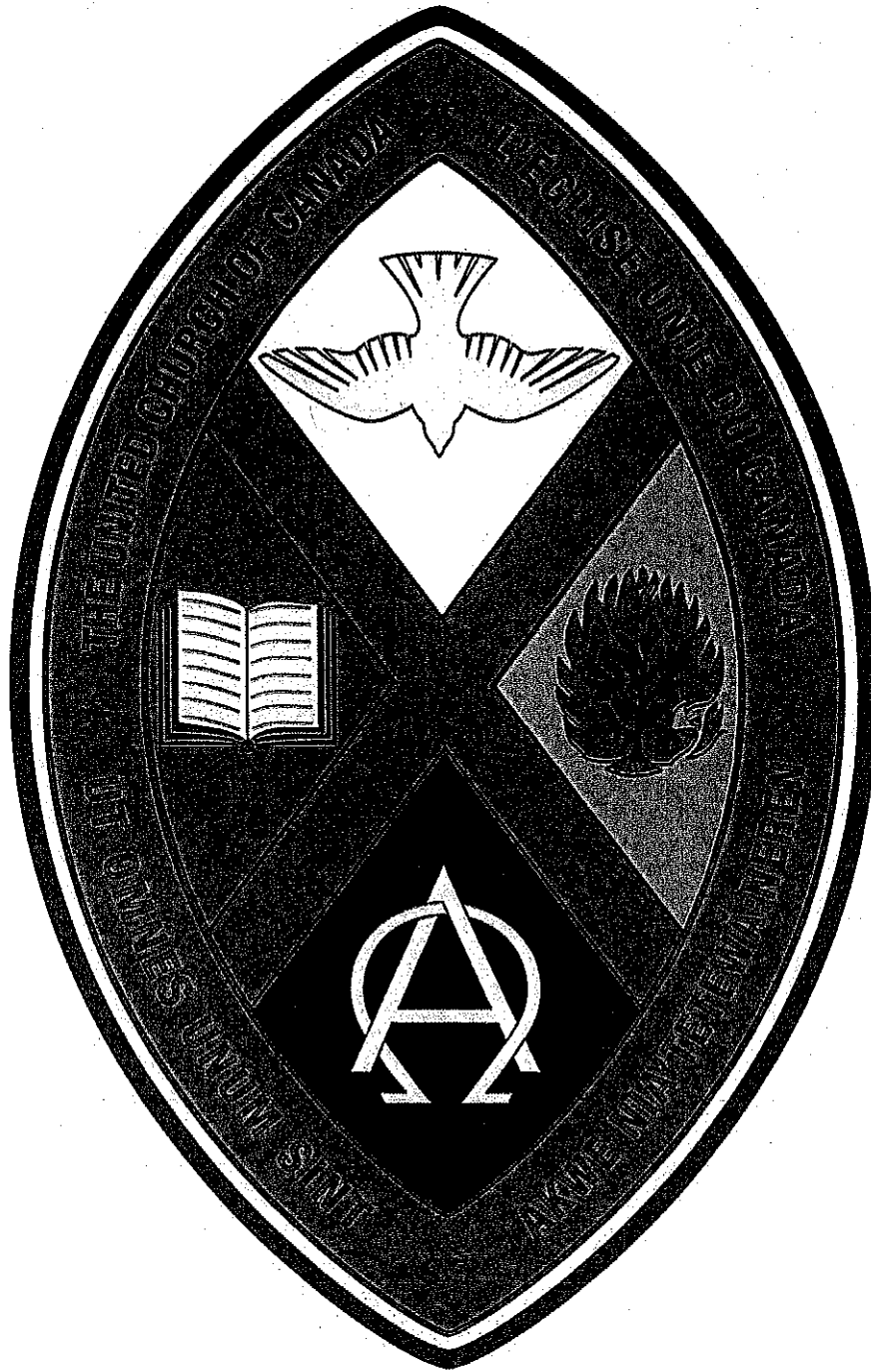


First United Church Mount Pearl



Annual Report 2018

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Minutes
Annual Congregational Meeting
First United Church
March 11, 2018

The meeting opened with a short worship led by Rev. Ian March-MacCuish.

Rev. Ian called for nominations for a Chairperson and a Secretary. Wayne Rideout was elected chairperson and Joan Winsor was elected secretary.

There were 34 people in attendance.

Wayne opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending. Wayne explained that there were only twenty-three families out of seven hundred families represented here tonight. Wayne thanked all the board members for their time and work over the past year.

Proposed Agenda- It was moved by Gary Gosse and seconded by Reg White that the proposed agenda be adopted. **Motion Carried**

The minutes of the Congregational Meeting of March 19, 2017 and November 5, 2017 - It was moved by Heather Sinyard and seconded by Jean Fry that the minutes of the two congregational meetings be adopted. **Motion Carried**

Committee Reports: The following reports were received for information purposes:

Minister's Report - Rev Ian - thanked everyone for their help and support this past year

Board of Management - Joan Winsor

Property Committee - Nelson Bailey

Worship Committee - Madeline Rideout

Christian Development - Kelly Tuck - On behalf of the Youth Group thank- you to all the congregation for their support during the Youth Exchange last summer.

Sunday School - Kelly Tuck

Book Club - Pam Morgan

Quilting Group - Pam Morgan

Outreach and Social Action - Susan Vardy

Bridges to Hope

Ministry & Personnel

Board of Trustees - Nelson Harris

UCW - Jean Fry

General Protestant Cemetery - Calvin Gibbons

Motion: It was moved by Pam Morgan and seconded by Gary Gosse that the committee reports be accepted.
Motion Carried

Statistics for 2017: Rev. Ian read the names of the 27 members for whom funerals were conducted. A moment of silence was held for the deceased members.

Stewardship Report: Glenys Harris presented the report. A question from Pam Morgan was asked "Is there any plans for the Memorial Fund as to what we will do with this account as we are losing money?" Rev. Ian replied "Could the stewardship committee check with the bank to see what the best solution is?" The Stewardship committee report was moved by Susan Vardy and seconded by Sid Butt. **Motion Carried**

New Board Members Standing for Election: The names of Gary Gosse, Kyle March-MacCuish and Len Sturge were presented. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Nelson Bailey and seconded by Cynthia Burt that these members would be elected to the board for a three-year term. **Motion Carried**

East District Reps: Janice Andrews-Ralph, Cynthia Burt and Gordon Morgan will be our reps to East District. This will be the last meeting as East District will cease at the end of August.

New Business:

Nelson Harris mentioned that Gordon Morgan did resign as chairperson of the Board of Trustees. According to the handbook, it must be approved at a congregational meeting that his resignation be accepted. All in agreement.

Rev. Ian mentioned that a thank you be made to Angie Chayter, Peter MacDonald, Melissa Butt and Christina Manning for their huge impact on the church.

Wayne Rideout said that over the past year, the whole staff and volunteers have stepped up big time in Rev. Ian's absence. A big thank you to the board chair and the committee for all their help.

Eric Badcock - Bridges to Hope- Eric asked if it was possible that any of our used kitchen utensils or items left over from the flea market could be given to Bridges? Wayne Rideout commented that all left over items from the flea market are given to Stella's Circle etc. First United is probably one of the largest contributors to Bridge to Hope. Kelly Tuck mentioned that Bridges do not have the space to store a lot of used items. If families are looking for household items, Bridges will try and get it for them. Reg White volunteers at Habitat for Humanity and they have all these products down there. If anyone is looking for household items they can go there.

Closing Comments: Rev Ian says give yourself a round of applause. It has been an awesome year and looking forward to 2018.

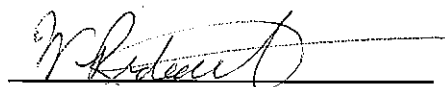
The meeting adjourned at 8pm with a benediction by Rev. Ian

Respectfully Submitted,

Confirmed,



John Winsor
Secretary



Wayne Rideout
Chairperson

**OFFICIAL BOARD MEMBERS
FIRST UNITED CHURCH 2018**

Chair	Joan Winsor
Vice-Chair	Gary Gosse
Secretary	Jean Fry
Treasurer	Glenys Harris
Stewardship	Len Sturge
Worship	Madeline Rideout - Chair Melvina Moores Kyle March-MacCuish
Property	Nelson Bailey - Co-chair Kirk Howell - Co-chair MarkRice
Christian Development	Kelly Tuck - Co-chair Tony Tuck - Co-chair Cynthia Burt
Membership/ Outreach	Susan Vardy - Co-chair Dorothy Latreille - Co-chair
Ministry/ Personnel	Brenda Andrews - Chair
Board of Trustees	Nelson Harris
UCW Representative	Gloria Gosse
Men's Club Representative	Harold Sinyard

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CONFERENCE
EAST DISTRICT SPRING MEETING
June 2, 2018 at 9:00am, Carbonear Academy, Carbonear, NL

Gathering with
Music

GATHERING WITH MUSIC

Welcome

WELCOME

The Chair, Lisa Potter, welcomed everyone to the Court.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the territory on which we gather as the ancestral land of the Beothuk, and the island of Newfoundland as the ancestral homeland of the Mi'kmaq and Beothuk, and the Inuit and Innu populations as the original inhabitants of Labrador.

Constitution of
the Court

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT

Lisa Potter, Chair, constituted the Court.

By the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church and by the authority granted to me by East District, I now declare this meeting of East District open for all business that shall properly come before it.

Quorum

QUORUM

The Chair noted that a quorum was present.

Regrets

REGRETS

Abbott, Vera, Summerville PC; Baker, Ruth, St. John's - St. James United PC; Brett-Williams, Veronica, Retired; Bursey, Karen, Retired; Butt, William, Carbonear PC; Button, Frances, Old Parlican PC; Colish, William, Retired; Collins, Sharon, St. John's - Cowan Heights PC; Crewe, Lewis, Retired; Dammons, George, Retired; Evans, Eileen, Grand Bank PC; Fouts, Shane, Burin PC; Gordon-Murray, Etile, Retired; Hann, Donna, Britannia PC; Hayley, Beulah, UCW President; Johnson-Price, Janet, Hillview PC; Lake, Carol Ann, Burin PC; LeDrew, Daphne, St. John's - Wesley PC; Matthews, Beverly, Retained; Matthews, Stephen, Retained; Mercer, Hubert, Retired; Mercer, William, St. John's - Wesley PC; Parsons, Scott, Retained; Rodgers, Silas, Retired; Rose, Sharon, Grand Bank PC; Sanna, Florence, Retired; Sellers, Clarence, Retired; Simms, Brenda, Epworth PC; Smith, Janet, Little Heart's Ease PC; Tuck, Karen, St. John's - Gower Street PC; Tucker, Ada, Port Blandford PC.

Opening Prayer

The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Parry, former Moderator, opened the meeting with prayer.

Enabling
Motions

ENABLING MOTIONS

Grant Stuckless and Fannie Hudson presented the enabling motions.

1. That the agenda that has been circulated by mail be the agenda for this meeting of East District, subject to change as the Court deems necessary.
2. That the roll of East District be the list of Registered Delegates.
3. That the Delegates to Conference be the list of Registered Delegates for East District.
4. That the bounds of the District meeting be Carbonear Academy, Carbonear Collegiate, Camp McCarthy and Bethany United Church, Carbonear, NL.
5. That corresponding member status be given to representatives of General Council; representatives of United Church organizations; those who will need to speak to reports; supervised ministry students; and others who are in the candidature process; and visitors.
6. That the quorum be set at twenty (20) percent of the total membership of the District.

7. That the rules of debate for this meeting be the rules outlined in The United Church Manual and, if necessary, Bourinot's Rules of Order.

8. Proposals:

- a) that the Proposals Committee for East District be: Jean Brown, Wilson Gonese, Brian Colbourne and Faith March-MacCuish (staff), as appointed by the Nominations Committee.
- b) that all proposals, including those that arise from discussion groups, be submitted to the Proposals Committee for presentation by the Committee;
- c) that the deadline for Proposals Committee to receive proposals be 12:00 pm on Saturday, June 2, 2018.
- d) Proposals that are received after the deadline will be dealt with at the next meeting of East District Sub-Executive.

9. That the Business Table of East District be Fannie Hudson, Grant Stuckless and Amanda Barnes, as named by the Program and Agenda Committee.

10. That any business unfinished at the rise of District be referred to the District Sub-Executive with power to act.

11. That any elections held during this meeting be by majority ballot.

12. That the Table Group facilitators for this meeting of District be as selected by the Table Group members.

13. That the following shall be the duty people for this session of East District: Brian Hannon, Bob Bennett and John Maich, as named by the Program and Agenda Committee.

14. That duty persons be responsible for distribution of reports or other handouts; collection of table group responses; distribution, collection, tabulation and reporting the results of all ballots.

15. That the Chaplains for this weekend be Simon Muwowo and Marilyn Rees.

16. That the nurse/first aider for this meeting be Fannie Hudson and Cynthia Burt.

MOTION: (Fannie Hudson/Grant Stuckless)

That the enabling motions be adopted.

CARRIED

GIFT PRESENTATION

David Hollett and Beverly Sheppard of Blackhead-Western Bay Pastoral Charge presented a gift to the Conference. The items are thought to have originally come from the Methodist church in Blackhead. Over the years they have been used in the United Church in Blackhead and then Oceanview United Church until it closed. They are now entrusted to the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference Archives on the condition that they are not to be sold.

**Gift
Presentation**

**Blackhead-
Western Bay
PC**

MINUTES

MOTION: (Roy West/Jim Evans)

That the minutes of the Spring East District meeting of May 27, 2017, be adopted.

Minutes

CARRIED

Consent MotionsCONSENT MOTIONSMOTION: (Bob Bennett/Janice Andrews-Ralph)

That East District receive for information the following accountability reports as printed in the docket: Finance and Administration (E2), Christian Development (E2), with the correction that 6 (six) people attended the GO Project and 13 (thirteen) attended RendezVous, Stewardship (E3), United Church Women (E4), Ministry Personnel and Education (E4), Pastoral Oversight (E5), Church in the World (E6), and Nominations (E7).

CARRIEDFinance and AdministrationFINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Roy West presented the Division of Finance and Administration report.

Roy thanked the members of the Committee. He noted that the Financial Statement and Budget for this year are printed in the docket. He noted, as well, that there will be some changes this year, and the Regional Transition Commission will be responsible for finalizing the 2019 budget.

Roy briefly reviewed how the assessment process will work as of January 1, 2018, if the remit passes. He noted that it will be very important for congregations to submit their assessments in a timely manner to ensure an accurate flow of funds back to the region from the denominational council. As well, it is important to ensure that updated statistical reports are forwarded when they are due so that assessments are being calculated based on the most updated numbers.

Roy thanked the congregations for the many warm welcomes he has received during his visits over the years.

MOTION: (Roy West/Wendy Lowden)

That the Division of Finance and Administration report be adopted.

CARRIEDRemits ImplementationREMIT IMPLEMENTATIONMOTION: (Roy West/Brian Colbourne)

That East District approve the proposed amalgamation of Conference and District Reserves into one Reserve with the following recommendations: that the current policy regarding loan support for Pastoral Charges and Congregations be continued; that such loans would be made on a Conference-wide basis with no specific allocation by the old geographical Districts; that an amount totaling the existing Conference Reserve plus \$400,000 (four hundred thousand) of the new reserve be restricted for the future needs of the Conference.

CARRIEDMOTION: (Roy West/Bob Bennett)

That any outstanding loans East District has with congregations will now be the responsibility of Conference and then become the responsibility of the Regional Council once the transition takes place.

CARRIEDGathering with MusicGATHERING WITH MUSIC

DISTRICT PHOTO

District Photo

A District photo was taken to commemorate the closing meeting of East District.

COURTESIES

Courtesies

Grant Stuckless, Conference Program and Agenda Chair, offered thanks and acknowledgements to those who participated in the spring meeting.

WORSHIP FOR CLOSING OF EAST DISTRICT

**Closing Worship
East District**

The floor of District was opened for anyone who wished to speak and share stories of being part of the District system, especially the East District. Those who spoke honoured the church of the past and gave messages of hope for the future.

A special service was held to commemorate the closing of East District. People were asked to bring a stone from home congregations to represent the communities of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and name aloud or in silence what they will remember most about the work of East District and offer a prayer for the gathered community as we transition into Regional Councils.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing Prayer

East District closed with the following prayer:

God, our end and our beginning, you have hovered between and among us, binding us together for this brief period of time as a District to work for the advancement of your realm. Thank you for the years of ministry we have shared as East District.

After generations of ministry in this church court, you are now calling us to something new. We ask your continued blessing on the ministry that will continue that will testify to new generations of your glory. We offer thanks for your guidance and creativeness in our successes and your abiding grace and forgiveness in our failures. We offer praise for the deeper knowledge that we have gained of you and of each other because we have journeyed together; may we take this stronger conviction of your purpose with us into our new structures.

Bless all of our endings, and all of our new beginnings, and watch between us while we are absent from each other. In the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Christ, we pray. Amen.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

The final meeting of East District was adjourned at 12:03 pm.

Lisa Potter
Chair

Brenda Andrews
Recording Secretary (Acting)

From the Desk of Ian March-MacCuish

Prayer: O Majesty and Mercy, open us to wonder that we may be surprised by the greatness that awaits us in the smallest bud, the earliest sunrise, or the unexpected invitation from a neighbour. Let us always be expected to find your love incarnating among us in new ways. Amen.

Faith is the refusal to underestimate God. The world can be a difficult place. It is understandable that we lean into our survival instincts and work from our strengths most of the time. But, during this season of epiphany, we have been and are being reminded that God is always present, breaking in to shelter us, feed us, and show us glory. Approaching life with the willingness to be surprised is a spiritual practice. We often think we know the results. When we believe we can predict the outcome, we start to underestimate ourselves, judge others and withdraw our faith from God. Sometimes, God asks us to be open to the possibilities, to take another look, and to try again. Like a boat full of fish or a calling to volunteer on the church board, bringing in a food item for Bridges to Hope, help out a new ministry or program. We do so knowing that multitudes await us.

So much of what we are taught in life is to define things and ourselves. When we meet someone new, we introduce ourselves, and we make our best impression. When we try something strange, we draw on what we already know, the strengths and capacities we've practiced to get us through. Doubting ourselves, doubting others, makes us want to define and protect what we do know and can do. But what if we approached strangers and new experiences from a posture of surprise? Woke up to a day that may be different, to a world full of strangers to befriend? Developing a taste for something new can be more pleasurable than going through life armed and ready to judge. Faith in God invites us to have faith in ourselves and faith in others, and to show this through a willingness to be surprised by the manifold images of God in people and creatures all around us.

Many times on Sunday morning people ask if there is anything special today for church. I know why the question is asked. He or she is wondering if there is a baptism or special choir music or the youth group or Sunday school or Men's Club or UCW are taking part or offering leadership for worship. My answer is always the same, every Sunday is special, every service is unique and offers opportunities for being surprised. Epiphanies are discoveries that illuminate, or moments that reveal. So it is with each worship and by extension the work of the church.

The amount of volunteer work offered by our church is staggering and almost always surprising. The dinners, the potlucks, the worship services, donations of goods and labour and monetary resources all of this work, and I'm only scratching the surface, adds up to an enormous body of volunteer work. Through my pastoral visits I hear first-hand how our congregation has reached out time and time again in prayer and in faith to offer a listening ear, a sounding board, a hug, a prayer, to show that God's love is seen in each of us by the surprising ways we offer ministry. First United has been blessed by you, the volunteers, and I know you have been a blessing to others.

Sincerely



Ian March-MacCuish

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH
Board of Management
Annual Report - 2018**

This past year went really quick as it seems like just yesterday that I was writing last year's report. 2018 was a very good year here at First United. We have a very good working board that has kept the day to day work of the church at First going good. We have a lot here at First to be proud of, The Men's Club, UCW, Sunday School, Youth Group, choirs, and many more groups.

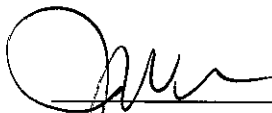
Rev. Ian has provided us all with the spiritual guidance and leadership here at First. We thank him for his tireless commitment to our church and the community.

A big thank you to Peter MacDonald and Melissa Butt for their excellent music direction in all the choirs here at First.

This past year we had the approval of the congregation to re-elect seven board members back for an additional two years, this bringing their term to seven years. I thank these people for all their dedication to First for the last seven years. We are looking to recruit new members to replace these people. The board meets nine times during the year and we help out at fund raisers. Each board member sits on one of the committees and helps out where needed. If you would like to be a board member, please let myself or Rev. Ian know and can have a chat with you.

Thank you to Rev. Ian for all his help and guidance over this past year. Thank you to Christina Manning for all the work that she does in the office. Also a big thank you to the leaders of the different groups, board members and all the volunteers at First. Without you we wouldn't be as strong a congregation as we are. THANK YOU!

Respectfully Submitted



Joan Winsor
Chair

2018 Annual Report

Property Committee, First United Church

February 17, 2019

This report is submitted on behalf of the Property Committee.

Many hands make light work and so it is with this committee. We have done our best to maintain the integrity of all of the physical church doings that fall under our care. Again, we have had a very busy year and much work was done with several large projects being completed.

As in previous years, the parking lot lines were done by men's club members but this year the clean-up was undertaken by the youth of our SNAC group. Also, thank you to Roger Warren, Wayne and Madeline Rideout for upgrading work on the flower bed at the main door. Kirk and Karen Howell have taken on looking after it this coming year.

New and larger projects completed this year saw the following:

- New LED lighting installed in Trinity Hall
- Complete repainting of Trinity Hall
- Complete overhaul of the gas range in kitchen, many parts replaced
- Professional cleaning of kitchen including the hoods over the stoves and floors beneath them.
- Stripping and waxing of all floors in Trinity Hall.
- Repairs to flooring in lower washrooms and hallways
- Shut off switch for electric range
- Paint and new blinds installed in office
- Exterior water outlet and new plumbing in Multi-purpose room
- Upgrades to heater valves in several sections of heating system
- New risers in choir loft

The committee would like to thank all of those who helped in any way, shape or form. There are way too many to name individually, but you all know who you are!

A special thanks to Kirk, Gary, Harold and Wayne, these guys really stepped it up this year. A personal thank you to each of them.

Yours in Christ,



Nelson Bailey

Co-chair, Property Committee

WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Committee members: Melvina Moores, Kyle March-McCuish, Peter MacDonald, Rev. Ian, Madeline Rideout. Co-members: Gordon Morgan and Brenda Thistle.

The committee met quarterly to plan worship services, schedule communion, baptisms and special services. We were also responsible for providing guest ministers and lay readers to lead worship services during vacations and conference meetings. Thank you to the Men's Fellowship Club, UCW and the Youth Group for their leadership.

One of the duties of the committee is to be responsible for the usher teams and schedules. We are currently looking for volunteers to help, as several of our ushers have indicated that they are unable to continue in this role. Thank you to the ushering teams for their dedicated services.

Communion is held on a regular basis alternating between being served in the pews or at the stations. Easter Sunday communion is served at the rail. Thank you to all who have assisted in these services. If you or your family are able to assist in serving communion, please contact the worship committee or the church office.

Baptismal services are scheduled for the last Sunday of each month. Early in 2018, we had difficulty receiving Bibles from the Canadian Bible Society. They have now agreed to continue gifting each baby with a new Bible. Thank you to the UCW for supplying the Baptismal Candles and to the Church for providing the Bibles early in the year.

Thank you to our music team of Peter MacDonald and Melissa Butt for their leadership with the senior and youth choirs. Thank you to Doreen Squires and Sid Butt who lead the Blended Choir. Your uplifting spiritual music is a blessing to us all. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to First United. Thank you also to those who play the drums and guitars during the service.

Thank you to Rev. Ian for his continued spiritual guidance.

Respectfully submitted,



Madeline Rideout
Chair

Christian Development Committee Annual Report 2018

Committee Members: Kelly & Tony Tuck (Co-Chairs), Faith March-MacCuish, Pam Morgan, Janice Saunders, Cynthia Burt

It's hard to believe another year has passed, and it has been another successful year with our Christian Development Committee. Christian development is a very busy area in our church, and we are so fortunate to have the programs we have, and the volunteers we have to run them. Each group plays an important role in creating a sense of community here in our church.

The Christian Development Committee oversees many groups here at First United. These groups include, Sunday School, Youth Group, Book Club, and the Quilting Group. These groups are very busy throughout the year and are very vibrant. They bring people together for a common purpose celebrating fellowship. Each group is very successful in attendance, each having a strong membership. They meet here at our church either weekly or bi-weekly, and new members are always welcome.

Of course, we can not talk of the success of these groups without taking the time to thank the leaders who help lead them. There is a quote from Terri Giliemets that I am reminded of when I think of the volunteers we have. She says, ***"The world is hugged by the faithful arms of Volunteers."*** We can not say a big enough thank you to the many people who give of their precious time to volunteer for Christian development in our church. Their faithfulness and dedication make it all possible. To the members of the Christian Development Committee, Sunday School teachers and volunteers, Youth Group leaders, leaders of the Book Club and Quilting Group, none of these groups would be successful without your leadership and dedication. You play such a valuable role in Christian Development here at First United and we are so truly blessed.

The CD Committee again in 2018 hosted two big events in our church. The year-end Bar-B-Q in June, 2018, to celebrate another successful season as the groups took a break for the Summer. As well, we hosted a welcome back Bar-B-Q in September 2018, to welcome everyone back after the summer, and to celebrate the start up of these groups.

Both these events took place in Trinity Hall. They were well attended by the members of our congregation. There was lots of delicious food, wonderful deserts, and fellowship. We received lots of positive comments from people who had fun.

Thank you to all those who gave of their time to help with these events, as well as Thank You to all who came. It is only because of you all that these events are successful. It just goes to show that when we work together, we can do so much.

To all the people who give of their time to contribute their gifts to the life and work of our church, we thank you. We are so Blessed here at First United for dedication given by so many toward Christianity in our Church Family. We Thank You for your contribution towards our Community of Faith.

Youth Group Leaders- Faith March-MacCuish, Pam Morgan, Jenny Noel, Kelly Tuck, Tony Tuck, Junior Leaders Zachary Froude and Kaitlyn

Sunday School- Co-Superintendents Faith March-MacCuish, Susan Vardy, Kelly Tuck. Music lead by RONALDA MacDONALD, all the kitchen helpers, nursery helpers, and the many parents that help us throughout the year.

Book Club- Led by Pam Morgan

Quilting- Led by Pam Morgan

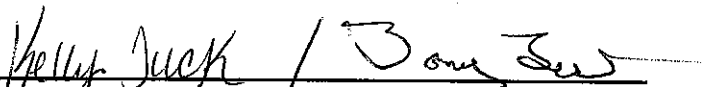
We are very proud of all our groups, they are well attended and very vibrant. We are so fortunate to have such successful groups, when many groups are struggling.

Thank you for all you do for Christian Development.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the Heart

-Elizabeth Andrew

Yours in Christian Development


Kelly and Tony Tuck

Sunday School Report - 2018

Faith March-MacCuish
Susan Vardy
Kelly Tuck
Music: RONALDA MacDONALD

It's so much fun to be downstairs on Sunday mornings with the children. Every Sunday there is a lot of fun to be had and snacks to eat.

Each Sunday we have our opening routine. The children sit around on the floor together and take turns lighting the Christ Candle. Lighting the Christ Candle reminds them that God is present with us downstairs just as God is with the big people upstairs. We also have a Birthday Candle we light to celebrate anyone who has had a Birthday in the week. They get to pick a Birthday sticker and pencil. We welcome anyone who is new and give them a pencil that says "We Welcome you". We then collect our collection, stand and say Our Lord's Prayer together, and we go to our class together. We end every Sunday by having our snack, usually cookies and juice, but as well we have milk and healthy snacks.

Again for 2018 we have used the online curriculum from The Whole People of God. This curriculum has been a lower cost to the Sunday School, but as well has been working very positively. The activities and lesson plans have been working for both teachers and children.

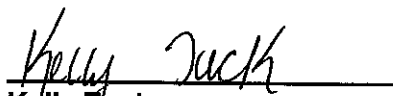
The number of children we have in attendance each Sunday seems to be on par with the numbers from previous years.

The children took part in several services throughout the year. These include White Gift Service, Palm Sunday and Christian Family Sunday Service. Each service they took part in was very successful, they received positive feedback each time. It makes the children feel so proud when they take part, they are all so excited to get a part for upstairs. We are so fortunate to have a vibrant Sunday School where children are so excited to take part.

The Sunday School continued with their two outreach programs in 2018. Those being collecting nickels for our Foster Children's Fund, and collecting Pop Can Tabs. The Pop can Tabs get recycled into wheelchairs, the kids love to collect them. We collect the lowest coin we have - the nickel, for our Foster Child. Last year our Foster child Jean graduated from the program and now we have a new Foster Child.

We are so blessed to have such wonderful, beautiful children in our Sunday School. They play such a vital role in the success of our church. They are such a blessing to us. A Huge Thank You goes out to all those who help and make our Sunday School a success. Acts of kindness big and small play a vital role in the faith journey of a child.

"A person is a person-No matter how small"-Dr.Seuss



Kelly Tuck

First United Book Club

Our monthly meetings continued to guide us through a variety of readings experiences. This year our reading took us to Europe, Australia, Afghanistan, Canada, and the United States. We read about suspected murderers and French resistance fighters. We looked at Christianity through the eyes of a Muslim, and life through the eyes of abandoned children, conjoined twins, tourists, and refugees. We were disappointed by a well-known author and pleasantly surprised by a new author; we don't usually like books that win awards.

We had a great time discussing the books, sharing fun and fellowship, and a few outings. In addition to our usual restaurant meetings for closing and Christmas, we also attended a "meet the author" lecture at The Rooms to hear local author Sharon Bala talk about her book.

Below are our one-line book reviews for the past year:

- 2018-01-24 **No Turning Back** by Tracey Buchanan
"Underdeveloped but oddly readable"
- 2018-02-28 **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity** by Nabeel Qureshi
"Seeking insight, finding explanations... fascinating and informative look at Christianity through a Muslim mindset"
- 2018-03-28 **The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend** by Katarina Bivald
"We recommend this book as a light easy read"
- 2018-04-25 **The Boat People** by Sharon Bala
"We agree with Canada Reads: One Book to Open Your Eyes"
- 2018-05-30 **The Nightingale** by Kristen Hannah
"A tale of two sisters taking different paths to the same end"
- 2018-06-27 **The Forgotten Garden** by Kate Morton
"Multi-generational story of a woman's quest for identity"
- 2018-09-26 **The Girls** by Lori Lansens
"An unusual book with double the character and half the plot"
- 2018-11-14 **A House Without Windows** by Nadia Hashimi
"A small bit of justice in a largely unjust society"
- 2018-12-19 **One for the Rock** by Kevin Major
"Expected more from Major: Let this one go down with the rocks"

Submitted for the book club, by Pam Morgan

P Morgan Feb 9/19

First United Quilting Group

Our quilting group continued into the new year where it had left off before Christmas, enjoying time with a "show and tell" of what we had worked on since the previous meeting, and consulting with one another on the best colours to compliment a favourite fabric for a pattern or on how to do a particular technique.

Like last year, we got an early start on our quilt for the Fall Fair, finding that beginning it in January is more relaxing. Some days no one brought their own project and simply worked on the group quilt or helped others with their project. This year we had a second "quilt" for the Fall Fair as one member finished off a kitted quilt that another member had bought and was no longer interested in doing. Both quilts raised over \$400 for the church during the Fall Fair. A couple of small pieces were also donated to the craft table at the UCW Afternoon Tea.

With that group project behind us, by December we had a new pattern picked for next year's Fall Fair quilt, and some fabric bought for it, with each member kicking in some money so we could make a coordinated quilt rather than a scrap quilt from fabric we had at home.

Twice makes a tradition, as we continued with a Christmas social, not even bothering to bring our sewing and simply enjoying the company, the treats, and a "show and tell".

Submitted by Pam Morgan on behalf of the quilting group

P Morgan
Feb 9/19

Youth Group Annual Report
SNAC -2018

The youth group at First United Church, known as SNAC-Sunday Night at Church (because that is where you will find us and you will also see us snacking among other things), has had another successful year. We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated leaders. Thank you to: Pamela Morgan, Kelly Tuck, Tony Tuck, Jenny Noel, Zachary Froude, Caitlyn, Faith March-MacCuish, and Rev. Ian March-MacCuish.

We began the year with an opening party, BBQ and Games night to help people get to know each other. The year got off to a great start, our youth group ranges in ages 12 years to 18 years, or grade 7 to grade 12.

Outreach Programs

Can Project:

Our youth group is proud of its many outreach projects, again this year they included the "Together we Can" project initiated by the youth group in consultation with the Official Board. This project has been running for some years now and includes all the members of the church, and is a wonderful way to generate extra funds for both the Pastoral Charge and the Youth Group.

Prison Loot Bags:

This year we provided 200 Christmas bags for the inmates who are at Her Majesty's Penitentiary. It is important for our youth group, because it always reminds us that we are all children of God, that all of us are capable of making mistakes, and that we all have the potential for forgiveness and restoration.

Seniors Outreach:

This year again we baked cookies and made Valentine cards for the seniors who live at Hillcrest Seniors Residence and Pearl house. Each person received a visit, two cookies and a homemade Valentine card. The best part of the whole outreach program was having the young and the young at heart spend a small amount of time visiting together.

Congregational Outreach:

This year we provided our annual pumpkin carving night for the children and adults of the congregation, as well as our creative Trick or Trunk. This is always a fun time and the youth have lots of fun especially. We are so happy to have so many congregational members getting involved and decorating their trunks and giving our treats to our children. Well Done And Thank You!!!!!!

We once again hosted our annual Easter Breakfast. It provides an opportunity for our congregation to come for the early morning communion service and have breakfast together and then go to church again. The youth get up very early and even put off their Easter Egg hunt to later in the day so they can provide this wonderful outreach to the congregation.

We, as a group, also took part in the Prayer Vigil. It is really amazing to see a bunch of young people sitting quietly in church in prayer and contemplation. We are very proud of our young people for being part of this ministry.

Decorating:

This year we again decorated Trinity Hall for Easter, Christmas and various celebrations.

Worship Services:

The youth group this year lead three worship services:
Tuesday Holy Week service for the St. John's and area churches.
The Christmas Candlelight Vesper service;

Faith Talks:

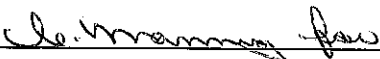
We have two nights each year when we invite in a guest speaker or we go to a program that helps to develop our faith.

Fun and Fellowship:

Our youth group provides a place for youth to come and feel comfortable, supported and safe. We play games, go bowling, watch movies, go sliding, go curling, have sleepovers and gym nights and just plain old nights enjoy being together. In September of this year we were fortunate to welcome an exchange student to our group, Victor, from Brazil. He spent his time in NL being connected to our church through the youth group, worship and playing the drums in church. Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to him just after Christmas. We were sad to see him go, but we were happy to have gotten to know him.

Thank You:

Thank you to First United Church for all your support, to the UCW and Men's Clubs and Official Board who support us. Thank you to Rev. Ian, our Minister. Thank you to the youth for being such a great group of young people. Thank you to the Parents who help and support the youth and get them to the church and events we are hosting and for being a support to all we do!!



Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Bank Balance, January 1, 2018		\$1,918.06
INCOME		
Easter Breakfast	\$362.04	
Can Project (1)	\$1,272.57	
Recycling (2)	\$68.60	
Calendars (3)	\$201.00	
Donations	\$272.60	
Concert Social Fundraisers	\$83.25	
Bowling monies	\$15.90	
Interest	\$0.14	
		\$2,276.10
EXPENSES		
Snacks/Food (4)	-\$738.25	
Supplies	-\$212.27	
Senior's Valentine's Cookies	-\$133.00	
Pumpkin Carving Night	-\$93.66	
Prison Loot Bags	-\$495.01	
Youth Forum 2018	-\$319.96	
Bank Fees	-\$71.74	
Kitchen Fund	-\$100.00	
		\$2,163.89
Ledger Balance, Dec 31, 2018		\$2,030.27
CASH ON HAND		
Uncleared deposit	\$0.00	
Uncleared cheques	\$0.00	
Cleared from Previous Year	-\$170.00	
		\$170.00
Adjusted Ledger Balance		\$1,860.27
Bank Balance, Dec 31, 2018		\$1,860.27

Note 1 Youth Group earned 30% of total income, for their assistance in making the cans, distributing the cans, and rolling/counting the money.

Note 2 This does not include monies held on account with the recycling companies.

Note 3 Calendar monies from previous year. Current year not yet deposited/paid.

Note 4 Includes snack foods, pizza, supplies for bonfires/BBQs, and Breakfast for Sleepovers.

Morgan Feb 9/19

Outreach and Social Action Report-February 2019

The Outreach and Social Action Committee has been busy again this year, keeping members of our congregation updated on the happenings of our community of faith through our newsletter, our website <http://www.firstunitedchurchmp.ca/> -(special thanks to Beulah Bouzane- BCI-Esolutions/Bouzane Consulting Inc.), Facebook and our weekly Constant Contact emails. Information on all these platforms are updated regularly- make sure you stay tuned, check in and follow us so you know what's happening in your church.

Minute for Mission

Each Sunday during our worship service you hear a "*Minutes for Mission*" being read. These are stories from a ministry supported by our gifts for Mission and Service. The theme of the stories during this year was Loving Our Neighbours:

"...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." —Mark 12:30–31

In the 2018, Minute for Mission Guide, Cheryl Curtis, Manager, Mission & Service Giving stated that:

"Our gifts for Mission & Service enable ministries that truly fulfill the great commandment. Whether it is an act of service or advocacy, Mission & Service ministries speak and act lovingly of the dignity of all humanity and creation. To see with a compassionate gaze and offer compassionate service and advocacy—that is at the heart of our Mission & Service. May these stories draw you closer to each other."

Bridges to Hope

The first Sunday of each month has been designated as Bridges to Hope Sunday at First United. Members of the congregation are asked to bring non-perishable items, as well there are special envelopes available to make a monetary donation. There is also-a cart in the vestibule of the church-where the non-perishable food donations can be placed. At Easter and at Thanksgiving, we have special "reverse offerings" (food drive) to support Bridges to Hope.

At Bridges to Hope-the programming offers help to anyone requiring food aid assistance. It's not a hand out – it's a hand up, helping Newfoundland families and individuals move forward in life. Bridges to Hope serves the Northeast Avalon region. The clients are your neighbours, co-workers, and friends. That's why at Bridges to Hope the focus is "neighbours feeding neighbours." Clients come to us from every sector of society – no one is turned away. Bridges to Hope has several programs that your donations help to support the programs it offers to its clients which include:

Food Pantry: Clients access food aid assistance once a month and can receive a full food hamper or an emergency hamper. The full food hamper includes fresh baked bread, homemade soups and stews prepared in our community kitchen, plus other essential food items required to feed a family or an individual for up to five days. The emergency hamper is prepared, so that it can last 24 to 36 hours.

Community Kitchen: The kitchen is used daily to make fresh homemade bread for clients, they also make soups, stews, and roasted chicken, depending on availability of ingredients. When Bridges to Hope receives funding or requests from organizations, the kitchen is used as a learning classroom that teaches people how to make cost effective meals. Cooking programs are unique to the needs of each client group, such as a slow cooker program for single parents.

Community Outreach: Bridges to Hope also supports the community through an education outreach program called "Bag To School". The program supplied 600 students in grades K-12, with quality curriculum-based school supplies, all packaged in a book bag and ready for school.

Volunteer Programs: Bridges to Hope is powered by volunteers from a diverse cross section of the Community and Corporate Business sector. Bridges To Hope is highly respected as an environment that employs innovative initiatives to mobilize volunteers and supports advocates

who will become future philanthropic and community minded leaders. Bridges is a first-choice placement for Youth Leadership organizations like Canada World Youth and the Duke of Edinburgh Award Program. Bridges To Hope is highly regarded within the academic community – as an organization where students pursuing careers in social work, medicine and community services – come to do volunteer work or work placement.

Smart Snack Program: This program is Bridges to Hopes newest. With over 200 of monthly clients being school aged children, this program provides children with healthy essential food items that they would otherwise not have access to. Each Smart Snack kit holds 4-5 days worth of nutritious snacks that include protein, dairy, fruit and a homemade snack such as a bran muffin or energy bite.

Special Events & Fundraising

Again, this year Spirit of Newfoundland helped us get into the Christmas spirit on December 1st featuring the musical talents of Peter Halley and Shelley Neville with a Christmas Concert in the sanctuary.

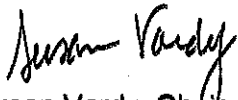
As in previous years, the Good Friday Breakfast and the Breakfast with Santa were wonderful events for our church community, a chance for church members to get together and share a meal. These events take a lot planning, hard work, time and energy which does not go unnoticed.

Senior's Christmas Dinner ~ Sunday, December 16, 2018

This year, 119 seniors attended a turkey dinner in Trinity Hall and there were six dinners delivered. As the saying goes many hands make light work and it takes many to put this event together each year. Thanks, to all who help to make this event special--the cooking crew, those who helped to prepare the meal, set up, served, peeled vegetables, cleaned up, bought groceries, delivered meals, poured the tea and coffee, washed dishes and provided musical entertainment. Many of our seniors stayed and attended the *Annual Youth Group Christmas Vesper Service* which the youth group had at 7 pm that evening.

Thanks so much to all the members of my committee, flow board members and those who have helped in anyway throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Vardy, Chair, Outreach and Social Action Committee

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Are you on the First United Church Constant E-mail List?

If Not, Take a Moment and Email or Call The Church Office With Your Information.



Name: _____

Email: _____

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Email this information to First United Church firstunited@nf.aibn.com



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January 2019

Report to our Partner Churches for 2018

Vision

A community where each person has access to sufficient and wholesome food

Mission

Inspired by values of dignity, respect and hospitality, Bridges to Hope supports people in need through direct food assistance, instructional cooking programs, and food security advocacy in metropolitan St. John's. Fundraising, food donation, volunteer participation, and a healthy workplace are essential elements in sustaining these activities. In association with the United and Presbyterian churches, Bridges to Hope is a non-profit society committed to accountable stewardship, good governance, open communication, and justice in all our relations.

Bridges To Hope is a unique partnership of Presbyterian and United Churches operating a food pantry and other programs. Please visit our website, <http://www.bridgestohope.ca> and Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com> to become more familiar with our services.

Food Pantry

Our core activity is the operation of the food pantry from our location on Cookstown Road. This program is organized by staff and is performed by a dedicated team of volunteers. In summer months we also benefit from students who help us maintain a regular service through the vacation season. Demand for hampers continues to rise. In 2018 we served 10,336, an increase of 4.5% over 2017, and exceeding 10,000 for the first time. Food donations of staple food product come from several sources including: our church partners; corporate and school food drives; Community Food Sharing Association; purchases; baking on site. Volunteer bakers cook bread daily for hampers and we also purchase fresh vegetables and fruit as much as we can. The rate of supply of food product varies considerably throughout the year. We are grateful for food donations at any time and encourage donors to remember us in the 'lower' summer months. We are able to maintain our hamper standards throughout the year by careful management of available product, supplemented by purchases.

Christmas Hampers

Again this year we provided Christmas hampers and again Rotary was the prime organizer and sponsor. Their continuing interest and involvement in this project is very much appreciated. This year we registered 360 families. All these families received a complete hamper from turkey to fixin's and more besides. St. Andrew's church generously made the Kirk Hall available to us again this year for several days in mid-December as home base for the preparation and then delivery of these hampers. It is a significant team effort and the support of individual volunteers and of HMCS Cabot personnel contributed greatly to satisfactory completion of the project.

Bags To School

This year we provided 602 kits of school bags and supplies to registered children and youth in all grades. This is a new high and is 9% higher than 2017. We appreciate the generous support again this year of our sponsor, Exxon Mobil, and the involvement of VOXM Cares, Pipers, and other partners and donors. The project culminates in a massive assembly process and again this year we were very thankful to have the facilities at St. David's church to perform this work.

Marketing

During 2018 we conducted an aggressive initiative to raise our profile and community awareness through use of social media, primarily Facebook. Our manager also took advantage of many opportunities to be available to news media for interviews and reports. We have already seen the tangible results of this profile in the community through increased traffic on Facebook, especially when people volunteer to push the Donate button which we conveniently provide on our website, using Canada Helps.

Special Financial Campaigns

The increased public profile has contributed to an increase in public financial support. In the spring we had a special "Generous Helping, backyard BBQ" fundraiser, continuing a program begun in 2017. This was a significant event, involving a lot of dedicated volunteer organizing effort which, while successful, suffered from an unfortunate cold weather event. During the summer we were profiled in a new project "Smart Snacks" for school kits which exceeded objectives and enabled us to fill a food gap in a positive way. We also engaged in a successful "Healthy Hamper" campaign. Late in the fall, in the important pre-Christmas period, we organized a "Miracle on Cookstown Road" fundraiser which achieved our objectives.



Thank You

There are many other programs and initiatives we could mention. All are important and contributed to overall success. In summary, we simply observe that there are many, many individuals and organizations that voluntarily choose to support us and what we do. We also acknowledge that in 2018 the financial support from our partner churches increased by 19.6% to \$22,200. We are humbled by your confidence and trust, and we seek to be worthy of your support as we work together to improve the lives of those who come to us for support.

Once again, we extend a sincere THANK YOU to you all for your continued support. We invite you to attend our annual meeting later this spring.

Roger Angel
Chair
On behalf of the Board, staff and our many volunteers

Jody Williams
Manager

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (M&P) ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

The M&P Committee is composed of five members – Brenda Andrews (Chair), Eric Eveleigh, Ada Eveleigh, Janice Andrews-Ralph and Carl Burt. We respectfully present our 2018 Annual Report.

M&P provides consultation and support for church staff and the congregation. Much of its most effective work is done quietly and confidentially. It has a responsibility to make recommendations to the Board and receives direction from the Board. The Committee welcomes advice and input from staff and the congregation at all times.

Examples of our 2018 efforts include:

- Reviewed and kept current the employee job descriptions
- Advised the Board on salary levels appropriate for each position
- Recommended to the Official Board annual compensation guidelines
- Advised employees in general on HR issues
- Attended Board meetings and submitted monthly reports
- Met with and supported staff on an ongoing basis
- Communicated salary and wage changes for employees

First United continued to be blessed this year with the excellent spiritual leadership provided by our Minister, Rev. Ian March-MacCuish, supported by our Musical Direction Team, Peter MacDonald and Melissa Butt. We are sincerely grateful to all of these individuals for the valuable contributions they make to our church congregation on an ongoing basis.

Christina Manning provides us with superb office support, and we extend our sincere thanks to Christina for the services she has provided for First United during 2018. We also want to express thanks and gratitude to our volunteers who provide office coverage as necessary during the year.

During 2018, Avalon Cleaners provided cleaning services on a contractual basis. Mr. Jim Eales provided snow-clearing services for the parking lot, and Mr. Alan Broderick provided snow-clearing services for the thoroughfares and exits on a contractual basis. Members of the congregation looked after the grounds keeping during the summer. We are very grateful to all who have assisted in any way in keeping our church property safe and beautiful.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the M&P Committee members for their work and support over the past year.

Brenda Andrews

Brenda Andrews - Chair

First United Church – Mount Pearl

Board of Trustees – Annual Report 2018

The function of the Board of Trustee is to hold, in trust, all of the property of our congregation for the use and benefit of our congregation as part of the United Church and to liaise with the Official Board respecting any relevant matters which arise.

During 2018 there were no matters which required our attention in an official manner. However we corresponded by e-mail and I, as chair, attended board meetings in order to remain current on activities related to the life and work of our church.

Trustee member Elizabeth Best relocated to Random Island and submitted her resignation. We thank Elizabeth for her dedicated service, wish her all the best in the future, and, as required, ask for congregational acceptance at our annual general meeting.

We are indeed grateful for all people who work together in fulfilling the mission and ministry of our church.

Respectfully submitted,


Nelson Harris, Chair

Members: Carolyn Rice and Ray Hayward

First United Church Men's Fellowship Club Annual Report 2018

Under the leadership of president Harold Sinyard and the members of the executive and with the support of all the enthusiastic club members, 2018 has been a very busy, rewarding and productive year for the club. Eight regular dinner/business meetings were held during the year with great food, fun and fellowship. We enjoyed a variety of guest speakers and programs during the year. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month and we invite any men of the congregation to join us.

The following are some of the activities, outreach and projects the Club planned and carried out during 2018.

January: The first monthly meeting of 2018 was held January 12. We enjoyed a delicious pot luck meal. We viewed an under water video the president recorded during the summer food fishery.

February: The Club participated in serving a pancake supper February 13th and served a Jiggs Dinner February 23rd.

March: Susan Penney, a health promoter related to cancer health at the Canadian Cancer Society was our guest speaker for the evening. Susan is attached to Daffodil Place and travels throughout Newfoundland and Labrador in her work. Sidney Rice assisted Susan with technical support.

April: The Club served a Jiggs Dinner April 13th and held a Flea Market April 28th.

May: The Youth Group relieved the Club members of the spring clean-up around the Church. We are grateful to the Youth Group.

June: The Men's Club conducted the morning service June 3rd. On June 11th the Club cooked and served the UCW closing dinner. The Club held its annual BBQ June 19.

September: Started the first meeting after the summer break with a Pot Luck dinner. We planned the fall program.

October: After the business meeting we gathered in the Church Sanctuary to be entertained by our guest band, "Jacob's Passage", Served coffee and tea to the seniors at the Reid Center October 10th, Cooked and served a Jiggs Dinner October 15th.

November: Doug Ivany represented the Club and laid the Club's wreath at the Mount Pearl War Memorial November 11th. Doug was assisted by Mitchell Tuck, a member of the Church Youth Group. The election of the 2019 executive was held.

Elected were: President, Harold Sinyard
Vice President, Gary Gosse
Treasurer, Nelson Harris
Membership, George Hicks
Secretary, Ford Rideout
Program, Lorne Squires
Worship, Sid Butt
Visitation, Mike Bouzane

December: Cooked and catered the UCW dinner December 3rd. Assisted with the breakfast with Santa. The Men's Club held their annual Christmas dinner December 11th at Trinity Hall. The menu consisted of Chinese food. A good time was had by all.

Visitation: Our Visitation Team, Mike Bouzane and Clarence Butt provides cards, flowers, fruit baskets to members who are in hospital or recuperating at home and sympathy cards to bereaved families.

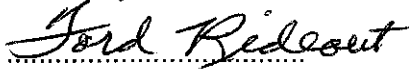
Other ways in which Club members help.

During the year members deliver Church envelopes, news letters, quarterly statements, Lenten folders and advent folders to Church households. In this way, we eliminate the cost of postage.

We look forward to 2019 for fellowship and service to our Church and the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ford Rideout,
Secretary



The world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like a summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden.

Henry Ward Beecher

First United Church Men's Club - - - -year ending December 31, 2018

Balance at January 1, 2018 \$2,583.48

Income:

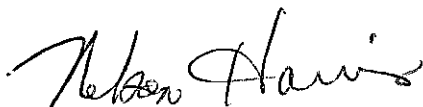
Membership Dues	\$ 72.00	
Dinner Meetings	1,344.00	
Auctions	388.75	
Misc. Donations	10.00	
Christmas Social	870.00	
Flea Market	1,572.00	
Jiggs Dinners	6,562.00	
U.C.W. Dinners	1,305.00	
Catering (Mt. Pearl Seniors)	200.00	
		\$ 12,323.75

Expenses:

Dinner Meetings	885.64	
Cards and Fruit Baskets	194.06	
Bank Charges	145.31	
McDonald House	189.47	
First United Church Donations		
General Account	1,200.00	
Jiggs Dinner	2,756.16	
Kitchen Supplies	250.00	
New Barbeque	760.75	
Propane (gas & cylinder rental)	113.85	
LED Upgrade – Trinity Hall	1,000.00	
Bridges to Hope	200.00	
Jiggs Dinners Supplies	2,393.13	
Christmas Social & Closing BBQ	1,164.48	
U.C.W. Dinners	722.36	
284 Marconi Sea Cadets	125.00	
Canadian Cancer Society	100.00	
Visitation Choir Song Books	84.66	
Auction Items	34.50	
Flea Market	18.97	
		\$ 12,338.34

Balance at December 31, 2018

\$ 2,568.89



Nelson Harris, Treasurer

First United Church Women Annual Report 2018

The First United Church Women's Group (UCW) continues to be a vibrant and active group of women who meet the second Monday of each month. In 2018 the UCW had a membership of 53. Regular meetings usually open with the UCW Purpose and worship followed by a business portion and end with UCW Prayer, circle song and grace. Fellowship and lunch follow. Meetings are varied and they can encompass a wide range of activities, special guests and events. In 2018 members of the UCW were saddened by the death of member Bertha Purchase.

2018 was a very successful year. The following is an outline of the various activities we participated in this year:

January

- Visited Pearl House Retirement Home with members of the Men's Club for an evening of fellowship with the residents.

February

- UCW regular meeting and collection of our Valendimes Fundraiser.
- Visited Hillcrest Retirement Home along with members of the Men's Club for an evening of fellowship with the residents.

March

- Attended the World Day of Prayer Service at Mary Queen of the World Church.
- Hosted a Stew Supper Fundraiser
- Visited Karwood Retirement Home along with members of the Men's Club for an evening of fellowship with the residents.
- Led the Good Friday Service at 10:30am.

April

- At our regular meeting we hosted Cowan Heights UCW and Joanne Thompson from The Gathering Place
- Attended the UCW Rally at Cochrane Street United.
- Visited Meadow Creek Retirement Home along with members of the Men's Club for an evening of fellowship with the residents.
- Attended the Annual General Meeting of the UCW at Burry Heights

May

- Held the UCW Spring Afternoon Tea and Bake Sale.
- At our regular meeting, we hosted Natalie Richardson a Licensed Practical Nurse who provides foot care for people in their own homes
- Visited Ruby Manor along with members of the Men's Club for an evening of fellowship with the residents.

June

- Held our closing dinner which was catered by the Men's Club

July

- Ushering duties at the 11:00am services

August

- Participated in the annual Walk-a-thon at Bowring Park

September

- At our regular meeting it was noted that personal care items were collected for Emmanuel House

October

- Hosted the Birthday Party at the Agnes Pratt Home for residents celebrating birthdays in September and October
- Hosted a Pot Luck Supper for all the volunteers who helped us with our activities during the year

November

- During the regular meeting held the annual shower of personal care items to be given to Emmanuel House and Carew Lodge
- Held our election of officers

December

- Conducted an evening memorial/celebratory service entitled "Symbols of Christmas"
- Held the UCW Christmas Dinner and revealing of our Secret Sisters. We received a visit from Santa. The dinner was catered by the Men's Club. The evening was enjoyed by all.
- Delivered Christmas Bags to the 14 men and 10 women at Carew Lodge

The UCW continues to provide many programs with financial support. In 2018 the group supported the Mission and Service Fund, the Fellowship of the Least Coin, Burry Heights and the Chaplaincy Fund, as well as supported the church's local and building fund.

The UCW provides outreach in other ways. We provide copies of "Our Daily Bread" booklets to members of the congregation; support Bridges to Hope with personal care items throughout the year; supported Bridges to Hope Smart Snack Program; provide personal care items and other items to Carew Lodge and Emmanuel House; provide hats, mittens and scarfs to the Mitten Tree Project. We have a Prayer Chain that circulates prayer requests for individuals and families who are going through difficult times. We provide the Baptismal Candles for the newly baptized children and Birthday Cards for their 1st. and 2nd birthdays.

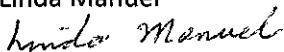
UCW members and friends knit strips for the Quilts for Comfort Project. Since the project started in 2006 a total of 536 quilts/blankets have been distributed far and wide to those who need a little warmth in their lives. This year we gave 3 quilts to The Gathering Place. We give thanks to those who have provided the wool, knit the strips and to those who put the quilts together.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to all members and friends of the congregation who continue to support our many projects. Without you we could not do what we do.

We would like to extend an invitation to all women of the congregation to join us on our faith journey as we share our time, talents and treasures. We pray that God will continue to bless us and our work.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Manuel


Secretary (2018)

First United Church

UCW Financial Statement 2018

Balance January 1, 2018

1,221.92

Income

	Total
Membership Dues	510.00
Plate Project	30.00
Valendimes	326.10
Offering	222.60
Lunch Money	78.30
Stew Supper	1,291.00
Donations	649.66
Least Coin 2017-18	193.16
Least Coin 2018-19	77.70
Pop Tabs	120.00
Spring Sale	3,182.20
Walk-a-thon	1,367.00
Count Your Blessings	1,527.10
Christmas Lights	4,650.00

Income Total

14,224.82

Expenditures

	Total
Bank Service Charge	45.56
First UC Building Fund	3,050.00
Local Fund	4,545.00
Kitchen Supplies	250.00
Baptismal Candles/ Birthday Cards	84.25
Meeting Lunches Spec Guests etc.	153.76
Stew Supper	278.79
WICCC - Least Coin 2017-18	193.16
Fruit Baskets, flowers cards etc.	137.09
UC of Canada M & S Fund	1,400.00
Our Daily Bread Ministries	200.00
Crewe Lodge	107.80
East District Membership	570.00
Labrador Fund	10.00
Burry Heights	200.00
Chaplaincy Fund	200.00
Area General Meeting	30.00
Fraser UC - Gander (Pop Tabs)	120.00
Bridges to Hope (Smart Snacks Prg)	300.00
Fundraising Expnses	24.05
Visitation Song Books	124.33
Agnes Pratt B Party	59.42
Thank-yous/Gifts	275.39

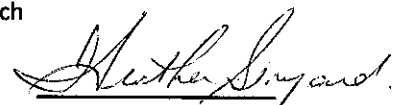
Expenditure Total

12,358.60

Balance December 31, 2018

3,088.14

Note: \$ 3077.30 - Fall/Christmas Afternoon Tea & Sale was given directly to the Church



Heather Sinyard
Treasurer

**The General Protestant Cemetery Trustee Board Inc.
Annual Report for 2018**

We continue to make improvements to our cemeteries each year. In addition to our regular maintenance at our cemeteries, we filled, leveled and re-sodded a large number of graves and leveled a number of headstones in Mount Pleasant Cemetery and the General Protestant Cemetery.

During the past year we had 218 burials, a decrease of 8 from the previous year; and of these, 136 (62.4%) were cremations. In comparison, in 2001 there was a total of 240 burials and of these there were 60 (25%) cremations.

The following breakdown may be of interest:

Burials in:	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
The General Protestant Cemetery	17	15	9
Mount Pleasant Cemetery	194	173	179
The Field of Honour (MPC)	28	25	18
Memorials Gardens Cemetery	5	13	12
Total Burials	244	226	218
Cremations Included	166 (68%)	149 (66%)	136(62.4%)

Your Board met nine (9) times during the past year.

Memorial Gardens:

This past summer we completed the installation of chain link fence along the east boundary. In addition, we installed similar fencing along the south boundary as far as the tree line in the SW corner of the cleared property.

We had planned to pave approximately half of the designated parking area, to an overall amount of \$150,000.00. However, the City of St John's has objected to the area designated and has not yet approved our application to do this work. Our consultant, MAE Design Ltd., is working to resolve the issues with the City. We expect the problems will be resolved before the construction season begins so we can award the contract. The Board is committed to have the parking area paved this year.

All maintenance at Memorial Gardens, such as grass cutting, snow clearing, etc, is carried out by our own employees.

Memorial Services;

The Memorial services for 2019 will be as follows:

- 1) Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Tuesday, July 8, 2019, 7pm.
- 2) General Protestant Cemetery, Tuesday, July 22, 2019, 7 pm.
- 3) Memorial Gardens, Tuesday, August 5, 2019, 7pm.

A personal thank you to the congregation of First United for their continual support.

I am pleased to place on record a special thank you to our cemetery staff. We have a dedicated staff, and the feedback from the public is excellent. We appreciate the work done by Bill, Vince and Graham, and 3-4 seasonal workers. We operate six days a week, sometimes through difficult and challenging situations, especially during the winter season.

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin Gibbons

Calvin Gibbons
First United Church Representative
Vice Chairman, General Protestant Cemetery Trustee Board Inc.
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Stewardship Report 2018

Our Stewardship Committee is pleased to report that on December 31, 2018 all bills were paid and all financial obligations were met, eg. - Mission and Service Fund, Food Bank, District Assessment, Cemetery Fund and VOWR.

I would like to bring to your attention that for 2018 our operating Account had a deficit of \$8,273.54 and our Building Fund Account had a deficit of \$6,731.96. We were able to meet our financial obligations because of the surplus from previous years.

Our Loan balance as of December 31, 2018 is \$301,000.00. For us to continue meeting this financial obligation we are asking each family of our congregation to contribute an extra \$10.00 per month to our Building Fund account; however, this is **not** to be at the expense of contributions to our general revenues.

Our Ways and Means Committee in cooperation with the Official Board is making plans for 2019 so that this deficit hopefully doesn't happen again this year.

We had previously mentioned to the congregation about setting up pre-authorized (PAR) for your monthly contributions. We are strongly recommending that you (the congregation) take a serious look at this option. It is very important to our cash flow position especially during the summer months. If you wish to make your contributions by post - dated cheques that would also be greatly appreciated. The pre-authorized forms are available at the church office.

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I want to thank all members of the congregation for your support during 2018. While we may have challenges ahead of us, I am quite confident that with your continued support, we will overcome to grow as a community of faith.

In His Presence,



Len Sturge
Chair, Stewardship Committee

**First United Church
Financial Statements**

December 31, 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of:
First United Church

Roger Coombs & Associates
Professional Corporation
Roger K. Coombs, CPA, CA

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of First United Church, which comprise the statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in bank balance as at December 31, 2018, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other supplementary information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the First United Church as at December 31, 2018, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with accounting standards for not for profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the parish in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

In common with many charitable organizations, the church derives receipts from parishioner cash donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these cash receipts was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the church and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the cash contributions, excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements and cash on hand. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Standards for Not for Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing these financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the parish's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to a going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the parish or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the parish's financial reporting process.

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Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the parish's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the parish's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the parish to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Paradise, Newfoundland and Labrador
February 21, 2019


CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

First United Church
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Change in Bank Balance - Operating Fund

For the Year Ended December 31	2018	2017
Revenue (Schedule 1)	\$ 244,145	\$ 273,547
Expenditures (Schedule 2)	<u>252,418</u>	<u>242,543</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ <u>(8,273)</u>	\$ <u>31,004</u>
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Reconciled bank balance, beginning of year	\$ 122,658	\$ 90,494
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	(8,273)	31,004
Change in accounts receivable	(493)	1,160
Change in accounts payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Reconciled bank balance, end of year	\$ <u>113,892</u>	\$ <u>122,658</u>
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Comprised of:		
Bank balance	\$ 113,892	\$ 122,658
Operating line of credit	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	\$ <u>113,892</u>	\$ <u>122,658</u>

Accounts receivable includes the following:

Harmonized Sales Tax	\$ <u>2,800</u>	\$ <u>2,307</u>
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**First United Church
Schedule 1
Revenue**

For the Year Ended December 31,

2018

2017

Revenue

Givings

Local	\$ 155,755	\$ 159,607
Mission and service	17,703	15,871
Building and maintenance	10,012	10,609
Loose collection	6,004	5,606
Initial offering	805	1,078
Lenten	6,131	5,928
Easter	3,636	1,964
Christmas	3,890	3,270
Anniversary	1,377	975
Thanksgiving	900	1,295
Advent	6,595	6,782
Food bank	4,196	3,270
Food hampers	350	325
Bulletins	1,280	1,110
"Can" Project	4,521	4,314
White gift offering	229	380
	<u>223,384</u>	<u>222,384</u>

Fundraising

Fall Fair	6,483	6,806
Christmas Breakfast	614	783
Good Friday Breakfast	1,046	1,093
Pancake supper	746	831
Bean supper	-	421
Gospel concert	-	2,220
Take out cold plates	-	5,279
Dinner Theatre	3,420	3,688
	<u>12,309</u>	<u>21,121</u>

Other Income

Men's Club Donation	2,486	2,230
UCW Donation	4,601	4,038
Kitchen supplies	600	500
Benevolent fund	765	-
Restorative care plan	-	22,919
Hurricane appeal	-	270
East District Chaplaincy	-	85
	<u>8,452</u>	<u>30,042</u>
	<u>\$ 244,145</u>	<u>\$ 273,547</u>

**First United Church
Schedule 2
Expenditures**

For the Year Ended December 31,

2018

2017

Expenditures

Bank charges	\$ 2,266	\$ 1,944
Benevolent fund	1,901	325
Cemetery fund	2,000	2,000
Committees		
Christian development	1,316	1,189
Membership	305	568
Worship	2,500	2,606
Ministry and personnel	1,871	7,464
District assessment	13,248	13,284
East District meeting	300	200
East District Chaplaincy Fund	-	85
Equipment purchase	1,285	2,604
Equipment rental	7,964	7,108
Food bank	4,196	3,270
Honorarium	1,377	1,574
Insurance	2,804	2,611
Anniversary Sunday	356	-
Mission and service	17,703	15,871
Miscellaneous	2,413	2,274
Continuing education	-	1,120
Hurricane appeal	-	270
Professional fees	1,290	1,290
Repairs and maintenance	27,696	28,676
Salaries, wages and employee benefits	123,251	114,510
Special gifts	789	757
Supplies	8,632	7,386
Utilities	25,048	21,920
VOWR donation	500	500
Kitchen supplies	1,407	1,137
	<u>\$ 252,418</u>	<u>\$ 242,543</u>

**First United Church
Note to the Financial Statements**

December 31, 2018

Nature of Operations

The First United Church is a faith community within the City of Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, committed to meeting spiritual, emotional, physical, social and psychological needs of members of the congregation. The organization is committed to the maintenance and development of the church building and property to serve as a means by which to carry out the mission of the congregation.

The First United Church is a not for profit organization and as such is exempt from income tax under the income tax act.

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue recognition

Income is recognized when donations and other sources of revenue are received.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known.

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate fair market value due to the relatively short period to maturity of the investments.

First United Church**Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended December 31,****2018****2017**

Memorial Fund**Receipts****Disbursements**

Service Charges

2524Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements
for year(25)(24)**Balance, beginning**3,7053,729**Balance, ending**\$ 3,680\$ 3,705**Foster Parents Fund****Receipts**

Donations

\$ 1,219\$ 1,325**Disbursements**

Disbursements

1,008

972

Service Charges

42411,0501,013

Excess of receipts over disbursements for year

169312**Balance, beginning**1,069757**Balance, ending**\$ 1,238\$ 1,069**Keith Burt Memorial Fund****Receipts**

Interest income (net)

\$ 472\$ 156**Disbursements**

Donation youth group

Nil2,000Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements
for year472(1,844)**Balance, beginning**39,48741,331**Balance, ending**\$ 39,959\$ 39,487

First United Church**Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended December 31,****2018****2017**

Building Fund**Receipts**Donations and interest \$ 46,465 \$ 56,775**Disbursements**

Building expenses 10,012 10,673

Loan payments 26,400 26,400

Loan interest 16,758 15,78353,170 52,856Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements
for year (6,705) 3,919**Balance, beginning** 46,452 42,533**Balance, ending** \$ 39,747 \$ 46,452**Loan reconciliation:**

Balance beginning of year \$ 327,400 \$ 353,800

Principal repayments during the year 26,400 26,400Balance, end of year \$ 301,000 \$ 327,400

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Revenue for the year ending December 31, 2019 – Proposed Budget

Advent Folders	\$6,800
Anniversary Offering	1,000
Bulletin Sponsors	1,500
Christmas Offering	3,900
Easter Offering	2,500
Envelopes – Local	170,000
Food Bank	3,000
Food Hampers	500
Initial Offering	1,000
Lenten Folders	6,500
Loose Collection	7,000
Men’s Club Donation	1,200
Mission & Service Fund	15,000
Thanksgiving Offering	1,000
Fundraising	<u>19,767</u>

\$240,667

Building Fund Account.....Proposed Budget

Building Fund	49,500
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TOTAL \$290,167

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Expenses for the year ending December 31, 2019 – Proposed Budget

Audit Fees	\$ 1,500
Bank charges	2,200
Benevolent Fund	500
Bulletins	1,800
Cemetery Fund	2,000
Christian Development Committee	1,500
Cleaning and Supplies	16,000
East District Assessment	13,532
East District Meetings	500
Envelopes & Folders	3,200
Equipment Purchase/Rental/Maintenance	10,000
Food Bank	3,000
Garbage Collection	800
Honorarium	1,800
Insurance	2,900
Membership Committee	1,000
Mission & Service Fund	15,000
Postage	600
Salaries & Benefits	128,000
Stationery & Supplies	2,800
Utilities	26,000
VOWR	500
Water Tax	2,035
Worship Committee	<u>3,500</u>
	\$240,667

Building Fund.....Proposed Budget

Building Fund Loan	43,000
Repairs and Maintenance	<u>6,500</u>

TOTAL \$290,167

Contribution Range
January 1 - December 31, 2018

\$	\$ 0	157
\$ 1	\$ 49	19
\$ 50	\$ 99	19
\$ 100	\$ 199	47
\$ 200	\$ 399	88
\$ 400	\$ 599	69
\$ 600	\$ 799	42
\$ 800	\$ 999	17
\$1000	\$1499	54
\$1500	\$1999	12
\$2000	\$2499	8
\$2500	\$2999	2
\$3000	\$3499	2
\$3500	\$3999	4
\$4000 and up		1
	TOTAL	541

Statistics 2018

Baptisms:	16
Marriages:	7
Funerals:	14

Confirmation of Membership

December 31, 2017	1090
Added by profession of Faith	2
Added by Transfer	1
Removed by Transfer	0
Removed by Death	5
Removed by Request	0
Membership as of December 31, 2018	1088

Confirmation classes 2018

Leah Grace March

Katherine Robyn Barrett

Marriages in 2018

Devon James Darren Fitzpatrick and Jessica Kimberly Winsor
Lee Robert Crane and Melanie Lush
Matthew James Eagan and Wanda Nicole Squires
Geoffrey Baxter Penney and Heather Marie Young
Matthew Edward Pynn and Samantha Robyn Baggs
Felix Michael Squires and Samantha Dawn King
Matthew Jonathan Patey and Ashley Hope Artina March

Baptisms in 2018

Kanon Maxwell Seward
Ashani Lucia Novecosky
Samuel Harris Marshall
Mackenzie Alexandra Myers
Sophie Marie Rowe
Madison Leigh Fitzgerald
Kellen James Fitzpatrick
Everly Jude Blackwood

Declan Ronald Hibbs
Louis Clifford Samson
Theodore Kendrick Grimes
Aubree Dawn Peddle
Jade Rosa Coleridge
Reese Susan Grace Skinner
Kyara Anna Marie Styles
Brayden Jeffrey Barbour

Deaths in 2018

Albert (Frederick) Whiteway
Barbara Strange
Bertha Elizabeth Purchase
Eric Tremblett
Mary Desma Thistle
Harold Hollett
Greta Flight

Lillian Squires
Doris Verge
Oswald Rodney French
Irene Beatrice Hart
Gilbert Deering
Alma Christine Kreiger
Ethel Fuller