

## UCW REPORT .....

**November** will once again see the UCW collecting personal care items for Lanark County Interval House. There will be item donation boxes at the front door of the church and in the church hall. Gift cards, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste and brushes are some of the items required.

Visit <http://lcih.org/helping-at-the-holidays> for suggested items. Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile cause.

**December 06:** It is never too early to talk about the UCW Christmas Potluck Dinner/worship/program. This annual event will be December 06 beginning at 6:00pm with a meet and greet. Supper will follow at 6:30pm. We will be joined by our UCW friends from Bethel, Rideau Ferry and St. Paul's, Perth. Hope to see you at this wonderful event that welcomes us into the Season of Advent & Christmas.

**December 06:** The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women. The Smiths Falls Inter-Church Group helps to organize this annual service held every Dec. 6 at noon-time in the sanctuary at Trinity. Members from our congregations and folks from the community join their prayers with others across Canada as we affirm our stance for justice and wholeness and work towards ending gender based violence.

Submitted by:

Norma Wrightly, UCW Co-Chair

## OVERSEAS MISSION FROM TRINITY

At our anniversary service in 2010, Peter Woods, our then minister, invited Mr. Joe Reed, who was Peter's mentor, divinity professor and former moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada as the guest speaker.

Mr. Reed who had extensive experience and interests in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala, spoke to us about Nicaragua in particular. As Tom and Patricia Foulke's son Matthew has spent several months each year in Nicaragua over the past decade, the Foulkes spent some time with Mr. Reed and Rev. Woods to discuss various opportunities where they may help. Eventually, they decided to support a new agricultural venture. This has been quite successful, leading to hundreds of people providing thousands with employment and sustainability.

In August, 2017, Mr. Reed, now back in Montreal, and other members of his group in Waterloo, Ontario, decided to establish an annual educational scholarship at the University level in Nicaragua. It will be known as the Patricia Foulkes Scholarship.

This is a good story of how actions from members of Trinity help in global missions.

Reported by: Peter Au

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## INTRODUCTION OF REV. CHRISTOPHER RYAN

We started our Interim Ministry in October 2015 and ended it June 2017 with the goal to revitalize Trinity's mission after a long pastorate. This time of interim ministry allowed us to investigate many parts of Trinity. These included fear of the future and moving forward; resource scarcity versus abundance; Stewardship; Spiritual Leadership; Christian Community; dwindling church membership/attracting new members; serving the needs of all the church family; Revitalizing Children & Youth Ministries; Changing of the guard/infusion of new leadership; Communications within and outside the church; Ministerial boundaries; Gate keeping; Openness, welcoming and accessibility. This period of interim ministry led to self-discovery, hard work, change, and growth. We are not finished yet!

However, there is good news, we survived it! We are happy to welcome our new Minister to Trinity United Church Smiths Falls, Reverend Christopher Ryan!

Reverend Ryan started his ministry in 1986 at the Greenfield Baptist Church and from there to Scotch Village Baptist Church, then to Maitland Pastoral Charge. In 1994, he started his service with the Military and served as the Battle Group Chaplain in Bosnia. Rev. Ryan served with the Canadian Fleet Atlantic, Canadian Forces Chaplain School and Centre where he was the Standards Officer; Training and Evaluation of Military Chaplains. In 2002, he served at the Royal Military College in Kingston. In July 2006, he served in Petawawa as the Senior Chaplain and in 2007 Chief Instructor in Borden. In 2009, he found himself in Toronto finishing his Masters in Defence Studies; Thesis - Multiculturalism in the Canadian Forces. From 2010 on he served at the Office of the Chaplain General in Ottawa. July 2012, he was with the Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg, responsible for Chaplain Services and Chaplains on all RCAF Wings and Bases across Canada. July 2014, he served on the Joint Task Force (Central) Chaplain, Toronto. He was responsible for the Army Chaplain Services and Chaplains in the Ontario Region. Rev. Ryan finished his service with the Military August 2017 to join Trinity.

As you can see from his work history, we are gaining a hard working minister with many leadership skills which will help us live out our Moto: Connect, Inspire & Serve.

Diane Bennett , Co-Chair, Transition Team

## THIS THANKSGIVING AND IN THANKSGIVING

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men with leprosy came toward him. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

Jesus looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests."

On their way they were healed. When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God. He bowed down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was from the country of Samaria.

Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well." Luke 17:11 - 19

Barb Byam, Brenda King, Norma Wrightly and Charlotte Hoy (Addison UC) were the four UCW members from Four Rivers Presbyterial who attended the 55<sup>th</sup> UCW Anniversary celebrations in Vancouver B.C. in July. There were close to 400 women in attendance from across Canada and Bermuda. Plans are underway for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, so start saving! See Facebook for more details.

## The National UCW has updated the UCW Purpose:

**"To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to be a means by which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service."**

September 20<sup>th</sup> members of our UCW joined with women from across our Presbyterial for the annual Fall Rally. The theme was "Healing is a Journey". Barb Loynes was the guest speaker and her topic was about the United Church ministry Healing Pathway. "The Healing Pathway enables people to develop the gifts and skills of healing within the Christian tradition, and fosters the development of healing ministries in congregations and other communities." What an informative, timely topic to be introduced to. Our thanks go to Bethel, Rideau Ferry, UCW for hosting this event at St. Paul's in Perth. The music was perfect for the day and the food - well it was the UCW - what can I say but Yum! The offering was for Shannen's Dream, the Conference - UCW initiative working towards Truth and Reconciliation, and items for "The Table" were also received.

## Upcoming UCW Events

**October 15** will be our traditional Women's Sunday service. This service is for Everyone. It is called Women's Sunday solely because the UCW prepares and leads the service. We are excited to have our Conference UCW president, Barb de Jeet, give the reflection for the day. It is always a pleasure to hear what she has to say. The worship service liturgy has been prepared by Betty Turcott. Betty is a former Conference and National UCW president and has written many devotion books; her new book features monologues entitled *Great Women of the Bible*. This service will see the local UCW recognize several people for their faithful service - this is always a difficult task as members of our congregation give tirelessly of their time and energy. Following the service, please, join with us for a finger food lunch.

## UCW Fun & Fellowship

Join us for an afternoon to make some crafts for our annual Candy Cane Bazaar **Wednesday, October 18** 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Church Hall with light refreshments.

If you have any craft supplies you would like to share, please, bring them along. We will have ideas, patterns, and some supplies to make some easy items or make your own. All are welcome. The Candy Cane Bazaar will be held Nov. 4.

## OUTREACH TEAM

Trinity's Outreach Team is a newly formed Team that will report to the Church Council as a separate entity vs being under the umbrella of the Christian Community Team. We have no formal membership, but so far Ad Hoc groups have formed to provide services to the community.

In May the Town of Smiths Falls was rocked by a fire that swept through an apartment complex, leaving many people homeless. An Ad hoc group provided a simple lunch of soup and sandwiches with all proceeds going to the disaster relief fund administered through the Salvation Army. We were able to offer over \$500.00 in support.

Our annual Summer Community BBQ was a huge success. The needs of our community are growing and we saw a dramatic increase in the number of guests who attended. Typically, we hosted 40 to 60 people, but this year the numbers climbed closer to 100. Yes, there are that many people in need. Food dollars do not go as far as they once did.

Thanks to the many volunteers who provided food and effort to help meet the needs of folks in our neighbourhood, in a safe welcoming space.

Norma Wrightly, UCW Co-Chair

## UCW REPORT

### The Great Canadian Coffee Party

This is the 55th Anniversary of the UCW. The Bay of Quinte Conference UCW are supporting this special project by raising funds for Shannen's Dream.

Shannen Koostachin, a youth education advocate from the Attawapiskat First Nation in Ontario, had a dream: safe and comfy schools and culturally based education for First Nation children and youth. Many First Nation schools receive less funding per student than the provincial and territorial schools, and zero dollars for things like libraries, computers, languages or extracurricular activities. Many also do not provide a safe and appropriate learning environment, and may pose serious health concerns, including mold contamination, high levels of carbon dioxide, rodent infestations, sewage and inadequate or lack of heating.

Shannen worked tirelessly to try to convince the Federal Government to give First Nations children a proper education. Unfortunately, she passed away in a car accident at the age of 15 before her dream could come true. But it did. On June 22, 2012 - the day Shannen would have graduated - construction started for a new school in Attawapiskat.

The free will offering at the Great Canadian Coffee party, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017, will be directed to this fund this year.

Thank you for your support,  
Linda Stronski, UCW Co-Chair

Loss aversion refers to people's tendency to prefer avoiding losses to achieving equivalent gains. Some suggest that losses are twice as powerful, psychologically, as gains.

The ten men with leprosy had nothing to lose. As leprous men, they were considered diseased; treated as unclean and were rejected by their community. To cry out, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" cost nothing. They would be healed or they would not. They would not be made worse.

When the ten were healed, nine were restored not only to health but to full religious and community life. Nine of the ten now had something to lose. The Samaritan was still a Samaritan. Leprous or not, he was still excluded.

To acknowledge Jesus in this context was dangerous. Remember the man born blind? He was ejected from his community precisely because he attributed his healing to an unsanctioned miracle worker. "The leaders told the man [born blind], "You have been a sinner since the day you were born! Do you think you can teach us anything?" Then they said, "You can never come back into any of our meeting places!" John 9:34

Better not to thank Jesus, at least for the nine who had been restored. According to Loss Aversion Theory, they were twice as motivated to protect their restored status in the community than to express gratitude and risk losing it. The Samaritan, being a Samaritan, had nothing to lose so he offered thanksgiving.

At Trinity United Church, we speak of moving from an attitude of scarcity to one of abundance. Making that move is hard. According to Loss Aversion Theory, twice as hard. It is important that we understand this and that we regard it as understandable.

In view of this, two things are asked:

For those who are eager to proceed, please respect those who advocate caution. Their concern is natural, common and comes from a place of genuine care. Caution does not imply "No." It does demand a thoughtful plan and assurance.

For those who are cautions, please compare gains to gains and losses to losses. Consider the question, "What do we lose if we do not proceed?" Compare the cost to lost opportunity. Please know too, that caution is a good guide but does not have to be your master.

This Thanksgiving and in thanksgiving let us dare to step ahead.

Bless You,

Christopher.



**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT – THANKSGIVING 2017**  
*CONNECT – INSPIRE - SERVE*

Since the last submission to The Communicator at Easter, the Council has met twice, once in May 2017 and again in June. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

Our May meeting was called as a Special Meeting to receive the report of the Interview Team on their recommendation for our new Minister. The Council approved the recommendation of Reverend Christopher Ryan and in accordance with United Church policy the recommendation was brought before the congregation on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Four Rivers Presbytery and the Bay of Quinte Conference subsequently approved Trinity's call of Reverend Christopher Ryan to commence on September 1, 2017 on completion of his exit from service in the military. We all look forward to his leadership and continuing the work of Trinity and its Living Mission to connect with, inspire and serve our community and beyond.

Our June meeting was the last with Reverend Arlyce Schiebout as our Intentional Interim Minister these past eighteen months. The Council and Teams were the beneficiaries of Rev. Arlyce's knowledge of the many United Church of Canada Handbooks as well as The Manual to assist and support the administrative work that must be done. Grateful thanks were extended for Rev. Arlyce's leadership during our transition period.

The Council has approved the Transition Team's recommendation of the expansion of Council Teams as earlier reported with designated budgets and autonomy to make decisions. We now have Communications, Outreach and Property Team representatives on the Council. We trust this expansion will speed up decisions and actions.

The responsibility of the Teams is to submit their written reports to Council outlining their activities and where necessary setting out any motions that require Council approval in advance of the Council meeting. In this way all Council members are prepared to discuss the completed work and that which is to come. It is the task of the Council Secretary to remind, receive and distribute the reports prior to the Council meeting and to take minutes as recording secretary at the meeting. This task had fallen to our Church Secretary, Gwenda Kinch, over many years and for which the Council has been well served. As we examined our processes over the transition months it was ascertained that The United Church Manual requires the Council Secretary to be a member of the Council and have voting privileges. In order to comply with The UC Manual, Council took steps and divided the Council Secretary's duties into two components. Norma Wrightly was voted by the Council to be the recording secretary as she sits at Council as co-President of the UCW, while Chris Dickson agreed to assume the duty of reminding, receiving and distributing the reports. We extend many thanks to Gwenda Kinch for her long time service to Council. She continues to be a valuable resource to Council and its Teams in her role as Church Secretary.

The Stewardship Team is embarking on its Fall campaign "We Sing Thanksgiving". Maybe we will hear from some of their "Brief but Spectacular Take" on why they give to Trinity. As we give thanks for all we have and all that God has provided let us Sing Thanksgiving!

May Grace abound.

Jan Montgomery, Council Chair

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARTICLE**

**COMMUNICATION TEAM**

Council created a **new communication team** from the task force that was part of Christian Community in late spring. I am glad to share the good news that **Bill and Chris Dickson** are now members with those who serve in the task force.

We see the Dicksons in action on Sundays: Bill in the audio visual booth, and Chris with her camera capturing special moments in Trinity's life.

Bill was involved with the Transition Team while Chris worked on the vision and mission statement. She was also on the search team for our new minister. While working on the vision and mission statement, she was tasked to redesign the over ten-year old Church pamphlet. This was done but not printed. Now with our new leadership team and new programs, this will undergo further updates. The **new Trinity Church Pamphlet** will serve as our new calling card for visitors and will be a priority of your Communication Team.

**The United Church Foundation has the Seeds of Hope granting program.** This supports innovative, unique and much needed projects that enable us to live out the New Creed's call to "seek justice", "live with respect in creation" and "love and serve others". The Fall cycle has Grants for senior programs with a capacity to provide up to 50% of the total cost. The deadline is October 15, too short a timeline for us. Hence your team is seeking Council's permission to apply for the Spring Cycle.

organizer or a patient coach. Please join

If you have skills or experience in grant writing, technology, teaching, financial management, are a good organizer or a patient coach. Please join us in preparing our grant application on Oct. 5 at 7:00 pm at Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Au, Chair Communication Team  
peter00au@gmail.com

**INTERVAL HOUSE RECEIVES PRAYER SHAWLS**

Last May, the Prayer Shawl group took bags of prayer shawls, blankets and even a prayer pillow, which had not been claimed, to a place they knew could use some comfort and prayers—Lanark County Interval House. With chenille yarn, which was generously donated, the group knit simple blankets that were perfect for children in need of something soft and cuddly during troubling times. All the items were gratefully received and we know they went to good use.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets the second Monday of every second month in the parlour at 1:30. All are welcome. We usually meet for an hour or so. You are also invited to knit or crochet in the comfort of your own home and bring your items to a worship service when the prayer shawls are blessed. We next meet in November. This group relies completely on the generosity of the congregation for support of soft wool or funds to purchase supplies. **There is never a cost for the Shawls—they are available to anyone who needs one.**

## SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

September brings many new and exciting things to Trinity. Rev Christopher Ryan is our new Minister and the Spiritual Leadership is looking forward to his leadership and ideas.

Rev Ryan had lots of ideas to share that we will explore further and share with you.

Family movie nights will continue as will the bible study, however, we are looking at ways to serve the needs of our older population as well as the youth and 40ish crowd. Our future looks exciting!!

Ron Botham needs help. He is looking for people to each take a month and get ushers for our service. If you feel you have the time to make a few calls, contact Ron at Botham's corner. He will give you more information. Remember if we get enough people to participate we may only each need to do this once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Newport, Chair



**Trinity UCW** was the first off the mark with their Strawberry Social this year. Mr. Baker had a spot for us to pick berries and the weather co-operated for which we were truly thankful. The berry picking was very easy and they tasted heavenly. A sold-out crowd enjoyed a cold plate supper, cake, ice cream and berries. Don't forget to look for this annual event.

## CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY TEAM

There are many opportunities for you to be involved with our team.

### Membership and Welcoming

- We connect with friends and family and the people in the community at 10:30 Sunday morning for our services.
- Choose to be a greeter on Sunday morning.
- Volunteer to provide snacks for Hospitality after church in the hall.
- Invite someone you know who is an 'Adherent' or has a 'Certificate of Transfer' to consider making Trinity United their home church.

### Caring Ministry

- Let us know who you think might appreciate a visit.
- Do you like to share stories with others or play cards with shut-ins?
- Are you available to accompany people for shopping?
- Do you enjoy being inspired by sharing Bible stories with others?
- Join us at the worship services at the Retirement/Nursing Centres the first Tuesday in the month.
- Suggest other ways we may serve as a congregation to share the Love of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Please contact Cynthia Sirett,  
csirett@hotmail.com

The Board of Trustees held its most recent meeting on May 16, 2017. Here is an update:

### Financial Report

**The total Balance of "Funds Held in Trust" as of March 31, 2017 is \$214,060.00.** Interest and dividend deposits since the last report were \$1.13 interest on the Scotia Bank savings account and BMO Investments Portfolio deposits totaling \$1,504.00. Disbursements since the last report were Scotia Bank, bank charges totaling \$8.00.

A Summary of Investments as of March 31, 2017 is as follows:

The Trustee's Investment Savings Account at Scotia Bank is \$18,305 (this total includes \$12,000.00 held as a General Fund cash flow contingency);

The balance in Trinity's BMO Wealth Management Investment Portfolio is \$175,775.00; and \$20,000.00 investment in of Trinity's Gift Card Program.... for a total balance in "Funds Held in Trust of \$214.060.00.

### Investment Strategy "Funds in Trust" 2017

BMO-Nesbitt Burns (The Graham-Dixon Group) in Perth provides professional advice and investment portfolio management to assist in executing our investment responsibilities. In December 2016, Trustees held two meeting with Mr. Derrick Dixon to review our portfolio. It was agreed that this is not the time for any major alterations to our investment portfolio which is made up of GICs, a Bond Fund, an Equity Fund and a Dividend Fund.

### Legacy (Planned) Giving

Since our last Communicator article, Trustees have received a bequest of \$1,000.00. We are most grateful for all gifts received to help us do God's work with our congregation, community and beyond.

Trinity's Legacy Giving Program offers a variety of ways that members, adherents and friends of Trinity can make a gift to assist in sustaining the future of Trinity. Information as to the various ways that you can participate in the Legacy Giving Program, and the potential benefits are may be available to you as a donor, are available at the church.

### Potential Funding Request in Support of the 2017 Budget

In preparation for a potential request for funding to support 2017 Budget, Trustees were advised of the following initiatives being contemplated by Council:

These potential expenses were taken into consideration when the Investment strategy for 2017 was being finalized. To date no "Funds in Trust" have been provided for any of these initiatives.

ITEM	AMOUNT	REASON
Replace Main Entrance Front Doors	\$15,000	Warped, Accessibility,
Renovation in Sanctuary	\$15,000	Relocation of sound and video recording station to improve sound & visual capability to worship & other experiences; improve accommodation for those who use mobility assistance devices.
Replace Hearing Loop Devices	\$4,000.00	Three units need replacing (this will provide six new units) accommodating those with hearing impediments
Seed money to start Youth Ministry Program	\$5,000.00	Investing to develop a vibrant and regular youth program. Investing in our future

### **Assessment (Value) of Bell Avenue Property**

At a March 2017 meeting of Church Council, the Board of Trustees was asked to obtain an assessment (Value) of Trinity's Bell Avenue property. That information will be available for Council's next meeting September 26, 2017 and will subsequently be shared with the congregation.

### **Next Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next Board of Trustees Meeting will take place during the week of September 18-22, 2017. An updated report will be provided to Council and congregation following that meeting.

Bob Swan, Chairman of Board of Trustees

## **AN INVITATION TO VOLUNTEER MINISTRY**

Your Nominating Team invites you to share your gift of time and talent by considering the following opportunities to serve:

**Stewardship Team** is in need of a Fund-Raising Coordinator. Someone who likes to organize and plan the proposed fund-raising projects and to bring some new ideas to contribute to Trinity's financial sustainability.

**Spiritual Leadership Team** is looking for someone to maintain inventory and care for the library. Who wouldn't want to be a Librarian?

**Your Audio-Visual crew** are looking to recruit more technicians. You could be part of the crew that records our worship services for Cogeco viewers, manages the sound system during worship services, and sometimes funeral services, and have the best seat in the house! Training is provided. If you are a student (you don't need to be) or know a student who might be interested, your time counts towards the mandatory volunteer hours for high school diploma. Besides, it is a cool job.

**Next Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 28 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Stewardship Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6:30 p.m. monthly**

**Spiritual Leadership Team – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 7:00 p.m. monthly**

**Christian Community Team – at the call of the Chair**

**Council & Team Meetings** are open for guests to attend (exception: Ministry & Personnel). You are invited to observe the discussions and decisions that are made ever mindful of our Living Mission, Vision and Core Values.

### **Upcoming Learning Opportunities:**

[www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com) - Go to Webinars/Recordings to find a wealth of archived sessions on all sorts of topics:

THE STEWARDING SELF – GIVING & CHRISTIAN IDENTITY (March 2015)

What difference does it make if we give, or don't?

Dr. Rob Fennell will focus theologically on three areas: our faith in a self-giving God; the character of giving in the Bible; and the ways in which human nature and Christian identity are formed by acts of giving.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Summer is always a more difficult time for the church to meet its financial needs. Now that au-

### **NARRATIVE BUDGETS (March 2017)**

A narrative budget is a remarkable communications tool to help our congregation understand the significance of their financial gifts, and the ways in which God is changing lives through the mission of our church.

Contact for more information on all sorts of opportunities to lead and serve:

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Marguerite Cameron @ 613-283-7438 or Team Chairs (see Council & Teams Directory on Bulletin Board)

turn is in the air, I invite you to consider your support to Trinity as you adjust your budget to the new school year.

Stewardship means many things. There is the obvious financial participation and we can always count on our very faithful congregation to support the many programs at Trinity through your weekly or monthly contributions. But an active church always relies on its members for its activities and outreach to a wider community. The Mission and Service Fund assists many projects both here and abroad. We are always in need of funds to maintain the condition of our beautiful building. Don't forget the gift card program and other special projects.

Trinity approaches the new year with renewed vigour, new leadership and fresh ideas. I invite you to be a part of our regeneration and growth. Your participation, your active involvement and your financial support we can always depend on. May the remaining months of 2017 bring you happiness and well-being and may we again count on your support.

Arnel W. Pattemore, Treasurer

## **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

First of all, we would like to say Welcome to the newest members of our church, Rev. Christopher Ryan and his wife, Lorraine. It's nice to have new faces and ideas joining the congregation.

We have a new event coming along this fall "We Sing Thanksgiving". It's going to be similar to our "Salt and Light" theme which went really well last year.

There have been a few changes to our banking procedures and it seems to be working alright so far and cutting down on banking fees.

Please don't forget about the Gift Card sales at the top of the stairs on Sunday, and at the office during office hours. It is a great fundraiser for the church as we benefit from each card sold.

As an important part of our Outreach Program, we have many groups using our church from different organizations. It's nice to see the church being used by the community.

We are looking forward to being part of the upcoming events in our church. We look into the future and hope that it's bright and sunny.

June Pevere, Stewardship Chair

