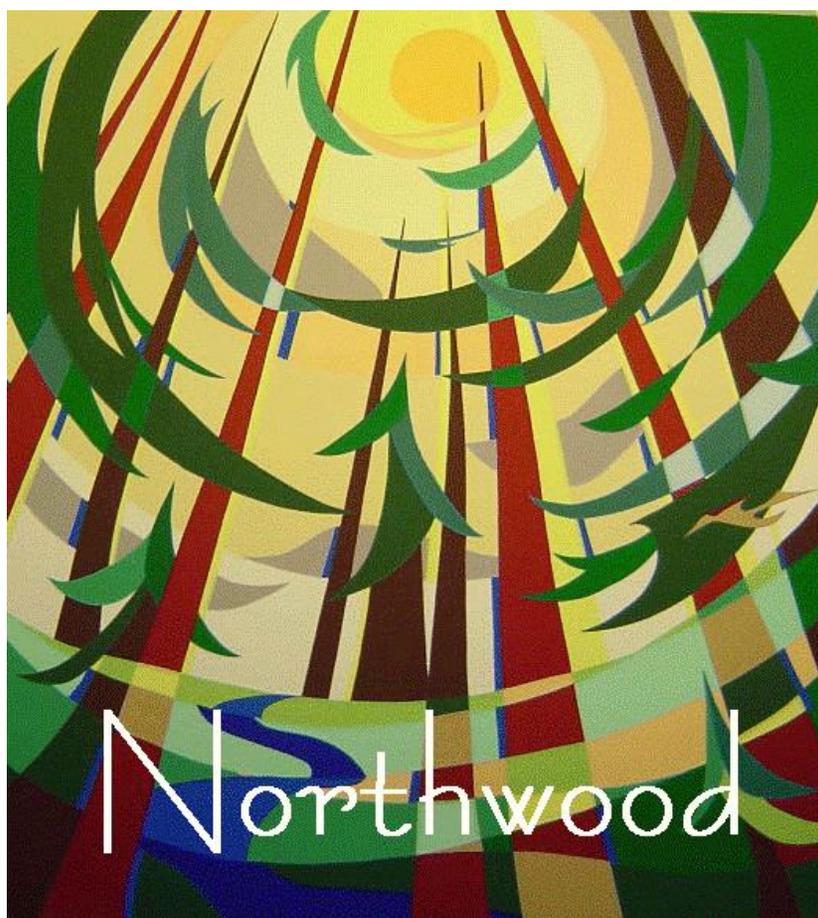


NORTHWOOD UNITED CHURCH

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Annual General Meeting March 1, 2020



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“This is who we are; this is how we live.”

A Statement of Values

“Values define common commitments with respect to how we live together. A statement of values becomes a guide to the development of positive, healthy attitudes and behaviours and, when necessary, a benchmark against which our behaviours and attitudes can be held accountable. A public statement of values . . . represents a common commitment to a way of life. This is who we are; this is how we live.” (Power Surge, p. 188)

Our Values

This is how we are committed to live:

We care about people.

We are committed to being a welcoming and accepting community of faith. We respect one another as equal members of the body of Christ, each with different skills and abilities, and different but equal contributions. We celebrate hospitality in our community, through which people may continue their search and deepen their sense of the Spirit.

We honour contributions to the shared mission of God and to the life of the world.

We are committed to affirming the gifts of every person. The ministries of our church will be carried out by each person according to their spiritual gifts. We celebrate that everything we have is a gift from God. In gratitude we generously give from our abundance.

We respond to the call of God toward the world’s well-being.

We are committed to being a servant community. We have a desire to make a difference; this is rooted in a faithful foundation with God and in God’s mission in and for the world. We accept responsibility to foster, renew, participate in, and celebrate this partnership with the divine.

We are all learners and teachers.

We are committed to be a safe and supportive place to question and explore faith. We embrace the sense of belonging and share our experiences along our human journey. We proclaim to be followers of Christ, who gather to experience the sacred through gospel-based teachings and a refreshing fountain of spiritual nourishment.

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NORTHWOOD UNITED CHURCH
Annual General Meeting Minutes - March 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Scott Turnbrook at 11:50 a.m. and Rev. Scott provided the opening prayer. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1. Voting Privileges - Adherents and members

Motion: that adherents be given voting privileges during this congregational meeting.

Moved by Ian McLeod and Seconded by Pat Campbell.

Decision: CARRIED

2. Appointment of Table Officers

Motion: that David Mahiban be appointed Chair and Sandra Record be appointed Secretary of the Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Dan Hearty and Seconded by Marilyn Bargaen.

Decision: CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda for March 10, 2019

Motion: of adoption of Agenda for March 10, 2019.

Moved by Terry Hill and Seconded by Ian McLeod.

DECISION: CARRIED

4. Presentation of Workplace Violence & Harassment Policy Document

Doug Tingley, Ministry & Personnel Committee Lead, informed the congregation of the Board's approval of a violence and harassment policy. He then read the policy aloud and advised a copy was posted by the Office. He noted that going forward this policy would be read aloud before each AGM.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion: that the minutes of the 2018 Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 be approved as read.

Moved by Rod Carter and Seconded by Marilyn Rainbow.

DECISION: CARRIED

Motion: that the minutes of the 2018 Northwood United Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 be approved as read.

Moved by Doug Tingley and Seconded by Gwen Sergius.

Decision: CARRIED

Motion: that the minutes of the 2018 Congregational meeting held on Sunday, April 22, 2018 be approved as read.

Moved by Eileen Jacobi and Seconded by Jaqueline Melnychuk.

Decision: CARRIED

6. All Ministry Reports with the exception of the Finance Ministry

David thanked all the leaders of the various ministries for their reports. Rev. Scott acknowledged each ministry by name and asked all participants to stand for acknowledgement. The congregation showed their appreciation with applause.

Motion: that all Ministry Reports with the exception of the Finance Ministry be approved as read.

Moved by Terry Hill and Seconded by Gwenda Wigmore.

Decision: CARRIED

7. Servants of God (Rev. Scott Turnbrook)

Rev. Scott referred to page 27 of the AGM document and recognized the thirteen individuals of the church family who are now with God. He read out each of the names and Barbara Warren lit candles in their remembrance. Rev. Scott acknowledged them in prayer.

8. Ministry Board Nominations and Appointments

David advised members of the Ministry Board had envisioned that a Vice Chair position would enhance the functionality of the Board and had asked Doug Tingley, the current M&P Chair whether he would step into this position. With his consent, the Board would like to present Doug Tingley as the candidate to the Vice Chair to Northwood Ministry Board.

As it is mandatory that the rest of the membership is given an opportunity to either nominate themselves or someone present who would be suitable, a call for nominations from the floor for this position was made three times. No new nominations were put forward.

Motion: that the Congregation elect Doug Tingley as Vice Chair of the Northwood Ministry Board.

Moved by Rod Carter and Seconded by Carmen Sterling.

Decision: CARRIED

Doug was asked to stand and be acknowledged and the congregation gave him a round of applause. A question was asked if all positions on the Board are now filled. Rev. Scott confirmed all positions were filled. While Kathleen Hearty had stepped down as Worship Committee lead after a number of years of service, Marilyn Bargaen will cover both Pastoral Care and Worship on the Board with Brenda Persiani as the Worship Committee lead.

9. New Business

Hiring of Part time help for Children & Youth and Spiritual Development

David noted we are committed to the enrichment of Children and Youth Spiritual Development Ministry at Northwood and to this effect the Board has authorised the Spiritual Development committee led by Candie MacMillan to explore prospects in hiring a part time help in teaching Sunday school and coordinating Children and Youth programs. Funding for this position beginning in September of this year and to continue through Spring of 2020 has been allocated in the budget that will be presented next by our Treasurer, Paul Dayfoot. The hiring process will comply with UCC Congregational Development Ministry employment practices. Also, Candie has submitted an application for the Summer Student help subsidy from the Government of Canada and is optimistic in receiving funds to help Children and Youth Spiritual Development through this summer.

10. Financial Report

The Financial report was presented by Paul Dayfoot, Treasurer of the Board with the assistance of a powerpoint slide show (25 slides). Aside from the financial material contained in the Annual Report given to the members were the following points.

Thanks and recognition were expressed for the other members on the financial team: Delores Wanders- Givings Treasurer, Jan Morgan- Banking Treasurer, Janice Meeks- Bookkeeper/Office Manager, Troy Melnychuk- Former Treasurer, Don McDonald- IT Support and our newest member Sheri Kathrein- Professional Bookkeeping.

Roof repairs were outlined showing that the Costs included \$51,525 (Jake's Roofing) plus \$880 for the interest on the loan, totalling \$52,405. Payments were covered by three sources: Roof fund for \$28,871, Property Contingency fund for \$15,000 and Memorial Trust funds for the balance \$8,534, totalling \$52,405. Thanks was given to Trustees, Jim Silva and Gwen Sergius for their assistance regarding the roof repair project.

The property Contingency fund was shown to be supporting the General Operating Fund chequing account so that the GOF would remain in a positive balance (in the black). This was shown through graphs displaying balances for each over the last six years 2013 to 2018 inclusive.

Special mention was also given to the phenomenal donations received during 2018 to our Memorial Funds (unspecified): ten donations totalling \$44,890.

Motion: that the 2018 Financial Report be approved as presented and be subject to a financial review.

Moved by John Payne and Seconded by Dwayne Buchanan.

Discussion: A question was raised to explain honorariums. Rev. Scott advised these were monies received for performing funerals and weddings.

Decision: CARRIED

11. 2019 Operating Budget

Paul Dayfoot presented the Operating Budget proposal (10 slides):

\$362,000 is the minimum required to sustain required disbursements for the fixed ministry programs for the pastoral charge as well as minor repairs to the building.

Aside from the material contained in the Annual Report, it was mentioned that salaries and wages represented 53% of our total budget; Church management costs represented 26% of our total budget. It was also explained that \$5,000 of the Property Contingency fund would be used for repairs to the building and a Memorial Fund utilization of \$11,000 was passed by the Board for a part-time ministry CDM (Congregational Development Minister).

Motion: that the proposed operating budget for 2019 of \$362,000 be approved, as presented.

Moved by Paul Dayfoot and Seconded by Gwen Sergius.

Decision: CARRIED

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Scott. He expressed sincere appreciation to everyone for their passion and commitment.

The agenda having been completed as printed, the Chair, David Mahiban, declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



MINISTRY BOARD REPORT - David Mahiban – Chair

“Wisdom, like an inheritance, is a good thing; it benefits those who see the light of day. For wisdom provides protection just as money provides protection. But the advantage of knowledge is this: Wisdom preserves the life of its owner.” ~ Ecclesiastes 7:11-12

“I feel genuinely welcome here” has been the sentiment expressed by many newcomers to Northwood and how gratifying it is to hear that!

In my humble opinion; warm welcome, inclusivity in Call to Worship, inspiring dialog at Circle Time, transcendent Reflection, choral anthems to rousing music, music for reflection, commissioning for a blessed week, exchange of peace, and compassionate conversation over refreshments make Northwood a spiritual haven in Surrey on a Sunday morning.

Periodic spectaculars for children, extravaganzas for youth, S.P.A. for adults, Vespers for jazz lovers, Book Club for reading enthusiasts, Bible Study for the pious, Healing Pathway for the ailing, Thrift Store for the needy, and Food Cupboard for the hungry are gratifying outreaches to the community of Fleetwood. Those who are called to lead and serve at Northwood have been truly *“Embracing the Community with the Love of Christ.”*

Loss of our beloved member Brian Martin was felt deeply in Board meetings following his passing and finding his successor was challenging. Marilyn Borgen graciously filled in until Dan Hearty, Doug Tingley, Marilyn Borgen, Rod Carter, and Ian McLeod volunteered to manage the Church property as a team under Dan’s leadership. Dan will be presented as the Ministry Board’s nominee for election as the Chairman of the building management committee at the 2020 Congregational meeting.

Need for a Vice-chairman on the Board was identified and Doug Tingley, who had chaired the M&P committee, was appointed to this new position. Doug continues to serve in the M&P committee while Ian McLeod has been appointed the Chairman of M&P committee. Long-time Trustee, Jim Silva, has decided to step aside as his family was contemplating a move to interior BC and the Board has unanimously chosen Ian McLeod to replace Jim. Ian will be the Ministry Board’s nominee for election to the Trustee Board at the 2020 Congregational meeting.

The inaugural meeting of UCC Pacific Mountain Region General Meeting was held from May 30th to June 2nd at the Langley Event Centre. Alison Gutrath and Kay Park represented Northwood congregation with Rev. Scott and Deborah Richards participating as our coordinating Minister and the Regional representative to the General council respectively.

A First Aid training program for Northwood staff and members was successfully completed on the 22nd of October. Four Northwood staff, four members of our congregation and two members of Aldergrove United Church were trained in Emergency First Aid. The instructor had suggested that an AED (defibrillator) device complete with a secure enclosure at a cost of \$3000 be purchased for the church. Funding for the purchase is yet to be secured.

Funding for a part-time Christian Development Ministerial help was approved by the Board. The M&P lead placed job postings at relevant venues, yet only one application was received. That promising candidate turned down the job offer after a successful interview. Pursuit to fill this position shall go on.

To be in tune with the possible SkyTrain extension talks taking place in Fleetwood business community, conversation on assessing redevelopment potentials of our Church property is underway as well. As a first step towards this long-term plan, we have invited Pacific Mountain Region Property Portfolio Consultant, Doug Goodwin, to advise us on the UCC-approved Church Property Redevelopment Model. Doug's presentation on "Three-Point Housing Society Affordable Housing Project" has been scheduled for Sunday, the 23rd of February 2020. He would give an overview to the Congregation during the announcement time and then meet with a Building Committee and Board members for in-depth discussion.

Finding Christian Development Ministerial help for the children and youth and to explore Church Property Redevelopment prospects are two priorities for the Board to strive for in 2020.

With God being our guide, we shall persevere!

David Mahiban



MINISTRY TEAM REPORT - Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

“20/25 . . . A Year of Celebrations”

These past few years have been a time to celebrate! Last year found Northwood in the middle of our 20/25 celebrations. In June of 2018, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of our ministry at our present location of 8855 156 Street. It was a time to recall the challenging journey that led our founding members finally finding a new location and beginning this next chapter of ministry together. The second celebration occurred on June of 2019 as we celebrated our 25th anniversary of the uniting of our two founding congregations of Fleetwood United and North Surrey United churches. I recall being a seminary student at Vancouver School of Theology in the 1990s and being inspired by the visionary thinking that led to Northwood’s creation of a modern sanctuary complete with chair seating, the use of (what was back then) cutting-edge technology to allow PowerPoint visuals in assisting worship, and a welcoming gathering area complete with a fireplace. As we gathered last year amidst our ‘20/25 celebration year’, we truly had much to celebrate. And celebrate we did!

Amidst these joy-filled celebrations, 2019 was also a difficult year for our congregation as the other form of celebration was expressed in the Celebration of Life for some of the saints of our congregation. Last year, we were collectively touched by the deaths of several of the founding members of our congregation and our hearts were touched deeply. We are a ‘church family’ in the most beautiful sense of that term and these deaths touched us all very deeply. Each year, our AGM meeting honours the lives of those who are no longer with us. In a congregation our size, this is both a difficult and inevitable part of the seasons of life unfolding. It seemed particularly difficult for our church family this year, however, as a collective feeling of grief seemed to be evident with so much loss occurring. We love deeply at Northwood and these losses touched our hearts with a deep sadness. I appreciated the work of the pastoral care committee, who together with me, sought to provide a gentle listening presence to the needs of the congregation as we all sought God’s healing amidst our losses.

Apart from celebrations, there also were challenges. One area of challenge for our ministry staffing was our inability to find a suitable candidate to support the work of our Children and Youth ministry programs. While the board had approved the hiring of a part-time Congregational Designated Minister to support the Children and Youth Ministry Teams, finding a suitable candidate has been a big challenge. Our work continues in this area. It is important to acknowledge the heavy weight that has been falling on the shoulders of these teams and for us to both pray for and thank them for going above and beyond in their work. We celebrate the faithful ministry of the Spiritual Development Team, especially, during this time.

As we look ahead into our coming year of ministry in 2020, perhaps you have noticed a lot of buzz in the visioning world on the interesting numbering of this year. We are now in the year 2020. As you well know, many hold 20/20 as the standard for visual acuity which many strive for in vision correction. Many have called 2020 to be the year for clarifying and further focusing on the vision of their respective organization. Such a focus on vision is not new, of course, for Northwood and there are two areas which continue to be under our focus and attention:

A vision for our building: Many will recall our work with Catalyst consulting as a direction for a new roof was considered. The decision to hold off on the remodeling of a new roof and apply a temporary tarp was advised as the consultant forecasted the advent of the skytrain system in the next decade. The skytrain would bring opportunities for rezoning and building possibilities. A tarp system was employed and more recently a shingle-roofing solution was found. Now, as predicted by the consultant, the skytrain has been confirmed to be coming through Fraser Highway to 160th Street. This change affords Northwood a variety of options for property development. Options that would include a church worship centre and programming space in addition to options that might include low-cost housing, market value housing, senior's housing, or non-profit partnerships are among those which will be explored in the near future.

A vision for our ministry: The second area of visioning that we have explored was in 2016, when our church agreed upon four 5-year goals that would support their unified vision of '*embracing the community with the love of Christ.*' Our four goals in support of our vision of '*embracing the community with the love of Christ*' are:

In 5 years, we want, as followers of Jesus, to:

- *be leaders as well, through the development, support, and empowerment of lay leadership*
- *be a church community where love reaches out through active and visible engagement and involvement in the local community through a variety of methods and modes, and through responsiveness to activities in our world*
- *have an infrastructure (staff, building, finances, property) that is visible, stable, sustainable, and beautiful in support of our ministry and mission*
- *be a community where Jesus is alive and present, where people feel love, belonging, safety, cared for, supported, accepted, experience growth, and are spiritually engaged*

Given that we are into our fourth year of addressing these goals, the Board has agreed with the suggestion that it is timely for us to evaluate progress towards these goals and to clarify and consider any fine-tuning that may be necessary to implement them.

These are exciting days to be part of Northwood. As we are reminded that 20/20 vision is not 'perfect vision,' we are reminded of the wisdom in continuing to engage in prayerful discernment as together we seek God's guidance shepherding us into the next chapters of the ministry that we offer in Jesus' name.

On a personal note, I find myself always wondering 'where does the time go?' I still can't believe that we are now into our fourth year of ministry together. I continue to find myself both richly blessed and nicely challenged by my ministry that I share with you. Every day brings something new and a reminder that God is with us as we journey in Christ's Way. If I were to use a metaphor employed in congregational ministry, it feels like we are still enjoying a 'honeymoon' as congregation and clergy and I truly love the ministry that I get to offer with and for the community of Northwood.

May God continue to guide us and bless us as we continue to *embrace the community with the love of Christ.*

Shalom,

Rev. Scott



REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

On January 1, 2019 the United Church of Canada officially moved to a new structure for the church and fully implemented the Three Council Model. In this model, presbyteries and Conferences no longer exist. The new structure is made up of three councils, or levels, with specific ministries and responsibilities: communities of faith, regional councils, and a denominational council. In time it is hoped that clusters and networks—communities of common interests, mission, and support will emerge as well. A parallel but distinct process is ongoing in the Indigenous Church.

With this change, the former BC Conference and communities of faith in Whitehorse, Yukon and in Banff, Alberta were aligned to form the Pacific Mountain Region.

Northwood's former Presbyters, Kay Park and Deborah Richards, as well as our congregational minister, Rev. Scott Turnbrook, became its representatives on the regional Council. Alison Gutrath also served as an alternate.

The Inaugural General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council was held from May 30 – June 2, 2019 at the Langley Events Centre, in Langley, BC. The theme for the Inaugural General Meeting was *For Such a Time as This*, grounded in the sacred story of Esther. Northwood was represented at the meeting by Rev. Scott, Kay, and Alison. Deborah Richards also participated as a representative from the General Council Executive.

The Inaugural General Meeting participants' focus for much of the meeting was on exploring the theme and its connection to the current changes in the church, the new structures and wonderings about the possibilities for the future in the new structure. In between those sessions were business sessions, which focussed on reviewing and ratifying the recommendations of the Transition Commission that the Pacific Mountain Regional Council (PMRC):

- affirm the use of the policy governance model to guide how we do our ministry
- affirm a set of ENDS Policies and forward them to the first Regional Executive
- approve terms of reference for a Regional Executive
- elect a Regional Executive of 11-13 people based on given criteria
- elect a President and President-elect
- starting with the President-elect, set the term of President to 3 years; and
- meet each year until 2021 and then follow a set pattern to be determined by the PMRC

Proposals to support these affirmations were passed during the meeting.

The Regional Meeting also approved the proposal from the former Cariboo Presbytery that the Pacific Mountain Regional Council begin the process of becoming an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada in accordance with the requirements established by Affirm United.

The agenda and reports of the 2019 General Meeting can be reviewed at <https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2017/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/GM-2019-Agenda-19-04b-Public.pdf>

During 2019 Rev. Doug Goodwin, the Executive Minister of the Pacific Mountain Region in its first six months of the new structure, retired. He had served as BC Conference's Executive Minister for 15 years before that. We thank him for his many years of faithful service and stewardship over the years. We were also happy to welcome Treena Duncan as the new Executive Minister for the Pacific Mountain Region as of June 2019. Treena was Personnel Minister for BC Conference for many years and brings to the role her own insights, energies, and approaches to the work of supporting the goals of the Pacific Mountain Regions '*for such a time as this.*'

Faithfully submitted by:

Deborah Richards

Alison Gutrath

Kay Park

Rev. Scott Turnbrook

keen attention to oversight of these matters will be greatly missed. Jim has been working with others to ensure a smooth transition of duties and documentation of key information that he holds with respect to the property. Thank you, Jim for your faithful service to our community over the years. We wish you and Beverley all the best in this next phase of your lives.

At the Annual meeting in March 2020 the congregation will elect another member or adherent to join the Board of Trustees.

Faithfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees by

Deborah Richards

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

It is with regret that I announce stepping down as a Trustee of Northwood United Church. Later this year, Beverley and I will be relocating to Kamloops to be close to our daughter, Rebecca, and her family.

I have been working with others to ensure a smooth transition of any information and duties I have undertaken over the years.

Beverley, Elizabeth, Rebecca, and I have many fond memories of being a part of the Northwood (nee North Surrey) Church family since about 1977. My thoughts and heart will always be with Northwood. I thank all of you for making our Church so warm and welcoming.

Shalom,

Jim Silva



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Ian McLeod – Chairperson

The Ministry and Personnel committee had a fairly busy year in 2019. Ian McLeod took over as the chair from Doug Tingley midway through the year, and the committee have welcomed new members Galvin Brower and Emma Dyck. They join current members Alison Alleyne, Doug Tingley, and I for a complement of 5 people. The committee met 4 times during the year.

Significant activities during 2019 included:

- Annual reviews for paid staff members completed in the first quarter of 2019
- Development and approval of a harassment policy
- Development of a confidentiality form and updated Criminal Records Check materials
- Hiring of a summer student, Alyssa Pacamarra, who assisted with the children, office duties, and ‘other duties as assigned’
- Job descriptions for the caretakers, office administrator, and music team have been updated and will be discussed during annual reviews in January/February 2020
- Ongoing search for a Congregational Designated Minister (CDM) for 12 hours per week. To date there have been no interested parties.
- Office hours open to the public reduced to 9:00 am – 12:00 noon from Tuesday to Friday. This will hopefully give Janice more time to focus on some of the more demanding tasks. Total office working hours have not been reduced.
- Technology review and upgrades in consultation with Janice and Don MacDonald, our support resource

While we never wish for a busy committee schedule, the committee plans to meet quarterly, or as needed, in 2020. Please feel free to contact Ian or any of the committee members with questions, feedback, or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian McLeod



ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Janice Meeks – Office Manager

The Office Manager position remains a very busy and multi-faceted job. It includes recordkeeping, document creation, editing and printing, bookkeeping and other financial duties, plus payroll for the paid staff. In 2019, the Board approved the hiring of a part-time professional bookkeeper (Sheri Kathrein of Pacific Services, Ltd.) to enable Paul and Janice learn more about church finance and how to keep good records, yet have financial information readily available and easy to access. Sheri proved to be an invaluable help and we are very grateful for her wisdom and expertise. We were hoping to overhaul our accounting system to give it a much-needed upgrade, but had to postpone that until early in 2020.

The Office Manager handles the church calendar, including all rentals, and manages the Food Pantry which helps those in need of a few groceries. There are many members of the congregation, public, and rental groups who interact with Janice on a regular basis. This position has its finger on the pulse points of all that is involved in the church's life. Janice loves to have visits from people in the congregation and will always make time for that!

Janice worked Tuesdays to Fridays with the church office being open from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. She is very thankful for her "office helpers" (Darlene Gilchrist, Jim & Esther Perrin, and a few others) that came in on Friday afternoons to handle such tasks as fold bulletins, attach labels to envelopes, and water the plants. There are also others that tend to the office when she is not in (notably Marilyn Bargaen, Delores Wanders, John Payne, & Kathleen Hearty). She is very appreciative of all who lend a helping hand, whenever and wherever they can.

Janice continues to work closely with the Rev. Scott and the board members to provide the best and most efficient care for the church and everyone and all that entails. She is grateful for the learning experiences that come her way (she now knows more about roofing and heat pumps, air conditioners and electrical systems, waste management and wifi, internet, and security than she ever thought she would!) She enjoys the varied facets of the job and the interaction with people that have become very dear to her.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Meeks

IT – TECHNOLOGY COMPONENT

Ian McLeod and Don MacDonald have reviewed the church technology and have a plan to improve the capabilities with a manageable expenditure. The Board approved some additional funds to upgrade server and PC software, and move the church email to Office 365, a cloud-based service. As of the end of this year, work is still proceeding.

Respectfully submitted – Ian McLeod

WORSHIP & PASTORAL CARE



WORSHIP AND PASTORAL CARE

Marilyn Barga - Chairperson

The Worship and Pastoral Care ministry is overseen by Marilyn Barga with Brenda Persiani taking leadership on the Worship Planning Committee and Barbara Warren, along with Rev. Scott, undertaking Pastoral Care. Together, we represent to the Board the following groups:

- Card Ministry
- Choir/Music Ministry
- Coffee Hosting
- Communion Elements
- Communion Serving
- Greeters Ministry
- Grief Support Group
- Healing Pathway
- In Memorium
- Jazz Vespers
- Kitchen Co-ordinator
- Membership Roll
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Scripture Readers
- Seniors
- Worship Planning Team
- 25th Anniversary Celebration

Individual leaders of these groups have reported on their activities during the past year. It is the passion and enthusiasm of leaders and participants of all these ministries that breathe life and grace into our community at Northwood.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Barga

CARD MINISTRY

Please see the Pastoral Care Report.

Respectfully submitted – Barbara Warren

CHOIR REPORT

2019 was a positive year for the senior choir. Every Sunday we sing because we feel that music is a wonderful way to express our praise; blending our voices in song brings to mind the harmony of God’s creation. We sang a lot of anthems this year: forty, to be exact, plus an inspiring and enjoyable cantata for Christmas, and we found that each one spoke of God’s love in a different way.

The choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7:30, and our practices are a pleasant time of musical camaraderie. We welcomed four new members to our ranks during 2019 while saying goodbye to two long-time members who moved on to another congregation. We are always happy to welcome new singers; congregation members should feel free to drop by on a Thursday night and sing with us.

As director, I am perpetually grateful to the members of the choir. They sing faithfully every week; they are a good-natured group, not afraid to try something new, and they give their all every Sunday in God’s musical work. We are also fortunate in our accompanist. Gina is everything a choir director could wish for in an accompanist: she is highly skilled and a complete musician, and she makes it possible for me to choose any anthem at all and not worry about whether the piano part will be played! My wife, Kathleen, also plays flute for us when the need arises; with Gina’s piano and Kathleen’s flute our choir is truly blessed.

We appreciate the ongoing support of the congregation. Many churches are, regrettably, moving away from the choral tradition to other forms of musical expression, and we feel fortunate to be part of a congregation that allows us to express our praise in a truly harmonious way.

Respectfully submitted - Dan Hearty - Choir Director

CHOIR FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

	Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals
1/1/2019	\$ 299.05		
Transfer in from Equity		\$ 0.57	
Service Fee (12 mos)			\$ 24.00
	\$ 275.62		
	\$ 437.07	\$ 161.45	
	\$ 137.07		\$ 300.00
31/12/2019	\$ 137.07		

Respectfully submitted – Gwen Sergius

COFFEE HOSTING

We are currently down to 4 groups as I am unsuccessful in getting volunteers to join. Lynn Breakwell will be returning to Group 1, January 2020. Thank you, Lynn! Sharon & Sherri Slobodian stepped down as of September 2019. Glenda Allan stepped down after 15 years of service & Ann Wogrin will step down in 2020. I am currently having to restructure the teams and am continually trying to add more people.

Respectfully submitted – Brenda Persiani

COMMUNION ELEMENTS

Team: Emma Dyck, Margaret Marshall & Terry Hill (joined April 7, 2019)

I fill in when someone is unable to do it and I prep communion for the special occasions: Christmas Eve (11:00 pm Service), Easter Son-rise & Regular Service, and Maundy Thursday.

Respectfully submitted – Brenda Persiani

COMMUNION SERVING

The mission of Northwood United Church is to be a place of faith “Embracing the community with the love of Christ.” The sacrament of Holy Communion, also named the Lord’s Supper, shall be a central ministry offered as a gift of grace to the congregation as well as the wider community.

The invitation to receive communion acknowledges one’s personal belief as well as entering into a deeper relationship with the Divine. The bread and wine/juice are mere symbols pointing us towards God’s immeasurable grace. It is one of the many signs and symbols marking us as God’s blessed and beloved children.

We offer the sacrament of Holy Communion at a public worship service. It is also offered in special circumstances when pastoral needs arise for a private setting. Sometimes, too, according to the season of the Christian year there are communion services.

All are invited to the communion table regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, socio-economic status or any other factor. Communion is a “sacred moment” for both worshipper and server. It should not be rushed. Eye contact and the use of the communicant’s name should be used.

We usually have eight servers, paired off with one serving bread and one serving juice. The method of intinction (dipping the bread in the juice) is our preferred practice. The four stations across the front of the sanctuary are identified as organ, font, pulpit, nursery. The station near the organ serves gluten-free bread.

It is special to serve communion, however, not everyone is comfortable doing so. I have been “the communion lady” for a long time. If anyone feels called to be included as a server, please speak with me.

Respectfully submitted – Audrey Hall

GREETERS

The greeters' Sunday morning role is a warm and friendly way to offer hospitality to Northwood - a commitment that requires welcoming visitors, newcomers, and members into the Sanctuary, taking forth the four symbols of our faith (light of Christ candle, water of Baptism, Bible, Prayer Shawl and Prayer basket) to the chancel, collecting the offering, communion ushering, and tidying up the Sanctuary after worship service. A four-person greeter team is presently scheduled once every five weeks. Presently, five vacancies exist which are filled by 'Spares' or regular greeters stepping in ever so willingly. Northwood is so very thankful to these greeters who share their spiritual gifts among us each and every Sunday.

Submitted by - Delores Wanders

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP REPORT

This group started at Northwood in November 2016. Marilyn Bargaen was the original coordinator, Gwenda Wigmore was the facilitator, and Rev. Scott was available for support as needed.

Those who joined us agreed that it did support their needs at the time. After breaking for the summer last year, the number of people interested and attending declined. After talking with Rev Scott and Gwenda, it was decided to discontinue holding the group for the present. If the need arises in the future, we will discuss the possibility of restarting the group.

Respectfully submitted – Marilyn Bargaen

HEALING PATHWAY

Our practitioners this year included Sandra Davies, Kay Park, Sandra Record, Brenda Persiani, and Linda Hibbard. We met weekly for the first half of the year. After this our practitioner base changed so we met less often.

We have now completed 18 years at Northwood and continue to be committed to this important healing - hands on - ministry. We are a small, committed group whose goal is to embrace the community with the love of Christ.

Respectfully submitted – Linda Hibbard

IN MEMORIUM

We give thanks for the members of our church family who are now with God.
The following passed away in 2019:

Gerald Hall	March 21, 2019
Yaeko Takeno	April 4, 2019
Barbara Allen	August 1, 2019
Brian Martin	August 30, 2019
Jacob Wiebe	October 2, 2019
Mary Kilby	October 25, 2019

Respectfully submitted – Janice Meeks

JAZZ VESPERS (Vespers in the Valley)

The Jazz Vespers Ministry continues to thrive bringing people and musicians together twice a month. There were 18 services during 2019, with Rev. Scott Turnbrook leading 15 of them. Rev. Cindy Terry led 2 services and Rev. Juanita Lowe was leader for one service.

The musical groups included duets, trios, quartets, quintets, all the way to big bands and swing dancers. The requests keep coming from groups wanting performing dates. It is important to keep to a standard of musicianship as well as balancing the numbers in groups.

The attendance has maintained well in numbers except when the winter weather may work against us. Even then, we still seem to draw an enthusiastic fan base for which we are very grateful. The musicians are always very happy to have a gig at Northwood!

None of this would be possible without the extraordinary efforts of the following people who work so hard and seem so happy doing so! They are: Sharon Buzik, Barbara and Gary Butler, John and Pat Payne (Josh), Joe Johnson, (sound technician) Rob Hollins, Gail Corrigan, Pat Campbell, Norma Dreger, Graham and Shelley Hall, Sterling, Jan Morgan, Steve MacMillan, and Myrna McRae.

A big thank you to Rev. Scott Turnbrook and Janice Meeks for countless ways in making this ministry happen. My gratitude to the Ministry Board of Northwood United Church for their continued interest and support.

I cannot submit this report without paying homage to my husband Gerry who had the ambition of starting JAZZ VESPERS in Surrey at Northwood. We are now entering our 9th year. It is lonely without him, but I am sure he would be satisfied knowing the jazz journey continues.

Respectfully submitted - Audrey Hall

KITCHEN COORDINATOR

The kitchen servers do a wonderful job keeping the kitchen clean and letting me know if they are in need of kitchen supplies. I restock the kitchen monthly with supplies as needed: sugar, tea, coffee, paper plates, napkins, cookies, etc.

Respectfully submitted – Brenda Persiani

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Members as of December 31/2018:	284	
Transfers In:	0	
Transfers Out:	0	
New members by reaffirmation of faith:	0	
New members by Adult/Baptism/Confirmation:	1	
Baptisms conducted:	2	April 14, 2019 Easton Troy Allan-Dorey Performed at Northwood United Church by Rev. Scott Turnbrook
		July 15, 2019 Barbara Gail Allen Performed at Ridge Meadows Hospital by Rev. Mary Duncan
Deaths:	6	Gerry Hall Yaeko Takeno Barbara Allen Brian Martin Jacob Wiebe Mary Kilby
Total members as of December 31/2018:	279	
Marriages conducted:	0	

Of note: The current membership role is not reflective of the attendance at Sunday services and other gatherings and activities. Average Sunday morning worship service attendance is between 90-100.

Respectfully submitted – Janice Meeks

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care at Northwood United Church has four facets: welcome hosts, card writing, workshops, and visiting. In addition to those, Rev. Scott Turnbrook is developing three new initiatives: expanding hospital visitation support, expanding the prayer team, and setting up monthly mailings of sermons and Sunday bulletins to shut-ins.

Each Sunday we are greeted at the front door by a welcome host (Gary and Barbara Butler, Gary Lavoie, Mary Fisher, Marilyn Rainbow or Barbara Warren) prior to receiving bulletins and greetings from our morning greeters/ushers, organized by Delores Wanders.

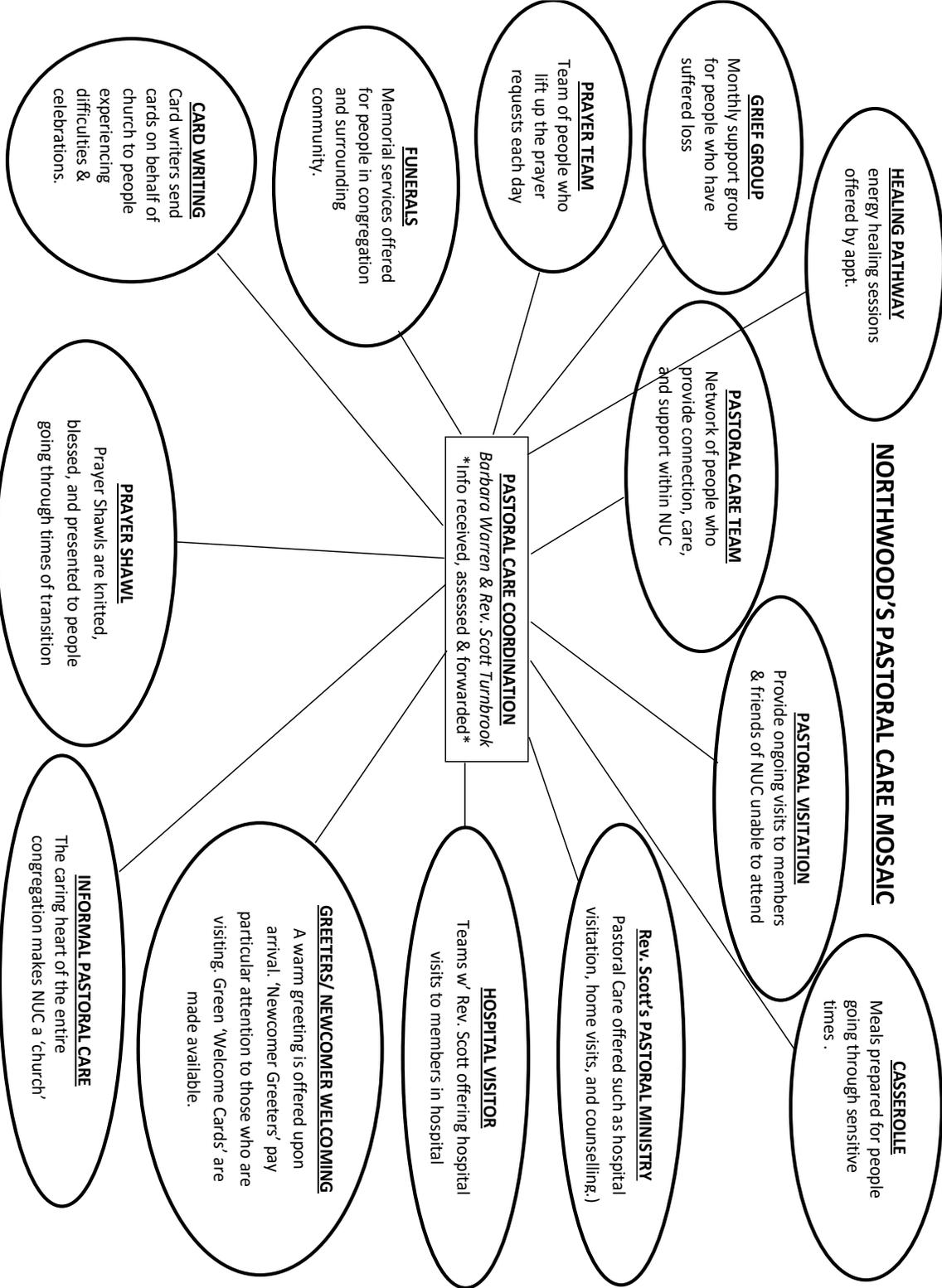
On Monday mornings, Pastoral Care co-co-ordinators, Rev. Turnbrook and Barbara Warren confer about people in the congregation who are celebrating something special, confined to hospital or home, or needing extra support. One of ten card writers receives a list of those folks and sends appropriate cards. We are indebted to Helen Myer, Esther Perrin, Barbara Warren, Kim Bandyo, Marilyn Rainbow, Rachel Henderson, Brenda Persiani, Eileen Jacobi, Barbara Ryz, and Delores Wanders for this ministry.

Our well-attended Spring Team Workshop gave all of our congregational representatives an opportunity to recommit to our several roles. While we view pastoral Care as the calling of the entire congregation, it has been helpful to have a team who nurture special connections among the various groups within the congregation. Special thanks to our team members: Kay Park (Korean families), Shelah Pacamarra (Filipino families), Audrey Hall (Jazz Vespers), Alison Gutrath and Rachel Henderson (young families) and Chris Beddis, Eileen and Wally Cringle, Mary Fisher, Darlene Gilchrist, and Lynn Robertson (our senior members) for their continued commitment.

The Visiting Committee consists of Marilyn Bargaen (keeping in touch with members in Elim, Guildford Seniors, and some of our Langley folk), Terry Hill (visiting in hospital as well as friends in Imperial Place), and Barbara Warren (connecting with people in Fleetwood Villa, Fleetwood Place, and Bear Creek Villa). Recently, Scott, Terry, and Barbara met with our members at Fleetwood Villa, welcoming four other Villa women to join us for tea, a visit, and communion served by Rev. Turnbrook and Terry Hill. We hope to arrange similar visits to Bear Creek Villa and Imperial Place.

Our Northwood Vision is to "embrace the community with the love of Christ" and we thank all of those mentioned above plus all of YOU for the many ways in which you share Christ's love within and outside of Northwood United Church.

Respectfully submitted - Barbara Warren, Co-ordinator with Rev. Scott Turnbrook



PRAYER SHAWLS

Ten years ago, Lily Karpoff came home from a course at Naramata Centre full of enthusiasm to begin a Prayer Shawl Ministry at Northwood. Over the years more than 800 shawls have been knit or crocheted to be shared with new babies in Baptism, students graduating from high school, worshippers at the Quiet Christmas service and many folks who have needed support during illness or bereavement of a friend or family member. Each prayer shawl is lovingly created by a member of the Prayer Shawl group and then blessed by our past minister, Rev. Will Sparks and currently, Rev. Scott Turnbrook.

We are indebted to former faithful knitters Patty Halliday, her mother Susan Snow, aunt Hazel Ratz as well as Helen Myer, Keiko and Julie Teranishi for the many shawls they made. Our present crew of knitters, Alma Davis, Vera Grant, Lily Karpoff, Esther Perrin, Lynn Robertson, Sadie Scheutze and Barbara Warren continue to provide a plentiful supply of shawls. Thanks to our Office Manager, Janice Meeks, we have a new wall unit of cubbies to hold our skeins of yarn and completed shawls. We appreciate recent gifts of yarn and prayer shawls from Sandra Record and commend Emma Dyck and Evelyn Langley for knitting several shawls at home. During the winter several mittens, gloves, toques and scarves have been knitted for people living outside in the cold. We also contributed several small, purple hats for the hospital staff to give to battered babies.

New knitters are always welcome to join our group when we meet for a devotional, refreshments, and friendly chatter on the first and third Tuesday afternoons in the Fireside Room. Special thanks to Rev. Turnbrook for blessing us at several of our gatherings.

SCRIPTURE READERS

I have 14 dedicated and dependable scripture readers from our congregation who read each Sunday. They read the preamble, scripture readings and the message before our offerings.

Respectfully submitted - Marilyn Bargaen

SENIORS' GROUP

Coffee time started in January with 17 of us after a well-needed rest after our Christmas celebrations.

The numbers change week-to-week, but the joyful sounds of fellowship are always the same from the start of January until the December festivities. We averaged 19 people per week. Sadly, many of our friends have left us but their memories we will hold dear.

Lunches restarted in February which are usually well attended. All are welcome! Most lunches are set within a close radius of the church so Reverend Scott can also attend. A prayer of thanks is given before the commencement of lunch. Each senior pays for their own lunch and usually we can pick from the menu rather than a pre-set menu.

The last several years we have not gone on any day trips, but the options are there if we have a keen interest.

We had a nice picnic indoor/outdoor in June. It is a fun time with a few games and a potluck lunch which is always good. After the picnic, we have a summer break and return to our weekly coffee time in September after Labour Day.

Hallowe'en coffee time is a fun time where some of the seniors dress up and we have Hallowe'en cookies in addition to our regular muffins.

The year ended with a catered Christmas luncheon. Where we also had a few games and prizes were handed out. Through all the hard work of Jacqueline and her friends, the Church luncheon was well decorated and very festive for our luncheon.

The last event of the year was coffeetime at Walt and Jaqueline's house for fresh cinnamon buns and treats. The Christmas spirit was present especially as Jaqueline's home is so well decorated and Walt and Jacqueline are excellent hosts.

Many thanks to all who helped bake and joined us in fellowship. Thank you, Jaqueline, for making our coffee time such a fantastic function as it would not be such a warm welcoming time without all the effort you put into it

Respectfully submitted – Evelyn Langley for Jaqueline Melnychuk

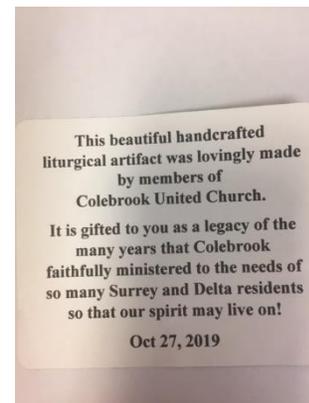
WORSHIP PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meetings were held January 13, May 12, and October 20, 2019.

- Jan 6 New Year's Potluck
- Jan 13 Audrey Hall & Lorraine Landry RESIGNED from the Worship Committee
- Feb 3 Interfaith Walk (26 people)
- April 28 Candie MacMillan stepped down from Worship Committee after serving 8 years. She will continue to focus her time serving Children's Church, Youth , Social Activities, etc..
- April 28 We welcomed NEW members joining Worship Planning Team:
 - Terry Hill
 - Galvin Brower
 - Emma Dyck
 - Marshall Henderson
- June 9 25th Anniversary Celebration – Amalgamation

In November 2019, we received a number of beautiful, hand-crafted wall hangings and banners from Colebrook United Church. We will be attaching this memorial to the back of each of them this year.

Respectfully submitted - Brenda Persiani



25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

25TH Anniversary Celebration of Northwood Amalgamation in June 1994

Celebration Date: June 9, 2019

Planning Team: Brenda Persiani, Rev. Scott, Lily Karpoff, Terry Hill, Marilyn Bargaen
First Meeting, April 7, 2019

THEME: JUNE 9 – 25th Anniversary Celebration

Special Service

Rev. Scott

NEW Slide Show

Created by Brenda Persiani

Food:

Team of helpers : Set Up, Serving, Clean Up

Potluck

Congregation (side dishes/salads)

BBQ Grill

Burgers & Hot Dogs (Gluten -free options)

Dessert

Cake & Goodies

Beverages

Tea, Coffee, Juice

Commemorative Tokens

Brenda Persiani

3" round ornament designed through PrintCanada (ordered 60)

Frisbee with 25th Anniversary Sticker for the kids

Decorations

Brenda Persiani



Mayor Doug McCallum's office gave a framed certificate for our 25th Anniversary.



Respectfully submitted - Brenda Persiani

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Candie MacMillan - Chairperson

The Spiritual Development ministry encompasses our commitment to nourish one's spiritual growth in faith. Our approach towards spiritual development is diverse. We view one's spiritual development as unique and changing throughout one's life journey and, thus, seek to offer programs that reflect this dynamic. Ministries in this area include those one might expect, such as Children's Church (Sunday School) and Bible Study. However, they also include a variety of other ministries such as Centering Prayer and Spiritual Practice Alternatives (S.P.A.). None of our ministry programs, of course, stand in isolation. Rather, all ministries complement one another. Worship enriches one's spiritual development as do the Global and Social Development outreach ministries.

Respectfully submitted – *Candie MacMillan* with *Rev. Scott Turnbrook*

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study met on Thursday mornings from 10:30 – 12:00 in the Fireside Room. Since December, we have met in Classroom 1 from 10:15 – 11:30 pm.

We are a small group of 8-10 who enjoy learning about the Bible and discussing how we can apply the Word to our daily lives. We use the study “Feasting on the Word” which is based on the lectionary which is a pre-selected collection of scriptural reading. Terry Hill is always willing to help and others in the group make coffee and provide goodies!

Respectfully submitted – Diane Onno

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is a group of 8 to 14 people who enjoy reading and talking with others about books we have read. We meet in Classroom 1 every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Two of the books we have read in the last year are “*Where the Crawdads Sing*” by Delia Owens and “*Hillbilly Elegy*” by J. D. Vance.

Respectfully submitted - Terry Hill

‘BROADVIEW’

‘*Broadview*’ is the new name for the former ‘*Observer*’ magazine published by the United Church of Canada. The result is a newly-designed Canadian magazine focused on timely and current national and international issues of spirituality, social justice, and ethical living as well as United Church of Canada news and perspectives.

It’s a great read with a wide variety for all ages and you can’t beat the price \$25 for a year’s subscription. Help yourself to a copy under the bulletin boards in the Gathering Area and see for yourself. Let me know if you’d like a free trial subscription.

Respectfully submitted. Marilyn Bargaen

CENTERING PRAYER

The Centering Prayer group meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm for a short time of fellowship followed by a 30-35 minute period of silence. The session is ended with a time of intercessory prayer. We usually meet for about an hour in total.

Centering prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that, in essence, is simply a wordless, trusting opening of the self to the divine presence. It is about the simplest form of prayer there is.

As we grow from a child, our minds grow more complex, and busy with our daily lives. We spend so much of our adult energies thinking, planning, worrying, trying to get ahead or stay afloat, that we lose touch with that natural intimacy with God deep within us. The gift of silence gradually recedes in the face of the demands of daily life. With some effort and practice we can let go of our concerns and thoughts for a time. We can stop the outer noise and rest in the peace and warmth of God’s presence. Truly a wonderful experience in these busy often crazy times!

If you are interested in learning more and joining our small friendly group in our practicing, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted – Christine Wolff

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

The children are alive and well at Northwood United Church! Praise be to God!

2019 came with unique challenges. We were blessed that the budget passed for 2019 allowed us room to hire a part time, 12-hour per week congregational designated minister. This would help to fill the void of losing our part-time minister. Unfortunately, after actively trying to hire someone, M&P had no luck finding a suitable candidate. We were blessed to be able to hire one of our own youth, Alyssa Pacamarra, as our summer student this year which allowed extra support for our children's ministry team throughout summer. Northwood is very blessed to have an amazing small, but dedicated, team of volunteers that work tirelessly to keep the children's ministry at Northwood flowing.

There seems to be a constant ebb and flow in the number of children we have attend each week. We continue to offer three classes every Sunday during service: Preschool, K's-Grade 3's (Holy Moly), and a combined Youth Class for Grades 4 to 12.

A big change made this year was intentional inclusiveness of the children in worship. Most of our children were spending the first 15 minutes or so of worship leading up to theme conversation playing in the nursery or gathering area. In July a few rows of chairs were removed from the sanctuary so that 3 round tables could be set up. Every Sunday now the children gather around these tables at the start of service and enjoy quiet coloring time until they are called forward for theme conversation. Activity sheets may be related to the Sunday school theme, lectionary, or season/holiday.

We continue to keep the nursery cleaned and stocked with age-appropriate toys. We are encouraging all children to be in worship or go to their appropriate classes and leave the nursery for children aged 2 and under only. It is meant to be a quiet and safe space for parents and their young babies/toddlers. We try and always have a supply of diapers, wipes, and snacks on hand for babies and toddlers, both for Sunday use and as part of our emergency food ministry.

We were excited to have Northwood children attend both the annual Children's retreat in February as well as the Evolve youth conference in November.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Children's Ministry. We rely heavily on a few teachers that teach every week and desperately need a few people that we can call to fill in here and there when someone is away or to give our regular teachers a break. It is also handy to have a second set of hands in the classroom for support. Please prayerfully consider if this is a ministry you feel called to help in.

Respectfully submitted - Candie MacMillan
on behalf of the Children's Ministry Team

JUNIOR YOUTH

In 2019 our Junior Youth group has continued to meet usually on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, October to June from 7:00 to 9:15 pm. We didn't meet over the summer months.

Our group has become a bit smaller this year with grade 7s moving up to Senior Youth. We have on average 5-7 kids that regularly attend. The kids come from both our Northwood and local community. It's wonderful to be able to outreach to our diverse community and see new friendships begin and grow.

It is a pleasure to spend time with this lively group, to get to know the kids better, watch them grow and build healthy supportive friendships.

Through our gatherings and events in the wider church community, the kids learn to accept each other's differences and interact together as a welcoming community recognizing that all are beloved children of God. An ongoing goal of the Junior Youth group is to emphasize and continue to build this inclusive community. Many of the planned games and activities have this focus and there are a variety of opportunities for Junior Youth both on the church site, and out in the community. During the year the group is provided opportunities for spiritual exploration and practice, indoor and outdoor games, time together outdoors in nature, and of course food and lots of laughter and lively fun!

This year we had four children from Northwood attend the Imagine! children's retreat in Chilliwack. We were thrilled to have Marshall Henderson join the music team for the event and again have Jade Sergius and Nick Barbera attend as cabin leaders. Thank you so much!

Besides our regular lively meetings at Northwood, in 2019 we also enjoyed a movie night and Geo-caching.

We continue to be blessed to have two youth leaders join us for our regular meetings. I would like to thank Hayden Keeper and Marshall Henderson for sharing their time, patience, and good-natured leadership with us. I'm always so grateful for their presence, support, and energy!

Finally, I would like to thank Candie MacMillan for being a wonderful support to me in this ministry and Steve MacMillan for always good-naturedly cleaning up after us on meeting nights!

Respectfully submitted - Christine Wolff

LIBRARY

Northwood's library provides a quality collection of reading material to enrich the lives of the congregation - both for enjoyment and education - to nurture spiritual growth, develop an understanding of Christian faith and the faith of others, support healthy relationships and increase social awareness.

Upon Colebrook United's 2019 closure, a gift of many good quality books was received; their offering of 'More Voices' and 'Voices United' hymn books also adorn our sanctuary book shelves. Presently 709 Adult books/CD's and 268 children's books/videos/CDs are available for everyone's reading, listening, and viewing pleasure. Look for the 'Welcome to Northwood Library' frame for complete information on sign-out/book return guidelines. The 'Northwood Library' binder (detailing complete listings of resources available) is located next to the book return box, left of the fireplace in the gathering area.

NORTHWOOD LIBRARY CATEGORIES

	Totals
ADULT	
Audio/CDs	6
Bibles	38
Biblical Studies & Reference	149
Christian Church	54
Christian Life	85
Christianity/Christian Theology	44
Family & Relationships	25
General - Art/Biography/Autobiography/History/Literature/Social Justice	80
Health & Well Being	34
Multi-faith	33
Prayer	79
Self-Help/Personal Growth	45
Spirituality	37
TOTAL ADULT BOOKS/CDs	709
CHILDREN	
Bibles	9
Pre-school	88
Primary	116
Video/CDs	11
Youth	44
TOTAL CHILDREN BOOKS/VIDEOS/CDs	268
TOTAL LIBRARY	977

Respectfully submitted – Delores Wanders

LUC (LADIES UNITED CIRCLE)

The social aspect of the LUC has slowed down, but we still manage to come together to host the concession at the Craft Fair. This money continues to accumulate very slowly in our trust fund to aid in a possible return of the women's retreat. There has been a loss of interest in recent years due to a considerable decrease in attendance. We might think about possibly bringing other people in which would be a solution, but that idea comes with other issues as well.

Respectfully submitted - Penny Provencher

SENIOR YOUTH

The Senior Youth group continues to meet usually on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from October to June from 7:00 to 9:30 pm. This year there have been between 4 – 7 youth attending on average.

It is a pleasure to spend time with this lively group, to get to know the kids better, watch them grow and build healthy supportive friendships. Through our gatherings and events in the wider church community, the kids learn to accept each other's differences and interact together as a welcoming community recognizing that all are beloved children of God. An ongoing goal of the Senior Youth group is to emphasize and continue to build this inclusive community. Many of the planned games and activities have this focus. During the year the group is provided opportunities for spiritual exploration and practice, indoor and outdoor games, time together outdoors in nature, and, of course, food and lots of laughter and lively fun!

In October our Senior Youth kicked off with a thrilling night out at Potter's House of Horrors!

In November I accompanied five senior youth to the fantastic "Evolve" Youth Conference. Two girls and three boys enjoyed the long weekend at Stillwood camp at Cultus Lake. The theme this year centered around "The Woman at the Well," and we all enjoyed the weekend with a lively, fun, faith-filled community, great food, and an awesome headset dance on Saturday night!

Besides our regular gatherings at Northwood, in 2019 we also enjoyed a movie night, watched one of our youth perform in a school play, and enjoyed a beautiful sunset trip to the beach in June.

I would like to give a huge shout out of thanks for the steadfast support of Candie MacMillan in this ministry and for Steve MacMillan for his always reliable, patient, good-natured support on youth group meeting nights and for cleaning up after us all the time!

We look forward to what 2020 will bring and as always, we warmly welcome any new youth 13– 20 yrs. to join us.

Respectfully submitted - Christine Wolff

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Another year has come and gone. Social events have been a challenge as people are needed to help make these events happen. Thanks to some key people we enjoyed our New Year's potluck luncheon, the annual Beetle Drive game night, and a wonderful soup luncheon. The big events this past year were the three all-ages events: the Easter EGGstravaganza, the Halloween SPOOKtacular and the ADVENTure afternoon. Easter and Halloween both saw 40+ kids attend along with 20+ adults. Advent saw 24 kids along with approximately 15 adults. These events have become a wonderful outreach as each time we host them we have more members of our surrounding community stop by. From that a few have come to other events at Northwood such as Jazz Vespers and SPA.

If you have a suggestion for a great social event, please speak with Candie (or email candiemacmillan@gmail.com). We welcome all new ideas! If you would like to help out with planning and organizing or set up and clean up at these events, please let me know! It is critical that we find more people willing to help with hosting and organizing so that we can continue to host a wider variety and more frequent events.

Respectfully submitted - Candie MacMillan

S.P.A. ~ "SPIRITUAL PRACTICE ALTERNATIVES"

"S.P.A." is now into its third year at Northwood. Following Rev. Scott's Lenten meditation program that welcomed 25 participants, it became clear that there was a strong interest in an ongoing opportunity. A small focus group was formed where the attendees came up with the idea of a Tuesday night gathering where various spiritual practices would be available for people to engage in and deepen their spiritual walk. This Tuesday night S.P.A. was an addition to the existing "On Our Faith Journey" discussion group that had been meeting for the past several years. We now have a Mindfulness Meditation option (led by Rev. Scott) as well as a Gentle Yoga option (led by Lynne Edel, a certified yoga instructor). SPA now welcomes 25-35 participants each week. An offering basket is available and people's generosity is welcomed. Last year, Rev. Scott completed a one-year program (September 2018-June 2019) in Mindfulness instruction under the direction of Rev. Tim Burnett through Mindfulness Northwest in Washington. This group continues to experience gentle growth and has been welcoming people from the broader community of Fleetwood/ Surrey.

Respectfully submitted – Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

“ON OUR FAITH JOURNEY” SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION GROUP (as part of S.P.A.)

The group has six active members and is always open to new members or anyone wanting to drop in and participate in lively spiritual discussion (7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays). Our recent discussions are based on a book called “Integral Christianity: The Spirit’s Call to Evolve” by Paul R. Smith, which, among other topics, examines the stages of growth of spirituality from primitive through tribal, warrior, traditional, modern, post-modern, integral, and beyond. Jesus is seen as an integral person who is at one spiritually with the Creator and who calls out the potential in each of us to become similarly integrated spiritually with the Creator. Traditional Christianity has emphasized the gap between God (divine) and Creation (including humanity). Jesus lived by believing that the human and the divine were two aspects of the same oneness and his example calls each of us to discover the same in our lives. This may require us to abandon, or at least greatly modify, many of the traditional beliefs which we may have reached earlier in our spiritual journeys.

Respectfully submitted - John Payne

“SPIRIT KIDS” – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PRO-D) FUN DAYS FOR KIDS

During the 2018-2019 school year, we began offering day-long gatherings for school-aged children who required care while the schools are closed for teacher professional development. A grant through the “Emerging Spirit” program was received and we hired three grade 12 students to work under Rev. Scott’s supervision to design and run the programs. This program welcomed as few as 3 participants and as many as 10 in its first year. An interest was expressed from the Fleetwood Christian Reformed Church to partner in the coming 2019-2020 school year. While logistics are being coordinated for this partnership between the churches, we did move ahead in the Fall / Winter of 2019. We are hoping to have a few Spirit Kids days in the winter/spring of 2020 with hopes to move ahead on all Professional Development days in the 2020-2021 year.

Respectfully submitted – Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT



COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

John Payne - Chairperson

At Northwood, ongoing outreach to the local community is done mainly by several autonomous groups, each of which submits a report to the AGM. These groups include: the Refugee Sponsorship Committee, the Church Food and Resource Pantry, the Thrift Shop, the White Gift program, the Shoebox Ministry, support for Surrey Urban Mission via Starbucks donations, the Umbrella Group, and the use of fair-trade coffee. As well, donations to the National and Regional branches of the United Church support regional, national, and international activities within the United Church and with its international partners. A variety of fund-raising projects have helped Northwood achieve some of its outreach goals. The outcome of two other outreach proposals in 2019 are reported below.

1: COSA (Circles of Support and Accountability)

In the fall, the Church Board brought a proposal by COSA to the congregation for discussion and possible action if interest was expressed. A person who would be supported in the COSA program would be a sex offender who 1) has served a jail sentence for the offense, 2) has decided to settle in our community, 3) has little or no support in the community, and 4) has asked for help from COSA. This help comes in the form of a volunteer Circle of 4-5 people who would be well trained in this role.

The project mirrors Jesus' support of the marginalized in his community and would be a challenging way for Northwood to be an active Church in our community. After much meaningful and open discussion with concerned members of the congregation, the Board decided not to support the project as a community as a whole but gave support to individual members of the congregation who wanted to participate. At present, two members of Northwood United Church have become part of a COSA support circle.

2: Tutorial Program for Child Education

A local property development company has offered funding of \$10,000 to support an outreach program in the local community. A program has been suggested to provide tutoring in the school curriculum for students who cannot afford to pay for such a program. The program would see Northwood hiring an administrator, help that person find and hire suitable tutors (possibly teachers in local schools or retired teachers), enroll students, and provide tutoring for two afternoons a week after school over a period of about 35 weeks during the school year. At present the program is still at an early stage of trying to find suitable teachers. David Mahiban brought this possibility to the church and is leading the research into its possible fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

John Payne

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair was held on November 2nd with 49 tables rented. There was a Bake table with homemade goodies for sale. The Thrift Shop displayed gently-used Christmas items with proceeds from these tables going into the Thrift Store revenue. A Food Concession was operated by LUC with revenue going to this group. There is a \$1.00 admission for adults. Children and youth are admitted free.

This is a well-attended community event and gives people from the neighbourhood a chance to see what Northwood is all about. Most of the crafters are repeat vendors, some of whom have been attending since the inception of the Craft Fair.

Thanks to the acquisition of new tables, I did not have to phone around to borrow them and have them picked up.

Revenue:

Table Rental	\$1640.00 (48 Tables, 1 complimentary)
Admission	\$ 269.00
Bake Table	<u>\$ 517.00</u> (down due to lack of donations)
Total Revenue	\$2426.00

There were no expenses as all advertising etc. was obtained for free.

Respectfully submitted - Alma Davis

COAT DRIVE

2018 was our second year to partner with neighbouring businesses in a coat drive for people in need. This was initiated originally by an employee from the nearby "Dollar Tree" who had approached the Green Timbers Pub about collecting coats and Northwood about sorting and distribution. Following the great success in the inaugural year of the coat drive, we widened the circle to include a few other local businesses to donate coats and run their own coat drives. A generous community support was received in December and the Surrey Urban Mission Society (S.U.M.S.) were delighted to receive a large donation of new and gently used coats for Christmas!

Respectfully submitted – Rev. Scott Turnbrook

FALL FAIR: September 15, 2018

Fall Fair 2019 followed the last few years' trend in being slightly downsized with all activities taking place indoors. This definitely turned out to be the best plan as once again the weather did not cooperate; we do indeed live on the Wet Coast.

Your Fall Fair Coordinators this year were Ian McLeod, Dan Hearty and Kathleen Hearty. We helped facilitate the preliminary preparations, but it was all you, the congregation of Northwood, who once again pulled off a wonderfully successful event; this especially in light of the fact that none of your Coordinators were able to attend on the day due to previous commitments.

While the total amount raised may not have been as high as previous years, the fellowship share as we welcome the community is just as important. Thank you to all who took part and helped set up, clean up and everything else in between.

Respectfully submitted - Dan & Kathleen Hearty/Ian McLeod – Fall Fair Coordinators

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry remains a vital part of our outreach into the community and has become a staple of sorts for some people. They know we don't stock as much as the Food Bank but look to us to help overcome shortfalls, help them through times between pay periods or after being laid off, or make their disability cheques stretch a bit further. Many of our 'frequent fliers' suffer physical and/or mental impairment, addictions, or simply bad luck. They come to us embarrassed and humiliated to ask for the most basic of necessities – food. We aren't seeing many that are actually homeless; most are just trying to stretch their meager incomes.

In return, we are as generous as we can be and offer them a safe place to relax and know they are accepted just for who they are. Many have become friends of a sort and will often stay for a little chat. I believe a lot of them are lonely and treasure the warmth and acceptance we can offer as much as the food we can give.

Visits are seasonal and although we didn't see quite as many through the winter months as we have in the past, we never know who or how many are going to walk through our doors. With that in mind, we will always accept donations of soup, pasta and sauces, canned beans and canned pasta, tinned meats and tuna, KD, and peanut butter. Canned vegetables and fruits are great, as well. We also like to hand out individual sizes of puddings, apple sauces, fruit, and granola bars. Think nutrition! Given that our numbers can vary widely depending on weather and circumstances, we don't mind stockpiling and having extra! It doesn't take long for full shelves to become empty once again. We like to give enough for a few meals.

There have been many donations, both monetary and physical, from our church family. Rev. Scott has tied together the Lord's table with our personal tables at Communion. I believe this effort reminds us of how fortunate we are and how 'but for the grace of God go I' and reminds us to share with those less fortunate.

We have also been blessed by those who bring fresh fruit and produce which can be very hard to come by for these people. Fruit that can be refrigerated is always great but be wary of items that might spoil or go 'bad' before they can be handed out. We are also blessed by packages made up by the Starbucks Ministry people that we can give. Treats are always greeted enthusiastically!

If you are giving from your pantry, please check expiry dates on items. We cannot hand out expired food, and neither can we distribute opened packages. This also means we cannot accept a large bag of rice or pasta, open it to make a number of smaller packages, and then give them away. Food Safety regulations do not allow that. All food must be unopened and within the expiry date. Please also check for the appropriateness of your donation.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! for all your so-generous support for this ministry.

Respectfully submitted – Janice Meeks

INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK

The first week in February of 2019 was the ninth year of the United Nations' declaration of Interfaith Harmony Week. Rev. Scott continues to work with both the Surrey Interfaith Network as well as the Global Clergy Association who work to raise awareness, harmony, and understanding between the various world religions in Surrey. A number of events occurred throughout the city, which a number of our members attended. Northwood hosted two of them. The "Interfaith Pilgrimage" was a day-long walk where pilgrims visited various places of faith to receive hospitality and blessings on their way. The pilgrimage visited our February 3rd worship service towards the end where they received refreshments and the gift of a wooden cross necklace and a blessing from Rev. Scott. The second event was our hosting of the Interfaith Symposium which was held on February 2. This afternoon gathering featured speakers from different religions speaking on the topic of "Interfaith Harmony in a Violent World."

Respectfully submitted – Rev. Scott Turnbrook

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

After 3 years of waiting and uncertainty, we welcomed the Alhaj Hammoud family: Mohammad, Rasha, Mustafa, Safa, and Marwa, to our community in October 2018. It has been a very rewarding year for the committee as we came to know this family. Their hard work at integrating in this very different society, learning a new very foreign language, their strong family values, warmth, and generosity has been an inspiration.

A year later, the family are continuing to do well. In November they moved to a 3-bedroom townhome where they are much more comfortable with more space. There are 3 other Syrian families in the complex which provides friendship and support, particularly for Rasha.

Mohammad has now completed level 3 in his ESL program at Douglas College. Level 4 is the beginning desired level for most employment, as well as the necessary level (plus 3 yrs. living in Canada) to apply for Canadian citizenship. He is working most evenings now with a local pizza delivery company while awaiting a job with Dynamic that has been promised to him. The Dynamic shift he needs will begin in March. While this current job is temporary, it does help to create a sense of structure and fill the need for employment.

Marwa, Grade 3, switched schools to Old Yale Elementary after the move. She has settled in nicely and enjoys the shorter walk to school.

The boys, Mustafa (Grade 10) and Safa (Grade 9) have continued at Q.E. Secondary where they are beginning their 2nd semester. They are still close enough to ride their bikes most days.

Baby Taim (born in September) continues to thrive. He is almost 5 months now, finding his hands, beginning to eat some mushed-up food, and smiling a lot. He brings great joy to the family.

Our commitment to support the family ended in October of 2019 and the trust fund is now closed. Some of our committee members have formed a very strong bond with the Alhaj Hammouds and continue to have regular contact. This is still a very important factor in their lives, particularly in supporting and advocating for the children in the school system.

The Alhaj Hammouds and the committee wishes to thank Northwood and Colebrook for their generosity - the financial support, and also the emotional support. The family enjoyed the contact they've had with the congregations and are grateful for the warmth and welcome they were shown.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryse Ridley - with gratitude to Linda Hibbard, Duane Buchanan, Judy Buchanan, Pam Mason, Wes Warren, Pat Campbell, Sandra Davies, Kay Park

SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Another cause that Brian Martin was passionate about was the Shoebox Ministry which operates out of a small room here at Northwood. Brian spent many hours engaged in this project: promoting it and gaining contributions, sorting, organizing it all into bins, purchasing what was necessary to fill the boxes, and then preparing them with the help of Brenda Persiani and Terry Hill.

In the spring, Brian delivered approximately 90 men's and 60 women's shoeboxes to the Surrey Urban Mission Society who distributed them.

Following Brian's passing, Brenda Persiani organized a fall/winter distribution of 70 men's and 35 women's shoeboxes which were delivered on December 10. Joshua & Elijah Madigan were helpers for this endeavour.



The contents of each shoebox include items such as underwear, socks, toques, toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, personal hygiene items, shaving equipment, face cloths, deodorant, and much more. The majority of this is donated by members of the Northwood congregation. In addition, we have a very modest budget which we use to "fill in any gaps."

By supporting The Shoebox Mission, the congregation at Northwood truly becomes the hands and feet of Christ. Be assured that your generosity makes a big difference in the lives of those who have very little.

Respectfully submitted – Brenda Persiani

STARBUCKS – Surrey Urban Mission

A small group at Northwood continues to collect left-over food twice weekly from Starbucks on Fraser Highway, bring it to the church, sort, wrap, and freeze it, and every few weeks deliver it to Surrey Urban Mission for their meal program. A few more volunteers would be welcome. If you are interested in helping out once every two to three weeks for an hour or so and have a vehicle, please contact Bernie Sheppard.

Respectfully submitted – John Payne

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop had another good year yet saw significant changes in how we handle the garbage, recycling, and organics that occur specific to the Thrift Shop. All this has been accomplished largely due to Doug Tingley's initiative which coincided with the handling of the same for the church itself.

Our Thrift Shop is still very much a hub where many community people meet and spend time, not only shopping, but visiting with staff and each other. Friendships have formed that may never have existed otherwise. This alone is a huge benefit to not only us, but the surrounding community.

We have about 40 volunteers who work at least one of the three days we are open – Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. A number of these are from the community – not attached to the church, but who love to help there and who are completely invested in our efforts to help our own people and those around us. There are many things associated with the operation that used to be done after-hours and many of our volunteers willingly do what they can to get things done. Fixing watches so they are sellable, taking donations we can't sell to Value Village, taking recyclables to the specific recycling outlets (glass, broken dishes, etc), researching the value of quality items, and putting items on Facebook Marketplace are just a few of the extra things our people take on.

We are truly blessed by the work our volunteers do and I, along with Pat Campbell (who looks after staffing for Saturday openings), wish to thank them all for their enthusiasm. There's a LOT of love and laughter happening within those walls which keeps our clients returning, as well as ourselves.

Again, to all the volunteers, a huge "Thank You!" You are all so appreciated. Blessing to all of you!

Respectfully submitted – Gwen Sergius

UMBRELLA GROUP

After 20 years, the Umbrella Ministry has come to an end. This past year, since a change in management at Translink Lost Property, we no longer have been able to get a regular supply of umbrellas. This has been both a good fundraiser and an outreach program, as over the years we have donated many umbrellas to numerous places, including The Front Room.

Over the past 20 years the Umbrella Ministry had raised \$22,053.10 for Northwood.

<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
\$1,756	\$2,418	\$ 835.50	\$1,295.50	\$1,367.75	\$ 441	\$1,145	\$ 985
<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
\$1,378	\$1,008.40	\$1,062.45	\$ 858	\$ 791	\$ 903	\$ 993	\$1,389
<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>			
\$1,597.50	\$1,829	\$1,736.50	\$1,626.75	\$ 279			

The proceeds of any remaining umbrellas will go to the thrift shop. Thank you to all who have helped with this ministry.

Respectfully submitted – Pat Campbell

WHITE GIFT MINISTRY

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Northwood congregation the White Gift Ministry raised \$2,095.00 this year! Because of this, we were able to help out 7 individuals or families with Christmas hampers ... a total of 9 adults and 9 children. We were also able to provide a large emergency food hamper to a family in crisis. Once all the shopping was done, we were left with just over \$400.00 that will be used to support the various food ministries at Northwood.

Thank-you to everyone who donated money, gifts, or their time this year. We had 6 volunteers that finished off the shopping, assembled and delivered the hampers. It is such an amazing and humbling experience to participate in this ministry and we are always looking for more volunteers. If you would like to find out more information about what's involved, please speak with Candie MacMillan (in person or via email at candiemacmillan@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted – Candie MacMillan

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

NORTHWOOD CHURCH JAPANESE CHURCH MINISTRY

JAPANESE WORSHIP & GATHERING REPORT

Led by Rev. Shigenori Sugimoto and Rev. Scott Turnbrook, worship services were held once a month, on the first Sunday of the month (except February, May, September and December). Gatherings were held on the third Sunday. Congregants gathered for a small worship service and to discuss church management and upcoming topics.

Month	Date	Type of Meeting	Led by . . .	Att'd
January	6	Gathering		6
	20	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	9
February	3	Cancelled due to snow		-
	17	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	13
March	3	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	14
	17	Gathering		8
April	7	Gathering		7
	21	Worship/Easter Party	Rev. Sugimoto Rev. Turnbrook	20
May	5	Gathering – cancelled		-
	19	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	17
June	2	Worship		17
	23	Gathering	Rev. Sugimoto	9
July	7	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	13
	21	Gathering		8
August	4	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	14
	18	Gathering		7
September	8	Worship – Annual Memorial Service	Rev. Sugimoto Rev. Turnbrook	7
	22	Gathering		15
October	6	Worship	Rev. Sugimoto	15
	20	Gathering		6
November	3	Worship Social Gathering	Rev. Sugimoto	18
	17	Gathering		6
December	21	Worship/Christmas Party	Rev. Sugimoto Rev. Turnbrook	23

Respectfully submitted – Noriko Miki

JAPANESE SENIORS' GATHERING REPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jan 8	12	How to make mochi
Feb 12	-	cancelled due to snow
Mar 12	13	Introduction course for prevention of dementia
Apr 9	10	Talked about hearing aids and brain training (games & origami)
May 14	11	Walk cancelled due to rain. Instead, we talked about future programs at the church.
Jun 11	10	How to make bath bombs
Jun 25	26	Advanced care lecture by Fraser Health
Jul 9	11	BBQ at Bear Creek Park and walk in the park
Jul 23	24	Advance care lecture by Fraser Health
Aug	-	Summer break
Sep 10	25	Advance planning lecture by a lawyer
Sep 24	15	Self-Shiatsu lesson
Oct 8	12	How to make air freshener spray
Oct 22	16	Lecture by Service Canada regarding Canada Pension Plan
Nov 12	11	How to make bath bombs
Nov 26	16	Hearing aid lecture by Wavefront Centre
Dec 10	12	Bingo game with assorted prizes given.

Respectfully submitted – Naoko Ezaki

JAPANESE FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	Actual Jan-Dec 2019	Budget 2020
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 2,500.00
Special Offerings	\$ 2,170.00	\$ 600.00
Easter Offering	\$ 620.00	\$ 400.00
Annual Memorial Service Offering	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,000.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 981.60	\$ 700.00
Senior Gathering Fees	\$ 448.00	\$ 200.00
Memorial Donations	\$ 700.00	\$ -
Cheque from NWUC	\$ 3,518.05	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,207.65	\$ 9,000.00

EXPENDITURES	Actual Jan-Dec 2019	Budget 2020
Pulpit Supply	\$ 2,813.60	\$ 2,900.00
Music Supply	\$ 550.00	\$ 600.00
Pastoral Care	\$ 154.45	\$ 200.00
Senior Gathering	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 50.00
To NWUC	\$ 9,689.60	\$ 5,100.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,207.65	\$ 9,000.00

Respectfully submitted – Naoko Ezaki

CHURCH & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



CHURCH & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Dan Hearty - Chairperson

2019 was a fairly quiet year around our church, at least as far as property management was concerned. After 2018's whirlwind of activity, we were able to stand down a bit.

Routine maintenance was carried out, of course: gutters were cleaned, lawns were mowed, parking lots were cleared, the care of the church was carried on.

A few projects were carried out last year. A team led by Brian Martin and Marilyn Bargaen did an extensive restoration of the Memorial Garden. While completion of the project awaits the coming of spring, the Garden looks much better already! Thirty-five new rectangular tables were purchased to reduce our dependence on table rentals at events such as the Fall Fair and the Christmas Craft Fair. This coincided with the disposal of the old heavy wooden tables, which were no longer in usable condition.

Of course, the event that stands out in 2019 was the loss of Brian Martin in the summer. Brian was a tireless proponent of the church and his interest in property management issues and willingness to make change happen made him a valuable asset to our church family.

One of the projects that Brian had started to look into was the replacement of the two large heating units on the roof, that heat the narthex, the Fireside Room and the Sanctuary. While they are still working, they are over twenty years old and should be replaced in the fairly near future. New units would be considerably cheaper to run and would have the benefit of providing air conditioning as well as heat. This would be an expensive project, however, and some sort of special fundraising would be needed.

Our office administrator, Janice Meeks, has been doing a splendid job coordinating all of our rentals. The church building is well-used, and the rental fees are a significant addition to our church income. Our custodial staff, Tammy Madigan and Steve MacMillan, have also been doing a fine job in their realm of keeping the church spic and span on a daily basis.

A new Church and Property Management team has been assembled as of January 2020, and consists of Ian McLeod, Marilyn Bargaen, Doug Tingley, Rod Carter, and myself. We will do our best to carry on Brian Martin's work and keep our church building in good condition.

Respectfully submitted –

Dan Hearty

CUSTODIAL STAFF

Being a custodian at Northwood involves many different areas. Here are some of my duties and the days I do them:

Monday mornings I come in at 7:15 am or 8:45 if my kids didn't go to daycare. I empty all garbage and recycling bins and put new bags in. I then clean all bathrooms – toilets, counters, sinks, walls, floors, and refill all toiletries. I then dust and vacuum the Gathering Area, Fireside Room, and classrooms. I stack all the chairs and put away tables. I clean the kitchen and wash the floors. I then put all tables and chairs back and wipe down everything in the sanctuary. I then do all windows. That is all done usually by 10:15-10:30am. If I start at 7:15 I can usually have this all done by 10:15-10:30am. If I start at 8:45 I'm done by 11:00 or so. Then I come back at 4:45 -5:00 pm and do all the daycare rooms - floors, bathrooms, and garbage. I'm usually done that by 6:00-6:30 pm.

On Tuesday morning I come in and recheck everything else that might need to be done. Every weekday evening I clean the daycare. Wednesday mornings I come in and vacuum the sanctuary floors and make sure it's tidy. I come in every morning and check for messes and clean them accordingly.

I also take care of anything outside as well any mess left behind by campers or addicts hanging around leaving paraphernalia. I pick up dead rats and any needles that are lying around, I take care of the leaves and sweep all entrances and shovel and salt in the winter. I know you might never see all that stuff cause I'm only one person but the reason no one else sees all the mess I do clean is because I have been there and cleaned it before anyone gets there.

I also clean and dust the stage and choir area every other day and vacuum and clean the choir room as well. I fix things that need replacing or repairing. If I can't fix it, I get someone who can. I order all the cleaning supplies and make sure we always have what we need on hand. I handle anything that requires attention as it comes to my attention. I will serve as a Rental Host at funeral services when requested. And I help teach the children on Sundays.

I sometimes have to sort through the garbage when the recycling hasn't been done properly. I keep peace with the daycare by assisting them when needed. I unclog toilets and sinks if need be and I think I mentioned already that when we have people who drop off garbage and tear bags of clothes and leave a mess all over I clean that too. I also do grounds control by making sure I pick up any hazardous materials and garbage that is on property. I change the sign outside when Scott needs it. And I am happy to assist and help with new families that may be struggling with anything in my area of experience.

Respectfully submitted – Tammy Madigan

CUSTODIAL STAFF – cont.

Steve MacMillan is Northwood’s weekend custodian. He is on-site Friday evenings to ensure the safety and security of our youth groups, as well as general custodial duties including cleaning the washrooms, vacuuming and mopping the Gathering Area and Fireside Room, and cleaning the offices, as well as other cleaning that needs doing.

On Sunday mornings he opens the church and has a set-up routine to prep for Sunday service. He is also on-site security during service and does a couple of walk-arounds the building and parking lot. He is a point person for questions and any set up/take down/lock-up that happens. Steve also attends to the custodial needs of the Thrift Store 3 days per week.

This is just a brief description of the main duties he performs on a weekly basis.

Respectfully submitted – Steve MacMillan

DONATION RECORDER

2019 Number of Identifiable Givers

Givers via assigned envelopes	85
Givers via PAR	45
Givers All Others	<u>210</u>
TOTAL GIVERS	<u>340</u>

Kindly refer to Reverend Scott/Chair David's February 16, 2020 Letter of Appreciation and Donor Highlights for a complete synopsis of Northwood's faithful supporters' contributions.

Respectfully submitted – Delores Wanders



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February 16, 2020

Dear Faithful Supporter of Northwood United,

Please find enclosed your official tax receipt for your financial contributions that have helped to support the vital ministry of Northwood United Church through our ministry year of 2019. As we approach our AGM on March 1st, this is truly at time of celebrating people's ongoing commitment to our collective ministry through Northwood! Your belief in, and contribution to, our ministry is truly a deep responsibility and a blessing!

On behalf of all who experience Northwood's ministry, we want to thank you for YOUR support. Your gifts of financial support and 'gifts in kind' support the diverse ministries of the church ranging from worship, spiritual growth, working together to provide tangible clothing and household goods for those in the community, creating circles of friendship and spiritual nurture, support for children and youth spiritual development, support for people in times of transition, and care for those who are sick or grieving. Indeed, the ministry that God has called and equipped us to fulfill is VERY BROAD and we could not do it without YOU. Our vision as a church is to "*embrace the community with the love of Christ*" and your contributions allow this vision to be lived out!

Some of you have offered support on a regular basis through offering envelopes, some make your contributions directly through P.A.R. (Pre-Authorized Remittances ~ monthly debits through your bank account), and others have mailed in or dropped off contributions through the year. Large or small, regular or occasional, all you offer makes our united ministry possible. Please know that we respect, and hold in confidence, the offerings people make, and that your Ministry Team and Board practice prayerful stewardship with your donations throughout the year. For a full financial accounting of 2019, please visit our website or request a printed copy of our annual report. Thank you for partnering in this ministry to which we are ALL called to.

Every so often, we get inquiries about how one may allocate their donations. There are three areas which you may choose from: "*Local*" directs your donation to be used within the congregation of Northwood which supports the ongoing ministries of Northwood. "*M & S*" directs your donation to the national church's "Mission and Service" fund which supports the missionary work that is done globally. "*Other*" provides an opportunity for you to designate funds to a specific ministry within Northwood such as Children's Ministry, Food Pantry Ministry, Property Contingency Fund.

As we move ahead into 2020, we are excited to continue offering the ongoing and innovative ministries in which Northwood continues to be called. Each New Year is also a time where we all evaluate our personal household budgets and plan our expenditures for the coming year. We invite you to consider, along with your other priorities, how you will continue to support your spiritual home of Northwood. While we seek to be careful with our expenditures, our operational costs continue to rise. Our 'dream' would be that people prayerfully discern a monthly budget towards supporting their church and consistently offer this donation via P.A.R. or by monthly cheque. We do get inquiries into what an appropriate donation amount should be. We would be pleased to discuss this; however, the ultimate answer is one is discerned between the donor and God. To give people a 'snapshot' of the range of donations, we have enclosed a 'step chart' on the back of this page to show the range of donations that were made by people in 2019.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Rev. G. Scott Turnbrook ~ Coordinating Minister

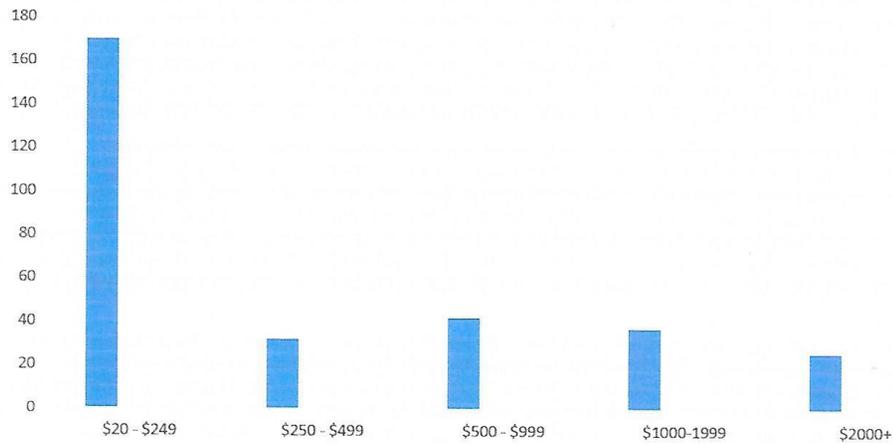
David Mahiban ~ Ministry Board Chair

HIGHLIGHTS of TOTAL DONORS FOR 2019

- There were **340 total donors** to Northwood United Church
- **85 active donors** gave by an assigned offering envelope
- **45 donors** gave by P.A.R. (Pre-authorized Remittance ~ i.e. direct withdrawal from Bank account)
- **33 donors** gave under \$20. (*Unfortunately, we do not offer a charitable tax receipt for donations under \$20*)

Giving Summary for 2019 Offerings

*This chart outlines the number of donors in each giving category



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of the life of Northwood United Church. Throughout the years, money has been raised for either the basic upkeep and maintenance of the church building and grounds or for special projects. These events are promoted and staffed by different sections or people within the church, often involving the same people year after year. Although the dynamics and specifics of these fundraisers have changed over the years, one thing is certain, lots of love and laughter was always present. Who can think of the Plant and Garden Sale and not picture Brian Martin in his 'gardening' outfit? Or think of the Spring Fashion Show & Tea and not remember the beautiful teacups and saucers that graced the lovely, pastel-covered tables? And the ever-present question around the Fall Fair, "Will it rain?" Memories of these events can be an impetus to continue. That, and considering the fact that despite occasional setbacks, the congregation always found a way to fund the projects they deemed necessary. Thank you to everyone for their continual support.

Here are the main fundraising efforts from 2019:

April	Purdy's Easter Fundraiser
May 4	Spring Fashion Show & Tea
May 25	Plant & Garden Sale
September 14	Fall Fair
November 2	Craft Fair
December	Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser

Respectfully submitted – Janice Meeks

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Before his passing, Brian Martin had a passion for and a desire to clean up and beautify our Memorial Garden area. With that in mind, he and Marilyn Borgen made arrangements to have a load of topsoil brought in. Brian made extensive plans for shrub and perennial flower planting. Carol Dixon, Wes Warren, and Marilyn Borgen are continuing to carry out Brian's wishes and plans. Wes planted bulbs in the fall and shade shrubs and plants will be purchased and planted in the spring. Brian also had a desire to see his inukshuk at the centre of the garden and that will also be placed later this coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Borgen

RENTALS

Rentals continue to be an important factor in the financial health of Northwood United. 2019 saw us finish out the year with 10 long-term renters with at least another 4 beginning in early 2020. These groups range from meeting once a month to three times a week. Even small amounts add up to a significant income over a year.

We were also pleased to be the venue of choice for a number of organizations' yearly retreats, festivals, and concerts. The local chapter of the Registered Music Teachers' Association meets here on a regular basis and a number of music teachers find this a preferred location for their recitals, concerts, and workshops. We are always delighted to host two weeks of Music Festival and even managed one round of Royal Conservatory Piano Exams last year. There are a number of groups that use our facilities on a regular basis for their meetings, including three choirs, as well as individuals and groups that rent for a specific party or celebration.

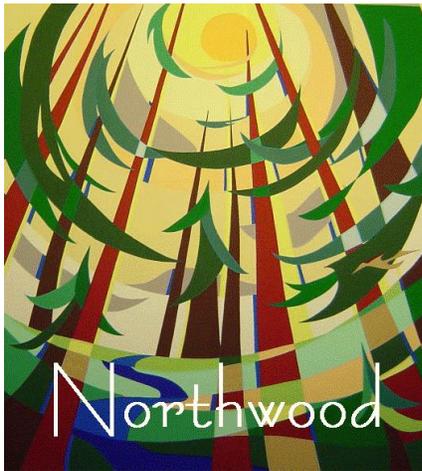
We continue to expand our spiritual affiliations as well providing space for Jesus Vision Korean Baptist Church and Jesus Rock of Ages Ministry. JRAM held a VBS program in the church last summer and has rented space since then for a number of their gatherings including their Christmas Day service and lunch. We also continue to host a number of BC Conference (now Pacific Mountain Region) gatherings.

Our rental fees increased slightly but are still very competitive in the region. Continuing with a \$30.00 custodial fee for event renters proved to be problematic, both in terms of staffing and payment. With that in mind, it was decided that we would hire and pay Rental Hosts \$15.00/hour to provide set-up, security, take-down, and closing for our event renters. Renters pay a flat \$50 fee (or \$15/hr for >3hours) for this service. It is early, but results show an increased peace of mind for both us and the renters.

A big challenge continues to be recycling of used goods. While we realize it will take time to accustom everyone to using the appropriate bins, renters have proven to be the biggest challenge. Steps are being taken to rectify that in the new year.

All in all, we appear to have a good group of long-term renters who present few problems. Sometimes juggling rental times and existing church programs has been tricky, but everyone in the church has been most gracious in accommodating our growing rental 'business.' Thank you to everyone who contributes to making our space warm and inviting. It's truly a testament to you when renters return time and time again, loving our space and the experience here.

Respectfully submitted – Janice Meeks



Financial statements

Northwood United Church

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Statement of receipts and disbursements

For the year ended December 31	Actual 2019	Budget 2019
Receipts		
Local offerings (Note 4)	\$ 166,870	\$ 178,000
Thrift shop sales (Note 4)	77,500	77,500
Building rentals (Note 4)	70,472	50,500
Designated offerings (Note 4)	15,079	16,000
Fundraising (Note 5)	17,278	22,000
Other	12,781	18,000
	<u>359,980</u>	<u>362,000</u>
	359,980	362,000
Fixed disbursements		
Salaries and wages (Note 6)	186,760	191,750
Church management ministry (Schedule 1)	80,633	98,431
Designated gifts (Note 4)	11,419	17,163
National Assessment/ Pacific Mountain Region	18,345	18,346
	<u>297,157</u>	<u>320,740</u>
	297,157	320,740
Net receipts over fixed disbursements	<u>62,823</u>	<u>41,260</u>
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Disbursements		
Worship and pastoral care ministry (Schedule 1)	20,256	27,090
Community and global development ministry (Schedule 1)	7,029	5,800
Japanese ministry (Schedule 1)	3,510	3,664
Spiritual development ministry (Schedule 1)	7,048	10,706
Ministry board	1,245	-
	<u>39,088</u>	<u>47,260</u>
	39,088	47,260
Other cash receipts and disbursements		
Property contingency fund (Note 9)	2,671	(5,000)
Trust funds to be transferred to General Operating Fund	<u>-</u>	11,000
Trust funds (Schedule 2)	<u>(28,977)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(26,306)</u>	<u>6,000</u>
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Deficiency of receipts over disbursements (Note 12)	\$ (2,571)	\$ -

Statement of changes in equity

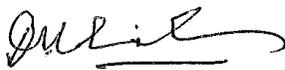
For the year ended December 31	General operating fund	Property	Property contingency fund	Trust funds (Schedule 2)	Total
Equity, beginning of the year	\$ -31,752	\$ 6,213,300	\$ 32,156	\$ 76,664	\$ 6,290,367
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	23,735	-	2,671	(28,977)	(2,571)
Increase to property value (Note 1)	-	(218,700)	-	-	(218,700)
Equity, end of year	<u>\$ (8,017)</u>	<u>\$ 5,994,600</u>	<u>\$ 34,827</u>	<u>\$ 47,687</u>	<u>\$ 6,069,096</u>

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Balance sheet

December 31	2019	2018
Assets		
Current		
Cash and short term investments (Note 2)	\$ 72,518	\$ 74,097
GST rebate receivable	<u>1,978</u>	<u>2,970</u>
	74,496	77,068
Property (Note 3)	<u>5,994,600</u>	<u>6,213,300</u>
	<u>\$ 6,069,096</u>	<u>\$ 6,290,368</u>
Equity		
General operating fund	\$ -8,017	\$ -31,752
Property	5,994,600	6,213,300
Property contingency fund	34,827	32,156
Trust funds (Schedule 2)	<u>47,687</u>	<u>76,664</u>
	<u>\$ 6,069,096</u>	<u>\$ 6,290,368</u>

On behalf of the Board


 Ministry Board Chair


 Treasurer

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The church follows the cash basis method for recording transactions. All cash receipts are recorded at the time they are received. All cash disbursements are recorded at the time they have been paid.

Cash and short-term investments

The church maintains two bank accounts, one for the general operations of the church and one for the maintenance of the designated and memorial funds held in trust. Note 2 shows the breakdown of the cash and short-term investments.

Property

Land and building have been valued at their estimated fair market value. These values are determined based on the BC Assessment Authority notices. In the current year, the values were adjusted from the 2018 to the 2019 estimated property values. The total decrease was \$218,700.00 over the previous year and this amount was adjusted through Property equity. See Note 3 for further details on these changes.

Equity

In accordance with the Act of Incorporation of the United Church of Canada in 1925, the equity of the Northwood Pastoral Charge is vested entirely in the corporate body, the United Church of Canada.

2. Cash and short-term investments	2019	2018
General operating fund	\$ (9,997)	(34,724)
Property contingency fund	34,827	32,156
	<u>24,830</u>	<u>(2,568)</u>
Trust funds	38,138	67,181
Trust funds (investments)	9,551	9,484
	<u>47,688</u>	<u>76,665</u>
	<u>\$ 72,518</u>	<u>74,097</u>

3. Property	2019 Fair market value	2018 Fair market value
Land	<u>\$ 4,456,000</u>	<u>4,657,000</u>
Building	<u>1,538,600</u>	<u>1,556,300</u>
	<u>\$ 5,994,600</u>	<u>6,213,300</u>

4. Cash receipts

During the fiscal year, local offerings received were significantly lower than the budget by more than \$11,000 and short of the prior year actual results by approximately almost \$14,000. The 2019 budget for local offerings was estimated to be lower than 2018 according to the trend of the last three years. This shortfall is likely due to a combination of factors including the timing of when receipts are recognized (on a cash basis), the redirection of giving from local offering in support of specific trust funds, and a decline in congregational membership.

The Thrift Shop sales were exactly as expected in the budget. At the same time it managed to operate with lower expenses than expected in the budget by over \$1,600. This is good news because this put a stop to a trend towards lowering revenues from the prior years before 2018.

The building rentals were significantly higher than expected in the budget by almost \$20,000 as well as the rentals of 2018. This is due mostly to the special efforts of our Office Administrator in finding groups that use the building.

As of December 31st, there was an excess of cash received of close to \$3,700. Most of this amount is a balance of more than \$3,500 payable to the United Church for Mission & Services. The rest is a modest amount for the White gift donations collected and not yet spent.

5. Fundraising and Other Revenues

During the year the church undertakes a variety of fundraising activities to help generate additional funding for the ongoing operations. 2019 fundraising proceeds were less than expected in the budget by almost \$5,000 and lower than the 2018 proceeds by \$6,000. Of this total, approximately \$9,000 (\$10,700 in 2018) was directly related to the fall fair which took place in September. Net contributions to Northwood's general operating fund from fundraising activities was \$17,300 (\$23,300 in 2018).

There was a Canadian federal grant for the hiring of a summer student of almost \$4,000 received.

6. Salaries and wages

Disbursements on salaries and wages were below budget by approximately \$5,000 for the 2019 fiscal year. The budget had allowed for the use of \$11,000 trust utilization in order to hire a CDM (Congregational Development Minister) to assist in many roles to support our spiritual development and other ministries. This amount was not transferred for this use to our General Operating account since we weren't successful in hiring a candidate for this position. Thus the savings in this budget item.

7. Ministry disbursements

There were no large projects during the fiscal year, allowing for lower expenditures during 2019. Costs were lower than budgeted by almost \$18,000 and lower than 2018 by a significant \$50,842 as well as the use of \$15,000 Property Contingency fund. The absence of these major costs such as incurred through the roof repairs in 2018 has allowed us to have a healthy surplus during 2019.

Church utilities, mostly Fortis BC and BC Hydro were much lower than expected by over \$15,000. This was caused by the fact that we were credited throughout much of the year from overpayments endured through the 2017-2018. Maintenance costs were higher than expected by over \$4,000 although significantly lower than 2018 since there were fewer repairs such as the heat pumps. The Thrift shop expenses were significantly lower than budgeted by almost 1,400. By far almost all of the expenses are within a few hundred dollars (plus or minus), thus minimal variance from the budget for the fiscal year 2019 for those items. Many of these Church Management expenses are fixed and not negotiable.

The Worship and Pastoral Care ministry disbursements were lower than budgeted by almost \$7,000. Note that honorariums for music and pulpit supply as well as funerals/weddings of \$5,000 were significantly lower than the prior year (\$11,000 in 2018). These costs are covered by offerings for these services. Jazz Vespers worship services disbursements were approximately \$1,900 lower than budget. Jazz Vespers generated a net surplus of approximately \$3,300 (\$3,500 in 2018) during this seventh year of worship services. Total offerings from these services were \$13,492 and total disbursements were \$10,207 which related to supplies and musician costs. Donations received at the Jazz Vespers services are included in the local offering.

When taking into consideration the gifts in kind received for the Community and Global Development ministry (see Note 8), spending was over budget by \$1,229 (over budget in 2017 by \$700).

The Japanese ministry disbursements were under budget for the 2019 fiscal year by only \$154. There were no significant variances from last year on spending. During the year this ministry generated a net surplus of receipts over disbursements of \$3,000 (net surplus of \$4,050 in 2018).

When taking into consideration the gifts in kind received for the Spiritual Development ministry (see Note 8), spending was under the budget by almost \$3,700 (\$950 in 2018). The Spiritual practices alternatives have used up all of the initial United Church grant from 2017. Our youth ministry continues to be a vital component and we will continue to find ways to adequately support growth in this area in the future.

8. Gifts-in-kind

In addition to receiving cash donations during the year, almost \$5,000 (\$5,200 in 2018) was received as gifts in kind to further support the objectives of the church. The following schedule shows the breakdown of the ministry areas that received these gifts.

Gift- in - kind disbursements	2019	2018
Spiritual development ministry		
Children's church books & supplies	-	63
Junior youth supplies	46	619
Refreshments	104	-
Senior Youth	40	-
	<u>190</u>	<u>682</u>
Community and global development ministry		
Shoebox ministry	44	189
White gifts	364	-
Fundraising event supplies	471	1,092
Food programs	1,575	1,621
Thrift shop supplies	31	282
	<u>2,484</u>	<u>3,183</u>
Worship and pastoral care ministry		
License and music supplies	-	35
Worship supplies	47	74
Technical supplies	107	-
	<u>154</u>	<u>109</u>
Church management ministry		
Building maintenance	201	30
Office supplies	165	84
Grounds maintenance	382	67
Thrift shop maintenance	-	63
Janitorial Supplies	19	-
Kitchen maintenance & supplies	374	-
	<u>1,141</u>	<u>244</u>
Refugee sponsorship fund	<u>986</u>	<u>977</u>
	<u>4,955</u>	<u>5,195</u>

9. Property contingency fund

During the fiscal year, the congregation continued to give to the property contingency fund. In total \$2,671 (\$3,011 in 2018) was given to the church in 2018. Though originally \$5,000 was budgeted for some repairs in 2019, it wasn't used (whereas \$15,000 was used for roof repairs in 2018). As at December 31, 2019 the balance in the fund was \$34,827.

10. Trust funds

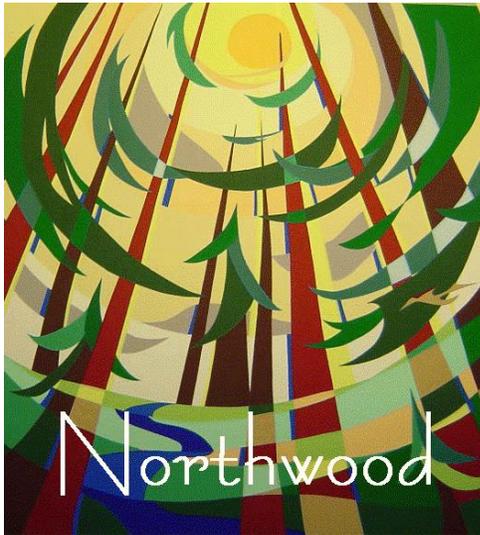
During the fiscal year, the congregation continued to give to the designated and memorial funds held in trust. Overall, over \$43,345 was received in trust in 2019 (\$65,080 in 2018 and \$9,000 in 2017). Of this amount, nearly \$37,000 relates to the refugee sponsorship fund that was established in 2017. They have used up the fund during 2019, a total of \$71,151.

We also received over \$5,000 in the Memorial funds (\$45,000 in 2018). Though \$11,000 was budgeted for 2019 ministry expenses we didn't transfer them from the Memorial trust fund since there was a surplus in the General operating fund of \$26,406.

SCHEDULE 1 – MINISTRY DISBURSEMENTS	Actual	Budget
For the year ended December 31	2019	2019
Church management ministry		
Church utilities	\$ 23,403	\$ 38,662
Maintenance	27,053	22,997
Property taxes	9,750	10,650
Insurance	8,706	8,544
Office supplies	6,148	6,628
Thrift shop utilities and maintenance	2,638	4,280
Other	1,870	500
Bank charges	1,066	1,220
	<u>80,633</u>	<u>93,481</u>
Worship and pastoral care ministry		
Jazz Vespers supplies	10,207	12,090
Honorariums (music and pulpit supply)	2,799	4,800
Licence and music supplies	2,129	1,200
Worship supplies	1,798	600
Technical supplies	572	125
Honorariums (funerals and weddings)	2,245	7,950
Prayer shawl ministry	416	100
Pastoral care supplies	59	125
Healing touch ministry	30	100
	<u>20,256</u>	<u>27,090</u>
Community and global development ministry		
Fundraising event supplies	2,393	2,500
Sunday coffee time supplies	752	700
Food programs	2,711	800
Thrift shop supplies	288	500
Shoe box ministry	822	500
Emergency shelter outreach	-	400
Benevolent fund spending	-	400
Diversity	63	-
	<u>7,029</u>	<u>5,800</u>
Japanese ministry		
Pulpit supply	2,814	2,844
Pastoral care	-	160
Musician	550	600
Families/ Seniors	147	60
	<u>3,510</u>	<u>3,664</u>
Spiritual development ministry		
Supplies	1,510	1,350
Spiritual practices alternatives (SPA)	1,834	1,100
Junior youth	610	4,670
Children's church	1,803	687
Senior youth	198	350
Social committee	1,094	2,550
	<u>\$ 7,049</u>	<u>\$ 10,707</u>

Schedule 2 – Changes in Trust Funds

Trust funds	Year ended December 31, 2018	Opening balance	Contribution s	Net interest earned	Disbursement s	Ending balance
F&J Carter Children and Youth Bursary fund	\$	2,845	190	\$	(1,210)	\$ 1,825
Investment in People Fund		1,648				1,648
Ladies united circle retreat fund		4,983	953	1		5,937
Memorial fund - unspecified		29,952	5,083	7		35,042
Memorial fund - capital		255				255
Refugee sponsorship fund		34,012	36,923	17	(71,151)	-199
Senior choir special gift fund		771	210			981
Wendy Tocher Children and Youth Music fund		2,199				2,199
	\$	<u>76,665</u>	<u>43,359</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>(72,361)</u>	<u>\$ 47,488</u>



2020 Operating Budget

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