

# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

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## TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

- God is calling us to provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere for all ages in which we care for each other with compassion and trust.
- God is calling us to provide programs which encourage spiritual growth and promote Christian values at all stages of our faith journey, including children, youth and adults.
- God is calling us to reach out and respond to the needs of the community and beyond, sharing our resources, facilities and energy.
- God is calling us to strive to be an example of Christian living, to be open to new ideas and to accept and respect our differences as we worship in Christian unity.

## TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

As a congregation of the United Church of Canada,  
acknowledging Jesus Christ as spiritual leader of the Church,  
we welcome all people in worship and fellowship.  
We encourage spiritual growth, based on biblical teaching  
and respond with love and compassion  
to the needs of our community and the world.

## **Report from the Board**

Despite the many changes this year our church has continued to thrive; our Sunday service has moved on-line and increased in popularity, our outreach programs have continued with only slight interruptions, the board and committees have continued to meet and make decisions that keep us moving forward, and our finances have been close to normal. The biggest loss, for which we have all been grieving, is the lack of in-person community. We have all missed seeing each other, missed laughing, missed working and worshipping side-by side. Now we can look forward to the time when we will all be together again.

This year we are especially grateful for friends outside the church. At the beginning of the pandemic Jason Whyte (Whitey) stepped up and offered his time, skills, and equipment to help us record our Sunday service and post it on YouTube for all to enjoy. Proper lighting, multiple cameras, and the location in our sanctuary with the organ, have made our services stand out in the on-line environment. Plans are in place to continue doing this on our own in the future, but alas, without Whitey, the experience will not be the same.

The future always brings changes and another one we anticipate is the retirement of our Minister, Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings. As of Easter Brian will be paddling his kayak away, leaving us to stand on the shore and grieve. The last nine years we have been blessed with his presence, his gentleness and his wisdom. He has inspired us, harangued us, joked with us and led us in the ways of God. But he has not managed to make us all fans of the Toronto Maple Leafs. We wish him (and his team) well and hope that he will often think fondly of us as we will of him.

It is not for us to know what is coming in the next year. We will trust in our God and the love that God instills in us all, that we may continue to be God's church, God's body, active in our community and in our world.

Danielle York and Ray Piercy, Board Co-chairs

## Minister's Report

Well, that was an odd year, but I'm glad to have been here with you, at least virtually. I learned a lot more than I ever really thought I wanted to learn about the Internet, Zoom, and how to tape and broadcast our weekly worship services. The pandemic forced me/us to go online and "get with the times". Thanks to the expertise of Jason Whyte (aka Whitey), we were able to do so quickly and it has been a very good thing. As compared to our previous weekly attendance, we have actually significantly increased the number of people joining Trinity worship services. This has already become a very different and important expression of Trinity United Church and our congregation has grown in many ways over the last year.

Our first attempt to broadcast the service live was in March and we had cables, phones, and a Hub set up in the sanctuary. All was in place and ready to go but at 10:28 (two minutes until start time), there was very large lightning strike and the Internet stopped working. I interpreted it as a sign from God to tell me it was time to retire...but we taped the service later in the day and Whitey posted it online Sunday afternoon. That was the start of our current practice to tape the services during the week and post them on Sunday mornings. We've had a lot of help with guest-singers and the Paul-talks have been a real hit too. Trinity has purchased cameras and screens for installation in the sanctuary so these broadcasts will continue even after the pandemic has ended. A new era has dawned.

Another way of reaching people this year has been the online posting of Trinity Musings. I get a lot of feedback from these postings; some very supportive and some...well...not so supportive, but quite a few people, even as far away as Ireland, have been reading them. Other people from our congregation (Barbara Downie, Beth Theis, Doug Harrison, and Mary Elizabeth Piercy) have written Ramblings for this readership and they were well received too. Again, we learned that going online has greatly increased the number of people who have some contact and interest in Trinity.

I do have to acknowledge that it has been a very lonely time for all of us who are part of this congregation. It's hard not to feel sadness when I walk into the empty church sanctuary or past the signup sheets for Coffee Hosts and Scripture Readers. No names have been added since March. That's when life changed for all of us. Preaching to a camera under bright production lights has been a learning experience for me and I'm glad we were able to do so, but it's a very poor substitute for seeing you in the pews.

In the spring, after 9 years serving in ministry here, I am retiring. It's hard to think of not being here to see you when you return in person, but these years have been a very meaningful and joyful time for me and I have deeply appreciated your faithful companionship on The Way. I trust that the excellent leadership of Trinity will find a very good minister to serve here next. A start and end date still needs to be posted beneath my picture in the banquet hall. I leave to start a new chapter in my life and I feel honoured to be included in the historical record of ministers who served this congregation. Please take good care of the next one too.

Shalom (peace out)  
Rev Brian Goodings (Go Leaf's go!)

**Trinity United Church Collingwood**  
**Annual General Meeting for 2019 held on**  
**Sunday February 9, 2020**

Approximately 65 people attended the Annual Meeting for 2019 in the Banquet Hall following the church service and brown bag lunch.

1. **Welcome** -Rev. Dr. Brian W. Goodings

At 12:05 p.m., the brown bag lunch, Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings welcomed all present.

2. **Commencement of Meeting:** Board Co-Chair

Kathryn Colantonio, as co-chair of the Official Board, began the meeting. She called for the following two motions:

3. **Motion:** that Ruth Crittenden be appointed Secretary of the meeting, Heather Ferguson and Lorraine Beattie. Motion carried.

4. **Motion:** that Ray Piercy be appointed Chairperson of the Meeting, Doug Mitchell and Patti Watson. Motion carried.

➤ Ray Piercy continued with the agenda of the meeting, as chair.

5. **Motion:** that all adults present shall be entitled to vote, Doug Mitchell and Beth Theis. Motion carried.

6. **Motion:** that the minutes from the AGM held on February 10, 2019 be accepted. Ruth Crittenden, Ralph Sneyd. Motion carried.

Chair thanked Ruth for her work as recording secretary for the congregation.

7. **Business Arising From the Minutes:** none

8. **Motion:** that Joy Barr be affirmed as UCW President for 2020, moved by Fran Reid and Kathryn Colantonio. Motion carried.

9. **Order Of Nathaniel** 2020 awarded during church service to the following:

Lori Forsythe	Michael White	George Christie
Wayne McInnes	Claire Bellamy	

## 10. **Trustee's Report**, David Holroyd

- Trustees will be meeting quarterly
- Have developed an Investment Policy, available to anyone to peruse.
- Jamie Forsythe has agreed to be on the Trustee Committee.

**Motion:** that the Trustees Report be Accepted, David Holroyd and Mike White. Motion carried.

## 11. **Treasurer's Report** – Doug Mitchell,

Doug extended thanks to the following:

- Hank Wells, Wayne Butters, and Joan Rainbird for their work as offering stewards. (Sunday count)
- Ruth Crittenden for her work with the Donation Program and issuing of the income tax receipts.
- Lori Forsythe, always on top of things, but especially for her diligence in procuring room rentals.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee, who do so much work on our building and property, and subsequently save us money by getting the job done before we have to call in the 'experts'.
- Thank you to PAR contributors who make the financial work that much easier.

Doug referred to the Balance Sheet (p. 39) and the Receipts and Disbursements Statements. (p. 40-41).

There has been an increase in rental income.

Thank you to the UCW for their fundraising contributions.

Doug stated that it has been a pleasure working as Treasurer of Trinity over the years.

Chair, Ray Piercy, thanked Doug for his diligent work over the last five years as our Treasurer. He has done a great job.

Ray extended a warm welcome to incoming Treasurer, Al Loughery.

**Motion:** that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, Doug Mitchell and Marg White. Motion carried.

## 12. **Operating Budget** -Doug Mitchell, p. 42-44

**Motion:** that the Operating Budget for 2020 be accepted, Ralph Sneyd, David Saunders. Motion carried.

13. **Motion:** that Doug French be appointed as Financial Reviewer for 2020 for the church and Trustee financials, Doug Mitchell, Danielle York. Motion carried.

14. **Motion:** that Trinity United Church, Collingwood target to give \$12,000 (twelve thousand) to the United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund in the year 2020. The UCW have pledged an additional contribution of \$5000.00 (five thousand), for a total goal of \$17,000.00 (seventeen thousand). Moved by Doug Mitchell and Beth Theis. Motion carried in a vote of 24 - 19.

- ❖ We are reminded that this figure is a target and whatever amount is contributed to Mission and Service will be transferred to the UCC Mission and Service, whether it is less or more than our target figure.

Thank you to our previous reviewer, John Myers.

### 15. **Annual Reports**

Ray addressed many of the reports to see if the author of the report wished to address their report or if there were any questions from the floor for that particular report.

It was noted that one new member, Ruth Boynton, was missed on the new member report. Ruth comes to Trinity from Knox United in Sutton. Ruth commented that it is an honour to be singing in the choir with this church.

Janie Jardine responded to a query about the Friendly Visitors. Special communions and home visits are part of the mandate of this committee. Those visited comprise of congregants and others who cannot physically be here in church, to make sure they feel a part of our congregation and do not feel left out.

Danielle York explained that the Strategic Planning Committee has disbanded; our contact with Edge is no longer with that group; and our fundraising campaign was very successful and will prolong the active life of our church. Great ideas came out of this committee as to how to grow our ministry. For instance, the very important Crockpot ministry undertaken by Barb Sneyd came out of a session of the Strategic Planning committee. We have so much to be celebrated.

June McEachern spoke to the Prayer Chain report. Rev. Brian thanked June for her dedicated work to this project.

Mary Elizabeth Piercy, in referring to the Sunday School Report, thanked Christine Brown for being the catalyst for renewing the children's bags found in the Narthex. She also thanked Mike White for the small table now located in the Narthex.

- ❖ Discussion ensued regarding attracting more children to our church. Since we have, for many years, tried to focus on this, it was suggested that it is the parents of the young people that we need to interest in coming to Trinity. With the parents engaged at some level, perhaps their children would also be here and involved in weekly pursuits. This would not necessarily be Sunday worship.

Action: the Spiritual Committee would be happy to incorporate this into their agenda for the coming year.

- ❖ We need to be proactive. We should visit healthy young congregations; is this a direction we wish to pursue?
- ❖ Each one of us has a responsibility to reach out to others to see if they would be interested in attending Trinity.

Ministry and Personnel's Dawn Myers thanked our staff and commented that we are lucky to have our staff that work so well as a team. When we reach out, staff is always happy to accommodate.

**Motion:** that all the reports for the year 2019 be accepted, Doug Mitchell and David Holroyd. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

### **16. Report of the Nominations Committee** Ray Piercy

We warmly welcome and thank:

- new Treasurer, Al Loughery
- two new vice-chairs – Len Logozar for Finance, and Doug Harrison for the Spiritual Committee.

Ray explained the slight changes to our Spiritual Committee structure. Kathryn Colantonio will continue to chair the meetings with Doug Harrison becoming the Vice-chair and also the Board representative for the Spiritual Committee.

- Amendments to the AGM list of committees: Patti Watson and Mike White are not members of the Spiritual Committee.

**Motion:** that the listed members be elected to the Official Board and standing committees, Kathryn Colantonio and John Brown. Motion carried.

**Motion:** that the listed members of the Trustee's be appointed, David Holroyd and Mike White.

Trustees: David Holroyd, Barry Rice, Garry Reid, Ruth Crittenden, and Jamie Forsythe.

Motion carried.

**Motion:** that the signing authority on the TD bank accounts be given to Danielle York, Ray Piercy, Al Loughery, and Wayne Butters on the basis of any two of the four may sign. Moved by Doug Mitchell and Patti Watson. Motion carried.

## 17. Discussion of Trinity's environmental friendliness.

**Motion:** from Marg Holroyd and David Holroyd, to create a Green Committee as a sub-committee of the Official Board to look into making Trinity greener and more environmentally friendly. Motion carried.

- Reminder from the floor that change happens incrementally. We need to maintain our sense of humour and realize that we should have realistic expectations when dealing with an older building.
- It might work well to include various committee members as representatives on this new committee.
- The use of water bottles and the paper Sunday bulletins are among the topics that could be addressed. (Please note: save a few bulletins on the table in the Narthex for Janie to take to those visited by the Friendly Visitors)
- Please note: Faithful Footprints: on the UCC website has good resources. ([https://www.faithcommongood.org/faithful\\_footprints](https://www.faithcommongood.org/faithful_footprints)). There is more information in the February issue of the Mandate magazine.

### **Closing Comments** -Rev. Dr. Brian W. Goodings

Two things to note:

Apologies to Ruth Boynton for neglecting her name on the new members list.

Remember that our new Treasurer's name, Al Loughery, is pronounced with a hard 'c' sound Lockery)

- It is an ongoing discussion regarding young people and children being involved in the church.
- Feels there is a good sense of humour here at Trinity – always important!
- During the Epiphany period we are reminded of the Magi who we can liken to ourselves as congregants; The Magi (and congregants) arrive with gifts; new folk offer new gifts to our church community. People will show up from other places, and other traditions, and we accept their gifts.
- It has been 8 years Rev. Brian has had the pleasure of being the minister at Trinity.

**Motion:** to adjourn, Doug Mitchell

## **Trinity Board and Standing Committees – Draft Feb. 3, 2021**

### **Trinity Board**

Co-Chairs – Danielle York, Doug Harrison

Secretary - Ruth Crittenden

Treasurer – Jennifer Young

Past Chair – Vacant

Ministry and Personnel Rep – Bev Mayberry

Regional Rep - Barbara Downie, Ruth Crittenden

Ex Officio Members:

Office Assistant – Lori Forsythe

Communication – John Brown

UCW Rep – Joy Barr

Board of Trustees Rep – Barry Rice

Outreach Rep – Vacant

Minister - Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings

### **Spiritual Committee**

Chair – Doug Harrison

Vice-Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Vacant

Worship Service and Sanctuary Liaison - Vacant

On-line Congregation Liaison – Doug Harrison

Communication – John Brown

Prayer Chain Contact - Ramona Van Slyke

Pew Pals Coordinator- Marg Holroyd

Friendly Visitors Coordinator – Janie Jardine

Shawl Ministry Coordinator – Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Faith Formation Coordinator – Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Spiritual Outreach Coordinator – Linda Murphy

United Church Women’s Representative – Ramona Van Slyke

Outreach and Social Action Representative - Barbara Downie

Member - Su Cook

Ex Officio Member – Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings

### **Outreach Committee**

Chair – vacant

Secretary – Beth Theis

Brenda Saunders

Dawn Myers

Barbara Downie

Marg White

Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Bev Mayberry

Minister - Rev. Dr. Brian Goodings

Mike White

Cathy Dorsey

Ralph Sneyd

Jane Palmer

Karina Logozar

Virginia Currie

Dave Saunders

Mary Ellen McNaught

**Ministry & Personnel**

Bev Mayberry (Chair)  
Marion Sinclair

Harold Ferguson  
Dawn Myers

**Board of Trustees**

Chair – Barry Rice  
Ruth Crittenden  
Rev. Brian Goodings

Jamie Forsythe  
Garry Reid

**Financial Committee**

Chair – Danielle York  
Vice-Chair – Vacant  
Secretary – Rose Hewitson  
Jamie Forsythe  
Fred Riemer  
Joanne Melnyk  
Hank Wells  
Jennifer Young

**Building & Grounds**

Chair – Danielle York  
Vice-Chair – Vacant  
Secretary – Rose Hewitson  
Jamie Forsythe  
Fred Riemer  
Joanne Melnyk  
Charlie Beattie  
Don McCullough  
Ray Piercy  
Custodian – Mike White

**United Church Women Executive**

President – Joy Barr  
Treasurer - Joan Rainbird Sharp  
Corresponding Secretary -Marg Crawford  
Social Convenor – Su Cook

First Vice-President -Ramona Van Slyke  
Secretary - Joanne Melnyk  
Past President – Sue Edmunds  
Social Convenor- Fran Reid

**Nominations Committee**

Chair – Ray Piercy  
Patti Watson

John Brown

## Trinity United Church Collingwood Congregational Contacts 2019

Adult Choir	Paul Sloan	Phil Watson
Alleluia Ringers	Maryellen Burgess	Heather Ferguson
Building Maintenance	Jamie Forsythe	Ray Piercy
Camp Simpresca	Ralph Sneyd	Barbara Downie
FC Christmas Bags	Jane Palmer	Barb Sneyd
Coffee Hosting	Christine Brown	Fran Reid
Communion	Barbara Downie	Su Cook
Community Dinner	Ralph Sneyd	Joanne Calvert
Custodian	Mike White	
Facebook	Danielle York	_____
Food Pantry	Su Cook	Lori Forsythe
Friendly Visitors	Janie Jardine	_____
Get Well Cards	_____	_____
Home Horizon	Dawn Myers	Joanne Calvert
Hospital Visitor	B. J. Hunter	
Broadview Magazine	Joan Boughton	
Offering Stewards	Joan Rainbird	Wayne Butters
Office Assistant	Lori Forsythe	
Prayer Chain	Ramona Van Slyke	Marg Crawford
Sanctuary Decoration	Claire Bellamy	
Scripture Readers	Heather Ferguson	_____
Shawl Ministry	Beth Theis	Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Sound Technicians	Tim Cook	Steve Czerny
Trinity Thinks	Rev. Paul Boughton	
Trinity News	John Brown	
UCW	Joy Barr	Sue Edmunds
Ushers and Greeters	John Brown	_____
Web Page	Ruth Crittenden	_____
White Gift Envelopes	Joanne Calvert	Jane Palmer

## Trinity Outreach Programs of 2020

This has been a difficult year to deliver many of the programs, in the same format as we have in past years. The impact of COVID-19 has required new approaches for our church and the greater community, and most of our programs have been able to adapt.

**Out of the Cold** in its first year of activity, saw Trinity contributing to the program of housing and feeding the homeless, by providing two dinners a month, year around. The first Wednesday of the month a group of volunteers headed by Karina and Jane provided the meal and the third Wednesday of the month the Community Dinner provided meals for the clients.

**The Community Dinner** evolved into a take home dinner after our closure in March. We managed BBQ in the parking lot, this summer and went back to take home meals in the Fall. As of December, we created a list of shut-ins to which we deliver meals. It was so successful we have expanded the list and are going to continue during this difficult time. While more expensive to operate it has reconnected many to Trinity and lifted spirits.

**The Food Pantry** has seen an increase in its use. This community ministry is even more needed at this time. Thank you, Lori, for all your work on this project and to our donors who make it possible. Also, a shout out to Mike and Brian who help distribute.

**The Warming Closet** has been able to continue with very strict protocols. Our thanks to Mike and Cathy for their service in trying to keep up with the need. New warm socks and gloves and toques are always needed as well as warm coats in good condition.

**The Coldest Night of the Year** was a great success again this year since it happened before the shut-down of the church. Our church hosted the event again as a fundraiser for Home Horizons and their outreach programs for homeless youth. This year the event raised \$60,000.

**The Christmas Gift Programs for Family Connexions** continued during our lockdown. While the number of gift bags were down, as it was difficult to shop, the white gift cheques were up by over \$1,000. Knit goods were also added to make local foster children's Christmas have some needed joy. Thank you, Jane, for your continued leadership of this activity.

Programs that were on hold in 2020 due to COVID-19 are:

- The Susan Wells Crock Pot Program
- Pickleball
- Trinity Talks
- Neighbourhood “Meet and Greet” BBQ
- Camp Simpresca
- Winter Farmers Market

Your Outreach team meets 6 times a year on the last Tuesday of the month at 4pm. Some have been backyard meetings and some have been Zoom meetings this year. Please come and join the group and bring your ideas of needed outreach by our church to our membership and the greater community.

Submitted by Barb Sneyd, Chairperson on behalf of the working team

## Spiritual Committee Report

There is nobody who wouldn't agree that 2020 has been an unusual year. The effect of the Covid-19 Pandemic has had a chilling effect on all activities; our church life included! We have had to adjust our lives in so many ways, some previously unthought of. And yet, here we are at the end of one church year and the beginning of another. We have been watched over by our Lord and have so far, as a congregation, survived the ravages of the pandemic. We have experienced fear, loneliness, and physical and social restraints like none can remember in our lifetime. But our faith has remained strong and we have found ways to come together in our adversity. We have again learned the importance of sharing our Christian love and caring for each other. And, actually, what is important and what is not! We have found solace in prayer and worship. We praise the Lord for the strength He has given each one of us.

The most noticeable and immediate result of the pandemic restrictions on worship was the cessation of our sanctuary worship services in March. But we were guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit to find a different way of worshipping. Quickly we moved into taped services presented on YouTube which became an instant success. Reverend Brian became an internet star and our spiritual growth and knowledge was able to continue with his weekly service. Paul Sloan as always provided excellent musical support and added interesting stories about our hymns. Although no choir, Melissa McInnes, Ray Piercy, Maryellen Burgess, Patti Watson, Jason Murphy, and Kathryn Colantonio provided solo musical support from time to time. However, we did miss our Alleluia Ringers. Of course, these worship service participants were provided production and technical assistance by the small team of Jason Whyte and Tim Cook. Restrictions relaxed a bit in December and the climax of these services was our annual cantata on December 20th with several singers dispersed safely throughout the sanctuary. Thanks to Ray Piercy for doing the leg-work to provide plastic safety shields.

Throughout the year, we have been very grateful for the support of the Buildings and Grounds Committee in assisting us with the physical preparations for worship services in the sanctuary, be they taped or physical. Keeping the sanctuary beautiful, clean, polished and appropriately decorated is no small task. We appreciate the dedication and commitment of the volunteers and staff who conduct these tasks.

Taped worship services were very satisfying for the congregation and attracted a large number of non-local viewers. So much so, that they will permanently continue but with a new twist. Soon they will be live-streamed rather than taped. Considerable equipment has been purchased and installed in the sanctuary to permit this arrangement. But, notwithstanding all these new and outstanding arrangements, we will all be very happy when restrictions end and we can once again physically gather in our beautiful sanctuary to sing, pray and reflect on God's word. And, maybe even enjoy a time of coffee and fellowship in the church hall after service!

Also developed for the duration of the pandemic were inspirational articles called “*Musings*” written by Reverend Brian. We all very much enjoyed these humorous but nonetheless serious articles on life during the pandemic! When Reverend Brian was absent, the trio of Beth Theis, Mary Elizabeth Piercy and Barbara Downie carried on the practice under the title of “*Ramblings*”. *Musings* and *Ramblings* always produced a bright spot in the restricted and controlled activities of our pandemic lives and were something we always looked forward to reading. We thank each of them from the bottom of our hearts for this meaningful pandemic diversion.

Of course, activities and programs other than worship suffered greatly during the past 10 months. Very few were able to continue. Your Spiritual Committee continued to meet every month except for July and August. Sometimes physically in the church narthex because we were less than 10 people and sometimes by Zoom.

Our Prayer Chain ministry became more vital to many of us as we realized how important this activity is in our lives. June McEachern and her team of volunteers kept us up to date. June retired this past December after 20 years of service as Prayer Chain contact. An abundance of thanks for your service to Trinity, June. May God bless you. Ramona Van Slyke has now taken over from June.

Pew Pals performed yeoman service by keeping in contact with members throughout the year. Although not really designed for an eventuality like the pandemic, Circle Leaders quickly adapted. I think we all learned from the pandemic situation how important it is to show our Christian love and caring affection for our fellow congregants. We are presently revising the Pew Pals program so it will be based on a congregational list rather than the pew. Our thanks go out to Circle Leaders Maria Mitchell, Janie Jardine, Wayne McInnes, Ruth Crittenden, Stewart Carter, John and Christine Brown, Lorraine Beatty, Arcot and Fred Riemer, Marg and Dave Holroyd, Brenda and Dave Saunders and Kathryn Colantonio. We are very grateful for the enthusiasm, time and effort they put into the program. We are looking for additional Circle Leaders so if you are interested please contact Marg Holroyd who is the new Pew Pals Coordinator.

It was very difficult, actually impossible, for the Friendly Visitors program to carry on effectively under the pandemic restrictions. Janie Jardine has volunteered to be the interim program coordinator until June 2021 but the Spiritual Committee is looking for a new person to coordinate this vital program in the future.

We have identified three groups in our church for whom we must provide some form of organized pastoral care. The first group is those local congregants who physically attend services or watch them on line. Pew Pals is intended to focus on this group. The second group is those local congregants who are shut-in or in care facilities. The Friendly Visitors team will focus on them. And, finally, our new third group is non-local live-

stream viewers. This is a new challenge but we think we should maintain some form of contact with those who regularly watch our live-stream services from afar. This will become a function of the On-Line Congregation Liaison member.

Our Shawl Ministry has remained very active despite the pandemic. It is lead by the trio of Barbara Downie, Mary Elizabeth Piercy and Beth Theis. With help from many wonderful crafters, shawls have continued to be made, blessed and distributed to those who have need of them. Shawls are available for those both within our congregation and outside.

Our Christian education activities now come under the moniker of "Faith Formation". Activities during the pandemic have mainly focused on opportunities available to stimulate spiritual growth and knowledge through the *Broadview* magazine and internet discussions through our Regional Council. Copies of the devotional *Our Daily Bread* remain available for home delivery.

The long awaited for Spiritual Outreach Study will get underway in January, 2021. Linda Murphy is the Team Leader, Patti Watson, Rachel Harrison and Doug Harrison are team members. This study will eventually provide recommendations on how to develop an enhanced spiritual outreach ministry in Trinity and in the process hopefully attract new members to our congregation.

Last but not least, we acknowledge the sterling communications support, advice and assistance received from John Brown throughout the past year.

One other activity of the Spiritual Committee team is of note. A new Committee structure was approved which we hope will make our work more efficient and effective.

Of course, we were saddened to hear of Reverend Brian's retirement. Sad news for us but happy for him after his many years of Christian service. Thank you, Reverend Brian, for the contribution you have made over the years to the spiritual life of Trinity. You will be sorely missed but we wish you well and Godspeed as you begin your retirement journey.

Although it has been a difficult year, we praise the Lord for His continuing presence in our lives. I think we have all learned a great deal about the dimensions of our faith, the importance of our Christian love and caring for others. Your Spiritual Committee is poised to move forward in renewed faith, energy and commitment to contribute to the future of our beloved Trinity United Church, Collingwood. God bless!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the 2020 Spiritual Committee: Kathryn Colantonio, Barbara Downie, Beth Theis, Mary Elizabeth Piercy, Su Cook, Ramona Van Slyke, Joan Boughton and John Brown.

Doug Harrison

Acting Chair

## **Spiritual Committee Organizational Structure-2021**

**Main functions** are worship and music, special prayers, coordination of lay pastoral care, faith formation and spiritual outreach.

- **Chairperson**. Chairperson for meetings and represents Committee on the Board.
- **Vice-Chairperson**. Substitutes for Chairperson as necessary.
- **Secretary**. Records and circulates minutes of meetings, posts copies of approved minutes as appropriate, collects and reports on correspondence, prints materials for meetings as needed.
- **Worship Service and Sanctuary Liaison**. Liaison for all activities that support services in the sanctuary, including communion, scripture reader, ushers, decorating, hearing aids, sound, taping and internet posting of services.
- **Prayer Chain Contact**. Maintains and distributes the Special Prayers List and maintains contact with Prayer Chain members.
- **Pew Pals Coordinator**. Co-ordinates the Pew Pals program.
- **Friendly Visitors Coordinator**. Coordinates the visit schedule in cooperation with the Minister and the Friendly Visitors Team. Tracks hospital visiting and the sending of cards to those who are ill or bereaved.
- **On-Line Congregation Liaison**. Liaises with people who join us on-line for worship.
- **Shawl Ministry Coordinator**. The Shawl Ministry also reports to the Outreach and Social Action Committee.
- **Faith Formation Coordinator**. Coordinates child and youth programming and adult faith formation activities, including *Broadview* magazine subscriptions and discussions, Trinity Thinks, etc.
- **Spiritual Outreach Coordinator**. Member will assist with the implementation of a new spiritual outreach program.
- **Outreach and Social Action Committee Representative**. Liaison with the Outreach and Social Action Committee.
- **United Church Women's Representative**. Liaison with the Trinity United Church Women's chapter.
- **Communications Member**. *Trinity News*, Musings. Ramblings, Facebook and Website.
- **Ex-officio Member**. Minister.

The listed positions are functions and may be covered by more than one Committee member. Coordination of functions does not mean doing them all; fulfilling functions will usually involve other congregants or Committee members. Committee members all vote except for *ex-officio* members. Spiritual Committee meetings are open and all congregants are welcome to attend.

## Music Ministry

This has been a year of unprecedented events. A new pandemic Corona virus erupts onto the scene resulting in all-Canadian emergency measures being put into place by the governments. Ontario went into lockdown in Mid March, limiting meetings in groups to protect spread to our older and most vulnerable citizens. The Sunday prior to lockdown Trinity chose to close its doors to the public. This of course meant that both the Choir and the Bell Choir were unable to neither meet to practice nor perform. It also left folks without the ability to come to church and so Rev. Brian and Paul brought church to us with the help of a terrific media person, Jason Whyte. He helped them record services to send out to the congregation via YouTube. Thus, a new way for Trinity outreach began. With a limit of 5 people in the sanctuary Paul and Brian did the services by themselves for a number of weeks until another good thought came about. Volunteers coming forward to sing solos enhanced our services. This thought expanded to the format we are currently enjoying. Having those folks sing the hymns and reading the lesson if they wish. I for one have truly enjoyed participating in and watching online, these services.

As the lockdown eased Paul thought ahead to the Christmas season and asked seven volunteers in late Oct to sing a cantata. This was learned mainly at home with two practices together before the final taping. Unfortunately Ontario began to lockdown again just before Christmas due to rising numbers of Covid 19 and we were uncertain whether or not we would be able to perform the Cantata. Luckily with the help of Danielle York who phoned the Public Health unit, we were able to comply with all of their recommendations. We sang through plexi-glass and socially distanced and wore a mask when unable to keep our distance. Our grateful thank you go out to our volunteers who sang solos, hymns read lessons and/or performed the Cantata; Melissa McInnes, Ray Piercy, Jason Murphy, Maryellen Burgess, Kathryn Colantonio and Marieanna Hill. We also send a great thank you to Brian and Paul who return every Sunday to our living rooms to keep our spiritual wellness at the best it can be in these troublesome times

Gratefully submitted by

Patti Watson – Choir member

## Friendly Visitors' Report

During the early months of 2020, socially isolated, ill or aged Trinity congregants were visited in their own homes or retirement/care locations. Then the Covid situation prevented both our in person meetings as well as our usual Special Communion services. Instead, we have kept in touch via the telephone. (There is one woman who can still be visited in person, properly socially distant, as she walks her dog. One couple prefers emails so that the phone is available for medical calls.) Please let us know of anyone who would appreciate our communications.

With their permission, we ensured that their names and addresses were included in our online Trinity Website Directory ("Congregational Contact Information") to enhance connections. These congregants remain a part of our Trinity Church community to which they have contributed in many way over the years.

We wish to thank all the other congregants who keep in touch with these more isolated Trinity Members. We value Rev. Goodings' pastoral care as well as B. J. Hunter's hospital work.

As well, we thank the UCW who distributed poinsettias and cards to them on behalf of the Church. We thank Marg White for having sent celebratory, bereavement or get well cards on behalf of the Church over the years. UCW's Ramona Van Slyke at (705) 445-3702 is now sending those cards WHEN congregants let her know of bereavements, illnesses or celebrations.

2020 Friendly Visitors included: Rev. Brian Goodings, Joan & Paul Boughton, Marg White Crawford, Janie Jardine and Doreen Jerry

Submitted by: Janie Jardine

## **Prayer Chain Annual Report**

This past year has surely been one that we could not have imagined with the Covid-19 virus. Prayers were said for every nation around the world.

We continue to pray that we will return to a new normal before long.

Doug Harrison suggested a new method of getting the prayer requests out. He offered to set up email to the prayer chain members instead of by telephone as we used to do. This method is now in use to get the requests out to everyone at the same time.

The Spiritual Committee also became members of the prayer chain. I have been leader, with the help of Marg White-Crawford as co-leader, for 20 years and desired to step down as of December 31, 2020. As this will be my last report; I want to thank Marg, my dedicated team, Doug, and any others who helped in any way. We did it together to help those in need of our prayers.

Ramona Van Slyke has taken over as coordinator and can be reached at 705 445 3702.

Submitted by June McEachern

## Communications

Interesting that our last attended service in 2020 was on March 15 because, according to Google, in ancient Rome the **Ides of March** were equivalent to our **March 15**. In the Roman calendar, this date corresponded to several religious observances. Besides Julius Caesar, we too were sad on March 15.

Without services at Trinity we suddenly had to rely on the internet to continue. In no time at all we were up and running with services on YouTube every Sunday plus Good Friday and Christmas Eve. Some of the services had over 600 views! We thank Jason Whyte's expertise in the production of the services along with Rev. Brian, Paul Sloan and the many guest soloists for making the productions possible.

Another form of communication that became popular during the Pandemic was Zoom. Standing committees were able, if they wished, to meet on a regular basis. It remains to be seen if Zoom is here to stay.

Our website [collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](http://collingwoodunitedchurch.ca), managed by Ruth Crittenden, became an even more important source of information in 2020 as did our Facebook site looked after by Danielle York.

Other forms of communication emerging in 2020 were *Musings* and *Ramblings* from Rev. Brian, Barbara Downie, Mary Elizabeth Piercy and Beth Theis. These writings were a welcome, regular source of reflection and amusement.

*Trinity News* continued to be published monthly by yours truly, as well as many, many *Trinity News Flashes*. I thank the contributors to those dispatches - especially George Czerny whose photos were most welcome.

Submitted by: John Brown

## **Building and Grounds Report**

Although our doors have been closed to day to day traffic and normal activity, the usual maintenance and upkeep has continued. Thanks to Mike for staying on top of issues and caring for our wonderful old building.

Boiler system – #1 Boiler in the basement required significant repair (that we were not expecting)

Trinity Sign – new electrical and light system installed

Elevator – was out of service for quite some time but once again has been repaired. The lift is old and we are still able to source parts, issues are to be expected with a unit of this age. A new lift would be in the range of \$50-60k

Telephone & Internet Changes – we have switched providers which means we now have better internet and the capability to livestream from the sanctuary – which will continue when we return to in person worship

AV System – equipment has been ordered (waiting on final components) to install two large projection systems / screens (to replace projecting on wall) and camera equipment for in-house recording / streaming. These upgrades will also be a benefit for other users; such as concert rentals and funerals to enhance projection capability and to allow for easy recording.

Maintaining an older building means there is always a list of projects to be completed some of the jobs that were done this year include; main lobby/hallway was painted for a fresh look, lighting in the gymnasium was all updated (we had a donor cover these costs), Beech St. stair repair and overhang repair were completed

### **2021 Plans**

Banquet Hall Painting – we have a group working on design plan /budget for this project which will be presented to the board for review. The design plan will be shared via Trinity News should anyone wish to comment.

Water Issue – we have an issue with water runoff that will need to be addressed in the spring – the committee is looking at solutions

Submitted by Danielle York

## **Ministry and Personnel Report**

Members: Harold Ferguson, Bev Mayberry, Daphne McCullough, Marion Sinclair, Dawn Myers

### **2020 Year of the Covid**

The Covid pandemic has created challenges for Trinity. Since it is a priority for Trinity's Board to protect staff and congregants from exposure to Covid-19, the church closed its doors to "in person" gatherings in March 2020. This has had a major impact on all of us, staff and church members.

Sunday services have changed to virtual gatherings. The services are pre-recorded during the week and posted on YouTube on Trinity's website. A new and different service lead by Brian is available every Sunday. This is our new way of going to church and it is working well.

Brian and Paul have collaborated on the Sunday morning services. They each bring their unique knowledge and talent. Brian's sermons resonate with meaning and inspire us as to how we could be.

Paul organizes musicians to sing and lead the hymns during the services. Paul also speaks about various hymns, their composers and the historical era of the music. It is educational and inspiring as well.

Lori, our Administrative Assistant, has continued in her busy job including working with the Church Treasurer, financial record keeping, dealing with questions by telephone and updating the website. Some of these tasks she can do from home which, at this time of Covid, M&P encourages her to do.

Mike continues to maintain the church and its grounds. He is Trinity's chief sanitizer who ensures washrooms and areas used by others are cleaned. During the shut down he has repainted the hallway and the adjoining entrance to the church (three coats) and he has also applied two coats of protector on the gymnasium floor (in preparation for Pickleball?) He is also the greeter at the church when other staff are unavailable.

Our fifth staff person is Maryellen, the Bell Choir leader. Her job is on hold due to Covid restrictions. She, and we, are hoping that when the restrictions are lifted and gathering is allowed that she will continue on as Bell Choir leader.

An area of the church that has been very important during this period and has been keeping our staff busy, is the food pantry. Brian, Lori and Mike regularly assist people who come to Trinity in need of food. The pantry is a great help to so many who are struggling. Even when busy, our staff is kind and helpful to those seeking assistance and, we thank our church members, who are generous in their donations to the pantry.

M&P thanks all of our staff for their faithfulness in these difficult times. They have continued to serve the Church, accepted inconveniences without complaint and kept the church running. They are exceptional people who work together seamlessly as a team.

**Ministry and Personnel Committee changes:**

Daphne McCullough stepped down from the Committee in late 2020 due to other commitments. We thank her for her years of service.

We welcomed Marion Sinclair to the committee in December 2020.

After 10 years on M&P, I am stepping down. It has been a privilege to be part of the personnel team. Thank you.

Dawn Myers

Chair of Ministry and Personnel Committee

## Summary of Weddings, New Members, Baptisms, Funerals

### Weddings: (7 in total, none in the sanctuary)

Kalli Faye Green and Andrew John Pohl	August 2
Craig David McCabe and Danielle Lynne Manger	August 15
Emily Alice May Gardner and Tyler William Bohan	August 22
Sara Angelucci and Marcus Wilfred Schubert	August 23
Sarah Lin Bennett and Christos Roy Mihiotis	September 12
David Addison Wall and Elysia Colleen Carr	September 19
Bent MacLean and Christine Butterworth	October 6 (Covenant)

### New Members: None

### Baptisms: None

### Funerals (21 in total, none in the sanctuary)

Terri Donaldson	January 8
Kerktu "Gerri" Robbins	March 12
Janos Maros	May 8
Edith Ruddick	May 11
Jack "Jake" Robbins	May 12
Wilda Anita Coffin	May 19
Calvin Hough	May 21
George Robert Dobson	May 22
Stuart Graham	May 30
Helen Wells	June 24
Robert Smith	August 10
Patricia Page	August 18
Velma Green	September 12
Luise Mueller	October 19
Ruth Orel Hopper	October 24
William Arthur Sloan	November 4
Kathleen Ruth Gorsline	November 11
Diane Graham	November 28
Tracy Lee Karkheck	November 29
Arthur Myers Preston	December 4
Allistair Melhuish	December 18

## Cemetery Board Report

We continue to check and update the Cemetery records and the overall plans, to facilitate easier access to the records and updating. The earliest records date back to the mid 1800's.

This year, we will be providing information about the Cemetery on the Church website. This will include a brief History of the Cemetery, General Information on the operating procedures/forms, current fees and a copy of the Cemetery By-Laws. The By-Laws, which were updated last year, have now have been approved by the provincial authority and printed copies as well as the Cemetery Fee Schedule & Annual Burial Reports are available at the Church office or in digital format by contacting a member of the board.

This year 32 burials were carried out and interment rights for 4 graves and 2 niches were sold. This compares with 32 burials, and Interment Rights for 11 graves and 4 niches in 2019.

We also documented the transfer of interment rights for fifteen plots. The Provincial Act and Regulations that we follow state that "No cemetery operator shall inter human remains in a lot other than the remains of the interment rights holder, *without the written consent of the interment rights holder.*" Since the burial rights rest with the "rights holder" of the plot it is necessary to keep the ownership of the interment rights current (ie with a living person(s)) to avoid confusion or delays when a burial is required. We therefore strongly recommend that, if the owner is deceased, the next of kin consider looking into having the rights to the plot/niche transferred. Upon request, with the appropriate documentation and payment of a transfer fee, a new Certificate of Interment Rights will be issued transferring the Ownership or including additional names on the Certificate.

Thanks to B.J. Hunter, a third bench was added this year.

There are a number of capital projects which should be completed to support our mandate to "maintain and enhance the property". In 2019 we hired a contractor to soda-blast, prime and paint the iron fence across the front of the property. Unfortunately, only a portion of the work was completed and the contractor went out of business.

Consequently, the board members took on the task of removing the unfinished fence panels for off-site cleaning and powder-coating, so although a portion of the fence was missing for several months it has now all been refurbished and reinstalled, Another major project is the completion the fence across the "new" westerly section (acquired in 1950). While we may use a small portion of the current investments for this, we are hoping that memorial donations will be made to cover at least a portion of this \$15,000 to \$20,000 expenditure.

The Cemetery Board for 2020 included Larry Hogarth (Chair), Ralph Sneyd (Treasurer), Bob Mayberry (Secretary), George Christie, Doug French and Fred Riemer.

Harvey Currie continued as our custodian, carrying out regular maintenance and grass cutting, as well as looking after burials. We expect that he will continue in 2021.

Your comments and suggestion are always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted Larry Hogarth, Chair

Note: The Cemetery is not an official part of Trinity United Church. This report is included in the church annual report for information purposes.

## **UCW President's Annual Report - 2020**

2020 has been a very unusual year as you know with the pandemic shutting everything church related down in March.

Meat pies were made in February and sold. This was the only income we had this year. With no options, no funeral teas, no Christmas dinners, nothing as it once was there were no funds generated by the UCW.

We were able to continue our annual support of the Mission and Service fund and also in December we delivered cards and poinsettias to the shut ins. That was it for 2020 and until we are able to get back in the kitchen and go to work there will be no money for any donations.

We had our executive meeting in February led by Sue Edmunds and we were able to meet again in December on Zoom. We had to make some decisions re our finances. I thank all the executive for taking on this new technical way of meeting.

Here is hoping and praying that 2021 will be a new year for hope and we look forward to meeting and working together once again.

Joy Barr

UCW President

## **UCW Recording Secretary's Report 2020**

The Executive met only twice this year in January and February. We held a virtual meeting in November 2020.

The first few months of any year are always quiet, and this year was no exception. In February we made our meat pies and had one catering event. March came and everything changed.

The church closed due to COVID and of course we are still not back to normal.

We decided in November at a virtual meeting to put all our business on hold until things improve.

It was great that Joy Coordinated the virtual in November so that we could touch base with everyone thru Zoom.

Take care and stay safe.

Joanne Melnyk

## **U.C.W. Social Convener's Report**

There is no Social Convenor's Report for the year 2020.

No catering was done due to the pandemic restrictions.

## UCW Slate of Officers for 2021

PAST PRESIDENT:	SUE EDMUNDS
PRESIDENT:	JOY BARR
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:	RAMONA VAN SLYKE
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:	OPEN
SECRETARY:	JOANNE MELNYK
ASSISTANT SECRETARY:	SUE EDMUNDS
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	MARG CRAWFORD WHITE
ASSISTANT CORRESPONDING SEC:	SU COOK
TREASURER:	JOAN RAINBIRD SHARP
ASSISTANT TREASURER:	JOANNE MELNYK
SOCIAL CONVENORS:	FRAN REID
	SU COOK
	JOY BARR
	MARG CRAWFORD
ACTIVE UNIT LEADER:	RAMONA VAN SLYKE
FINANCIAL, BUILDING & GROUNDS	
COMMITTEE REP	JOANNE MELNYK
SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE REP	RAMONA VAN SLYKE

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Accrual Basis

**Trinity United Church Women**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of 31 December 2020

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	<u>31 Dec 20</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Meridian Chequing Account	2,821.60
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>2,821.60</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>2,821.60</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>2,821.60</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	8,032.74
Net Income	-5,211.14
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>2,821.60</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>2,821.60</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

**Trinity United Church Women**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through December 2020

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Fundraising	
Meat Pies	2,183.00
Total Fundraising	2,183.00
Fundraising	600.00
Total Income	2,783.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	2,783.00
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	62.24
Donations	
Mission and Service (Via church	5,000.00
To Trinity for operations	
Trinity Church Bulletin yearly	300.00
To Trinity for operations - Other	1,800.00
Total To Trinity for operations	2,100.00
Total Donations	7,100.00
Fundraising expense	
Funeral Teas	15.70
Lunches/Dinners	96.98
Meat Pies	627.12
Fundraising expense - Other	105.68
Total Fundraising expense	845.48
Office supplies	39.08
Repairs and Maintenance	
Kitchen Supplies	23.34
Total Repairs and Maintenance	23.34
Total Expense	8,070.14
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-5,287.14
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
Other Income	
Other Miscellaneous Income	76.00
Total Other Income	76.00
<b>Net Other Income</b>	76.00
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-5,211.14</u></u>

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

There is no doubt that 2020 has presented challenges for every aspect of church life for Trinity United Church. The church's investments were no exception and experienced a deep contraction in the early part of the Pandemic. Our Chairman Dave Holyroyd with close consultation with our financial adviser decided to stay the course with our present portfolio. This proved to be a sound strategy as we have recovered most of our losses.

Dave experienced some serious health issues this summer and decided to step down from his duties as Trustee, we thank him for his steady service and dedication and wish him well in his recovery.

When it came time to renew the church's insurance, we were advised that the premium cost would increase dramatically and we would be facing an extra cost of some \$8000. per year. We decided to search out an alternative provider and settled on Marsh Insurance which provided us with comparative coverage at a much more economical cost. With Board approval we moved forward with the Marsh policy.

We wish to thank Doug Mitchell for offering to do the Financial Statements for the Trustees this year and also to Doug French for reviewing them. This is greatly appreciated by the Trustees.

Even though there have been challenges, we are still in a very strong position to continue to support the operation and development of Trinity United Church in Collingwood.

We thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

Barry Rice

Trinity United Church Trustees

**Trustee's Balance Sheet  
as of December 31, 2020**

	2020 Total	Prior Year Total
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash	\$ 14,114	\$ 400,001
Securities	624,505	268,949
	<u>\$ 638,619</u>	<u>\$ 668,949</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	0	\$ 924
<b>Equity (refer to Note #1 below)</b>		
Opening Equity	\$ 668,025	179,107
Earning during the period:		
Earnings not for a specific purpose	(29,222)	489,688
Earnings reserved for Organ Fund	(184)	(770)
Ending Equity	<u>\$ 638,619</u>	<u>668,025</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 638,619</u>	<u>668,949</u>
Fund Class E		
Equity reserved for the organ fund Signature Diversified Yield Fund		

Note 1:

**Trustee's Income Statement  
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020**

	Total	Prio Year Total
<b>Income earned:</b>		
Total dividends received	\$ 37,825	11,479
Gain/Loss on sale	2,171	117
Management fee adjustment	521	
Adjustment of fee in prior period (Note #1)	924	
Total change in value	(39,140)	16,588
Transfer from church **	-	502,757
Total Income	<u>\$ 2,302</u>	<u>\$ 530,942</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Transferred to church	\$ 31,708	41,871
Other Expenses	-	153
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 31,708</u>	<u>\$ 42,024</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ (29,406)</u>	<u>\$ 488,918</u>

**Note #1.**

Adjustment to accounts payable re prior period.

## Treasurer's Report

The year 2020 started off as a normal year for Trinity United Church then came March when we were confronted with a dilemma never before experienced – The COVID-19 virus. Ordinary day-to-day activities were immediately affected and we had no play book to go by. Your Trinity Official Board took immediate action to initiate on-line services and reduce spending to its lowest possible level. Trinity then applied for all eligible Federal Government assistance to help maintain the integrity of the bank account. A summary of the year's financial activity follows.

The immediate transfer of Sunday services from the sanctuary to on-line greatly assisted in maintaining an acceptable level of donations. 2020 donations totaled \$240,120 which was 104% of 2019 donations (excluding the roof campaign). The on-line services have attracted a number of new donors. The drop off in other revenue streams was completely offset by \$55,638 in Federal Government funding. All indications are that Federal Government funding will not continue in 2021 at the 2020 levels so we must remain vigilant in our spending until we get back to some sort of normal.

Spending was reduced to only the necessities and totaled \$339,365 which was 78% of 2019 expenses. The age of the facility dictates significant repairs and ongoing maintenance. Included in the expenses were \$17k in repairs and maintenance in addition to \$22k for the new Sanctuary Wi-Fi project. We should expect continuing maintenance expense to keep the aging facility running properly.

Due to the popularity of the You Tube services, your Board decided to continue this transmission even when (if) we return to a full sanctuary service. It is estimated that the full loaded cost of this project will be \$22,000 – this will be financed partially by a government grant and the balance by the Trustees. Having this service available will allow Trinity to present a more all-encompassing service for weddings, funerals etc. at an additional cost.

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, Trinity also took possession of a Baby Grand Piano that is on display in the sanctuary and was used during the Christmas Cantata and services.

Trinity United Church ended 2020 in a stable financial position and because of that, is well positioned to take on any challenges that 2021 might present. I would like to personally thank everyone who assisted in this endeavour over the past 12 months and welcome Jennifer Young as your new Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted. Al Loughery, Treasurer

<b>Trinity United Church</b>			
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>as of December 31, 2020</b>			
	<b>\$ 2,020</b>	<b>\$ 2,019</b>	<b>\$ 2,018</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Bank - operating account	\$ 47,423	\$ 31,768	\$ 91,785
Bank- CRA Grant	\$ 30,065		
Accounts Receivable		\$ -	\$ 3,662
HST Recoverable	\$ 4,423	\$ 2,733	\$ 4,674
Undeposited Funds	\$ 1,284		
Capital Assets	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
Prepaid Expenses		\$ -	\$ 15,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$103,195</b>	<b>\$ 34,501</b>	<b>\$ 115,121</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable/Accrued Liabilities	\$ 15,340	\$ -	\$ 10,409
Grant due CRA in 2022	\$ 30,000		
Reserves ***	\$ 23,579	\$ 17,957	\$ 82,817
	<b>\$ 68,919</b>	<b>\$ 17,957</b>	<b>\$ 93,226</b>
<b>RETAINED EARNINGS</b>			
Opening Retained Earnings	\$ 16,544	\$ 21,230	\$ 9,226
Reallocate a portion of Memorial Reserve to General Funds			\$ 3,427
Net Income	\$ 17,732	\$ (4,686)	\$ 8,577
Ending Retained Earnings	\$ 34,276	\$ 16,544	\$ 21,230
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$103,195</b>	<b>\$ 34,501</b>	<b>\$ 114,456</b>
	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Ending</b>	
<b>*** ANALYSIS OF RESERVES</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>	
Benevolent	\$ 839	\$ 4,188	
Community Dinner	\$ 1,809	\$ 3,613	
Crock Pot	\$ 5,388	\$ 4,888	
Food Pantry	\$ 2,466	\$ 3,951	
Outreach	\$ 3,886	\$ 3,368	
Painting- Banquet Hall	\$ 2,699	\$ 2,699	
Trinity Talks	\$ 872	\$ 872	
	<b>\$ 17,959</b>	<b>\$ 23,579</b>	



## **Financial Review Statement**

At the request of the Official Board of Trinity United Church, Collingwood, I have reviewed the financial records of Trinity for the year ending December 31, 2020.

The following criteria were used to examine the accounts:

- Tested the cheques and deposits for the year 2020
- Because of COVID lock down restrictions I did not randomly test the weekly collections with the deposits. It was reasonable to rely on internal controls. On site contributions were down as most giving were in the form of PAR or e-transfers.
- I have confirmed that there are sufficient funds available to cover the segregated funds such as the organ fund and memorial fund.
- The church continues to maintain adequate insurance.
- I have cross referenced large expenditures with Board motions authorizing the expenditures.
- I have confirmed that Trinity has filed the latest report with the Government and will maintain their Charitable Status.

Douglas C French

## **Budget 2021 Statement**

Due to the restrictions on meetings during the pandemic, the budget for the year 2021 will be the same as for the year 2020.