

TRINITY
UNITED
CHURCH

2024
ANNUAL
REPORT



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Minister's Report

"Time flies over us but leaves its shadow behind."

Nathaniel Hawthorne

So, we're now living in the shadow of 2024. At Trinity it became a time of adjustment. Over the summer and into the fall, we welcomed Learning Cubs, our new tenant. As they entered, we gave up the use of the basement of our building – except for the kitchen. That meant making more use of the Sanctuary as a flexible space. That, of course, was partly our intent when we replaced the pews with chairs. We also reconfigured the Choir Room and added a kitchenette.

Elsewhere, within the life of the congregation, we also adjusted our worship services by making the gathering time a little more sacred. It was a reminder that we come to worship to be gathered into God's presence.

We also updated our website after years of saying that it needed to be refreshed. It is another necessary tool in telling Trinity's story. In the 21st century that we live in, that is where most people turn when they want to know more about us.

Trinity also continues to be an active player in the South Simcoe Cluster of United Churches – or simply *The Cluster* as we've become comfortable calling it. The leadership gathers six or seven times a year and we've hosted a Chili Lunch, Fall Worship & Picnic, Sing, Sing, Sing and other events that create a stronger community and connection among our congregations.

A few months ago, the leadership of the Cluster gathered to watch a webinar presented by a Stewardship staff member of our denomination. Having attended many church seminars, workshops, symposiums, and the like over the years, I sometimes go into these events a little skeptical.

Too often they're geared to other settings – more urban, multi-staff, ... etc. Now, I've been in ministry long enough to know how to translate ideas and concepts into my own context – or at least know how to ignore things. But I came away from this particular webinar with some good stuff.

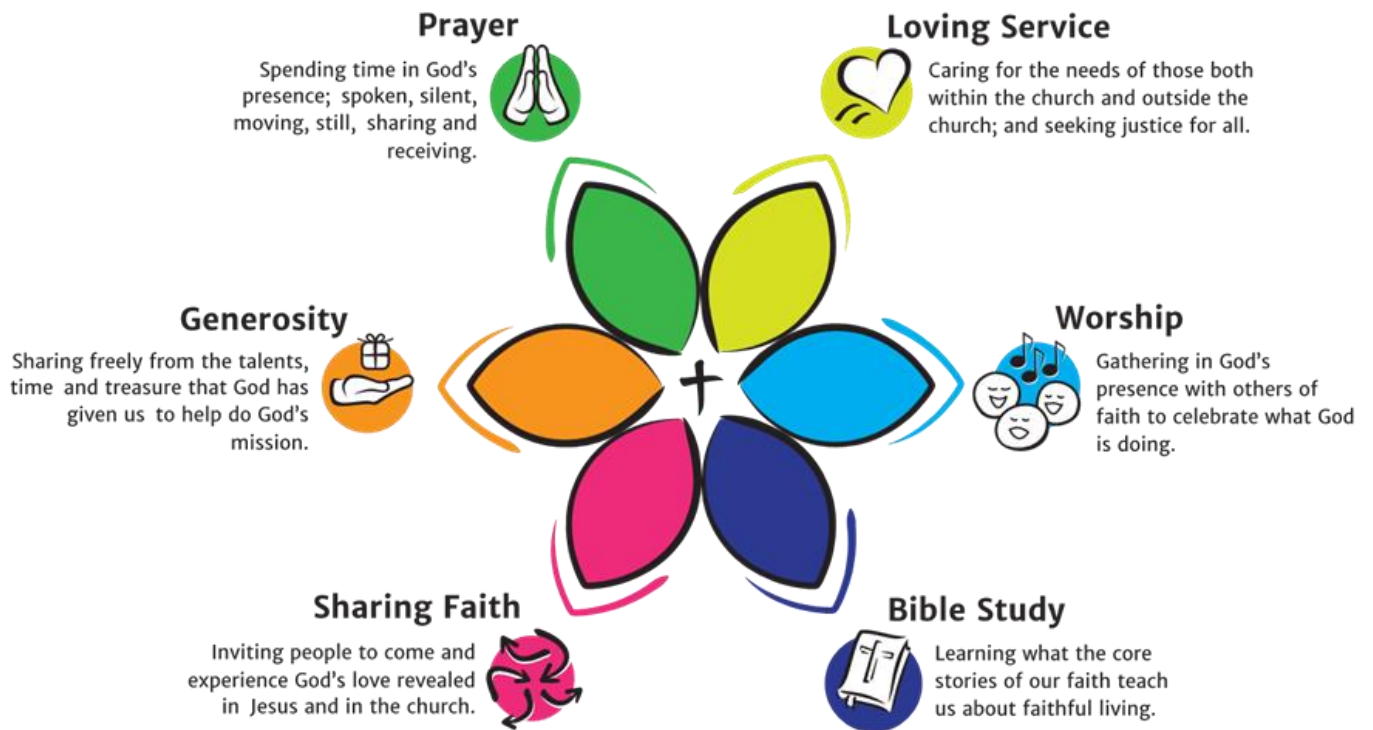
One thing that was presented to us was the *Discipleship Flower – Key Spiritual Practices*. It names the key areas of a congregation's life. They are *Prayer, Loving Service, Worship, Bible Study, Sharing Faith and Generosity*. They allow a congregation to balance who they are and want to become. They allow us to be more informed stewards of our faith.

Over the last few months, I've been looking at this tool and making notes on what Trinity does within those areas and how we might strengthen ourselves. I believe it can help us understand more fully that Stewardship is more than fundraising – it lives with all aspects of our congregational life.

So, take a look at our 2024 Annual Report. Read the stories of our Spiritual Practices – even if it means putting in cupboards. People offered to do it, our gifts made it possible and our community of faith was able to continue to offer hospitality and gather around a cup of coffee or tea.

Rev. Kent Ward

Discipleship Flower – Key Spiritual Practices



Session

Trinity continues to grow through its community outreach programs. Monthly “Games Night” and “Learn & Lunch program” have been enjoyed throughout the year and participants look forward to each event. Three concerts were held this year that saw new people visiting our church. They enjoyed Naomi Bristow in May, The Skyliners Big Band in September and Good Company in November.

Making ourselves known outside the building has helped. In 2024, the electronic sign was utilized fully to let passersby know what is happening. This attracted people into our events like the Chili lunch. The website was also refreshed and updated in 2024 and has now become a source of information for many.

The Poppy Project in conjunction with St. Andrew’s Presbyterian church created a display of knit or crocheted poppies that welcomed the veterans at the November Remembrance Sunday Service. Many hands contributed to this project – some people crafted the poppies, some sewed them to the mesh, while others helped to hang the banners. Others admired the display and commented on it. A truly community project.

Our Sunday morning worship services anchor us each week so we are able to carry out our mission of spreading love and understanding to the world outside our doors. We have seen some new faces join us on Sunday mornings and have seen friendships bloom.

We have enjoyed several guest speakers this year. From the South Simcoe Cluster training for Lay Worship Leaders, we met and heard from Cherly LeLiever in April, Jayne Asselstine in September and myself, Sue Zylski, in January and June. We were also able to welcome back Patricia (Pat) James in September as she is now retired and able to do pulpit replacement.

From our association with the other South Simcoe United Churches in our “Cluster”, we were able to host a Chili lunch in February and “Sing, Sing, Sing” event in October. Some of us also participated in a workshop on Pastoral Care.

There is always so much going on at Trinity and we are grateful for all the services and events that so many enjoy.

Submitted by: Sue Zylski, Clerk of Session

On behalf of Session Committee: Rev. Kent Ward, Annette Beausaert, Peggy Enever, Bonnie Fortune, Ray Lisk, Tanya Muir and Susan van der Zee

Stewards

The Stewards of Trinity United Church have once again been hard at work as we close out another year. We began the year by securing contractors to rough in plumbing and electrical work for the new kitchen in the choir room. The Stewards then took on the task of installing cabinets, countertops, a sink, taps, and a refrigerator to complete the project. Following this, we focused on renovating the basement washrooms, which included relocating copper piping for the backflow valve and restoring proper flushing mechanisms.

Our next major project involved securing an agreement with Learning Cubs Childcare, which now operates in the church basement. Finalizing the contract required several mandatory renovations to ensure the daycare facility's success. These renovations included installing fire-rated doors, correcting the emergency lighting system, installing 40 feet of missing fencing in the backyard, preparing a fire plan, and installing keyed locks throughout the church, among other tasks. While coordinating with daycare operators, fire marshals, and various Ontario ministries proved challenging at times, our efforts resulted in the successful opening of Learning Cubs Childcare. With the daycare now operational, we can take pride in knowing that our church is providing a valuable service to the community.

In addition to these larger projects, the Stewards diligently handle the church's daily operations. Tasks include repairing grass-cutting equipment and finding volunteers to maintain the lawn, shoveling snow around entrances, repairing the driveway, removing dead tree limbs, fixing emergency push bars, and plastering and painting areas in need of care. We also ensure the church's annual maintenance requirements are met, such as keeping the lift operational, maintaining furnaces, plowing the parking lot, and addressing other essential upkeep to keep the church in excellent condition.

The Stewards are also integral to the success of the church's many fundraising events. Whether setting up for the plant, book, and bake sale, preparing chairs and audio equipment for concerts, or ensuring the sanctuary looks its best throughout the year, Stewards are always ready to lend a hand.

We take pride in the work we do and remain committed to diligence and excellence. Our goal is to make Trinity United Church a beacon of light and service within our community.

Dave Jablonicky, Chair of Stewards

On behalf of the Stewards: Darlene Manley, Elaine Rivett (Treasurer), Kent Ward, Ronnie Beausaert, Lowell Tipping, Rich Melanson, Rick Geater.

**Fall Canvass 2024 Annual Report
(Stewardship Report)**

Thank you for your generous donation to Trinity United Church in Beeton. Our 2024 Fall Canvass donation Grand Total was \$24,075.

The November Good Company Christmas Concert was a full-house, a wonderful musical event engaging the community.

Our generous congregation continues to support the Food Bank, My Sister's Place, Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Campaign and the United Church Mission and Service Fund.

We had a well attended Christmas Eve Service, much to our delight, with Naomi Bristow as the Guest Soloist.

May we continue to support each other so that Beeton Trinity United Church can continue to serve all generations within our church and our growing community!

Blessings,

Ray Lisk

Ministry and Personnel Committee

M&P try to keep in touch with the Minister, Treasurer, Music Director and Custodian.

The committee has met during the year with emails and texts.

We are very sad to lose Don Davies as a member; he and family have moved to New Brunswick.

Members, Jen McPhee and Annette Beusaert

Choir

The Choir continues to gladly offer their Ministry of Music. Their joy and enthusiasm shines through and is well received by the appreciative Congregation.

The group had three Co-leaders: Darlene Manley, Ray Lisk and Janet Tipping. Additional members are Lowell Tipping, Brenda Lisk and Ginette Shaw. Erika Robins-Whittle is our Organist.

Each month we attempt to welcome 'Guest Musicians' to add to the Sunday program. This year, our Guest Musicians included Sonia Zettle, Naomi Bristow, Nancy Smokler and Brandon Kelly.

New Choir members are always welcome.

Ray Lisk

Golden Girls

Golden Girls is a group of ladies, from our church and the community.

We meet upstairs at our church once a week on Wednesday from 1-3PM

In 2024 we had 10-12 women each week. We played Push and Five Crowns card games. Every week each player contributed \$2.00 which we used towards coffee, tea and card supplies as well as charitable donations.

Money that we collected from January to June we donated to one of our member's service dog's rehabilitation.

The collection from September to December, we donated to The Food Bank and to My Sister's Place

We have lots of fun and laughter. New ladies are welcome.

Submitted by

Linda Melanson

Sunday School

Despite not having regular attendance this year, your Sunday School has continued throughout 2024. We have worked with a variety of ages throughout the year, from toddlers to adults. A Sunday School lesson is always at the ready each Sunday for whomever joins us. We use the Illustrated Ministries curriculum which includes enhanced resources for youth and toddlers, as well as other materials including items from our Church library. We also focus on learning the seasons of the Church year, the Church year colours and other important Church dates to try and remind everyone of the difference between the Church year and secular year.

This year at Christmas, thanks to a donation by Darlene Manley, we made ornaments for the Church Christmas Tree and to send home for their own tree. A major project was the creation of a paper Christmas Tree constructed by tracing the hands of as many members of the congregation as we could and assembling them together to show that although we may be different in many ways, we come together to form a community.

Submitted by Trish Ward and Susan van der Zee

Library Report

Trinity's Library continues to be used regularly by many members of the congregation and has even had inquiries from others who have attended meetings, Learn and Lunch, etc. Perhaps you need some reading for holiday time in warmer climes? We have had several recent additions, necessitating some rearranging of the shelves, but I am always happy to help you find what you're looking for.

Soon we will be displaying a small (but growing) Indigenous section as well! Happy reading!

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Manley

South Simcoe Cluster of United Churches
(Bond Head, Churchill, Gilford, Lefroy, St. James Stroud, Trinity Beeton)

Like “Turtles” or other chocolate-caramel-nut clusters, our South Simcoe group of United Churches is wonderful!

In 2024, we benefitted from:

Group training for: Lay worship leadership
Pastoral care
Stewardship

Group activities: Chili lunch
Maundy Thursday service
Pulpit Exchange
Shared worship & potluck lunch (picnic)
Sing Sing Sing
Innispirit Christmas Concert

All of these events were attended by members from each of our six churches. We have learned together, shared together and have become friends. We now have resources in our group that we can draw on, for example finding pulpit supply.

Going forward, the Cluster will continue to hold events that enhance each of our small churches. In 2025, when we celebrate 100 years of the United Church of Canada, South Simcoe United Churches will continue the tradition of community sharing and support.

Report submitted by: Sue Zylski

Nominations Committee Report

Chair of Official Board: Position vacant. Acting Chair – Rev. Kent Ward

Session:

Members of the Session are elected to a five year term as of date of Annual Congregational Meeting. All Members of the Session are required to be members of the congregation (UCC Manual B.7.2)

Clerk of Session: Sue Zylski

To Annual Meeting 2025: Annette Beausaert, Tanya Muir, Ray Lisk

To Annual Meeting 2026:

To Annual Meeting 2027: Susan van der Zee

To Annual Meeting 2028: Sue Zylski, Bonnie Fortune, Peggy Enever

Stewards:

Members of the Stewards are elected to a three year term as of the date of the Annual Congregational Meeting. The majority of Stewards are required to be members of the congregation – only members can vote at Official Board (UCC Manual B.7.3.1)

Treasurer: Elaine Rivett

To Annual Meeting 2025: Rich Melanson, Dave Jablonicky, Rick Geater

To Annual Meeting 2026: Darlene Manley

To Annual Meeting 2027: Ronnie Beausaert, Lowell Tipping

Board of Trustees

The majority of Trustees are required to be members of the congregation (UCC Manual G.3.3.2) – only members can vote at Official Board (UCC Manual B.7.3.1). Part of the responsibilities of the trustees of Trinity United Church is the cemetery.

Chair: Becky Medcof-Moher

Cemetery Treasurer: Trish Ward

Secretary: Darlene Manley

Members: Bert Platt, Darlene Manley, Karen Service,
Rev. Kent Ward, Becky Medcof-Moher

Ministry and Personnel Committee

The UCC Manual is silent on M&P Committee congregational membership – only members can vote at the Official Board (UCC Manual B.7.3.1)

Members: Jen MacPhee, Annette Beausaert, Jane Ollikainen

Nominations Committee:

Members: Chair of Official Board, Clerk of Session, Chair of Stewards

Lay Regional Representatives:

Broadview (formerly UCC Observer) Representative: Sue Zylski

BEETON TRINITY UNITED CHURCH - INCOME STATEMENT

REVENUE	2023	2024
Envelope Offerings	46,908.18	81,297.34
PAR Envelope Givings	35,446.00	36,036.00
Building Fund	40,155.00	240.00
PAR Building Fund	324.00	324.00
Canada Helps Donations	3,230.24	7,716.07
Loose Offerings	1,096.55	1,591.46
Golden Girls	550.00	0.00
Sunday School Revenue	0.00	134.40
Church Rental	1,340.00	10,170.00
Lunch & Learn	1,208.00	1,537.35
Social Events	134.14	0.00
Plant & Book Sale	2,003.55	2,166.20
Library Donations	80.00	0.00
Memorial Donations	230.00	525.00
Concerts	7,101.72	6,658.00
T-Shirt Workshop	0.00	1,130.00
Rogers Tower	13,200.00	12,100.00
Income from Mutual Fund	8,023.15	10,947.19
Miscellaneous Income	50.00	40.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>161,080.53</u>	<u>172,613.01</u>

EXPENSES	2023	2024	2024	2025
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Minister Salary	73447.92	80562.00	80562.00	82978.00
Employment Insurance	1403.44	1468.77	1468.79	1508.47
Canada Pension Plan	3754.45	4055.50	4055.50	4430.10
ADP Fees	318.29	350.00	360.79	400.00
U.C.C. Pension, Health Benefits	13936.21	15350.00	15286.20	15750.00
Travel Allowance Expense	1537.25	1800.00	1465.75	1800.00
Musician	3445.00	6125.00	6125.00	6125.00
Custodian	5500.00	5500.00	5500.00	5500.00
Treasurer	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00	1800.00
Supply Preachers	232.00	250.00	779.20	1016.00
Guest Singers	200.00	250.00	400.00	400.00
Social Events	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Minister's Telephone	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
Youth Group	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Heating	3556.72	4600.00	2,984.20	4000.00
Water & Sewage	191.92	250.00	162.41	250.00
Hydro	1372.55	1800.00	1,653.45	2000.00
Insurance	4684.64	5000.00	3,941.12	4500.00
Repairs & Maintenance	9190.46	10000.00	7,782.01	10000.00
Lift Maintenance	837.60	1000.00	850.10	1000.00
Internet	1355.88	1500.00	1,129.90	1500.00
Website	0.00	2500.00	2955.65	1000.00
Church Computer & Software	782.87	1000.00	938.11	1000.00
Audio Equipment & Supplies	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Church Telephone	836.08	925.00	855.52	925.00
Snow Removal	1649.80	2400.00	2147.00	2400.00
Worship Supplies & Curriculum	527.91	700.00	991.15	1500.00
Minister Book Allowance	41.07	500.00	280.84	500.00
Library Expenses	89.07	100.00	0.00	100.00
Sunday School Expense	225.50	600.00	252.98	500.00
Music Related Expenses	354.00	500.00	288.03	500.00
Office Supplies	539.58	700.00	1109.53	1200.00
Kitchen Supplies	7548.03	100.00	142.77	100.00
Assessment	5318.00	5559.00	5559.00	5571.00
Bible Study	38.93	150.00	220.80	250.00
Electronic Newsletter	380.85	450.00	414.65	500.00
Outdoor Maintenance/Gardens	0.00	500.00	314.21	500.00
Continuing Education	0.00	1640.00	0.00	1640.00
Furniture	0.00	100.00	0.00	400.00
Advertising	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Outreach Committee Expenses	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Custodial Supplies	0.00	200.00	142.87	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
Bank Service Charges	201.00	250.00	211.71	250.00
Transfer to Cemetery	500.00	6600.00	0.00	6600.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	146,397.02	168,985.27	153,731.24	172,443.57

	2023	2024
REVENUE	161,080.53	172,613.01
EXPENSES	<u>146,397.02</u>	<u>153,731.24</u>
NET INCOME	<u><u>14,683.51</u></u>	<u><u>18,881.77</u></u>

Current Investments:

Mutual Fund (as of Dec. 31) \$ 221,531.15 (includes \$179,025.54 from sale of manse)

Mission & Service Fund Contributions:

2023 - \$5981.00

2024 - \$7184.35

Cemetery Donations:

2023 - \$700.00

2024 - \$200.00

Cemetery / Trustees Report

TRUSTEE REPORT

Although Charles Lisk and Marilyn Rutherford resigned as Chair and Treasurer respectively early in 2024, they graciously continued until our May meeting when replacements could be found. At this meeting, Becky Medcof-Moher agreed to accept the position of Chair, in hopes that a Co-Chair could eventually be found. Trish Ward agreed to perform the duties of Treasurer and Marilyn offered her valuable assistance in the transition. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to Becky and Trish for taking on these jobs and responsibilities.

The Cemetery continues to be managed well by the Bakers. Charles was able to move a large tree which had fallen across the west driveway during a spring windstorm. Varcoes continue to maintain the grounds very well, although the Board is trying to find ways to lower the costs involved if possible.

With only 5 members - Becky Medcof-Moher, Bert Platt, Karen Service, Kent Ward & Darlene Manley - the Board of Trustees could really use additional members.

Respectively submitted,

Darlene Manley, Secretary

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TRINITY BEETON CEMETERY**Financial Report - December 31st, 2024****Received:**

Interest from Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 4,017.49
Tower Rental	\$ 3,700.00
Plots, Interments & other Fees	<u>\$ 41,575.00</u>

Total Receipts	\$ 49,292.49
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Expenses:

Bereavement Authority of Ontario - Licence Fee	\$ 265.19
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ 6,120.00
Honorarium	\$ 225.00
Baker's - Admin Fees	\$14,882.10
Grass Cutting	\$16,159.00
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 120.05</u>

Total Expenses	\$37,772.34
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Summary - Bank Account

Opening Balance	\$ 14,281.45
Receipts	<u>\$ 49,292.49</u>
Total	\$63,573.94

Expenses	\$37,772.34
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Balance	\$25,801.60
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Perpetual Care Fund

ScotiaWealth Bank Account	Balance	\$128,845.00
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List of Lots Sold**Markers**

Grandy x2	\$3400	\$400
Grandy x1	\$1700	\$200
East, B x2	\$3400	
Haire x1	\$1700	\$400
Knapp x1	\$1700	\$400
Aiken x1	\$1700	\$400
Fraser x2	\$3400	\$400
Verlinde x1	\$1700	\$400
East, Doug x2	\$3400	\$200
East, Bev x2	\$3400	\$400

Total Plots Sold 14 x \$400 = \$5,600