Council delegate	2019

Working Groups of Council

Nominations Working Group
Construction Working Group – Deb Gill
Organ Working Group – Thanked and dismissed in 2019
Cross Working Group– Thanked and dismissed in 2019
Concert Hall Working Group– Thanked and dismissed in 2019
Grand Bend Place Working Group – Bob Illman
Community Wellness Program Working Group – Janice Sinker, Kate Crawford, Charles MacDonald, Elise Feltrin

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Beattie and Lynne Desjardine (supported by Rev. Kate Crawford)

Property Management Team

Values: Property Management is committed to the management of the facility, both inside and outside. Our aim is to reflect the vision of the congregation; this includes a welcome to all, integration with the community, and the adherence to Christian values.

Revised Leadership: Because of the increased use of the facility, it became necessary to divide the responsibility for management into two main areas: inside and outside. This development has made it easier to support the many activities, both church related and community related, that use our facility on a daily basis.

Working Groups Revised: Currently, our Team has six working groups: Outside, Decor, Operations, Facility Usage, Moving, and Kitchen Care. We have revised the leadership of these working groups so that those involved can concentrate on the work they like doing rather than on organizing and attending meetings. Much thanks to the following who have supported these working groups this past year: Chris Barry, Marilyn Beattie, Helen Desjardine, Lynne Desjardine, John DeYoung, Penny DeYoung, Gerald Douglas, Joan Eagleson, Carey Eddy, Bob Fuller, John Gill, Lois Gill, Bill Green, Mitchell Hewson, Ron Holmes, Bob Illman, Ernie Lane, Charles MacDonald, Mary McFadden, Ava Nagle, Marla Nicholls, Doug Procter, Anne Russell, John Scott, Erryn Shephard, Jackie Small, Bob Stewart, Larry Taylor.

The Main Kitchen: Gaining official occupancy of our main kitchen was one of the final stages in getting official occupancy of our whole building. Through the efforts of our Construction Working Group in co-operation with our Kitchen Working Group and our Finance Team, this became a reality in October. The Main Kitchen is now open and usable, even though there are still items needed such as the rolling shutter to cover the pass through window. These will be added when the Finance Team indicates funds are available. A big thank you to Joan Eagleson and an Anonymous Donor for the funds to purchase the two stoves, and to McIntyre TV and Appliances for a good deal on them. Both the Main Kitchen and the Servery can now support church and community activities such as the very successful Prayer Shawl Ministry, and the Holiday Home Tour. A new Kitchen Care Working Group has emerged to run these two kitchens complete with thirteen volunteers, including two men.

Move to Institutional Gardens: Our Outside Working Group assessed our gardens and decided to move from a residential vision which incorporates high maintenance annuals, to an institutional vision which includes more shrubs and perennials. This move economizes on the use of water and maintenance. It also draws on some of our excellent gardening expertise to design a colourful, yet formal image.

Caring for each other in our parking lot: Parking is of great concern. In the spring, summer and fall, our busy tourist community makes parking anywhere a challenge. In the winter, it's the weather. We've been successful in supporting our Mission and Outreach Team as they gather donations to support those in our community who need a helping hand. We also have people who park with accessibility permits and those with mobility needs but no permit. They require parking for worship each Sunday, and for activities during the week. It's a challenge keeping everyone happy. This year we have partnered with the Accessibility Team to attempt to resolve some of the concerns. We have adopted this phrase to encourage all of us to help: Caring for each other in our parking lot.

Property Management Team - con't

Facility Usage is now “on-line”: Booking our facility, by our Facility Usage Working Group, is now handled by the gnomes in “the cloud”. It's really easy, using the most modern technology. There are so many groups using our facility that it takes a computer to keep them organized. Each week the following organizations need space: Affirming, Bible study, Choir, Huron Shores Sews Dresses for Africa, Meditation, Partners in Learning, Prayer Shawls, Right Relations, and Ukulele. There are other church and community groups that are booked into our facility on a bi-weekly, monthly, or semi-annual basis: Free Store, Death Cafe, Rotary Board, Lakeshore Eco Network, Grand Bend Community Foundation, 50 Grand Women, and the Grand Bend Community Foundation. In the new year the Community Wellness coordinator will be adding her programs into our facility making it even busier. This year we have had concerts like Rick Powell, Sentimental Journey, and the Good Lovelies. The success of these events starts with ensuring the space is reserved and we are glad that we now have the technology to do it.

Co-operating with other Teams: To make things work, our team has to work with other teams who deliver programs in our church. This year saw a major designing of chair set-ups in our sanctuary to facilitate the Worship Team. There was a need to design a large audience seating configuration for the new Grand Bend Place. There was major decorating of our Chapel to recognize the Greenway Church. In our front garden, we installed flag poles in co-operation with the Flag Working Group; one flag represents our commitment to the Affirming Team, and the other represents our commitment to Canada. On an ongoing basis we have to smooth out the wrinkles that occur when multiple organizations, both inside our church and in our community, use our facility. It's a challenge and we need a lot of help with it.

Preserving our history: Storage is a challenge. Preserving the artifacts that are important to us is a must. This year we found the space so that our history can be safely held ready to be displayed on those occasions when they are necessary.

Even in a new building there are repairs: The need is ongoing: elevators, taps in bathrooms, soap dispensers, faucets to water gardens, weeds, parking lot lines, that pesky snow, our pulpit, and nicks in walls. When you walk through the building, know that someone is concerned that the space you use, the space that God has entrusted to us, is being cared for to the best of our ability.

From Construction to Management: This year saw the completion of a lot of the infrastructure of our facility. This was accomplished by our Construction Working group. Once architectural and municipal requirements are satisfied in the building process, the responsibility to manage those things shifts. Of course, Property Management doesn't do this alone. Other teams like Finance, and Trustees play a huge role. It's a complex arrangement because we are becoming a more complex organization. Now we have the new Grand Bend Place; that level of integration with our community will offer new challenges and an even more exiting future!

Respectfully submitted

Debbie Procter and Peter Challen

Community Wellness Program

Thanks to a *New Ministries* grant from The United Church of Canada Foundation, my role as Community Wellness Coordinator began Sunday, September 1, 2019. On that date I attended worship at Huron Shores and was introduced and welcomed by the congregation. The subsequent four months were filled with learning about the congregation and the community as I tried to familiarize myself with the people, the existing programs and the 'wellness' needs of Grand Bend.

Wellness includes elements of physical, emotional, spiritual and social health. One of the primary goals set out for this position was to aid in overcoming social isolation. The events I planned kept this objective in focus and included the following opportunities for social connection and to foster a sense of belonging:

- A Thanksgiving Gratitude Swarm in which 'B-Gr8ful' stickers were handed out to passersby during the Saturday morning outdoor market in front of the church and people were invited to express in chalk words or pictures, what they were feeling grateful for. HSUC volunteers engaged in meaningful conversations with tourists and locals of all ages as the sidewalks and church building were gradually transformed into colourful expressions of gratitude. Church goers arriving Sunday morning were delighted to read them and add their own images of thanksgiving, and to sport B-Gr8ful stickers.
- The theatrical presentation of *The Knitting Pilgrim* at HSUC entertained and informed over 70 audience members (many knitting through the show!) with the artistic and spiritual journey of Kirk Dunn who shared the joys and sorrows he encountered in creating 3 large knit tapestry panels depicting the 3 Abrahamic faiths. It was a wonderful opportunity to gather diverse people around a shared interest, which I referred to as 'knitting together community.'
- A snowy November morning of Pole Walking was attended by 17 keen people wanting to learn poling techniques from experienced instructors. The hope is for weekly walking groups to form and motivate people to continue on a regular basis.

As I grow into this newly created position and continue to establish connections within the congregation and the local area, I welcome everybody's suggestions and involvement, along with ideas for events or comments about gaps that need filling as together, we strive to improve the wellness of our community, our church, and our own lives.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Elise Feltrin
Community Wellness Co-Ordinator



Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser

December 2019 marked 10 years since we started ordering gift cards on behalf of our members for groceries as a fundraiser for our church. Our church has now received over \$41,000 from this fundraiser. This year our income was \$5414.50. We have distributed over \$1,000,000 in grocery cards. No expenses are ever taken from the income, so it is 100% profit.

Over the 10-year interval, we have progressed from orders taken every 5 or 6 weeks to orders taken the last Sunday of every month. Over the past year, both grocery stores have changed their ordering and delivery procedures, making the process more complicated. The local NoFrills store is no longer involved with the process as we order the PC cards online and they are couriered to our house from somewhere in USA. The Sobeys cards are mailed to the local store from Stellarton NS. In both cases, they are shipped unactivated to prevent fraud and we must email the company headquarters to have them activated. All these changes mean that we can no longer be confident in predicting a 1-week turnaround time – but we will keep trying.

To take full advantage of bulk ordering, each company raises the % that we get when our monthly order reaches \$5000. We usually achieve that level – but not always. That means that everyone's order can make a big difference, so we encourage more participation and try to jog memories to avoid forgetting to place orders. We have also introduced prepaid orders with a series of postdated cheques accompanying a special-order form (something like PAR).

Please ask if you have questions and thanks for your participation.

Respectfully submitted, **Doug and Debbie Proctor**

Concert Series Team

As in 2018, the HSUC Concert Series Team (CST), as an entertainment and fundraising group, did not organize a musical event in 2019. The CST has been dissolved and the responsibility for event organization has now become the responsibility of others.

The account for the CST continued to be in place until the end of May when the account was closed and the funds transferred to a line under Operations. The remaining funds (\$2,352.00) were used to hook up and repair the organ and purchase a keyboard stand for the keyboard.

Financial Report – Concert Series Team (CST)

Balance January 01, 2019	\$2,371.82
Expenses:	
Jan. – May/19 Monthly Bank Fees @ \$4.95/mo.	\$19.80
May 23/19 Account closed & money transferred	\$2,352.02
Total Expenses for 2019:	\$2,371.82
Balance in CST Account December 31/19	0.00

Respectfully submitted by **Carey Eddy** - On behalf of the CST

Mission and Outreach

Our team really lived up to its name in 2019. All the Working Groups, and M & Service Enthusiast promoted themselves well, in this community & beyond.

The team led worship in November, with Marian Ogilvie, Blanche Savage, Barb Teskey, Kate Crawford & myself, Lynne Desjardine, taking part. Joanne Barry, Ruth Ann Eagleson, Rosalind MacDonald, Peter Challen, Jim Marshall, & all the team bees (prayer shawlers), made a big difference.

Coordinated our congregations involvement with other local programs. The first Sunday of each month is "Foodbank Sunday", when contributions are directed to area places. Thank you to Barb Teskey, & Bill and Onalee Walsh.

Writer Maya Angelou's wise words-- "When you get-Give! When you learn-Teach"! M & O followed this idea!

Collected parking lot ministry dollars, from boxes, which donated \$6015.00. We gave these local people who need a helping hand, the following cheques:

Hillside Elementary School---\$500.

Stephen Central Public School ----\$1000.

Blessings Food Bank-----\$500.

Ailsa Craig Food Bank-----\$500.

Huron County Women's Shelter -----\$500.

Grand Bend and Area Community Health Center, " We Can Help"--\$3000.00

I really enjoyed seeing the gratitude & joy in being able to help this way.

Mindfully written by, **Lynne Desjardine** – Chair



Regional Council

This year was the first year that we had Regional Councils in the United Church of Canada, rather than Presbyteries and Conferences. Our Regional Council was named Western Ontario Waterways, much to the joy of delegates, who went around at the first meeting yelling WOW! at each other! We did envy the Antler River Watershed Regional Council (just to the south of us) who had cool “antler” actions... but you can’t have everything!

The 3 regions which are served *by the same staff team* gathered for their first RC meetings in May, in Port Elgin, Ontario at the Unifor Center. Kate Crawford was the only rep from HSUC who was able to attend. It was an historic event, with over 400 delegates, breaking out into regional council meetings by times, and gathering for shared learning and process at other times. A highlight was the ordination service on the Sunday.

Our proposal concerning the faithfulness of clergy, in response to the lack of disciplinary action taken against an atheist minister serving in the United Church of Canada, was passed on with concurrence by our regional council. This means that it will be shared with other regional councils, and with the General Council Office, in due course. The wheels of the church turn slowly, and this year much energy was spent on our new structure.

New delegates were elected to represent HSUC during the year, and it was a joy to have all of us attending the fall meeting of WOW in Fergus. Ruth Ann Eagleson was an old pro from presbytery days, but Bob Illman and Rosalind MacDonald attended their first meeting of the wider church, and did a fine job in a very confusing situation. Over 120 delegates from our Region gathered to meet the staff, receive instruction, encouragement, information... and to take communion together. It was an inspiring meeting, and we look forward to serving you and Jesus Christ through the church structure. We are the living link to the wider United Church of Canada, and it is a privilege to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kate Crawford for Ruth Ann Eagleson, Bob Illman, Rosalind MacDonald (representatives)
AND Marilyn Beattie and Bryan Beattie (alternates)**

Congregational Statistics

During the course of 2019 this activity occurred:

New Members - none

Marriages – 4

Baptisms – 2

Deaths – see back page

Funerals – 6

Transfers – 1

Submitted by – Mary McFadden

Board of Trustees

Living in our new space has certainly been challenging and we continue to manage issues as they arise.

Special thanks to the current group of Trustees; Norm Harris, Bob Illman (Chair), Doug Kyle (Secretary), Rosalind MacDonald, Glen Miller, John Scott, Larry Taylor and our spiritual leader Kate Crawford.

We presented to your Council a number of documents for approval;

1. The establishment of the Legacy Fund and operational plan
2. Facility Usage Policy
3. Personal property usage policy (pending)
4. Emergency Action plan training and evacuation
5. Addition to the Emergency Action Plan to deal with Disorderly Conduct
6. An issue with Greenway personal property addressed with the past Greenway members
7. Reflection to risk of the concert space and contribution to final Grand Bend Place guidelines

The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for members of our church and community to donate long term monies and gain taxable benefits and ensure financial stability of HSUC. Please contact any of the Trustees if you wish to have information for your financial advisor.

Our Emergency Action Plan is in place throughout the building with instructions to deal with both medical emergencies, disorderly conduct and evacuations. All of these precautions marry up with our building's alarm, exiting signage and emergency lighting systems.

Lastly the "ever vigilant eye" on risk and its effect in the management of our facility by church and community groups.

Proposed Trustees for 2020 will remain the same individuals.

We thank our congregation for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Illman - Chair of Trustees



Grand Bend Cemetery Report

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS YEAR ENDING December 31, 2019

BANK ACCOUNTS & INVESTMENTS OWNED	OPENING BALANCE Jan. 1, 2019	CLOSING BALANCE Dec. 31, 2019	NOTES
Community Account	\$ 9,937.72	\$ 9,315.29	as per bank statement
#2 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 4,938.50	\$ 3,945.62	Matures Mar. 2023
#3 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 7,208.42	\$ 5,489.41	Matures Mar. 2023
#4 BMO G.I.C.	\$13,420.00	\$13,491.22	Matures July 2020
#5 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 6,000.00		Matured Dec. 2019
#6 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 5,000.00		Matured Mar. 2019
#7 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 1,645.00	\$ 1,700.03	Matures March 2021
#8 BMO G.I.C.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,637.49	Matures March 2021
#9 BMO G.I.C. (Columbarium)		\$ 6,950.59	Matures Sept. 2020
#10 BMO G.I.C.		\$ 8,074.08	Matures Jan. 2021
#11 BMO G.I.C.		\$ 8,000.00	Matures Jan. 2023
Scotia Wealth Management	\$49,017.00		
TOTAL	\$105,666.64		

During the year 2019 there were 14 burials – 8 cremations and 6 full burials

Cemetery Board Members

Dan Gill	238-5871
Glen Miller	238-8259
Matthew Miller	237-3772
Douglas Russell	238-8283
Larry Taylor	238-8732
Donald Walper	238-8810
Donna Lovie	238-8395

Donna Lovie

Contribution Report

Huron Shores United Church
Contribution Range Report
For Period: 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019

Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total Given	Average per Contributor
0 - 0	10	0.00	0.00
0.01 - 100	75	3,458.50	46.11
100.01 - 200	15	2,524.00	168.27
200.01 - 300	14	3,702.75	264.48
300.01 - 400	8	2,798.50	349.81
400.01 - 500	12	5,681.00	473.42
500.01 - 750	18	10,666.00	592.56
750.01 - 1,000	16	14,442.50	902.66
1,000.01 - 1,500	18	21,756.32	1,208.68
1,500.01 - 2,500	15	27,499.84	1,833.32
2,500.01 - 5,000	21	69,462.47	3,307.74
5,000.01 - 10,000	7	49,885.56	7,126.51
10,000.01 - 15,000	2	24,149.00	12,074.50
15,000.01 - 20,000	1	15,167.50	15,167.50
20,000.01 - 25,000	1	23,309.52	23,309.52
25,000.01 - 30,000	0	0.00	0.00
30,000.01 - 40,000	0	0.00	0.00
40,000.01 - 999,999	0	0.00	0.00
Total	233	\$274,503.46	\$1,178.13

The **233** contributors are divided into the following groups:

Envelope Holders: **83**
PAR: **56**
Adherents &
Supporters: **36**
Sponsors &
Visitors: **58**

As the Envelope & PAR Coordinator, it is my responsibility to receive the weekly church offering information, organize the donations into the appropriate category, enter the donations into the computer on a weekly basis and issue tax receipts at the end of the year. I also deposit all cheques and cash donated to the church that are donated outside of the weekly church offering and deposit the money into the bank. I keep a running total of each individuals accumulated total to the building. If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) or have questions about your donations or tax receipt, please contact me at: **519-238-8566**, or at careeddy@hay.net

Submitted by: Carey Eddy
Envelope & PAR Coordinator

*It was a
great year!*



See you in 2020



IN MEMORIAM

Kay Clarke
Frank Loscombe
Margaret Love
John Maxwell
Betty Morley
Glena Olcen
Elaine Richardson
Donna Robottom
Norma Walper

