

# TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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## TRINITY'S VISION STATEMENT

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

## TRINITY'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

## **Report from the Board**

This year we were very pleased to welcome Rev Lesley Fox to share our ministry. She has been a powerhouse of energy and action as well as a calming and supporting presence among us. Our Spiritual and Outreach programs have returned to normal after Covid and many are growing. We have welcomed many new members by baptism and transfer and said goodbye to many friends as well. Pickleball has boomed and threatens to take over the church! We have much to be thankful for.

Our newest endeavour has begun to explore the possibilities of becoming more visibly welcoming to people in the LGBTQ+ community. They have been welcome in our church for many years, as members, wedding participants and ministers, but we have not been advertising that fact very well. No doubt we will find ways we can improve our welcome through the Affirming Ministries Exploration group that we have formed.

We are blessed to have so many people willing to contribute their time and talents toward the activities of our church. We have a large old building, an ageing membership, more needs in our community than we could hope to meet, and in a culture that provides distractions from a spiritual life. Yet we continue to create a place for loving our neighbour, caring for those around us, and worshiping in the spirit that makes us one. Thank you to each and every one of you.

We could not do all that we do, or be all that we are, without our dedicated and talented staff: our minister Rev Lesley Fox, our Admin Assistant Lori Forsythe, our Custodian Mike White, our Choir Director Lesley Joosten, our Music Director Paul Sloan, and our Bell Choir director Mary Ellen Burgess. Thank you for your leadership, your hard work, and you unfailing good spirits. What a team!

Danielle York and Ray Piercy, Board Co-chairs

## Minister's Report

As many of you are aware, I enjoy hiking. One of my earliest walks in the area was along the George Christie trails, just outside of town. To my surprise, in my first month of ministry at Trinity United, I discovered that George Christie was also a member of our congregation!! I recognize that so many of you give so much to this community, to this church, and to our world. I am in awe of your collective service, and give thanks every day for your respective ministries. Let me begin by thanking you for the light you bring to others in your midst and around the globe.

2023 has been a busy and bustling year! We have welcomed in some wonderful new members into the heart of our church family, and we have said goodbye to others who have moved to new locales or who have joined the great company of saints in the life hereafter. We have reconnected with our seniors' residences, offering services in Bay Haven, the Collingwood Nursing Home, and Sunset Manor post-covid. We have enjoyed worship with bells, with musicians extraordinaire, with gifted lay leaders, and with inquisitive children! We have worshipped indoors and outdoors with angels, shepherds, innkeepers, magi, and even a few barn animals! We have studied Christian books and the Bible, and learned the way of the Enneagram. We have celebrated the baptisms of adults and children, and had our first same sex wedding within the walls of the church. We have formed a steering committee for the Affirming Ministries process, and we have been and continue to be a beacon of light to those who are marginalized in our community with our important food programs. And, finally and likely most importantly, we have sought to care for each other in good times and in hard times, in the darkness and in the light.

This season, for me, as for many of you, has seen some real highs and some real lows. My father passed away at the beginning of 2023, and at the beginning of 2024, I welcomed my first grandchild into the world. It was quite a holy moment for me travelling from a graveside service to then be with my daughter and son-in-law as they welcomed their firstborn child! As I left the cemetery, I let the family know where I was headed, and they all rejoiced with me, as much as I grieved with them in their loss. In truth, we cannot face Easter without facing Lent. The cross and the cradle and the empty tomb are all uniquely forged together. The resurrection happened in darkness, and the wounds of Christ were visible to the disciples in his risen form to show us that the hard times in life are not to be dismissed or ignored. We learn in these periods of grief and sadness, as we come to a greater knowledge in our times of sunshine and glory.

I pray that we will continue to enrich others' lives in 2024 as we share the love of Christ, knowing that we are the hands and feet of God in this much too troubled world.

In God's Service,

Rev. Dr. Lt(N) Lesley Fox

## Trinity Outreach Programs of 2023

### **Food programs**

We were grateful this year for generous donations from Shipyard Kitchen Party, Odd Fellows Lodge 54, the Retired Teachers of Ontario and many personal and family donations over the year, including in-kind donations from Currie's Farm Market and Edwards Orchards. We were represented at a Collingwood Food Security round table convened at the Collingwood Public Library in March; although this involved some useful information sharing, no sustained follow-up occurred.

**Community dinner** continued, under the direction of Barb and Ralph Sneyd, with many volunteers working on food preparation and cleanup, and/or organizing and carrying out deliveries. We've benefited from extra help from the Rev. Lesley's Collingwood Army Cadets. Our mix of eat-in and delivery has carried on. Meal numbers increased across the fall months, to ~160 dinners by the end of the year. The Sneyds continued their strategic shopping and planning in the face of steep cost increases for take-out containers and food. We remain grateful for steady in-kind donations from COBS bakery.

**Food pantry.** We restarted the indoor food pantry in January, and Lori Forsythe in the office and the Rev. Lesley continued to respond to individuals requesting groceries. "Souperbowl Sunday" in February yielded many donations of soup and other canned goods. Congregation members took on the pantry grocery shopping, with advice from Lori Forsythe in the office on what was needed. A trial of volunteer-staffed posted pantry hours did not meet the needs of our pantry users and as the year closed we were ready to discuss other distribution methods and to find a volunteer pantry coordinator. "Emergency bags" are made up and hang from hooks in the clothing closet area, ready to be given out when the office is closed, occasionally by Montessori School staff.

**Outdoor food box.** Our provision of mostly small or individually packaged non-perishable food items requiring little or no preparation, and a few other necessities such as toothpaste, and occasionally warm socks, continues to fill an important niche and be well used.

**Out of the Cold.** With coordination and menu planning by Jane Palmer and a team of volunteers, Trinity continues to contribute to feeding the unhoused in the community by providing 12–18 meals most months: a hot main dish made in volunteers' own kitchens, salad, fruit, buns, muffins or dessert. Please email Jane Palmer (mpalmer@sympatico.ca) if you would like more information or would like to help periodically or regularly.

**Susan Wells Crockpot Program.** Barb Sneyd, Bev Mayberry and other volunteers held cooking classes and distributed crockpots at sessions held for Tracks Employment clients and for Community Dinner guests. Barb used some ingenuity to obtain the smaller crockpots suitable for most of our clients and no longer available in Canada; several were gifted by a Sneyd family member. The Hamilton Beach company donated six of the larger 5L crockpots more suitable for families.

### **Other ongoing programs**

The **warming/clothing closet** continues to distribute both cold- and warm-weather clothing, especially on Community Dinner evenings, thanks to donations and the work of Cathy Dorsey and Mike White. This year we were able to distribute more children's clothing, a sleeping bag and four children's bicycles.

The **men's coffee club** continued to meet approximately every second Monday, January through May and then September into December. Men from within and outside Trinity enjoyed coffee, COBS pastries, and conversation. There was a guest speaker from the OPP talking about current scams, and a tour of the train museum at Bygone Days.

**Pickle ball** times were extended with the help of volunteer hosts, and carried on throughout the year with a pause for August, raising \$40,700 for the church in 2023. Pickle ball attendees from outside the congregation have made cash and in-kind donations to the food program and warming closet, and attended the men's coffee group.

**Camp Simpresca.** Ralph Sneyd led a group of nine volunteers in cleaning and painting the Trinity cabin on May 30. Trinity's Board raised \$650 to send two children to the camp.



### **Collaborations / support for community / national initiatives**

**Christmas gift program for Family Connexions.** Trinity once again supported this program generously, with 23 gift bags, \$4,875 in White Gift donations, and 138 warm items (mittens, scarves, hats, etc.). Many thanks to Jane Palmer for again coordinating these givings, Barbara Downie for organizing the knit items, and the congregation members who participated.

**Coldest Night of the Year.** Trinity once again served as a toque distribution and starting point, and post-walk indoor dining place, for this annual walk, which raised over \$190,000 (sixth in fundraising among Canadian communities) for Home Horizon and Barbara Weider House and their housing and outreach programs for local youth. Trinity members captained three walking teams.

**Trinity Writes for Rights** on International Human Rights Day (December 10) resulted in over 120 letters going to representatives of four governments asking them to release, drop charges against, or drop a planned state execution, for four individuals. A multiple-signature petition went to another government, and multi-signature letters of support to two individuals detained or under threat of detention for peaceful human rights activity.

**Personal supplies for Collingwood General & Marine Hospital.** Trinity responded to a request from the hospital chaplain, making two deliveries of unscented personal toiletries (lotion, deodorant, etc.) to be given out to patients who might need them.

**Pride signs** at the front and back of our Trinity property expressed Trinity's support, as a congregation of the United Church of Canada, during Collingwood's Pride Festival.

Trinity's outreach and social action relies on many volunteers, only some of whom feel able to also be part of our formal group, or follow its activities by receiving notes of the meetings. We are grateful to welcome new members, a new chair, and a volunteer pantry coordinator for the coming year.

We meet approximately monthly (except in summer), usually at 4 pm on the first Tuesday of every month. 2023 meetings were mostly hybrid, with some in the Boardroom and others attending via Zoom. Feel free to join us in our meetings and/or our activities and to suggest ways in which Trinity can serve our community and the world.

*Submitted by Beth Theis on behalf of the Outreach & Social Action team*

# **Spiritual Committee Report**

## **Function**

The Spiritual Committee is responsible for coordinating the programs for people active in the church. This includes the Sunday worship service, the music program (choral choir, bell choir, special guest musicians), pastoral care, prayer support, education and discussion (children's corner, bible study, book clubs). These functions are largely carried out by church staff, well supported by volunteers.

## **Worship Services**

Our worship services follow a traditional format with responsive liturgy, hymns, a choir anthem, prayers, sermon, and scripture readings and are followed by a Coffee time in the Banquet Hall. In July we had a service outdoors at the Arboretum. In March Trinity hosted the ecumenical World Day of Prayer service. Various blessings have been conducted over the year, for prayer shawls, back packs, and pet animals. The number of services for baptisms and welcoming of new members increased compared to previous years. Attendance at services has risen from about 50 to 75 with about 150 views of the service streamed on-line. The Anniversary service was held in October celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the big sanctuary rebuild of 1998.

Every month we lead worship services at three retirement/long-term-care homes, Bay Haven, Collingwood Nursing Home, and Sunset Manor. A big thank you to Paul Sloan and Clare Bellamy for volunteering to assist Rev Lesley at these services.

We are grateful for the contributions of Beth Theis and Mary Elizabeth Piercy who prepare and lead the worship services at Trinity when Rev Lesley is away.

## **Pastoral Care**

Most of the pastoral care is provided by Rev. Lesley, but there are three programs run by volunteers. The Friendly Visitors visit church members who are shut in, lonely, or needing some help. The Prayer Chain provides regular prayer support for anyone who requests it. Sympathy/Get well cards are sent to everyone who's difficult situation is known to us.

The Shawl Ministry continued to be active both in the making and gifting of shawls. Shawls are knitted or crocheted with the intent to share God's love and our community's care with people who are going through a difficult time. The shawl group meets periodically through the year to support each other in this work and the finished shawls are blessed by the congregation. This past year about 26 shawls were gifted by the minister and others as the need arose.

The photo directory was finally delivered in June to assist us all in putting names to faces.

## **Faith Formation**

There has been a lot of discussion about how to support the children who come to church and their parents. The number of children has risen from zero to a pool of about 12 with an average of 3 attending each week. Traditional models of Sunday School require more volunteers than we have available. We have created a "children's corner" in the Narthex and each week it is supplied with a simple bible story, craft materials and ideas, and puzzles and games with biblical themes. Children are supervised by their parents who can participate on the service as they are able.

The "Stroll for the Soul" in May and "Autumn Rambles" in September have been popular programs involving outdoor walks and quiet reflection time.

There was a two day introduction to the Enneagram and a Lenten experience through the medium of art.

Book discussion groups were held on:

"Expecting Emmanuel" by Joanna Harader, about eight women in Jewish history who prepared the way for Jesus

"Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans, creatively retelling our favorite Bible stories and connecting them to our present day ones.

"Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr, a spirituality for the two halves of life.

Trinity again had a float in the Santa Claus parade with the theme a Gingerbread Christmas. Many thanks to the Hewitson's for the truck and flatbed trailer, and all the volunteers who helped build the float and participated in the parade.

## **Committee Changes**

We thank Marg Holroyd for all her work over the last few years as she is now stepping down for a rest. Our prayers will stay with you Marg.

We welcome Airlie Suutari and Joy Gardiner as new members for next year. We also welcome Linda Murphy to the work as co-ordinator of social media.

## **Special Thanks:**

- to Claire Belamy and her helpers for decorating the sanctuary every week.
- to Christine Brown for coordinating the Coffee Time volunteers.
- to John Brown for coordinating the ushers

## **Committee Members for 2023**

Ray Piercy

Su Cook

Janie Jardine

Mary Elizabeth Piercy

John Brown

Joan Rainbird Sharp

Barbara Downie

Ramona Van Slyke

Marg Holroyd

Submitted by Ray Piercy on behalf of the Spiritual Committee

## **Music Ministry**

We started the year by welcoming Lesley Fox as our new minister and she has charmed us with her overall vitality and leadership from the pulpit. As the year progressed, we learned new anthems under the direction of Lesley Joosten who, through her many contacts within the music community, also arranged for instrumentalists to share their talent and add variety to the worship experience during regular Sunday services.

These included vocalists, clarinetists, violinists, flautists, The Bay Winds Flute Ensemble, brass players, in addition to soloists from within the Trinity Choir. Our anthem on Easter Sunday was “This is the Day” by Jay Althouse and included a trumpet accompaniment by Brian Lewis.

In September of this year, choir member Dawn Myers’ husband John passed away. The choir was honoured to take part in the funeral service. Thereafter, Dawn retired from the choir, and we all wish her health and wellbeing in the retirement home in Toronto.

Sadly too, Cathy MacDonald passed away in November following a short illness. Cathy had served in the choir for many decades since moving here from Toronto. She had retired from the choir following the pandemic but continued to play in the Alleluia Ringers; Cathy had celebrated her 80th birthday in the summer of this year. As with the funeral for John Myers, the choir was again, honoured to participate in Cathy’s Celebration of Life service on November 18th. We were pleased to welcome Xan Lazaridis, Joanne Bonner and John Mutton as new members. They joined the choir during the fall and settled in as we also welcomed 10 guest singers from the community as we prepared for and presented this year’s Christmas Cantata “Winters Grace” by Joseph M. Martin. We performed this on Sunday, December 24 at the 10:30 am service, and, as part of our Christmas Eve celebrations, a 7 pm evening service was also held, which was very well-attended.

On Sunday October 1st, Lesley Joosten presented a “Friends in Music” afternoon concert at the church, celebrating some of the wealth of musical talent of this area. We were happy to contribute to this event, singing “Everyday Miracles” with violin accompaniment by Susan Connolly, and “Down to the River to Pray”. A goodwill offering of just over \$1,000 was collected including donations that arrived in the office after the event. These funds are being used to support young musicians who have contributed to the musical life of the church.

We extend our thanks to Lesley Joosten and Paul Sloan for their dedication and leadership throughout the year, and especially to Paul for his continual prelude and

postlude gifted organ solos, which are very uplifting and a wonderful addition to the services. We also thank Keiko Kuepfer, Sandra Lake, and June Flynn who have covered during Paul's vacations this year. Indeed, we salute Sandra as she herself retired in June of this year.

### **Djembe Drum Circle**

The Djembe Drum Circle was formed to bring the art of drumming alive using drum patterns in the form of "spiritual phrases" thus allowing the drummer to "speak the beat" through hand drumming. We as a group connect with each other using multiple patterns in a polyrhythmic style. It is not only a wonderful way to strengthen one's inner rhythm but is also very therapeutic. We are grateful that Trinity has a wonderful collection of Djembes at our disposal and the group is open to any level. There are plans to have the Choir and Drum Circle combine on occasions to present Anthems in this coming year.

With this new outlook as part of a wider integrated music featuring during services, we look forward to 2024 spring and beyond.

Respectfully Submitted by Philip Watson – Choir Chair

## Friendly Visitors' Report

The Friendly Visitors keep in touch with our Trinity Church members/congregants who may be feeling somewhat isolated from their Church, its congregation and its regular activities. There are currently twenty-two congregants on our Friendly Visitors' list. We keep in touch with our listed members via phone calls, emails, Easter cards and 'in person' visits. We distribute some "Trinity News" editions to those who do not get it electronically. Without meaningful interactions, these congregants might lose touch with Trinity Church where they may have participated more actively over many years. Everyone in our Trinity family needs to know that their Church cares about them.

We are thankful to Rev. Lesley who continues to act as Trinity's official Hospital Visitor. As well, she conducts monthly services at Bayhaven Retirement and Collingwood Nursing Homes. Every December, we are thankful for the UCW who purchase poinsettias and help with their delivery to those on our Friendly Visitors List. The seasonal plants that Joan acquired this year were especially large and beautiful. As well, we would like to thank our other Trinity Church members/adherents, who act on their own, to keep in touch with those more isolated Trinity congregants through visits and phone calls.

If you would like to join the Friendly Visitors team or if you know of someone who should be added to our Friendly Visitors' list, please get in touch with the Friendly Visitors, through Joan Rainbird Sharp (705-445-1402) or [19461922able@gmail.com](mailto:19461922able@gmail.com) or Janie Jardine (705-444-0478) or [jjardine@sympatico.ca](mailto:jjardine@sympatico.ca).

Submitted by Janie Jardine, Friendly Visitor

## **Prayer Chain Annual Report**

We are a small and dedicated group who believe in the power of prayer. When we receive notice of someone that needs support, we add them to our daily devotionals.

This year, as in the past, we had many requests for prayers for families who lost loved ones, and for family and friends dealing with health issues.

This year we lost several links in our chain and would like to strengthen our ministry. There are few if any meetings, contact is by e-mail or telephone and pray when you are ready.

If you would like to become a link in the prayer chain, you are invited to contact Airlie Suutari at 705-443-4169 for more information.

Acting Prayer Chain Coordinator

Barbara Downie

## Communications

In any organization, good communication is key. Trinity is no exception. Our bulletin, bulletin boards and announcements from the pulpit are our first ways of communicating. Any information important enough to be found in those forms should also be submitted to our three other forms of communication:

*Trinity News*

Website

Facebook.

Items for the Sunday bulletin should be sent to Lori at [office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca) as soon as possible prior to the Sunday they are to appear in the bulletin.

Our newsletter, *Trinity News* is published monthly. The deadline is the third Thursday of each month coinciding with the board meeting. All issues of *Trinity News* may be found on Trinity's website: [collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](http://collingwoodunitedchurch.ca).

Also, a *Trinity News Flash* may be sent at any time. The emailing lists are with myself and the office.

Your message can be spread by contacting the following:

Office - [office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@collingwoodunitedchurch.ca)

Trinity News - John Brown [johnbrown5@rogers.com](mailto:johnbrown5@rogers.com)

Website - Ruth Crittenden [ruth.crittenden2978@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.crittenden2978@gmail.com)

Facebook - Danielle York [daniellekyork@gmail.com](mailto:daniellekyork@gmail.com)

Linda Murphy [lindamurphyski@gmail.com](mailto:lindamurphyski@gmail.com)

Submitted by: John Brown



## **Building and Grounds Report**

The Building and Grounds primary responsibility is to oversee operational issues including so that the property supports the worship and work of the Church. The committee completed work in 2023 included general maintenance, repairs, improvements, yard work and advising and deciding on project priorities and execution.

A new shed was built (thank you to all that were involved), parking lot lines were repainted, and we had a major project to replace the main water line from the building to Maple Street.

We appreciate the dedication of Fred Reimer, George Christie, Jamie Forsythe, Ray Piercy and our Custodian Mike White, who handle many of the tasks and repairs.

Maintaining an older building means there is always a list of projects to be completed our plans for 2024 include:

- Brick Pointing
- Flat Roof Repair
- Front Yard Repair
- New Sign

Jamie Forsythe will take over as Chair of Building & Grounds.

Submitted by Danielle York

## **Ministry and Personnel Report**

Members of Committee: Harold Ferguson, Janie Jardine, Mary Ellen McNaught, Marion Sinclair, Bev Mayberry

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith. (from Resources for Ministry and Personnel Committees, United Church of Canada, pg 10)

The M&P committee welcomed Mary Ellen McNaught to the committee at the beginning of 2023.

The Covid -19 pandemic has continued to create challenges for staff and congregants at Trinity United Church. Self-screening for all Respiratory symptoms continues to be strongly recommended. A sincere “Thank you” to Keith Sutherland and Danielle York, our AV support people and all who work so hard to ensure in-person and the on-line productions of the Sunday services are possible.

We started 2023 off with a very warm welcome to our new Minister, Rev. Dr. Lesley Fox, who started with Trinity in January. Rev Lesley has made it her mission to reach out to and connect with as many as possible since her arrival. Rev Mary Elizabeth Piercy, in her roll of Volunteer Associate Minister, continues to support Trinity’s congregation and Rev Lesley in Pastoral Care Needs. We are blessed to have such a dedicated Ministerial team!

Our Music Ministry has continued under the very capable leadership of our Music Director, Paul Sloan, along with our Choir Leader, Lesley Joosten and Hand bell Choir Director, Maryellen Burgess. These very talented musicians have also brought in a variety of talented community musicians to enhance our Sunday services, join in our fall music concert, as well as the special Christmas Cantata. A thank you to all who have offered and continue to offer their gifts of music to Trinity services.

Lori Forsythe continues to support the office, both in person and some remote work. She works closely with all those who contribute to keep the Financial Records up to date. With her cheerful smile, Lori responds to the many inquiries re: rentals, Sunday services, special events, Food Pantry and outdoor Food Cupboard as well as the many other roles she takes on as they arise. Thank you Lori, for all you do to support Trinity Programs and people.

Mike White continues to maintain the Church building and Church grounds. He is chief greeter and always ready to meet and help those who arrive at the door for the many reasons people come. Mike and Cathy have taken the lead for the collection and distribution of the clothing for our Warming Cupboard again this year. This is a well-used and appreciated Outreach Ministry for the community. Mike is always ready to assist as needs arise: with the Food Pantry, Pickle Ball hosting and Outdoor Food Cupboard to mention a few. We thank you Mike for all you do to support Trinity and its people, physical plant and programs.

In addition, we would also like to thank Ruth Crittenden and Ray Piercy for all their support in coverage for days off for Lori and Mike and for all the many things they do at Trinity.

M&P wants to acknowledge the ongoing dedication of all of our staff and volunteers, with their incredible flexibility and commitment to Trinity Programs. Thank you for all you have done in 2023 and for all you continue to do on behalf of Trinity United Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Bev Mayberry

Ministry and Personnel Committee

## Summary of Weddings, New Members, Baptisms

### Weddings: (3)

William Dixon Taylor and Vi Bui  
Brent Hunter Loudon and Laura Travosi  
Laura Traynor and Tanya Marie Gonzalves

### New Members: (15)

#### By Transfer (7)

Andy Cooper	Charlene Cooper
John Mutton	Barbara Stewart
William Stewart	Elizabeth Stinson
Airlie Suutari	

#### By Confirmation/Profession of Faith (8)

Jean Bond	Derek Crawford
Joy Gardiner	Betty Hancey
Lesley Hobbs	Brent MacLean
Dirkje (Dicky) Scholten	Jane Thompson

#### Transfers Out (5)

Betty Dunlop	Douglas Harrison
Loren Harrison	Alexander (Sandy) White
Mary White	

### Baptisms: (6)

Jane Alberta Emes Thompson (adult)  
Brent Curtis MacLean (adult)  
Benjamin Briggs Thompson (child)  
George Wayne Allen Thompson (child)  
Rutherford James Hadley Bertram (child)  
Theodore Thomas Crawford (child)

## **In Memoriam (19)**

\* denotes members of the historic roll

Dorothy Allin\*  
Reta Burnside\*  
Pamela Clayton  
Donald Kelly\*  
Stanley Macdonald\*  
David McQueen  
John Myers  
Rye Picot\*  
Irene Smith  
Donna White

Glenn Brock  
Elizabeth Caughlin  
Helen (Alexander) Gauthier\*  
Cathy MacDonald\*  
Daphne McCullough\*  
Eileen Murphy  
Glen Numbers  
Vera Rolling\*  
Harold Warburton  
Emma Wilson

## Trinity United Church Cemetery Annual Report

The weather this summer kept the grass green and with the diligent efforts of our custodians the cemetery looked good all summer. Minor improvements were made to some of the gravel roadways, and new planting beds were added in front of the two entrance signs and east of the roadway beside the shed. A donation for trees allowed us to add 2 more maple trees west of the main entrance roadway. There is room for a number of additional trees along the north side of the cemetery. The Veterans Cross was refurbished and set on a new foundation with a wreath added before Remembrance Day.

The new columbarium, that was ordered last fall, arrived in the spring and to date we have sold interment rights for five niches.

Information about the Cemetery can be found on the Church website. This includes a brief History of the Cemetery, General Information on the operating procedures/forms, current fees and a copy of the Cemetery By-Laws. Printed copies of the By-Laws, Cemetery Fee Schedule and Annual Burial Reports are available at the Church office.

This year, 30 interments were carried out and Interment Rights for 10 graves and 5 niches were sold.

We also processed 5 requests for transfers of Interment Rights that covered 13 graves. The Provincial Act and Regulations that we follow state that "No cemetery operator shall inter human remains in a lot other than the remains of the interment rights holder, *without the written consent of the interment rights holder*." Since the burial rights rest with the "rights holder" of the plot it is desirable to keep the ownership of the interment rights current (ie with a living person) to avoid confusion or delays when an interment is required. We therefore strongly recommend that, if the owner is deceased, the next of kin consider looking into having the rights to the plot/niche transferred. Upon request, with the appropriate documentation and payment of a transfer fee, a new Certificate of Interment Rights will be issued transferring the Ownership or including additional names on the Certificate.

Our treasurer has prepared a financial summary for the year, which is included with this report. A modest increase of 4% has been applied to most cemetery fees for 2024.

The Cemetery Board for 2023 included Larry Hogarth (Chair), Ralph Sneyd (Treasurer), Bob Mayberry (Secretary), George Christie, Doug French and Fred Riemer.

Your comments, suggestion and offers to join our board are always appreciated.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Hogarth, Chair

Trinity United Church Cemetery Annual Report for 2023			
Located 8053 Poplar Sideroad Collingwood			
Licence # 3300933		By the Bereavement Authority of Ontario (BAO)	
Summery of TUCC Operating Account CIBC #49-02866 -2023 transactions			
	Balance Jan 1,2022		\$28,908.83
Expenses	BAO Licence for 2023	\$412.31	
	Cemetery Insurance	\$1,057.32	
	Custodial Costs	\$18,022.00	
	Water	\$220.00	
	Burials and Cremations	\$12,375.00	
	Cornerstones + Engraving	\$1,899.00	
	Care & Maintenance Account	\$8,801.00	
	Monument Bases	\$5,198.51	
	Incidentals-ie. Trees, Seed	\$11,079.59	
		\$59,064.73	
Revenue	Transfer IR Certificates	\$750.00	
	Grave Purchases	\$9,010.00	
	Niche Purchases	\$11,510.00	
	Transfer interest from Trinity 2023	\$1,157.03	
	Transfer Donations from Trinity 2023	\$4,683.40	
	Perpetual Care Account Interest	\$10,342.96	
	Burials and Cremations	\$20,385.64	
	Cornerstones + Engraving	\$5,530.38	
	Monument Bases	\$8,036.75	
		\$71,406.16	
	GIC purchases in 2023	\$30,000.00	
	Account Balance Dec.31,2023		\$23,481.29
Perpetual Care Account # 78005679 - Scotia Trust Barrie			
	Principal on January 1,2023	\$205,708.00	
	Collected & Sent C&M Fees to Principal	\$8,801.00	
	After market adjustments 2023	\$215,330.00	
This Account, required by law, provides the cemetery an annual interest shown in Operating Account above.			
We collect fees on all sales. These are sent to our trust account where the principal is untouched			
Scotia Bank Collingwood GIC Reserves Account #324223			
	Current GICs (4 units/Variable Closings)	\$101,643.05	(at Maturity)
These are monies that have been accumulated by past heavy sales of plots and			
not needed to pay expenses that year, combined with higher interest rates			
We have had to draw on them in leaner years to pay operating costs.			
Monies held in Trinity United Church Accounts for the Cemetery			
Reserves Account -Capital Projects			
	Nottawa United Church Capital Donation		\$58,376.19
	Final Payment of purchase of a Collumbarium		\$26,185.91
	Interest income Transferred to TUCC Operating Account		\$1,157.03
	Total Receivables as of December 31, 2023		\$32,190.28
Donations Directed to TUCC 2023			
	General donations: Transferred to TUCC Operating Account		\$4,683.40
	Total Receivables as of December 31, 2023		\$0.00
HST Recoverable 2023- Transferred to TUCC Operating Account In 2024			
	HST submitted to Receiver general		

## **UCW President's Report 2023**

### **2023 In Review**

2023 has been a little more normal. The executive has met regularly and our unit meetings started up again in March. We welcomed some new members to our unit which was encouraging.

We said goodbye to Fran as she undergoes some challenges in her personal life.

We miss her expertise and her take charge personality. With the help of Joan Rainbird Sharp I have tried to fill Fran's big shoes.

We executed some successful meat pie sales during the year.

We catered some small lunches for a few groups but no large turkey dinners.

We also catered some funeral teas for some of our congregation members. We could not have done all these events without the help of many in our congregation.

We lost a few more of our unit members so we are always looking for more ladies to join our group.

We cleaned the kitchen a few times and we passed the health units inspection.

We had two lunches out in June and December for our members. Always enjoyed by all.

We had a special meeting in September with Lesley Joosten speaking of her medical mission to Africa. Enjoyed by all.

Once again we supported the local elementary schools in their breakfast programs, the Rainbows Georgian Triangle, Youth for Christ, Poinsettias for shut ins, and we donated to the National UCW project which was in support of the Native Outreach Project in Regina which provides baby/mother welcome bags.

All in all we had a good year.

Submitted by Joy Barr, UCW President



## **UCW Recording Secretary's Report 2023**

The Executive are continuing to meet the third Monday of every month at 1:00 pm. Our unit meeting follows immediately after with a meeting, devotions, and refreshments. We are looking forward to our first full year since 2019.

### **January/February/March**

Usually, the beginning of the year is quiet, but we had a busy few months. We catered funeral teas, made meat pies, and hosted the World Day of Prayer. We made the decision to purchase leaves for our Tree of Life (6) in memory of members who have passed away. The leaves will replace the hymn books that we purchased in prior years. Meat pies were a huge success and sold out very quickly. It was decided to start up our unit meeting.... first meeting to take place in April.

### **April/May/June**

The spring months were rather quiet. We made the decision not to do a bake sale in May. For many years we had a tea and bake sale on Mothers Day weekend. It was discontinued because of Covid. We decided to put on hold for another year. We catered a luncheon in May for the RTO (retired teachers) and it was well received. In June all members went out for a lunch before wrapping up for the summer. It was enjoyed by everyone.

### **September/October/November/December**

We did catering, funeral teas and meat pies during the fall and months leading up to Christmas. In September we prepared a lunch for the Nature League. We made meat pies in October and catered morning and afternoon refreshments for a small working group from County of Simcoe. We prepared coffee and tea for Sound Investment concert in November. We made the decision not to do Christmas turkey dinners. Costs and the size of our membership were factors in our decision. In December our membership had a lovely Christmas lunch inviting church staff to join us.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a healthy and happy new year.

Joanne Melnyk

**Trinity United Church Women**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January through December 2023

	Jan - Dec 23
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Donations From Members	
Unit 4	241.30
Total Donations From Members	241.30
Fundraising	
Funeral Teas	5,820.00
Lunches/Dinners	2,115.00
Meat Pies	5,159.50
Total Fundraising	13,094.50
Fundraisng	180.00
Total Income	13,515.80
Gross Profit	13,515.80
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	137.85
Donations	
Mission and Service (Via church	1,000.00
Rainbows	246.61
Schools Food Programs	1,200.00
Total Donations	2,446.61
Dues and Subscriptions	
Member Assessment WOW	72.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	72.00
Flower	55.35
Fundraising expense	
Funeral Teas	1,121.68
Lunches/Dinners	480.01
Meat Pies	2,067.44
Total Fundraising expense	3,669.13
Meeting expenses	30.10
Memorial Leafs	600.00
Office supplies	23.95
Other-Poinsettias Shut-Ins	169.50
Reconciliation Discrepancies	1,226.88
Repairs and Maintenance	
Kitchen Supplies	83.93
Total Repairs and Maintenance	83.93
Total Expense	8,515.30
Net Ordinary Income	5,000.50
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Other Expenses	200.00
Total Other Expense	200.00
Net Other Income	-200.00
Net Income	4,800.50

**Trinity United Church Women**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As of 31 December 2023**

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	<u>31 Dec 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Chequing/Savings	
Meridian Chequing Account	13,382.12
Petty Cash	7.55
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<u>13,389.67</u>
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable	180.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>180.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	52.50
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>52.50</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>13,622.17</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>13,622.17</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	1,226.88
Retained Earnings	7,594.79
Net Income	4,800.50
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>13,622.17</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>13,622.17</u></u>

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

2023 was an interesting year for the Global Financial Markets, as many Investors remained nervous about the Pandemic, Natural Disasters, Wars, and Climate Change around the world. The companies that Trinity has invested in are low risk, safe companies like Banks, Utilities, Health Care, Microsoft and other large companies that are necessary in today's economy.

These Funds performed very well and have generated a return between 5-7 %.

The Trustees needed to transfer money for water pipe repair, and to repay the government CEBA loan which was used during the pandemic. Another \$20,000.00 was needed for the General Account to support operations of the Church.

Our Insurance provider inspected the church property, which resulted in an increased value assessment, which resulted in an increased premium cost. Our cost for Insurance went from \$13,000.00 to \$17,000.00 annually.

The cost of operating the church and church property has increased due to inflation and other changes beyond our control.

Overall the Trustees Account is solid and is in a good position to continue to support the church when there is a special repair or operational deficit.

Thank you for your continued Trust and Confidence.

Barry Rice

Trustees of Trinity United Church

Collingwood Ontario.

Trinity United Church		
Balance Sheet		
as of Decembe 31, 2023		
	Current Year	Prior Year
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash Note #1_	\$ 20,000	\$ -
Securities Note #2	674,226	696,750
Total Assets	\$ 694,226	\$ 696,750
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Opening Equity	\$ 696,750	\$ 779,553
Earning during the period:	(2,524)	(82,804)
Ending Equity	\$ 694,226	\$ 696,750
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 694,226	\$ 696,750
<b>Receipts and Disbursements</b>		
<b>for the twelve months ended Dec. 31st</b>		
	Current Year	Prior Year
<b>Income earned:</b>		
Total dividends/interest received	\$ 24,762	\$ 45,534
Gain/Loss on sale (note #3)	1,068	74
Management fee adjustment	940	1,147
Total change in value (note #4)	24,707	(126,422)
Total Income	\$ 51,476	\$ (79,668)
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Transferred to church	\$ 54,000	\$ 3,136
Total Expenses	\$ 54,000	\$ 3,136
Net Income	\$ (2,524)	\$ (82,804)
Note #1 Cash to be transferred to church		
Note #2. Securties are invested with Co-operators		
This includes a fund for the organ repairs/improvements, not utilized in 2023		
The value of that fund at year end is \$12,445		
Note #3 Securities sold to fund payment to the church		
Note #4 Securities are valued at market value at the end of each month		

**Trinity United Church Trustees  
Review of 2023 Financials  
March 3, 2024**

At the request of the Official Board of Trinity United Church, Collingwood, I have reviewed the financial records of the Trustees of Trinity for the year ending December 31, 2023.

This Financial Presentation is prepared by a knowledgeable person and there is no assurance provided with this report.

The following criteria were used to examine the accounts.

- Reconcile the balance sheet assets with the CI Prestige account balances. (1)
- Test the transfers and deposits for the year 2023. (2)
- Confirm the availability of sufficient funds to cover the organ fund. (3)
- Confirmation of insurance paid up to date. (4)

Notes

- (1) The total interest from dividends and interest are less than previous years, partly the result in the sale of securities to provide funding to remit to the church.
- (2) The Trustees do not write cheques but only transfer to the Trinity General Account.
- (3) The organ fund is maintained in a separate CI fund for accounting purposes. No requests were made from this fund in the year ending Dec. 31, 2023. The assets are held in the CI diversified fund with current value of \$12,445.
- (4) The treasurer has confirmed that the insurance on the buildings, content and liabilities are up to date. The total paid for the year was \$13,988.92. The premiums are paid monthly from January to October.

This information is provided for internal use only and may not meet the needs of a third party.

It was a pleasure to review the books this year and report that Trinity remains in a strong position as we enter 2024.

Submitted by: Douglas C. French

## **Treasurer's Report**

I am retiring from the volunteer position as treasurer of Trinity United Church. It has been a privilege to be part of a wonderful team keeping track of the finances of Trinity. I have learned a lot about the work of running a church and am happy to share my small area of knowledge with a new treasurer. Many hands and hearts contribute to the support and work of a church community. We are fortunate to have many committed and effective volunteers, staff members and our new minister to help lead us forward.

The balance sheet remains simple. Our assets include money in the bank, a piano that is not yet fully depreciated and the Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable. The current liabilities consist of amounts payable to third parties, and the donation remaining that is available for use by the cemetery for capital improvements. A new columbarium has been purchased which has decreased both the bank balance and the amount still payable to the cemetery. The trustees transferred the funds they had invested on our behalf back to us to pay off the Ceba loan allowing us to retain the forgiven amount of \$20,000. The extra \$14,000 contributed to a \$16,000 repair of our water lines to the road. We appreciate members' commitment to our general account this year to keep our building and staff effectual. Our reserves for outreach initiatives total a healthy \$34,734. We have begun to increase our availability of food for the food pantry. The reserve remaining in each account is shown under the balance sheet.

The Receipts Less Outlays statement is relatively consistent with last year. Our rental income and pickleball income increased reflecting a busy church. Pickleball contributed more than \$20,000 extra over last year and rent an extra \$12,000. General donations have increased by slightly more than 7%. These are the donations that pay our bills for staff, ministry and building operations and maintenance. The expense category which increased the most was for ministry and personnel as we fortunately attracted a full-time minister and the staff received increases consistent with the mandate of the United Church of Canada. The increased costs for utilities and service were reflected in an almost 8% increase our Buildings and Grounds category.

The budget reflects the continuation of an active and thriving church building. We are attracting new members so have budgeted for a 10% increase in donations. Even with an increase in donations we will require a contribution from our investments in the amount of \$53,298. For the long-term viability of the church, we sincerely hope that a depletion of such a large percent of our reserves will be unnecessary. Additionally, we are expecting a corresponding increase in expenses for utilities, staffing and general purchases. The rental income is not expected to change significantly because we were already near maximum capacity possible in paid rentals for our current staffing levels.

Thank you for everything you continue to do in our community of faith and our greater world.

Gratefully, Marion Sinclair

## Trinity United Church Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

### Assets

#### Current Assets

Total Bank	\$69,395
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Total Current Assets	\$75,477
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#### Non-current Assets

Total Property, plant and equipment	\$12,000
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Total Non Current Assets	12,000
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<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$87,477</b>
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### Liabilities and Equity

#### Liabilities

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$7,697
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Payable to Cemetery	34,323
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Total Payables	\$42,020
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Total Current Liabilities	\$42,020
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Non-current Liabilities	0
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Total Non-current Liabilities	\$0
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$42,020</b>
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#### Equity

Total Reserves (Note #1)	\$34,734
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Retained Earnings	15,668
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Profit for the year	(4,945)
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<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$45,457</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$87,477</b>
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#### Note #1 Breakdown of Reserves:

Benevolent	\$2,864
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Crock Pot	1,032
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Outreach	1,749
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Trinity Talks	870
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Food Program	28,219
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<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>\$34,734</b>
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## Trinity United Church Receipts Less Outlays

January - December 2023

### Receipts

Total Envelopes	\$197,166
Total Envelopes	<u>\$197,166</u>
Other Donations	
Donations for Cemetery	\$4,283
Other-Donations	<u>\$19,853</u>
Total Other	<u>\$24,136</u>
 Total Rent	 \$62,598
Fundraising Income	\$41,533
Int. Income to Cemetery	\$1,157
Money from Trustees	<u>\$54,000</u>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>\$380,590</u></b>

### Outlays

Depreciation Expense	\$4,000
<b>Expenses related to the Church</b>	
Total Fundraising	\$684
Total Administration	\$43,343
Total Building and Grounds	\$66,063
Total Membership & Pastoral Care	\$380
Mission & Service	\$6,605
Total Outreach & Social Action	\$17,801
Total Ministry & Personnel	\$236,819
Total Worship & Music/Choir	<u>\$4,000</u>
<b>Total Expenses related to the Church</b>	<u>\$379,695</u>
Total Transfers to the Cemetery	<u>\$5,840</u>
<b>Total Outlays</b>	<b><u>\$385,535</u></b>
Receipts Less Outlays	<u><u><span style="color: red;">-\$4,945</span></u></u>

**Trinity United Church Collingwood On**  
**Agenda for the Hybrid 2023 Annual General Meeting**

March 3, 2024 by Zoom and In-Person

1. Welcome, territorial acknowledgement, and opening prayer: Rev. Lesley Fox
2. Meeting called to order. Election of chair and secretary for this meeting and all congregational meetings this year. (**MOTIONS**)
3. **MOTION** that all present shall be entitled to vote, adherents and members.
4. Review of Holy Manners. We will speak and listen with open hearts and minds and treat one another with respect.
5. **MOTION** to approve the agenda.
6. **MOTION** to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting for 2022 held over Zoom and In-person on March 5, 2022.
7. Annual Report: Summary of corrections/additions to the report. (Ray Piercy)  
  
Review and accept all reports from the Annual Report except the Treasurer's Report, the Trustee Report, and the Nomination Committee Report. (**MOTION**)
8. Review and acceptance of the Trustee Report: Barry Rice. (**MOTION**)
9. **MOTION** to appoint a financial reviewer for this year.
10. Review and acceptance of the Financial/Treasurer's Report for 2023. (**MOTION**)
11. Review and approval of the Operating Budget for 2024: Marion Sinclair (**MOTION**)
12. Nomination Committee Report: Review of open positions on the Board/Committees. Nominations accepted from the floor.  
  
**MOTION** to approve the slate of officers for 2024.
13. Appointment of new Trustee, if any.
14. **MOTION** to affirm Joy Barr as president of the UCW for 2024.
15. New Business: Opportunity to raise questions or ideas/opportunities
16. Closing Comments from Rev. Lesley Fox
17. **MOTION** to adjourn.

**Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting**  
**Trinity United Church, Collingwood**  
**Held over Zoom and In-Person**  
**March 5, 2023, @ 12:00 p.m.**

Notice of the meeting was given in our February Trinity Newsletter; on four separate occasions via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 90 percent of the congregation. It was also announced from the pulpit on four Sundays in advance of the meeting date.

Danielle York, co-chair of the Board, welcomed all present. There were approximately 33 people in attendance in-person as well as 6 people via Zoom link. A quorum of full members was reached.

1. Danielle called the meeting to order and asked for motions to elect a chairperson and a recording secretary for the meeting. This election extends to any congregational meeting in 2023.

**MOTION:** that Ray Piercy chair the meeting, Ralph Sneyd and Fran Reid. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** that Ruth Crittenden record the minutes, Marg Holroyd and B.J. Hunter. Motion carried.

2.. Welcome, territorial acknowledgement, and opening prayer: Rev. Dr. Lesley Fox.

3. **MOTION:** that all present, members and adherents, be entitled to vote, Mary Elizabeth Piercy and Michael White. Motion carried.

4. **MOTION** to approve the agenda, with the addition of the acceptance of the minutes from a 2022 Congregational Meeting, Marg Holroyd and Marion Sinclair. Motion carried.

5. **MOTION** to accept the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting, held February 13, 2022, Ruth Crittenden and Barry Rice. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** to accept the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022 when we moved to call Rev. Dr. Lesley Fox to full-time ministry at Trinity United, Collingwood, Bev Mayberry and Sue Edmunds. Motion carried.

## 6. Annual Report for 2022

Ray went through the report asking if the author of each report had anything to add and whether those present had any questions of the author.

Please note that the UCW roster for the coming year was corrected and few committee members' names were deleted as being currently not up-to-date.

**MOTION:** to accept the committee reports in the Annual Report with a few corrections. This motion does not include the Financial Report, the Trustee Report, and the Nominating Report.

Moved by Patti Watson and Mike White. Motion carried.

## 7. Trustee Report: Barry Rice.

Barry reported that, overall, there has been approximately ten percent in losses over the course of 2022.

**MOTION:** to accept the Trustee Report, Barry Rice and Ralph Sneyd. Motion carried.

## 8. Review and acceptance of the Financial/Treasurer's Report

Marion Sinclair, Treasurer, spoke to the 2022 report.

**MOTION** to accept the Financial/Treasurer's report, Marion Sinclair and Harold Ferguson. Motion carried.

9. **MOTION:** to combine the Community Dinner fund and the Pantry fund into the one fund, the Food Program fund. Moved by Marion Sinclair and Beth Theis. Motion carried. All revenue and expenses will be allocated to the Food Program fund.

Marion was thanked for all her work by a member from the floor.

10. As of yet, there is no Financial Reviewer for the Trinity Accounts.

## 11. Review and approval of the Operating Budget for 2023: Marion Sinclair

**MOTION:** to accept the operating budget for 2023, Marion Sinclair and Michael White. Motion carried.

## 12. Nominating Committee Report

Ray thanked Marion for her diligent work to learn the role of Treasurer and for her many hours of work in that role.

Ray went over some of the open positions for the Slate of Officers for the coming year. The position of Treasurer will be revisited within a few weeks. Garry and Fran Reid have resigned from any current positions at Trinity. Changes were noted for p.11 and p.31 of the Annual Report.

With no nominations from the floor, the vote on the slate of officers for this year was called.

**MOTION:** Barb Sneyd and Sue Edmunds moved the slate of officers for 2023, as amended, be accepted. Motion carried.

13. There is no new trustee.

14. **MOTION** to affirm Joy Barr as president of the UCW, Sue Edmunds and Fran Reid.

Motion carried.

15. Presentation of the Order of Nathaniel and the Companion Order of Nathaniel: Ray Piercy

Ray spoke eloquently about the contributions of each of the recipients to the life and workings of Trinity.

This year's recipients are:

**Order of Nathaniel:**

Betty Butters                      B. J. Hunter

**Companion Order of Nathaniel:**

Barbara Downie                      Fran Reid

Garry Reid                              Doug Mitchell

\*\*\*\*Fran and Garry Reid spoke of their many years with Habitat for Humanity.

Please see the addendum.

16. New Business: Opportunity to raise questions or ideas/opportunities

1. The Board is investigating the proposal of twinning with another church in the U.K. Rev. Lesley is exploring this opportunity further.

2. Rev. Mary Elizabeth Piercy spoke to those present.

This Annual Report is a record of our church life, especially during the Interim without a permanent minister.

She acknowledged and thanked the committee chairs for their continued support and commitment during this period: Bev Mayberry of Ministry and Personnel; Beth Theis of Outreach; Ray Piercy of Spiritual; the two co-chairs of the Board, Danielle York and Ray Piercy. They help hold us together and give us a focus and a sense of what we can do as a community.

Mary Elizabeth felt that Marion Sinclair, in her Treasurer's role, has really managed to pick up the financial aspects of our church.

As the Pastoral Charge Supervisor, all have made her job easier. This Annual Report is a record of what we have been able to do as an efficient community.

And Danielle York's role in the AV booth cannot be left out. Thank you, Danielle.

#### 17. Closing Comments from Rev. Lesley Fox

Rev. Lesley thanked everyone for their work and their support, and also to the wider body.

Thanks to our staff – Lori Forsythe, Mike White

Thanks to the music department – Paul Sloan, Lesley Joosten, Mary Ellen Burgess – as well as our organist substitute, Sandra Lake.

....so many people who make this place exceptional.

Thank you to all for your warm welcome as your new minister.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Dr. Lesley Fox.

**MOTION:** to adjourn, Barb Sneyd at 12:55 p.m.

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Trinity United Church 2024 Budget

### Income

4002 Envelopes	200,025.00
40030 Envelopes-Mission & Servi	6,928.00
40035 Envelopes - Camping Sunday	1,000.00
40040 Envelopes-Cemetery	580.00
40085 40085 Food Program	5,360.00
4337 Memorial Income	2,700.00
<b>Total 4002 Envelopes</b>	<b>\$216,593.00</b>

<b>4300 Other-Donations</b>	460.00
420061 Insurance Recovery	2,220.00
4308 UCW Mission and Service	1,000.00
433333 Coffee Donations	720.00
4335 Food Program No Tax Receipt	5,820.00
4390 Donation no receipt Cemetery Capital	6,540.00
4395 Donations Registered Charities-no receipt	5,720.00
Loose	2,080.00
<b>Total 4300 Other-Donations</b>	<b>\$24,560.00</b>

<b>44001 Rent</b>	
4400 Room Rental	21,760.00
4401 Montessori School	46,506.00
<b>Total 44001 Rent</b>	<b>\$68,266.00</b>

<b>49001 Other</b>	
4007 Trustees Funds	53,298.00
<b>Total 49001 Other</b>	<b>\$53,298.00</b>

<b>4920 Fundraising Income</b>	
Pickle Ball Dues	36,220.00
<b>Total 4920 Fundraising Income</b>	<b>\$36,220.00</b>

**Total Income** **\$398,937.00**

**Gross Profit** **\$398,937.00**

### Expenses

#### 5000001 Expenses related to the Church

#### 5000 Stewardship/Fundraising

5001 Celebration Tree Expense	120.00
5727 Pickel Ball	300.00
<b>Total 5000 Stewardship/Fundraising</b>	<b>\$420.00</b>

## Trinity United Church 2024 Budget (page 2)

<b>500003 Mission &amp; Service</b>	<b>6,928.00</b>
<b>5100 Building &amp; Grounds</b>	
5102 Alarm & Fire Security	1,336.00
5105 Equipment & Small tool purchase	223.00
5106 Custodial	2,672.00
5110 Elevator	640.00
5111 Electric	6,868.00
5112 Gas	19,120.00
5113 Water & Sewer	15,864.00
5122 Snow Removal	4,440.00
<b>51221 Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	
5120 Repairs & Maintenance Regular	4,452.00
<b>Total 51221 Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$4,452.00</b>
 <b>Total 5100 Building &amp; Grounds</b>	 <b>\$55,615.00</b>
<b>5260 Education &amp; Programs</b>	
5264 Sunday School	500.00
<b>Total 5260 Education &amp; Programs</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>5400 Administration</b>	
5250 Telephone & Communications	3,440.00
5401 Presbytery	11,600.00
5450 Office Expense	10,000.00
5452 Bank & Other Service Fees	740.00
5486 Liability Insurance	17,500.00
5620 Photocopier	1,000.00
<b>Total 5400 Administration</b>	<b>\$44,280.00</b>
<b>5500 Outreach &amp; Social Action</b>	
5502 Community Donations	600.00
5510 Benevolent Exp.	1,000.00
5530 Trinity Food Program	27,600.00
58501 Crock Pot	100.00
<b>Total 5500 Outreach &amp; Social Action</b>	<b>\$29,300.00</b>
<b>5700 Worship &amp; Music/Choir</b>	
5701 Anniversary Sunday	200.00
5702 Guest speakers	200.00
5710 Coffee Hour Exp.	250.00
5712 Flowers & decorations	600.00
5713 Licences	300.00
5716 Worship Expenses	1,700.00
5720 Guest Musicians	1,400.00



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5722 Choral Music	1,000.00
5729001 Bell Music	600.00
<b>Total 5700 Worship &amp; Music/Choir</b>	<b>\$6,250.00</b>
<b>Staff Expenses</b>	
<b>5600 Ministry &amp; Personnel*</b>	
5020 Book and Study Expense	1,650.00
5600001 Salaries/Services	198,245.00
5600002 Payroll Tax (CPP and EI)	11,102.00
5600003 United Church Pension	14,274.00
5600004 United Church Benefits	15,860.00
5600005 Service fees from ADP	500.00
5606 Workplace Safety & Insurance	952.00
5706 Vacation Supply	3,561.00
5707 AV Technician	3,900.00
6350 Travel/Mileage - staff	1,200.00
<b>Total 5600 Ministry &amp; Personnel*</b>	<b>\$251,244.00</b>
<b>5800 Outside &amp; Other Services</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Total Staff Expenses</b>	<b>\$251,644.00</b>
<b>Total 5000001 Expenses related to the Church</b>	<b>\$394,937.00</b>
<b>6150 Depreciation Expense</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$398,937.00</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## **Trinity Board and Standing Committees – March 3, 2024**

### **Trinity Board**

Co-Chairs – Ray Piercy, Danielle York

Secretary - Ruth Crittenden

Treasurer – Danielle York

Past Chair – Vacant

Ministry and Personnel – Bev Mayberry

Regional Rep - Barbara Downie, Ruth Crittenden

Communication – John Brown

UCW Rep – Joy Barr

Board of Trustees – Barry Rice

Outreach – Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Ex Officio Members:

Office Assistant – Lori Forsythe

Minister – Rev Dr. Lesley Fox

### **Spiritual Committee**

Chairperson: Ray Piercy

Vice-Chairperson: Vacant

Secretary: Joan Rainbird Sharp

Communications Representative: John Brown

Worship Support Team: Su Cook, John Brown

Prayer Chain Contact: Airlie Suutari

Friendly Visitors Coordinator: Janie Jardine

Shawl Ministry Coordinator: Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Faith Formation Coordinator: Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Outreach and Social Action Committee Representative: Barbara Downie

United Church Women's Representative: Ramona Van Slyke

Member at Large: Joy Gardiner, Charlene Cooper

Ex Officio Minister – Rev Dr. Lesley Fox

### **Outreach and Social Action Committee**

Chair – Mary Elizabeth Piercy

Secretary – Barbara Downie

Ralph Sneyd

Jane Palmer

Bev Mayberry

Beth Theis

Ex Officio Minister – Rev Dr. Lesley Fox

Mike White

Cathy Dorsey

Barb Sneyd

Mary Ellen McNaught

Betty Hancey

**Ministry & Personnel**

Bev Mayberry (Chair)  
Marion Sinclair  
Mary Ellen McNaught

Harold Ferguson  
Janie Jardine

**Board of Trustees**

Chair – Barry Rice  
Ruth Crittenden

Jamie Forsythe  
Dave Saunders

Ex Officio Minister – Rev Dr. Lesley Fox

**Financial Committee**

Chair – Danielle York  
Vice-Chair – Martin Hastings  
Secretary – Rose Hewitson  
Jamie Forsythe  
Fred Riemer  
Joanne Melnyk

**Building & Grounds**

Chair – Jamie Forsythe  
Vice-Chair – Vacant  
Secretary – Rose Hewitson  
Fred Riemer  
Joanne Melnyk  
George Christie  
Ray Piercy  
Custodian – Mike White

**United Church Women Executive**

President – Joy Barr  
Treasurer - Joan Rainbird Sharp  
Past President – Sue Edmunds  
Corresponding Secretary – Joan Rainbird Sharp

First Vice-President -Ramona Van Slyke  
Secretary - Joanne Melnyk  
Social Convenor – vacant

**Cemetery Board**

Chair – Larry Hogarth  
Bob Mayberry  
Doug French

Ralph Sneyd  
George Christie  
Fred Riemer

**Nominations Committee**

The Board

## Trinity United Church Collingwood Congregational Contacts 2024

Adult Choir	Lesley Joosten	Phil Watson
Affirming Exploration Group		Beth Theis
Alleluia Ringers	Maryellen Burgess	Heather Ferguson
Building Maintenance	Jamie Forsythe	Ray Piercy
Camp Simpresca	Ralph Sneyd	Barbara Downie
Drum Circle	Lesley Joosten	
Donation Records	Ruth Crittenden	
FC Christmas Bags	Jane Palmer	Barb Sneyd
Cemetery Board	Larry Hogarth	Ralph Sneyd
Coffee Hosting	Christine Brown	
Communion	Su Cook	
Community Dinner	Ralph Sneyd	Charlene Cooper
Custodian	Mike White	
Food Pantry	Betty Hancey	
Friendly Visitors	Janie Jardine	
Get Well Cards	Airlie Suutari	
Home Horizon	Mary Ellen McNaught	
Broadview Magazine	Ray Piercy	
Offering Stewards	Wayne Butters	Betty Butters
Office Assistant	Lori Forsythe	
Prayer Chain	Airlie Suutari	
Sanctuary Decoration	Claire Bellamy	
Scripture Readers	Mary Elizabeth Piercy	
Shawl Ministry	Beth Theis	Mary Elizabeth Piercy
Social Media	Linda Murphy	Danielle York
Sound Technicians	Keith Sutherland	Danielle York
Trinity News	John Brown	
Trinity Talks	Beth Theis	
UCW	Joy Barr	Sue Edmunds
Ushers and Greeters	John Brown	
Web Page	Ruth Crittenden	Danielle York
White Gift Envelopes	Jane Palmer	

## UCW SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2024

PAST PRESIDENT	SUE EDMUNDS
PRESIDENT	JOY BARR
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	
SECRETARY	JOANNE MELNYK
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	SUE EDMUNDS
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	JOAN RAINBIRD SHARP
TREASURER	JOAN RAINBIRD SHARP
ASSISTANT TREASURER	JOANNE MELNYK
SOCIAL CONVENORS	JOY BARR, JOAN RAINBIRD SHARP
ACTIVE UNIT LEADER	JOY BARR
FINANCIAL, BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REP	JOANNE MELNYK
SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE REP	JOAN RAINBIRD SHARP

**Trinity United Church Women**  
**Profit & Loss Budget Overview**  
January through December 2024

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	Jan - Dec 24
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Donations From Members	250.00
Fundraising	
Funeral Teas	3,000.00
Lunches/Dinners	2,000.00
Meat Pies	8,000.00
Total Fundraising	13,000.00
Total Income	13,250.00
Gross Profit	13,250.00
Expense	
Christmas Gifts Poinsettias	150.00
Donations	
Home Horizon-Weider House	200.00
Hospice Geo Triangle	200.00
Mission and Service (Via church	5,000.00
Rainbows	250.00
Schools Food Programs	1,800.00
Total Donations	7,450.00
Dues and Subscriptions	
Member Assessment WOW	68.00
Total Dues and Subscriptions	68.00
Flower	100.00
Fundraising expense	
Funeral Teas	1,000.00
Lunches/Dinners	500.00
Meat Pies	3,000.00
Total Fundraising expense	4,500.00
Total Expense	12,268.00
Net Ordinary Income	982.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Other Expenses	200.00
Total Other Expense	200.00
Net Other Income	-200.00
Net Income	782.00