

# HANNA FIRST UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2017



## MISSION STATEMENT

TO SHARE THE GOOD "NEWS"

NURTURE, ENCOURAGE, WELCOME, SERVE

The finance committee met in March and thought it would be a great idea to send a financial newsletter to the congregation every few months so everyone is aware of our financial situation throughout the year and not just once a year through our annual meeting and through the council minutes and financial reports. To keep costs down for the newsletter, we would like to send it out by email if possible. If you have an email address, please phone the office at 403-854-3772 and provide it to Tricia so we can send the newsletter to you by email.

Together, we give financially and physically to support the ministry of our church. The finance committee thanks you for your generous support. Do you ever wonder how much is spent and how it is spent? How much time and money is needed to keep our ministry thriving? The attached "narrative budget" has been prepared to transform a line by line budget into a picture of the ministry and mission of our congregation. We hope that it will help people feel that they aren't simply giving to the church but giving through the church to translate God's mission into action. This does not replace the traditional line budget but supplements it; illustrating how the resources God has blessed to us supports our ministry.

*"You should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."*

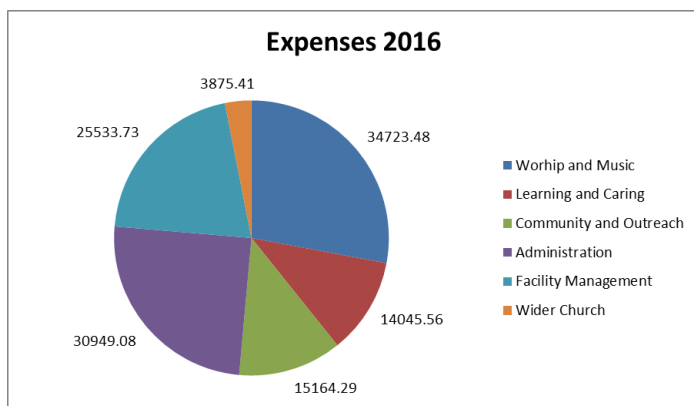
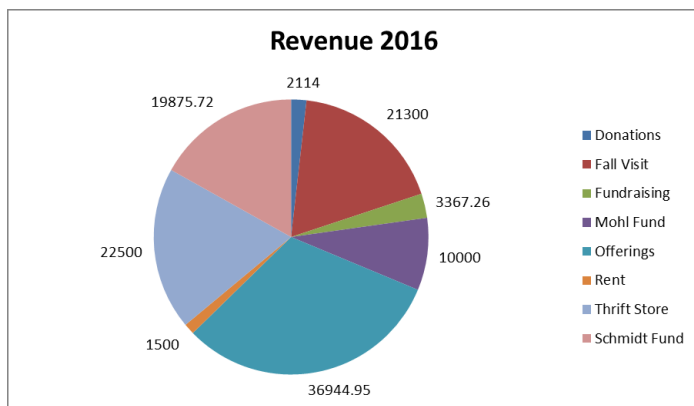
*-Peter 4:10*



Please remember to call the church office to let Tricia know if you have changed your phone number.



## NARRATIVE BUDGET - 2016



NOTE— The above numbers represent the church operating account—other accounts not included (thrift, park, memorial, M&S)  
The United Church Investment is not included in revenue unless we draw funds for operating expenses.

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC - \$34,723.48 - - 28%**

We invite everyone to gather on Sunday morning, where the welcome is warm, smiles are abundant, and Spirit is alive in the community. Our minister, Reverend Leila Currie, working with our music director, Jennifer Laux, and our worship committee, prepare the weekly worship services. We offer worship each week at 11:00 am and special worship services throughout the year. Our choir leads the congregation in song and volunteers help with greeting, reading, communion and collecting and counting the weekly offering. We meet for fellowship, coffee and snacks after the service. Some areas this ministry includes are ministry leadership, music, special services, worship resources, decorating, pulpit supply and video/audio resources.



### **LEARNING AND CARING - \$14,045.56 - 11%**

We offer learning experiences through Sunday School and confirmation as well as continuing education for our minister and supporting participation in seminars for our congregational members. Our minister offers midday meditation on Thursdays at 12:15 and Healing Pathways is also offered throughout the year. Our pastoral and funeral lunch team provides hospitality, prayerful companionship and comfort to those who are grieving, experiencing change or loss and those suffering from illness. Some areas this ministry includes are continuing education, Sunday School, training/seminars, ministerial help, mileage, printed resources and cards.



## COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH - \$15,164.29 - 12%

This ministry provides tools and resources that help people connect as a community of faith. We keep each other well informed through Sunday announcements, bulletin boards, church website, Facebook, congregational meetings, outdoor signage and newsletters. We have various community fundraisers such as concerts, special services and suppers. Our Memorial Park offers a place for the whole community to relax and reflect. Our thrift store welcomes patrons from our community and beyond with warm hospitality 3 days a week. The worship committee holds monthly coffee houses/movies nights. Some areas this ministry includes are advertising, fundraising, thrift store, ministerial help, supplies, Memorial Park, special events.



## ADMINISTRATION - \$30,949.08 - 25%

It takes a great deal of administration to support the activities in the church. We have a wonderful part time office administrator (Tricia Gladdish) who is in the office Tuesdays to Thursdays from 9-1 making bulletins, doing Power Point and supporting the minister, council, volunteers and congregation with all their ongoing needs. We also have a bookkeeper to handle our finances. This area is an integral and important part of our church budget in order to keep the church running smoothly. Some areas this ministry includes are fees, computer, photocopying, office administration, postage, bookkeeping, CPP, EI, pension, benefits and supplies.



## FACILITY MANAGEMENT - \$25,533.73 - 21%

Our building and grounds provide a welcoming and safe setting for worship and fellowship. It serves as a community facility hosting various activities and our thrift store throughout the year and requires constant upkeep. Maintenance is cared for by our part-time caretaker and a very busy property committee. Major upgrades are supported by the Memorial Fund. Some areas this ministry includes are caretaker, insurance, taxes, utilities, supplies, manse and church maintenance.



## WIDER CHURCH - \$3875.41 - 3%

Our church supports the mission and ministry of the wider church through Mission and Service. We gave \$10,000 to the United Church M&S fund in 2016 as well as to other local and extra appeals. We support our local Presbytery through yearly dues and the Presbytery Committee attends regular Presbytery meetings. Some areas this ministry includes are presbytery dues, mileage, ministerial help and M&S.



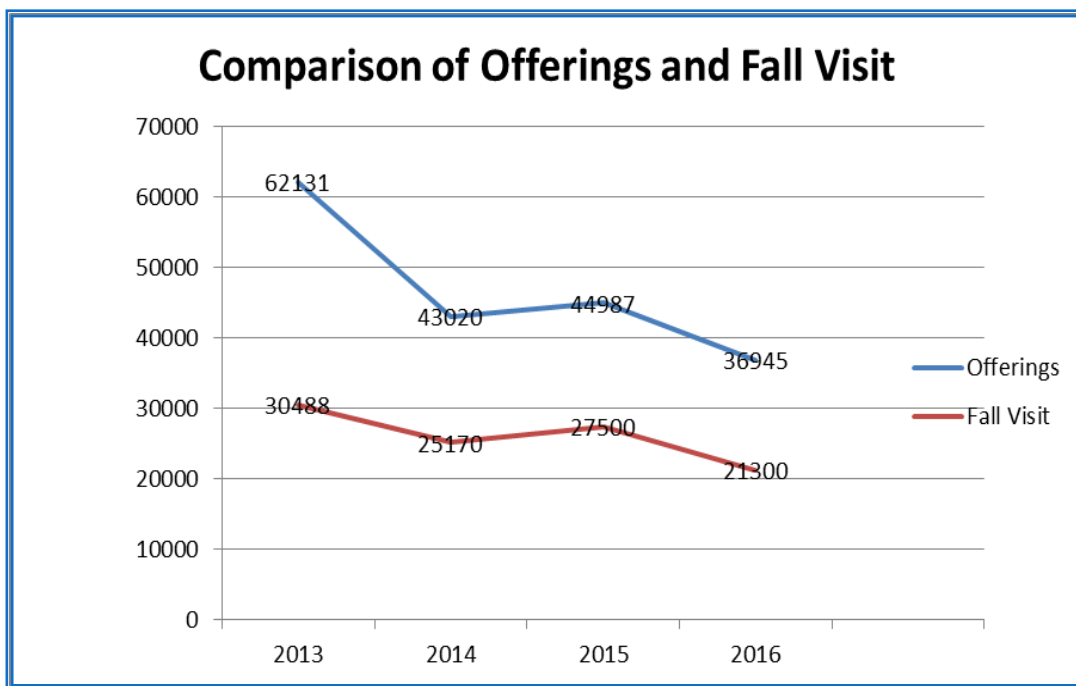
MATTHEW 25:40

Giving is worship

Giving back to the  
One who first gave.

“Just as you did it to one  
of the least of these, you  
did it to me.”

We hope that this narrative budget helped clarify how your generous gifts are being spent. Our revenue is hope—it is not a known amount. Your support enables us to live the church’s mission. The sharing of talents, time and monetary gifts is an expression of our faith in each other and hope for the future. Over the last couple of years, this generosity has not kept pace with our expenses as we have seen a drop in our weekly offerings and fall visits as seen in the chart below:



We are asking our members to please think about why you are giving and to consider donating towards these ministries of our church. Sometimes we cannot be at church on Sunday but we can still make our offering to God. PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance) ensures regular monthly giving - we have attached a form if you are interested in signing up. It can be mailed back to the church at Box 940, dropped off during office hours (Tuesday to Thursday from 9-1) or in the offering plate on Sunday. We also have a new feature on our website ([www.hannafirstunitedchurch.ca](http://www.hannafirstunitedchurch.ca)) —a DONATE NOW button. You can make a one time donation or set up monthly donations using your credit card or visa debit card. Tax receipts are emailed to you the same day. We also have our envelope program or donations can be made any time through the church office.

***Our Finance Committee consists of Linda Quaschnick (Chair),  
Laura Creasy (Treasurer), Rhonda Lund and Richard Preston.***

***Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions,  
concerns or suggestions. Thank you and God Bless.***