

Grace United Church

Annual Report

2019



Sharing Christ, so all will know
the forgiveness, love, and grace of God.

Grace Annual Report 2019

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Grace United Church

~ In Memoriam 2019 ~

** denotes member of our Grace family*

Karen Lois Flavell*	Philip Verne Sackrider*	William James Legros*
Karen Marlene Christopher	Gladys Yvonne Peters*	Brodie Robert Ross*
June Sonia Nancy McMillen*	Monica Veronica Gentles Harris	George William Woodbeck
John Allan Collins*	Lloyd Mather Starke*	Joy Tui Herring (Irving)*
Janet Ellen Read*	Ronald George Bryan	Barbara Jean Monahan*
Terrance Allen Wilson*	Edward Balfour	Dorothy Mabel Thompson*
Mary Lynn Parkes*	Vera Holden*	Robert Stanley Millage

Received by Baptism

~ 2019 ~

Aubree Olive Curtis
Kurt Johan Dorken
Saskia Maia Dorken



Received as Members by Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith

~ 2019 ~

Transfer from Dunsford United, Dunsford:

Transfer from Beach United, Toronto:

Transfer from St. Mark's United, Whitby:

Transfer from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Iowa:

Transfer from Richards Memorial United, London:

Transfer from Westdale United, Peterborough:

Darlene Barker

Brian & Mary Ann Bell

Ross Campbell

Dustin & Christine Weihs

Ken Leinen and Kate Dowsett

Jim King

Marriages ~ 2019

James Derek Gerald & Kelly Ann Wasylciw
David George Elmer Jordan & Caitlyn Ashley Flavell
Christian Andrew Hughes & Taylor Winnifred Ball
Shawn Douglas Elcombe & Krista Luella MacDonald
Devin Andrew Hodges & Hayley Antonetta Burrett
Darren Paul Swindells & Tina Marie Armitage
Donald Norman Jackson & Fay Mary Gemmiti
Timothy John Smith & Marina Nicole Boneshyn
Derreck Lavern Meier & Lori Lynn Gray



Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

February 24, 2019

- **Opening** – Call to Worship and Opening Prayer led by Glenda Jopling
- **Songs of praise** - “Come, Now is the Time to Worship, Your Grace Is Enough, One Thing Remains” – led by Grace Worship Band
- **Motion of Business: 01/02/19** Moved by Tom Beauchamp and seconded by Glenda Jopling that in the name of Christ we open this Annual Meeting of Grace United Church and recognize all present who are not Grace members be accepted as corresponding members of our congregation.
Carried
- **Children’s Time**
Visual highlights of Grace’s children’s and youth ministries throughout the year: Children’s Time, lessons downstairs, Easter Celebration, Outdoor Worship and Picnic, Thanksgiving offering, Remembrance Day service, Advent Candle Lighting, White Gift’s Sunday, Christmas Eve Service; Lyle ended with the New Playground opening at the Tot Lot this year; through our efforts we are making a positive difference to the lives of those in our community.
- **Lighting of the Candles of Remembrance** symbolizing all who were a part of our community of faith and have passed before, highlighting members who passed in 2018: Lois Margaret Exell, Allan Richard James Fallis, Frederick Edwin Hayes, Christopher “Bud” Robert Higley, Rheta Mae Lambert, Alvin Edward Lee, Doris Elizabeth Little, Stuart James Scott, Patricia Jane Shaw, Theodore “Ted” Lawrence Sprckett, Gertrude Veronica Taylor, Elsie May Thexton led by Reverend Lyle Horn.
- **Music Ministry** – Grace Choir
- **Scriptures: Romans 12: 1-8** read by Dawna Rhodenhizer
- **Hymn:** “We Have this Ministry”
- **Meditation: Celebrating Ministry, 2018 Highlights**
God is Good. Susan Sweet Lebeau as a Lay Minister; Cathy Underhill recognition as an ordained Diaconal Minister. Building community – not alone. Celebration time.
- **Pastoral Prayer** led by Glenda Jopling
- **Meditation continued: Celebrating Ministry of Christ: within in Grace through -** Women on the Move, Scouting, Children’s Ministry, UCW, Ministry of Compassion, Men of Faith, Garden Tea Party, Senior’s Communion, Collective Kitchen: and Beyond our walls – One Roof Diner, Women’s Retreat, Halloween, Honduras. Service matters.
- **Motion of Business: 02/02/19** Moved by Wayne Hare and seconded by Ross Allen to receive the ministry reports as provided in the annual report (starting at page 23-42) and highlighted today.
Carried
- **Offering/Offering Response**
- **Motion of Business: 03/02/19** Moved by Anne Hare and seconded by Paula Pound to accept minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2018 as found on page 4-6 of the Annual Report.
Carried
- **Motion of Business: 04/02/19** Moved by Peter Robinson and seconded by Janie McEachern to approve the slate of officers for 2018 as detailed on page 13 of the Annual Report.
Carried

- **Motion of Business: 05/02/19** Moved by Tom Beauchamp and seconded by Carol Allen that the Board of Management may add to its board members as needed throughout the year. Carried
- **Motion of Business: 06/02/19** Moved by Herb Franklin and seconded by Marilyn Coward that we affirm the Vision: Engaging the Community for 2019-2024 Carried
- **Highlights of Grace United Church income received (page 15 of Annual Report):**
 - Offerings: \$358,769.53
 - Other income, fundraiser, hospitality, rentals etc: \$16,583.78
 - Totals: \$375,353.31
- **Highlights of Grace United Church income and expenditures shared (page 14,15 of Annual Report):**
 - Income received for work at Grace in 2018: \$375,353.31
 - Ministry costs for 2018: \$356,654.57
 - Surplus: \$18,698.74
- **Highlights of Mission and Service Fund**
- **Proposed Budget**
- **Motion of Business: 07/02/19** Moved by Susan Sweet Lebeau and seconded by Peter Freistatter to approve the Mission and Service Fund target of \$16,000 for 2019 as outlined on page 16 of the Annual Report. Carried.
- **Motion of Business: 08/02/19** Moved by Susan Sweet Lebeau and seconded by Nell Riel that the budget figure for the One Roof Diner be adjusted as printed (pg 16 of A.R.) from \$3,500 to \$5,000. Carried
- **Motion of Business: 09/02/19** Moved by Susan Sweet Lebeau and seconded by Pat Freistatter to adopt the 2019 Operating Budget of \$377,700.00 as detailed on page 16 of the Annual Report with the adjustment just mentioned. Carried.
- **Appreciation and Thanks to all - from Reverend Lyle Horn.** Incredible amount of volunteer hours that keep Grace church touching the lives of so many.
- **Appreciation and Thanks to all from Neil Douglas, resigning from Chair position.**
- **Motion of Business: 10/02/19** Moved by Marilyn Coward and seconded by Jillian Bonter to adjourn at 10:19 a.m. Carried.
- **Announcements**
- **Hymn: Give Thanks for Life**
- **Closing and Benediction/Choral Blessing**



Neil Douglas, Chair



Sheila Montero, Recording Secretary

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Annual report is always, for me, a time of celebration! I always find it amazing to read about all the things that Grace church accomplishes throughout the year. The annual report is the time when I stop and say thank you - for all God has done through the many individuals who carry out our ministries. The report reveals the many ways God has blessed our ministry.

Over the last 35 years, Grace has always been actively involved in sharing the good news of Christ in tangible ways. The year 2019 was no different. Grace Church continues to be the hands, feet and voice of Christ within our community and throughout the world. Our annual report affirms our faith and proclaims that the spirit of Christ is alive and well at Grace.

The strength of any congregation lies in the way the members of the congregation work in concert to provide leadership and service to one another and the community. Together, amazing things are accomplished and people are strengthened knowing that Grace is a place that cares for others.

As you read this annual report, you will find many positive examples of the leadership and the various ministries that have made a difference in the lives of others both near and far. I want to thank all the different leaders who were quietly behind the scenes helping to make Grace a vibrant congregation. There are literally thousands of hours of volunteer work that contributes to the strength of our congregation. A hearty thanks to all the volunteers who work tirelessly for Christ. Thank you also to every member for your ongoing support of the vision of Grace Church that continues to "Engage the Community."

As you take the time to read this report, may it help you to celebrate and to pause for a quiet word of prayer as we thank God for all that Christ is able to do through our congregation. The coming year 2020 is filled with possibilities. I look forward to seeing what God is going to do in the new and creative way here at Grace.

Blessings!
Lyle

The Unfolding Logo

This year we enter into the second year of our vision at Grace church entitled: "Engaging the Community". Hopefully you have seen the logo of our vision for 2019 throughout the church as well as in the antependium at the front of the church. The logo is a contemporary version of the Holy Spirit which is the symbol of energy and new growth. The colours that make up the symbol reflect the different colours of the church year. Blue for the season of advent; purple for the season of lent; red for the season of Pentecost; green for the general Sundays of the year. The cross speaks to the resurrection and new life we have in Christ and the number 167 is a reminder to us that we are called to engage the community throughout the entire week.



As you look through the church you will discover that there is a new logo being displayed. It is a picture of the Spirit taking flight, which is an indication that Grace is continuing our vision of "Engaging the Community". All the colours are the same, representing the different parts of the church year. The number 167 continues to remind us – there are 167 hours of the week when we are not in worship to live out and share our faith in Christ.

Each week when you come to worship may you be mindful of the role that you play in helping to keep Grace Church strong and may you take on the challenge of "Engaging the Community" throughout your week.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

With this being my first year as Chair of the Board, it was partially old hat and partially a learning experience, as I had served 15 years in a similar position at my former Church. However, Grace has four times the congregation and six times the budget. I was blown away and pleasantly pleased when I first arrived at Grace by the friendly welcome extended to Karen and myself, Later I found that the outreach budget here is about the same as the total budget I was used to, as almost every cent generated at my old Church had to be used just to keep the doors open. It has been overwhelming at times, but a real pleasure to serve as Board Chair, especially with the help and guidance of past chair Neil Douglas, and the support, and patience, at times, of Reverend Lyle and the members of the

Board. I was told by a very wise man many years ago that “it's okay to have butterflies, as long as they fly in formation”.

Our new vision “Engaging the Community” was initiated in 2019 and seems to be going well so far. Not as scary as some first thought, and with Lyle leading the way with his sermons, it should not be a challenge going forward.

A big thank you goes out to the volunteers who for the third year handed out candy to children of the neighbourhood on a rainy Halloween evening.

Financially, 2019 was a successful year. With a push at the end of the year we ended with a surplus as well as further reduction to our debt.

This was our third year at Villiers for our outdoor service and picnic in June. There has been a bit better turnout each year, and hopefully more and more will join us for a friendly outdoor service, playtime, and food.

In closing, I would like to thank our volunteer board, and all those who volunteer at Grace in any and all ways; without willing hands, many things would not be possible. One of the great things about this Church, whenever volunteers are required, they always seem to be there. And last, but by no means least, huge thanks to Lyle for all he does, seen and unseen, including keeping an eye on me, in more ways than one, and to the rest of our hardworking staff, all of whom seem to enjoy what they are doing, making life more enjoyable for all they come in contact with.

George Flavell

Board of Management Chair

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report submitted by Neil Douglas

The Ministry & Personnel Team strives to be a consultative and supportive group, overseeing accountability of Grace staff and conducting regular check-ins and performance reviews under the guidance and direction of the Board of Management. The M&P Team supports ministry personnel, staff, and the people of Grace in maintaining healthy relationships by offering constructive feedback and guidance. Ministry personnel, staff, and members of the congregation are able to access the committee for support in promoting effective ministry and working relationships at Grace.

Team members wanted:

Volunteering with the M&P Team is a meaningful way of helping Grace achieve its vision and of nurturing our staff through the process of achieving their full potential. Those of us who were part of this past year felt privileged to be able to contribute in this way and we would like to invite others to join us in doing this important and transformative work. Please get in touch with one of us if you think you might be interested in contributing in this way or if you'd like to explore the possibilities.

Goodbyes and hellos:

As always, it was a busy year for the M&P team at Grace. Glenda Jopling resigned as the M&P Team Chair, Herb Franklin resigned from the M&P Team, and Christine Weihs resigned as the Children, Youth, and Young Families Ministry Director, while, at the same time, Grace welcomed Bruno Merz as our new Young Families Ministry Director, and Sheila Montero as our Children and Youth Ministry Director.

The team would like to thank:

Glenda Jopling for her strong leadership and commitment to the M&P Team, both as a member and then as committee Chair. Glenda guided the M&P committee with both compassion and strength.

Herb Franklin for the wisdom and guidance that he brought to the M&P Team.

Christine Weihs for the wonderful work she did during her time as Children, Youth and Young Families Ministry Director.

Sheila Montero for her commitment and hard work while Children and Youth Ministry Director in 2019.

Saying thank you to a few more people:

The M&P Team would also like to thank all the staff at Grace for their dedication, commitment, and hard work: Minister Lyle Horn, Administrative Assistant Sheila Montero, Treasurer Susan Sweet Lebeau, Custodian Debbie March, Choir Director Bev Templar, Music Director Paul Tessier, Worship 1 Band Leader Tony Mason, Young Families Ministry Director Bruno Merz, and Children and Youth Ministry Director Sheila Montero.

Wanted: Someone to guide the children's ministry at Grace

During the upcoming year, Bruno Merz will be continuing to develop programs that strengthening our congregation with respect to younger families, working primarily with people under 40 and their children. A key support for this work is our Sunday School program. If you are someone who likes to plant the seeds of God's love with children and to watch that

love blossom and grow, you may be the person we are seeking to help us guide the children's ministry at Grace as Children and Youth Ministry Director. Your work would involve offering support and guidance to the Sunday School teachers, overseeing the Sunday School curriculum, and organizing important children's events like the Easter party. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute to the work of Grace in this way.

Neil Douglas

Acting Chair Ministry and Personnel Committee on behalf of your M&P Team:
Wendy Duplessis, Sharon Maskell, and Peter Freistatter

OFFICERS FOR 2019

Board of Management: Larry Breakenridge, Jane Bleecker, Bruce Coulter, Neil Douglas, Wendy Duplessis, George Flavell (Chair), Peter Freistatter, Anne Hare (Recording Secretary), Rev. Lyle Horn, Heather Landry, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Paula Pound, Peter Robinson, Dustin Weihs.

Ministry and Personnel Committee: Neil Douglas, Wendy Duplessis, Herb Franklin, Peter Freistatter, Sharon Maskell.

Board of Trustees: Ross Allen, Tom Beauchamp, Bob Dowson, Rev. Lyle Horn, Arlen Montgomery, Don Weaver

Regional Representative: Larry Breakenridge

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020

Board of Management: Jane Bleecker, Bruce Coulter, Neil Douglas, Wendy Duplessis, George Flavell (Chair), Peter Freistatter, Anne Hare (Recording Secretary), Rev. Lyle Horn, Heather Landry, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Paula Pound, Peter Robinson, Dustin Weihs.

Ministry and Personnel Committee: Neil Douglas, Wendy Duplessis, Sharon Maskell, Peter Freistatter

Board of Trustees: Ross Allen, Tom Beauchamp, Rev. Lyle Horn, Arlen Montgomery, Don Weaver

FINANCIAL HEALTH at a glance...'

January 1, 2019

Bank Balance	-1,303.70
Operating Line of Credit	-29,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	-30,303.70

December 31, 2019

Bank Balance	369.38
Operating Line of Credit	-22,000.00
TOTAL DEBT	-21,630.62

Change - Year Over Year

DECREASE IN DEBT	8,673.08
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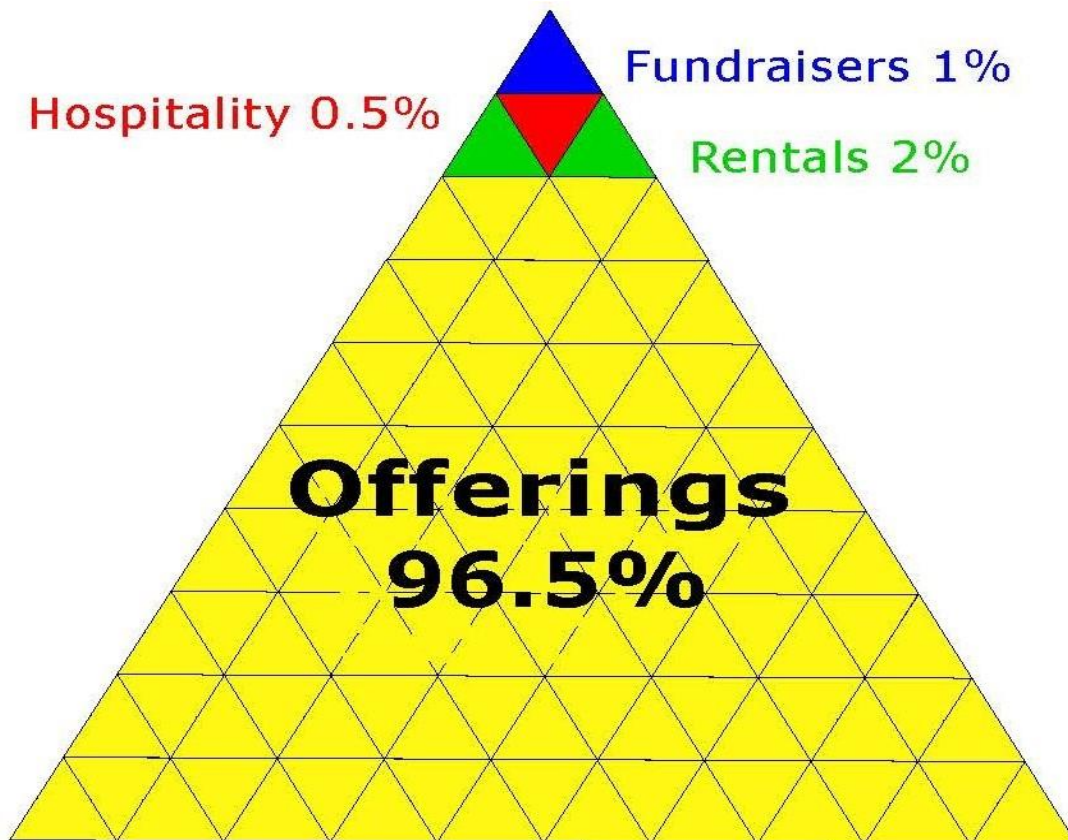
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Since January 01, 2018

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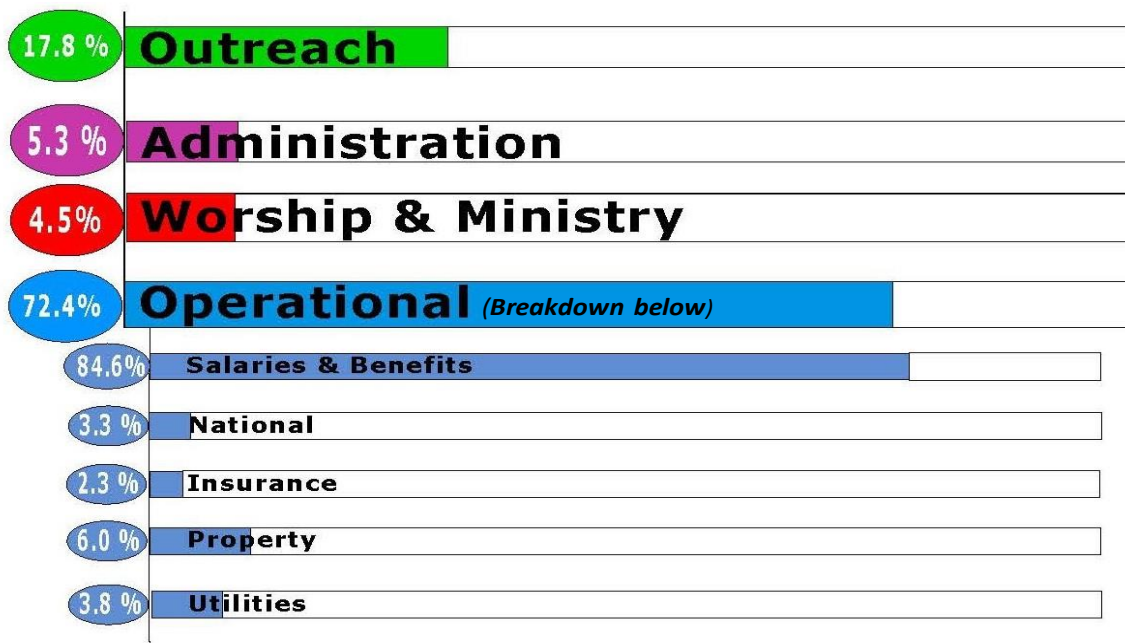
	2018	2019
INCOME		
Offerings	358,769.53	361,723.33
Rentals	7,770.60	7,503.50
Hospitality Group	3,052.00	2,050.00
Fundraisers	1,990.45	3,501.73
Recovery & Rebates	3,731.99	79.37
Miscellaneous		
Other	38.74	97.74
TOTAL INCOME	375,353.31	374,955.67
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MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES	356,654.57	364,721.42
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	18,698.74	10,234.25



2020 BUDGET

	Budget - 18	Actual - 18	Budget - 19	Actual - 19	2020 Proposal
VISION					
Vision - Near					
Ministry of Compassion	15,000.00	20,199.45	20,000.00	22,086.97	24,000.00
Collective Kitchen	2,800.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
One Roof Diner	3,000.00	3,389.06	5,000.00	3,703.12	4,200.00
Local Initiatives			2,000.00	462.44	2,000.00
Vision - Far					
Mission & Service	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
GPIF Honduras (Build)	20,000.00	15,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
TOTAL VISION	60,800.00	61,288.51	65,700.00	64,952.53	\$ 68,900.00
OPERATIONAL COSTS					
Salaries & Benefits	214,000.00	208,982.32	234,000.00	223,192.68	\$ 235,000.00
Lay Ministers / Parish Nurses	10,000.00	9,999.84			\$ -
Presbytery Assignment	8,000.00	7,949.28	9,000.00	8,744.00	\$ 8,744.00
Property	13,000.00	15,547.13	6,000.00	6,025.32	\$ 6,500.00
Insurance	7,000.00	5,342.82	13,000.00	15,753.68	\$ 17,000.00
Utilities	11,500.00	10,157.72	11,500.00	10,177.48	\$ 11,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	21,200.00	19,077.89	19,700.00	19,315.58	\$ 21,200.00
New Equipment					\$ 5,000.00
WORSHIP & MINISTRY COSTS	19,975.00	18,009.06	18,500.00	16,260.16	\$ 18,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	800.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	\$ 300.00
TRANSITIONAL COSTS					\$ 9,000.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	305,475.00	295,366.06	312,000.00	299,768.90	\$ 332,244.00
FULL TOTAL EXPENSES	366,275.00	356,654.57	377,700.00	364,721.43	\$ 401,144.00

Breakdown of Costs



Memorial Account

Balance January 01, 2019		9,860.60
ADD: Donations in Memoriam	4,686.75	
ADD: New Initiatives Fund	15,365.14	
ADD: Innovations Grant (Agape Cafe)	1,800.00	
LESS: Laptop Purchase	-989.88	
LESS: Agape Café	-45.00	
Change in 2019		20,817.01
Balance December 31, 2019		30,677.61

Designated Funds within

Funds Held for Future Funeral	1,000.00
In Memory of Patricia Shaw	5,000.00
Agape Café - Innovations Grant	1,755.00
New Initiatives Fund	15,365.14

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## Safe Haven General Account

|                               |            |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| BALANCE: January 01, 2019     |            | 29,335.41  |
| ADD: Sale of Bike             | 221.24     |            |
| ADD: Return of Petty Cash     | 867.90     |            |
|                               |            |            |
| TOTAL IN                      |            | 1,089.14   |
| LESS: Bank Fees               | -74.00     |            |
| LESS: Rent & General Expenses | -25,412.17 |            |
| LESS: Close Out Account       | -4,938.38  |            |
|                               |            |            |
| TOTAL OUT                     |            | -30,424.55 |
| BALANCE: December 31, 2019    |            | 0.00       |

### Statement of Audit / Review

I have carefully reviewed the financial records for Grace United Church, including receipts, disbursements and supporting documents. During this review, I have found no significant items that would suggest any concern and it is my opinion that these financial statements accurately represent the financial position of Grace United Church as at December 31, 2019. ~ **Rhonda Freeburn**

# GRACE PARTNERSHIP IN FAITH 2019

Accounts Reviewed By Sue Franklin 2020

## Income Statement 2019

| Income                                          |                  | Expenses                                            |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Sales of Gift Cards                             | 46,595.00        | Purchase of Gift Cards                              | 41,599.00        |
| Donations                                       | 7,287.00         | Miscellaneous Expense                               | 2,699.93         |
| Fund Raising Dinners/Silent Auction             | 3,369.00         | Transfer to Friends of Honduran Children 2019 Build | 25,000.00        |
| September Yard Sale                             | 4,362.00         | Transfer to Grace UC for Tax Receipts               | 545.00           |
| From Grace For 2019 Build Project               | 18,000.00        | Bank Fees                                           | 61.18            |
| Return of Transfer to Grace UC for Tax Receipts | 545.00           |                                                     |                  |
| <b>Total Income 2019</b>                        | <b>80,158.50</b> | <b>Total Expenses 2019</b>                          | <b>69,905.11</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses 2019</b>                      | <b>69,905.11</b> |                                                     |                  |
| <b>Net Income 2019</b>                          | <b>10,253.39</b> |                                                     |                  |

## GPIF Gift Cards 2019

|                                      |                    |                                         |                  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Cards on Hand 1 Jan 2019</b>      | <b>\$10,850.00</b> | Cards Sold 2019                         | 42,905.00        |
| Cost of Cards Purchased from Avgen   | 41,599.00          | Cards Gifted to Ministry of Compassion  | 550.00           |
| Profit Value of Cards Purchased      | 1,601.00           | Total of Cards Out 2019                 | 43,455.00        |
| Face Value of Cards From Avgen       | 43,200.00          | Balance of Cards In Minus Cards Out     | 10,895.00        |
| Cards Purchased with Cash            | 300.00             |                                         |                  |
| <b>Total of Cards In 2019</b>        | <b>54,350.00</b>   | <b>Actual Cards on Hand 31 Dec 2019</b> | <b>10,895.00</b> |
| Change in Card Inventory During Year | 45.00              |                                         |                  |

## Balance Sheet 2019

|                                |                  |                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Balance 1 Jan 2019        | 7,286.07         | Total Assets 1 Jan 2019              | 18,136.07        |
| Gift Card Balance 1 Jan 2019   | 10,850.00        | Net income 2019                      | 10,253.39        |
| <b>Total Assets 1 Jan 2019</b> | <b>18,136.07</b> | Card Inventory Increase During 2019  | 45.00            |
|                                |                  | <b>Balance of Assets Dec 31 2019</b> | <b>28,434.46</b> |
|                                |                  | <b>Year End Assets On Hand</b>       |                  |
|                                |                  | Bank Balance 31 Dec 2019             | 17,539.46        |
|                                |                  | Gift card Balance 31 Dec 2019        | 10,895.00        |
|                                |                  | <b>Total Assets 31 Dec 2019</b>      | <b>28,434.46</b> |

## Expenditures For Honduran Projects 2019

|                                                                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Costs to Build Security Wall at Elem. School and Storage Room at Santiago Apostle | 42,606.00        |
| Books & Paper School Supplies Purchased in Honduras                               | 2,832.00         |
| Food Bag Provisions For School Distribution                                       | 1,025.00         |
| Furniture for Santiago Apostle                                                    | 1,350.00         |
| New Dishes, Pots, Silverware For Houses At Orphanage                              | 1,302.00         |
| Activities With Children at Orphanage                                             | 326.00           |
| Hardware & Supplies For Repairs at Orphanage                                      | 2,106.00         |
| <b>Total Expense On 2019 Activities</b>                                           | <b>51,547.00</b> |



# GOODWILL UNIT U.C.W. - FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

*Accounts reviewed by Susan Sweet Lebeau*

| <u>Receipts</u>                |          | <u>Disbursements</u>           |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Opening Balance - Jan 01, 2019 | 119.56   |                                |          |
| Goodwill Unit Offerings        | 1,240.00 | Presbytery Dues - 2019         | 67.00    |
|                                |          | Presbytery Dues - 2020         | 65.00    |
|                                |          | Donation - Grace United Church | 1,100.00 |
| Total Receipts                 | 1,240.00 | Total Disbursements            | 1,232.00 |
| Closing Balance - Dec 31, 2019 | 127.56   |                                |          |

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.***

***Proverbs 3:5-6***

# GRACE CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

*Submitted by Ann Entwistle*

| <u>Receipts</u>                                                                                                         |                 | <u>Disbursements</u>                    |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance, Jan. 2, 2019                                                                                           | \$ 628.40       | Marilyn Coward flowers                  | \$ 20.00         |
|                                                                                                                         |                 | Memorial donation for Jim Legros (\$50) | 65.00            |
|                                                                                                                         |                 | Sue Franklin item purchased (\$15)      |                  |
| Choir Memberships (Collected \$210, held as cash account; cash owing to Sue F. Gift \$45... <b>cash on hand \$165</b> ) |                 | Fruit Basket, Gift card                 | 123.00           |
| Donation from Peterborough East Lions Club                                                                              | 100.00          | Donation to Grace church                | 400.00           |
| Total Receipts                                                                                                          | <b>\$728.40</b> | Total Disbursements                     | <b>\$ 608.00</b> |
| Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2019                                                                                              | <b>\$120.40</b> |                                         |                  |
| <b><i>\$165.00 (cash on hand) + \$120.40 (bank balance) = \$285.40</i></b>                                              |                 |                                         |                  |

# HEALTH CABINET – FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Submitted By Tina Dyck, Treasurer (*Checked by Daphne Ingram, January 2020*)

**Bank Balance January 2019:**  $(3565.70 + 423.22 + 1825.73)$  **\$5,814.65**

## Health Cabinet

Balance Forward Jan 1, 2019

**\$3,565.70**

## Disbursements

| <u>Receipts</u> |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Lunch & Learn   | 288.00  |
| Beef Dinner     | 1925.00 |

|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Lunch & Learn        | \$ 100.00 |
| Beef Dinner          | 433.36    |
| Cookies              | 107.50    |
| Memorial Plaque      | 23.75     |
| Defibrillator Course | 1,170.00  |
| Donation - Grace     | 3,000.00  |
| Nurse Fees           | 541.77    |
| Bank Charges         | 19.00     |

Bank Interest 2.07

**Total Receipts \$5,780.77**

**Total Disbursements \$ 5,395.38**

**Balance - Dec 31, 2019 \$ 385.39**

## Grace Healing Pathway

Balance January 1, 2019

**\$423.22**

| <u>Receipts</u> |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Donations       | 495.00 |

| <u>Disbursements</u>            |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Phase 4 Healing Pathway deposit | 400.00 |

**Total Receipts \$918.22**

**Total Disbursements \$400.00**

**Balance - Dec 31, 2019 \$ 518.22**

## Regional Healing Pathway

Balance January 1, 2019

**\$ 1,825.73**

| <u>Receipts</u> |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Workshop        | 1,986.00 |
| Interest        | 1.15     |

| <u>Disbursements</u> |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Workshop - Phase 1   | 2,177.68 |
| Bank charges         | 17.00    |

**Total Receipts \$3,812.88**

**Total Disbursements \$2,194.68**

**Balance - Dec 31, 2019 \$1,618.20**

**Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2019  $(385.39 + 518.22 + 1,618.20)$  \$2,521.81**

# DECORATING COMMITTEE 2019

*Submitted by Diane Mulvaney*

| <u>Receipts</u>            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Balance Forward            | \$ 64.16 |
| Received from Grace Church | 288.00   |

| <u>Disbursements</u>                                                                    |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Costco (treats – Father's Day)                                                          | \$ 29.13 |
| Michaels (floral décor for Christmas)                                                   | 109.84   |
| Sobey's (Flowers – Mother's Day)                                                        | 90.31    |
| Sproule Enterprises (Candles for Tinsel & Tears/Christmas Eve & extras to have on hand) | 121.75   |

**Total Funds Available \$ 352.16**

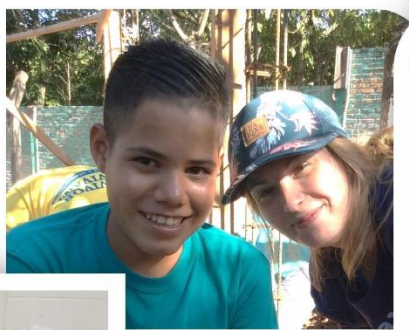
**Total Disbursements \$ 351.03**

**Balance on Hand \$ 1.13**

# Annual Report 2019

## Part 2

### Ministry Reports



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## **Agape Café**

*Submitted by Heather Aiton-Landry*

The Agape Café has been up and running for one year now, and we are pleased to report that it has proven to be a popular event within our



congregation. Thanks in part to a United Church Innovation Grant, and also to the people of Grace who have volunteered their services, talents and supplies, this relatively new initiative has got off to a great start.

The Agape Café takes place (usually) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday night of each month at Grace. The Café provides a space for experienced musicians with a spiritual bent to showcase their talent in a friendly, alcohol-free environment, and a place for live music lovers to hear acoustic, life-affirming music. Admission is by freewill offering and tea, coffee and desserts are available for a nominal fee. The proceeds from each Agape Café go back into the community to benefit different local charities. This year, we have raised \$600 for the One Roof Diner and \$1,166.95 for the Ministry of Compassion.

Our roster of talented musicians has included members of our own Worship One band, as well as familiar faces from other places such as Mark Edwards and Melissa Whalen. We have begun to move our reach outward into the community in recent months and will continue to do so through the coming year. Two recent guest musicians-- Dennis O'Toole and Danny Bronson-- have volunteered their time and talent to support the Ministry of Compassion and the Elizabeth Fry Society, respectively, through the Café. We look forward to further service in the community in the coming year.

## **Children's Ministry**

*Submitted by Lyle Horn/Sheila Montero*

The children's ministry at Grace church has seen many changes in 2019. We began the year with the new children's ministry director in Christine Weihs. Christine worked with the teachers of the Sunday school to provide a strong program for the children at Grace. Through the children's ministry, we try to help the kids learn more about God's love, grace, compassion and care



through stories, crafts and activities. During the week of Easter, a very interactive children's Easter program took place that spoke about the significance of our faith in Christ.



Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, Christine was unable to continue as our Children's Ministry Director and, therefore, resigned at the end of June. We wish her well.

Throughout the summer months, many individuals within Grace church stepped up to volunteer as children's program teachers for the summer months. This enabled many of the children who came throughout the summer to have a program during both services. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of the time and

energy to keep our children's ministry moving in a positive direction.

In September 2019, Sheila Montero took on the additional responsibilities as the Children's Ministry Director.

#### *From Sheila:*

September to December was a whirlwind for me, leading the wonderful team of teachers onwards. We enjoyed teaching from the new curriculum entitled "Heart of God" and our children benefited from the lessons. The youth group had a movie & popcorn night and a ghost walk in East City, and volunteered at the One Roof Diner. The nursery has had a steady attendance of wee ones in the capable hands of our nursery attendants.

I want to thank all the teachers for making the Christmas Celebration a fun and inspiring event. Both Grace kids and those from the community attended and enjoyed their time. Special thanks to Bruno and Dreda for sharing their talents of music and drama.



We look forward to continuing to strengthen our children and youth ministry.

#### **Teaching Staff**

Tara Cahorn, Wendy Duplessis, Meaghan Fuller, Betty Ann Harris, Meredith Jessop, Heather Landry, Sheila Montero, April Smith, Donna Thompson  
Joining the teaching staff: Elizabeth Gray

## Collective Kitchens

*Submitted by Laura Jack, Community Worker,  
Peterborough County City Health Unit*

I want to thank Grace United for all your support for the three Collective Kitchens that you financially support and host at the Church.

Your support provides funding for the food purchases we turn into meals that the participants take home to share with their families. In fact, last year over 1200 meals went home for everyone to enjoy.



We share new recipes and cooking techniques and talk about how to stretch often limited food dollars in their budget. This past year we have focused again on using more non-perishable nutritious foods like grains, legumes and canned goods as well as using more seasonal

vegetables and less meat.

We continue to work on developing better skills in the kitchen to help prepare great meals quickly and talk about safe food handling once they get home. One participant commented recently:

*"I especially like learning some of the simple, transferrable skills I missed growing up, i.e., knife skills and ways to be more efficient in processing ingredients."*

Other participants wrote: *"I learned basic cooking skills. I could barely boil water before Collective Kitchen. I have more confidence in cooking."*

*"The collective kitchen is a great teaching experience. I love taking recipes home. I'm interested in recipes that are easy to cook as I am making a cookbook for beginners."*

We have continued to talk about reducing food waste in our homes and discuss how to use and store food on sale and ideas on how to use 'leftovers' to ensure nothing has to get thrown out.

*"This program positively impacts my home every month. My child eats most, if not all, the food we make (she likes it!). It takes the weight off me for a few days a month of what to make for dinner, it saves me money and time. It is truly a blessing to be part of."*

Social inclusion and respect for each other has always been very important as well, and many participants comment on how they look forward to getting



out of their rooms and apartments to attend the cooking sessions and share in the conversation and stories that everyone brings. Many say the "tea time and talking" is very important.

Participants wrote:

*"I like the big variety in the backgrounds of the participants and seeing all the ways this makes a difference to people. Skills, money they/we don't have, community."*

*"Collective Kitchens makes learning easy and not so intimidating. I have learned a lot personally and have witnessed others gain really important life skills to go forward into the world with."*

*"This cooking group means a lot to me as it provides me not only with cooking skills and meals but a great time for socializations."*

Thank you Grace United for once again providing food for the soul as well as the body!

Sincerely, Laura Jack

### **Friday South End Bid Euchre**

*Submitted by Sharon Maskell*

Every Friday afternoon we meet in the lower hall of the church at one o'clock to play Bid Euchre. We average eleven tables a week. We share laughter, hugs, tears, and friendship. We also enjoy a delicious, often home made treat half way through the afternoon. Our goal is to make a difference in the lives of others and in our church's vision.

We actively support the Arthritis Society, Service Dogs, Alzheimer Society, the Food Bank, the Collective Kitchen, and the Breakfast Program at Kenner Collegiate. We pay two dollars to play for the afternoon.

Each week, there is an opportunity for someone interested in learning how to play the game. There is a teacher on site. We also are delighted to welcome 'experienced' players. We are active, friendly, and encouraging. If you are interested in joining us, please call Sharon at 705 741-3313.

### **Goodwill Unit U.C.W.**

*Submitted by Velma Sheppard*

In 2019, the Goodwill Unit of the U.C.W held seven meetings under the capable leadership of our leader, Anne Whittington. There was an average attendance of nine members at these meetings. Six of these meetings were held at the Church and our Christmas meeting and luncheon was held at Kawartha Retirement Residence.



Our programs were varied with members taking turns presenting the program, worship and lunch. We enjoyed bible studies and discussions.

We help with different functions at the church and give donations to missions and the general fund of our church.

We meet at the church on the second Monday of each month except in July and August and the months when there is a Senior's Luncheon and Communion on the fifth Wednesdays, which we attend instead.

Two of our members, Mary Lou Eastwood and Kim Naish have moved from Peterborough to be closer to family members. We will miss them very much and wish them well in their new homes.

## Grace Partnership in Faith

*Submitted Jane Bleecker, Chair of GPIF*



For all those new to Grace United & those who sometimes wonder how this group got started I'm going to start with a little history lesson on GPIF. As my first trip was in 2011, I'm drawing information from files I was given by past chair and brigader Gregg Gordon.

Prior to the introduction of GPIF to the congregation in 2006, Rev. Lyle had heard a presentation by Dr. Jim McCallum; a well-known oral surgeon in Peterborough. His talk got Lyle thinking that this was an opportunity for Grace to get involved with outreach in a foreign country following in step with the Vision statement "Maintaining The Momentum A Vision For The Future." A committee was formed and a presentation was made to the Board on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and passed with conditions of questions being answered. Most of the original committee are still members here at Grace and they have been to Honduras many times. After many meetings, deliberations and planning, the first Grace United Building Brigade travelled to Honduras in November of 2006. Their project was to start the construction of a home in the Children's Village at Nuevo Paraiso.

There have been 13 trips to Honduras to date and over that time we have built homes in the Children's Village, rural one room schools and a medical centre with a portion of funds gifted to us when Knox United closed. The last few years our projects have been at the Nuevo Village, an office for the principal, new washrooms, a protective wall around the elementary school &

a storage room for the boys dining hall. And that doesn't count all the small repairs done or the walls painted or the crafts and games shared with the Kids. I'd guess that close to 100 folks have travelled as part of a Grace build doing their part to honour our Mission Statement "We Are United As One In The World".

Last November, 18 eager brigaders, 6 of whom were new, travelled to build our Protective Wall and storage room addition. We visited 4 rural mountain schools delivering supplies and food bags and, as always, the parachute was a huge success. We helped to supply some basic items like dinner ware, pots & pans, towels, a microwave, kettles, kitchen knives & our big



purchase was living room furniture for the boy's home. We spent time playing with the Kids and thanks to Brigader Pat, we had an awesome Christmas party amongst ourselves leaving all the little gifts for the Tia's. For Lyle and me, being invited to attend Sister Maria Rosa's Birthday Party & Mass was an honour & something we will cherish forever.

We are blessed to have the support of not only our families, friends & neighbours but the ongoing support of our Grace United Family. No matter what the call is for, you are there to help; no words can fully express our thanks for your generosity. We will continue to sell the Shop & Save cards each week; thank you for your support as the funds raised go to projects in Honduras. Planning for the 2020 trip will get underway soon and as dates and events are finalized we will let you know. The folks from GPIF are happy to answer any questions you may have.

### **Greeters (for Second Service)**

*Submitted by Audrey Holme*

The following people served on this committee making sure there was a person at the outside door to assist and someone handing out bulletins - 2<sup>nd</sup> service only: Janie & Rob McEachern, Scouting Group, Tom & Betty Jenkins, Don & Mary Weaver, Diane Mulvaney, Peter & Pat Freistatter, Doug & Cecilia Simmons, Tina Dyck, Diane Mathieson, Doug & Carolyn Abel, Joanne Brown, Donna VanDrunen, Derek & Audrey Holme. Thank you for your assistance.

## Health Cabinet

*Submitted by Carol Allen*

Our Grace Health Cabinet is excited to report that we now have an increase in members totaling twelve, who are keen to do the work of the cabinet. We continue to meet monthly.

Our "Lunch and Learn" projects were very successful in 2019 prompting us to schedule another 3 for 2020. The turn out for our luncheon events was greater than expected indicating our congregation and friends are eager to attend. Our fundraiser "Roast Beef Dinner" was again very successful. Our thanks to Anne Hare, Peter Poley and the Kenner culinary program for assisting to provide this dinner to our congregation and friends.



Our "Blood Pressure Clinic" has undergone a major overhaul and we are getting started on another format. We ask your patience in our growing pains to initiate a new Blood Pressure Program monthly after second service on Sunday. We hope to increase this opportunity to our First Service Congregation once we establish our new plan. A thank you to the health professionals in our congregation who have consented to taking part in our monthly program. You will continue to see the health cabinet representatives at our Blood Pressure table. The competent new faces will provide the same check-ins. Thank you for your patience.

Three of our members have taken the Tapping course, most generously provided free by Fern Hearne as a "Thank You" to the Healing Pathway Ministry. Fern has steadily improved from a life threatening accident and feels great healing benefit from her weekly times of receiving in our Healing Pathway afternoons.

We have new and different exciting ideas floating around our Health Cabinet table. Look for some new and different events coming your way in the future. Stay tuned; the unexpected is coming from the Health Cabinet idea's table.

Our Annual year end donation to Grace was \$500.00.

Our current membership as follows: Carol Allen and Anne Hare (Co-Chairs), Tina Dyck (Treasurer), Sandra Skinner, Lucie Bonter (Secretary), Wendy

Duplessis, Diane Mathieson, Carolyn Callaghan, Marilyn Suthurst, Sue Franklin, Laura Goff and Jane Bleecker.

## **Healing Pathway Ministry**

We have continued to have a busy year of regular weekly Grace receivers as well as several receivers from other churches and, by word of mouth, referrals unrelated to church attendance. We have seen six receivers weekly all year round with a two week Christmas break. We are doing routine house/hospital calls as well.

Our introduction Phase One Workshop through our Regional Healing Pathway group took place at Grace in May and we had several attendees from local churches: Grace, Greenwood, Cambridge in Lindsay, Young's Point, and Bancroft United Churches. Our workshop helpers were Tina Dyck and Carol Allen and food provisions by Tina, Carol, Yasmin and Anne Smith with registration duties organized by Mary Ruth Begbie.

Our Grace Healing Pathway group has increased in numbers through the Introduction Phase One Workshop. Our senior members have completed the third phase workshop in Galilee Retreat Centre in Arnprior in April. Yasmin and Carol Allen are booked to take the first phase of a two part - Level 4 workshop in April 2020.

We have been working on organizing a workshop at Grace for our new receivers to continue their study in Phase 1 Level 2 "Healing from the Heart Workshop. This has been confirmed to take place on June 6, 2020 with Sharon Moon and Howard Clarke as our instructors. Our Regional Funds assist members wishing to take these workshops. Regional Healing Pathway did not have a fundraiser concert this year but will probably be looking to organize a concert at Grace in 2020 to maintain the ability to assist interested practitioners toward their goals.

Our program provides opportunity for appointments: weekly on Thursday afternoon 1:30 to 4:00, and evening appointments once a month on Monday. We also offer distance healing upon request, and house and hospital calls.

Seven of our HP team are taking the Tapping Workshop provided free by Fern Hearne as a "Thank You" to our H.P. Ministry for Fern's opportunity of meditation and receiver time as she recovered most courageously from a severe accident trauma. Sincere thank you to Fern for supporting HP and for the opportunity to learn a valuable practice of self care.



Our Healing Pathway weekly regular practitioners are Carol Allen, Tina Dyck, Yasmin Zand, Marie Perry, & Pat Freistatter. Our Snowbirds are Liz Valois and Barb Moffat. We are sad to report that our keen member Pat Freistatter, who is planning to take the June Phase 2 Part One "Healing from The Heart" Workshop, is leaving our Grace group to resettle in British Columbia to be closer to family. We will miss your positive contributions to our group, Pat.

We continue to support our Grace people and welcome anyone wishing to experience a quiet time in our upper room Thursday sessions of Healing reflection and relaxation please call Carol Allen @ 705-745-2554 to book a time with our Healing Pathway Ministry Team.

## **Hearing Assist Devices**

*Submitted by Ross Allen*

*Do you miss the last few words of a phrase during the service? Do you have trouble hearing all of the sentences in the minister's sermons?*

Grace church has hearing assist devices which will help you hear and understand the sermons. The words from all of the microphones are transmitted by FM to the small receiver devices. The devices can be picked up at the back of the church; they are usually below the memorial book cabinet, in a black case.

There are now three different fittings you can choose to plug into the receiver.

- There is a simple foam ear bud which fits directly into either ear. This is good if you do not wear a hearing aid, or if you do, the aid has to be removed.
- We also have over the ear foam cups which can be used on their own, or they will fit over your hearing aid.
- Also, many types of aids have a built-in magnetic coil, or loop. We have the loop which is worn around your neck, and the signal is sent directly to your aids. (For the neck loop to operate, your hearing aid must have the tele-coil loop switch or program. You may have to check with your hearing aid specialist to verify that your aid has the system.)



Because the devices are connected directly to the sound system, a lot of the troublesome background noises, with hearing aids, are eliminated with the hearing devices. All the devices have their own volume control.

Whether you have hearing aids or not, if you feel that you are missing too much of the sermons, these devices are well worth you giving one of them a try. They will definitely help. If you have any further questions, or you need assistance, please see Ross Allen.

## **Hospitality Group**

*Submitted by Colleen Breakenridge and Diann Cooper*

In 2019, Colleen and Diann with many Grace helpers served lunch following 4 funerals. Also, a reception for 2 birthdays: one for a 90<sup>th</sup> and one for an 80<sup>th</sup>.

In December after the Tinsel and Tears service, we served hot apple cider and cookies and after Christmas Day morning service. Actually, our thanks go out to Larry for preparing and Jane and Annabel helped serve and clean up because Colleen was under the weather.

Events run smooth because of the willing helpers.

Thanks also to Diane Mathieson and Sandra Skinner for offering to do the phoning for food. It is a big help for us.

## **Men of Faith**

*Submitted by Bruce Coulter*

The Men of Faith meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, except in the summer, for a time of Faith, Fellowship and Fun. We have been looking at the parables of Jesus lately. The men have been taking turns presenting them to the group so that we may learn some of the teachings of Jesus. This past year, we did a couple of fundraisers for the church. Our first one was the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper which was very well attended. We also sold rain barrels as a fundraiser for the church. It was a great fundraiser even though we had a few problems with delivery. The men had a time of camaraderie and made the most of it.

The Men of Faith had a great speaker, Don Gray, talk about the Barnardo children and his video on some of the children was very informative and well received by Grace and the community.

The Men of Faith welcomes all men of Grace and all men of any faith to our meetings. We usually start our meeting with coffee, and a treat followed by a learning from the bible. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 9 to 11am.





## Ministry of Compassion

*Submitted by Tom Judy Beauchamp*

2019 was a very challenging year and one of great need. The necessity for the continued support for both our immediate community and for our neighbours near and far is still great. The clients attending the Grace weekly food bank and boutique are very thankful and appreciative for the help received. Many thanks to the members of Grace congregation for their continued generosity of financial contributions, non-perishables and clothing donations.

Over the past year, we have been blessed with donations from:

- a) Agape Cafe    b) GPIF    c) Bid Euchre
- d) a Birthday Party e) individual contributors.



In order for the Ministry of Compassion to stay functional, boundaries have been placed around the church. The number of milk vouchers has been reduced to one per family from 2 or 3. This will save approximately \$2,556.00.

A total of \$26,095.32 was spent in 2019: \$6,816.00 on milk vouchers and \$19,279.32 on groceries, which included monetary donations plus an additional \$2,870.88 in groceries and miscellaneous items received on the cart.

As a brief overview of the numbers of clients requesting help/food during the past three years, we share these figures with you:

| <i>TOTALS</i>    | <b>2017</b> | <b>2018</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Families         | 828         | 877         | 983         |
| Adults           | 1324        | 1395        | 1769        |
| Children         | 1282        | 1242        | 2011        |
| Milk Vouchers    | 1163        | 1145        | 1603        |
| Total People Fed | 2606        | 2637        | 3780        |

*Blessings and many thanks to our dedicated volunteers:*

*Tom Beauchamp - Head Buyer and inventory control*

*Carol Allen – Parish Nurse*

*Judy Beauchamp*

*Diane Mulvaney*

*Wendy Duplessis*

*Audrey Holme*

*Brenda Kloostra*

*Ken Dixon for helping Tom set up the boutique each Monday night and putting the bins away Tuesday morning.*

*Simon Kloostra for stocking shelves*

# Music Ministry Report

*Submitted by Bev Templar and Paul Tessier*

The choir strives to enhance the worship life of the Grace congregation and community through their gift of music.



**Sopranos:** Tina Dyck, Ann Entwistle, Sue Franklin, Beverlee Robinson, Lynn Dragomir, Marie Perry, Susan Lebeau, Paula Pound, Kaitlyn Maloney, Deborah Passmore

**Altos:** Nell Riel, Carol Allen, Colette Zaluski, Darlene Barker

**Tenors:** Ross Allen, Jim Coward, Marilyn Coward, Bernie McFadden

**Basses:** Herb Franklin, Jim Ferguson, Peter Robinson

A warm welcome to Darlene Barker, a most welcome addition to the alto section!

The choir had the opportunity to share our gift of music at the East Lion's Christmas dinner event held at the Canoe Museum on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed our time together and ended with everyone singing Christmas carols together.

Thank you for your continued support which is greatly appreciated. May we continue to praise and glorify God, through the ministry of music!

*"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without."*

## **A Music Prayer**

**God of harmony,**

**you give us music rich in variety,  
to connect us with you and all creation.**

**We thank you for inspiring poets and musicians  
who bring praise to our lips.**

**Help us embrace the harmonies of your creative genius;**

**Let your hope, faith, love and joy  
resound in us and ring throughout the earth.**

**Fill us with the rhythm of your heartbeat  
in your symphony of being  
as it guides and nurtures us  
in mission with you.**

**We pray in the name of Christ, the singer and the song.**

**Amen.**

**\*From "Call to Purpose: A message from the church to the church."**

## 19th Grace Scouting

*Submitted by Beverley Reid, Group Commissioner, 19<sup>th</sup> Peterborough*

At the completion of 2019, our leadership team consisted of Beavers – Kelly Stinson, Paul Stinson, Tracey King, Mitchell Syer; Cubs – Bev Reid, Ted Reid, Lochlyn Newton; Scouts – Pierre Cahorn, Jennifer Cowey; Rovents (Venturers and Rovers) – Kim Syer, Ted Reid, Seth Doornbos. Our Group Committee consists of Bev Reid, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Kim Syer, Herb Franklin, Sue Franklin, Jim Coward, Tom Beauchamp, Neil Lebeau, Roger Cowey and Donna Ferguson.



Our year started off with the exciting month of February with our Baden-Powell week celebrations. It is tradition for our Scouting family to provide service to our sponsor, Grace

United Church, to thank the congregation for all the support they provide us during the year. We provided coffee and snacks each week during the month; ran the Sunday School program and provided the sermon on BP Sunday; and participated in many of the services doing greeting and collection. As part of our BP Celebration, our youth and leaders met at the church for dinner, evening activities and our annual sleepover.

In April, at the Kawartha Waterways Annual Honours and Awards dinner, the **Medal of Good Service** (for good service to Scouting) was presented to **Kim Syer**. Two of our members received special Area Awards. **Lochlyn Newton** received the **Commissioners Award** (given to a member that the Area Commissioner felt helped them in their role) and **Susan Sweet Lebeau** received the **M.J. Smit Memorial Group Committee Award** (for outstanding Service to Scouting in a Group Committee role). Congratulations to these members. Well deserved.

We had several members receive long service award. **Pierre Cahorn** received his **5 year Service Award**, **Susan Sweet Lebeau** received her **25 year Service Award**, **Herb Franklin** received his **45 year Service Award** and **Jim Coward** received his **55 year Service Award**. **WOW!!** Congratulations to all.



**Youth Parchment** was presented to **Lochlyn Newton**. **Adult Parchments** were presented to **Ted Reid**, **Susan Sweet Lebeau**, **Sue Franklin**, **Kim Syer**, **Roger Cowey**, **Neil Lebeau** and **Paul Stinson**.

Over the year **Certificate of Commendations** were presented to several of our **Adult Volunteers**. These commendations are from other members and parents submitting a note that the member has done something special or has gone above or beyond their role in Scouting.

In September, our Special Needs Venturer Company closed. The members have gone onto other activities. Of the leaders, **Margaret Nelson** retired after 35 plus years, **Roger Cowey** joined our Group Committee as a resource member and **Jennifer Cowey** has joined our Scout Troop as a leader. Thanks to all of these Scouters for their years of leadership to the members of this Venturer Company.

At the completion of 2019 we had 9 Sharing Beavers, 14 Fun-Loving Cubs, 1 Prepared Scout, 1 Venturers looking for Challenge, 5 Rovers providing Service and 17 adults in leadership or support. We continue to be active within the Grace church community and ***sincerely thank the Grace family for their continued support for this youth program.***

If you know of a youth who might be interested in Scouting, please call Bev Reid 705-748-6345.

## **One Roof Diner**

*Submitted by Wendy Duplessis & Anne Hare*



The One Roof Diner is located in downtown Peterborough. It is a place where lunches and supper are served seven days a week, but also opens in cold weather as a warming room when necessary. Meals are for hungry and homeless men, women and children of Peterborough, and anyone is welcome. Approximately 150 to 200 meals are provided free of charge each evening.

Grace United church has volunteered to serve the supper meal on the second Sunday of each month throughout the year. We have been on board since September 2017.

Dinner is served between 5pm and 6pm and we are usually done by 7pm.



Those of us who have been involved with this mission find it to be a very rich and rewarding experience, that engages our community, serves our neighbours, and reaches out beyond our walls.

Won't you join us?



## **Prayer Chains**

*Submitted by Marilyn Coward*

We have a faithful group of 15 people who form our prayer chain. Prayer requests are passed on to the members by e-mail. There is a box on the wall in the friendship area to place your prayer requests. We also have included a place on our website for prayer requests and we have been receiving many from there as well.

Anyone wishing to be part of this prayer chain can contact me or the office.

*James 5:16: "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

## **Property Committee Report**

*Submitted by Peter H. Robinson*

To our fellow Grace Church members, thank you for your assistance when we put out a call for help. We are well aware that our work force seems to be getting older, backs are weaker, eye sight not so good, hearing is gone but the spirit is strong and we do have fun at our work bees.



In reviewing last year's problems, I find we have cut down on boiler and lift problems and I believe this is due to regular routines 4 times a year under contracts that were signed last year. You may ask if this is saving us money? In the past, breakdowns have left us without heat for up to 4 weeks and the parts and labor far exceeded the cost of our contract. Likewise, with the lift, a door lock for the ground floor cost \$2,000.00 and with Savaria \$600.00. Carl from Savaria repaired the lock replaced by Otis for us to have as a spare.

As CNN's Chis Como would say, BOLO (be on the lookout) - we are working with 20 year old boilers, an over-worked, 20 year old lift, a church sign that Ross and Tom removed from the ark and is literally disintegrating on our front lawn. We are aware all are big ticket items and fall into the \$30,000.00 category each but if we act quickly a \$30,000.00 United Church Grant is available for Green Energy Items.

The Property Committee: Wayne Hare and Ross Allen and Peter Robinson

## **Safe Haven for Refugees**

*Submitted by Jane Bleecker*

For 5 years now, I have been involved with a group that privately sponsored a family from war torn Syria. In



**SAFE HAVEN**  
FOR REFUGEES PETERBOROUGH

January 2016, Mohamed & Randa Alftih and their 4 children arrived on a very cold snowy day. A lot has happened since then; the children have grown and done very well in school, the parents opened Oasis Mediterranean Grill on George Street, a favoured lunch spot for students & shoppers.

In the fall of 2017, we welcomed Randa's sister Linda and her 3 children. I was one of the group who went to Toronto to pick the family up; what an experience to see the sisters reunited. Linda's family has adjusted to life here in Canada very well. We set about the paper work for sister Lina and their parents to come but sadly Lina was rejected and has remained in Aleppo. Parents Faez & Raweida arrived in August 2018. It's been an amazing journey not only for the family but for those of us working behind the scene to unite them here in Peterborough.

Of note is that Linda's husband, Tarek, who had stayed behind to care for his ill mother (she sadly passed) came to join his family in October. We are also in contact with Lina, supporting her when we can.

Throughout this journey, the Grace United congregation worked as a Community Co-Sponsor with Safe Haven and helped collect household items for the families as they arrived. Safe Haven will be forever thankful for the love and support given to the families and we valued our working relation with Grace United. Safe Haven has come to the end of our financial obligations to the families however we all continue to share celebrations, visits and of course have lunch at "OMG."

***"When you are in Canada you will feel how the world should be"***

***Randa Alftih - 2016***

## **Welcoming Committee**

*Submitted by Jane Bleecker*

At the start of 2019, I took over the Welcoming Committee from Marilyn Coward. She had been at the helm for many years and decided to step down from some of her many obligations. A huge thank you Marilyn for your dedication to this ministry.

This group of people are the first faces seen by folks coming thru the doors at Grace United each Sunday morning and they do an awesome job. Your smiles, hugs and handshakes reinforce that we are indeed a Welcoming Place for everyone no matter where they are on life's journey. Grateful thanks to the 2019 team listed below and to anyone who substituted during the year.

Beverlee Robinson

Enid Montgomery

Jane Bleecker

Lucie Bonter

Tina Dyck

Anne Hare

Neil Lebeau

Mabel Green

## **Women On The Move**

*Submitted by Marilyn Coward*

Another great year with a wonderful group of women. Our vision is aligned with the church's vision. Again this year we had our Ministry of Compassion dinner serving our Food Bank clients a delicious roast beef dinner. Thanks again to Anne Hare and her committee's leadership for this dinner. This was a wonderful opportunity to serve and a true blessing for all who attended. We have also set up and provided Communion and Lunch for our Seniors. This takes place on months with 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.



Thank you to Colleen Breakenridge and Diann Cooper and their committee who take on the responsibility of this ministry.

Again this year, we made a generous donation to our Honduran mission.

We are also a prayerful group and often hear how much these prayers are appreciated.

Women On The Move meet the fourth Monday of each month. Some of us meet at Swiss Chalet at 5:00 for supper and then all of us gather at 7:00



p.m. at the church. We meet in the Lower Hall and our meetings take the form of small group and large group discussions with a theme for the discussions. We also have guest speakers.

All women, all faiths are welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor.

For further information, contact Marilyn Coward.

## **Women's Retreat Weekend-September**

*Submitted by Marilyn Coward*

Another wonderful weekend for our Grace women and friends took place this past September. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> year Grace has been at Joy Bible Camp. Our theme for this year's retreat was "SINGING IN THE RAIN!" God truly



blessed us with good weather, and we didn't need our umbrellas. Perfect weather for our Saturday's worship on the beach. It is always a special spiritual time. Thank you to Diane Mulvaney for arranging our craft again this year. Fun time for sure!

Thank you also to my sister Carole Tully for her support in planning and to the small group leaders.

Plans are underway for another exciting, fun-filled weekend this year, September 2020. More information will be coming!!!

Fellowship, Worship, Singing, Sharing, Praying, Laughing, Eating, Relaxing, Playing,

## **Worship 1 Music Ministry**

*Submitted by Tony Mason*

Blessings all. Where did the year go? Again this year, Lyle has introduced new songs from the current Contemporary Christian playlist which keeps us on our toes.

This year we have the pleasure of Bruno Merz joining us on guitar and lead vocal. Bruno joined us last summer and has stayed with us through the year. Bruno is not new to Christian Contemporary music and we appreciate his participation and help within the Worship 1 band.

Thank you to Jill, Andrew, and Colette, for keeping us on course with the lead vocals. Thank you to Brother Bruno for jumping in and adding his voice

in the lead section. Thank you to Marilyn and Nell for holding down the harmonies, and to Susan and Carol for the backup vocals!

And the band played on, with Bev tickling the 88's and helping us figure out vocal parts. In the bass department we again thank the team of Dawna and Trevor for making sure there's always someone in the bass chair. We're sorry that Steve Smith had to move on from the drum chair and thank him for his time of service. Brother Bryan has stepped back in and has been strong this fall with the drums, thank you Bryan. Also, Bryan, Trevor, and Bruno have all lent their talents to the Agape Café ministry this year as well. Thank you band members for keeping this music alive!

As always, I also want to thank Brother Larry and Lochlyn for operating the sound board each and every week!

Again I want to thank all those W1 singers and instrumentalists who show up Thursdays with their game faces on for rehearsals, and who give it their best on Sundays!

I also want to thank Sheila in the front office, who inputs the new songs for the LCD, emails the troops, prints out set lists, and generally helps to keep me and us on track. Thank you Sheila!

As always, thank you Brother Lyle for your vision and support!

Sincerely; tony



## **Worship Related Volunteers**

**2019 Communion Team:** Jane Bleecker, Lucie Bonter, Larry & Colleen Breakenridge, Wendy Duplessis, Celia Hunter, Janie & Rob McEachern.

**2019 Slide Projector Operators:** Jane Bleecker, Brad Burton, Neil Douglas, Colin Entwistle, George Flavell, Anne Hare, Celia Hunter, Neil Lebeau, Peter Robinson, Deb Tessier.

**2019 Worship Leaders:** Carol Allen, Jillian Bonter, Celia Hunter, Glenda Jopling, Paula Pound, Nell Riel, Susan Sweet Lebeau.

**2019 Scripture Readers:** Wendy Duplessis, Tina Dyck, George Flavell, Herb Franklin, Sue Franklin, Celia Hunter, Carolyn Legros, Deb Passmore, Darlene Pearson, Dawna Rhodenhizer, Nell Riel, Scouting.

**2019 Sound System Operators:** Larry Breakenridge, Lochlyn Newton

**2019 Offering Counters:** Gary & Ferne Earle, Herb & Sue Franklin, Wayne & Anne Hare, Neil Lebeau, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Deb Tessier.

**2019 Outside Sign Changer:** Rob McEachern.

**2019 Greeting Coordinators:** Doug and Carolyn Abel, Joanne Brown, Tina Dyck, Gary & Ferne Earle, Peter & Pat Freistatter, Audrey & Derek Holme, Tom & Betty Jenkins, Janie & Rob McEachern, Doug & Cecilia Simmons, Donna Vandrunen, Don & Mary Weaver.

**2019 Lift Operators:** Brad Burton, Lorne Dixon, Wayne Hare, Debbie March, Rob McEachern, Arlen Montgomery, Catherine Nicholls, Marilyn Sutherst, Deb Tessier.

**2019 Welcome Committee:** Jane Bleecker, Lucie Bonter, Tina Dyck, Pat Freistatter, Mabel Green, Anne Hare, Neil Lebeau, Enid Montgomery, Bev Robinson.

**2018 Coffee & Juice Servers:** Carolyn & Doug Abel, Donna Babcock, Judy & Tom Beauchamp, Jane & Gary Bleecker, Lucie Bonter, Carolyn Callaghan, Diann & Ernie Cooper, Neil Douglas, Wendy Duplessis, Eleanor Darling, Tina Dyck, Ferne & Gary Earle, Sue & Herb Franklin, Laura Goff, Vivienne Hegadoren, Celia Hunter, Tom & Betty Jenkins, Flora McDougall, Rob & Janie McEachern, Barbara & Dave Moffat, Carlos & Sheila Montero, Diane Mathieson, Bev & Peter Robinson, 19<sup>th</sup> Grace Scouting, Robin Sullivan, Deb Tessier, Mary & Don Weaver.

***To all the people who provided coffee, tea & juice after both services for the past year, we thank you very much. It is a time of fellowship that makes our church a family church and very much appreciated. Thank you to the Health Cabinet for cookies & snacks and to the Scout Group for helping out in the month of February.***  
***Judy Beauchamp***

## ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

### **GRACE UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION IS:**

*a Christian community, part of an ever changing church,  
striving to:*

- ❖ express our faith, hope and mission through worship, prayer, music, learning and service;
- ❖ provide a friendly and caring setting for individuals to seek spiritual enrichment, support and personal renewal;
- ❖ reach out to interact with and welcome members of the community;
- ❖ develop an awareness and sensitivity of world issues by showing loving concern for all God's creation.

