

Humber Valley United Church

ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18



Celebrating 65 Years!

Advice from a Tree

By Ilan Shamir

Dear Friend,

Stand Tall and Proud

Sink your roots deeply into the Earth

Reflect the light of a greater source

Think long term

Go out on a limb

Remember your place among all living beings

Embrace with joy the changing seasons

For each yields its own abundance

The Energy and Birth of Spring

The Growth and Contentment of Summer

The Wisdom to let go of leaves in the Fall

The Rest and Quiet Renewal of Winter

Feel the wind and the sun

And delight in their presence

Look up at the moon that shines down upon you

And the mystery of the stars at night.

Seek nourishment from the good things in life

Simple pleasures

Earth, fresh air, light

Be content with your natural beauty

Drink plenty of water

Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes

Be flexible

Remember your roots

Enjoy the view!

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MESSAGE FROM REV. RICK TAMAS

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. (2 Thess. 1: 1-4)

Indeed, the apostle Paul had a unique way of saying, “Hello!”

Paul lifts the values of steadfastness and faith that lead to new opportunities and abundant life in Christ. These ingredients of the Good News can be found throughout the New Testament as in a recipe for renewal. They are deeply rooted into our relationship with God and in our faith development.

Since joining you in November, I have conducted a baptism, three funerals, and I look forward to celebrating a wonderful wedding in the weeks ahead. I have met potential new members in Sunday worship and I have spoken with those who, while struggling and discerning their path ahead, are yet hopeful that God will guide them to their church as “home.”

I have visited with congregation members at home and in the hospital. I have established meaningful connections with those whom may be questioning the recent changes in leadership, demonstrating with care and discernment the growing reflective nature of members of this congregation to establish a church that is able to sustain itself through such challenges and beyond.

I feel blessed to have journeyed through the seasons of Advent and Epiphany with you. Each season of the church carries us closer to God in unique ways. We look within for our need to change and grow as we look outward to each other for encouragement, fellowship and Christian support.

Thank you for your welcome and appreciation for our ministry together. May God continue to guide each of us to build a strong, meaningful and joyful church together.

**Blessings in Christ,
Rick**

You've got talent, We've all got talent!

2017 Dinner & Talent Show



Together finding a sustainable future.

In the spring of 2017, many of us talked about more intensively planning for our future, which led to three of us, *Gail Cook-Bennett, Ron Crago and myself* joining the Leadership Council and forming a Strategic Planning Committee. *Mary Moffatt-Johansson and Alanna Goodman* joined us and *Deb Turnbull* was a resource to the team. We engaged a consultant to help start the process and went down the path of organizing focus group meetings to consider future possibilities. This work was halted after the challenge to Rev. Winger's leadership was raised in the late spring, and the resulting Ministry Personnel and Pastoral Charge reviews took place over the summer. We halted as we felt the congregation was preoccupied with the more immediate concern of the outcome of the reviews.

After Toronto Conference's Executive Director *Jody Maltby* announced on November 26th, 2017 the severance of the relationship between HVUC and Rev. Winger, the Leadership Council was required to form a Transition Team. The first job of the Transition Team was to select the Interim Minister required by Toronto Conference's decision. An Intentional Interim Minister is a Minister of the church with a special designation, having trained in transitional ministry skills, including conflict resolution and long-term planning.

The role of the Transition Team is described in the UCC Manual: *Guidelines for Transition Teams* on page 6:

Overview of Transition Team Responsibilities

As soon as a Transition Team is appointed, its work begins by assisting presbytery with the recruitment and selection of an Interim Minister. After that, the continuing tasks of the team are to work with the Interim Minister to

- review, clarify, and develop the overall goals set for the Interim Ministry by presbytery and the official board (or equivalent)
- identify and implement measures for promoting conversation, learning, understanding, and transition in the congregation
- involve the congregation in the tasks of claiming identity and mission, clarifying its intentions for the future, and renewing its links with the larger church
- exemplify the patterns of responsible participation, healthy relationships, and faithful witness that create and re-create Christian community

The Transition Team reports its progress to the official board (or equivalent) through its representative on that body, and to presbytery through the presbytery representatives on the Transition Team.

As a significant portion of the work of the Transition Team entails clarifying the congregation's intentions for the future, i.e. strategic planning, the Leadership Council asked the individuals on the Strategic Planning Team to form the Transition Team during the first week of January. Presbytery appointed a wonderful addition to the team, as their representative the Rev. Deanna Wilson. The Strategic Planning Team is now dormant.

The Transition Team asked if others in the congregation wished to assist in the important job of selecting an intentional Interim Minister, and the Transition Team:

Gail Cook-Bennett, Ron Crago, Mary Moffatt-Johansson, Alanna Goodman, Rev. Deanna Wilson (Presbytery Rep), and Constance Crosby (Chair)(6) were joined by: ***Bruce Boyd, Genevieve Bailey, Catharine Clemens, Susanne Hynes, David Dallimore, Cheryl Drake, Richard Temple, Catherine Zakaib and Paul Chant (9) with Deb Turnbull (resource)*** who together we call the Selection Team (16).

The team interviewed qualified candidates in February for the role of Interim Minister and proposed to Presbytery that Humber Valley retain its current short-term Minister, ***Rev. Rick Tamas, as 'Minister'*** for the two-year transition period, on a $\frac{3}{4}$ time basis, and hire ***Rev. Dr. Ian Manson, as 'Interim Minister'*** on a $\frac{3}{4}$ basis. Rev. Ian will focus on governance and restructuring that is required to make us a healthy congregation. Rev. Rick will continue his wonderful work healing and ministering to the congregation. We are blessed to have the breadth of skills of these two enthusiastic Ministers. It is proposed that both start in their new roles on May 1st. We believe together they will be instrumental in leading HVUC to a renewed and vibrant state. Rev. Tamas will be eligible to seek a call with Humber Valley after the expiry of the Transition period.

A great thank you to the Transition Team and the Selection team for all their work, and guidance in this process. The real work can now begin in earnest, and we ask for your support in welcoming our new ministers to our congregation.

WELCOME!

Clerk of Session Report

Brian Goodman

As your incoming Clerk of Session, the past six months have been a time of orientation and learning. It has also been a time of welcoming, support and encouragement from the Elders and members of the congregation. Encouragement is one of my words; we all need it, children, youth and adults. For me, it is a word of Faith. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Just as I might question why I've become your Clerk of Session, I believe there are events in life we do not fully understand, and our beliefs must carry us forward. If you attended Rev. Mark's farewell on Saturday, January 20th, you heard him express this aspect of faith in a most gracious manner. He referenced this regarding the unknown in his own life going forward. As troubling and even heart wrenching as the past six months have been, your faith can bring unexpected blessings (Rev. Rick Tamas); in my short term I sense a fresh spiritual wind blowing through Humber Valley. I feel it in the way your Leadership Council are bearing down to make things work and in the openness of their work. One feels it too in the enthusiasm and ideas of the elders. Optimism describes this mood.

So, where are we going from here? At our last Elder's meeting we asked, who are elders and what are they about, which lead to a refreshing discussion about the role of Elders. To summarize, they are both secular and spiritual leaders of the church. We focused on communication and listening to the congregation. "Conversations," not just electronic communication is critical. We have a dedicated and engaged group of elders whose want to help Humber Valley United succeed. And we are committed to working with the Pastoral Care Team and the Stephen Ministers (several also elders) to ensure the spiritual care and health of all members of HVUC.

Finally, I offer a special thank you to Joanne Stenerson, Past Clerk of Session. During a challenging time in her life she continued in her duties as Clerk of Session while continuing to develop and encourage a team of Stephen Ministers and organizing the Week of Guided prayer. Thanks also to the retiring elders: Glenn Wright, Donna McCorquodale, Fred Torrie, and Juanita Macpherson, for their years of service. Many thanks to Lynn Manning who has become like an executive assistant to me as we continue to realign the Elders listing due to resignations and new elders joining the team. If you are interested in becoming an elder, you are welcome to speak with me anytime.

**With thanks and gratitude,
Each one of you lift up my spirit,
Let's all lift each other up.**

Leadership Council Report

Deborah Turnbull - Chair



Worshipping, Caring, Welcoming, Sharing

This has been a year of welcomes and goodbyes, a time of transition, a time of shock and tears, and a time of joy and celebration. In early January, we welcomed back Rev. Mark Winger from his sabbatical. To celebrate his hike on the Bruce Trail, we held a Bruce Trail Benefit Dinner to raise funds for the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The Tri-City Gospel Chorus put on a concert in March (we had to book them three years in advance) and we held a Musical Theatre and Strawberry Social event in June. Linnea Good (a composer and musician who has written many new hymns that are in *More Voices*) joined Rev. Mark to lead the worship service for our 65th Anniversary service held on October 22nd. Weddings and baptisms along with our annual UCW events, BBQ and Talent Show were other highlights of the year. Our outreach and action programs also continue to help people in need both locally and internationally. Our pastoral care ministry continues to support those in need in our congregation and the community. The pastoral care team is supplemented by our Stephen Ministers who are working one-on-one with individuals going through difficult times.

In late May, a letter, signed by 10 or more members of our church, as per a process detailed in the *United Church of Canada Manual*, was sent to the Chair of the Leadership Council and from there to Toronto Conference requesting a congregational vote on a change in our pastoral relationship. The signatories to the letter later withdrew it as they felt a congregational vote on the issue would cause too much divisiveness in the congregation. This led to our Leadership Council Chair requesting that Presbytery conduct a Ministry Personnel Review, which Toronto Conference ultimately did, along with a Pastoral Charge Review. Toronto Conference contracted Linda Anderson, a consultant, to undertake these reviews. Eighty-five people from the congregation were interviewed in-person or over the phone by Linda as part of these reviews and 11 emails and letters from other individuals were sent to Linda. Based on Linda's reports, it looked like our church and Rev. Mark would be working together to reconcile differences and move forward. This was not to be.

On November 26th, a congregational meeting was held, chaired by Jody Maltby, Executive Director, Toronto Conference. She read out the final decisions of the sub-Executive of Toronto Conference regarding HVUC and Rev. Mark Winger. The final decisions included: the “end of the pastoral relationship between Mark Winger and Humber Valley United Church, effective November 30, 2017”; the requirement for Rev. Mark to take courses in interpersonal conflict, conflict resolution, group dynamics and human relationships; and the requirement for Humber Valley to have an Intentional Interim Minister, to clarify the church’s vision, mission and goals, to change the current leadership within 18 months and for training to be provided to the members of the new Ministry and Personnel committee. Humber Valley may call a new minister after South West Presbytery is satisfied that the congregation and staff have worked on the requirements noted above.

Rev. Rick Tamas (Ph.D. pending) was appointed by Presbytery as Humber Valley’s short-term Supply Minister and he humbly and faithfully began his ministry with us.

As of March 2018, Toronto Conference has agreed that, as of May 1st, Humber Valley will have an Intentional Interim Minister (Rev. Dr. Ian Manson) and a Minister (Rev. Rick Tamas) who will each work 30 hours a week. Their lead roles and tasks have been divided so that Rev. Manson will focus on strategic planning and governance and Rev. Tamas will focus on pastoral care, healing and youth. They will share preaching and spell each other off when the other one is on holiday or study leave. This arrangement is expected to last for two years.

During this time of transition, I hope each of you will discern your gifts and share them as “we are the church together.”

Thank you to all our volunteers who work so hard to help us live our mission as a worshipping, caring, welcoming and sharing church. Thank you to Steve McCorquodale for his leadership during a difficult time and to each volunteer on our Leadership Council and for everyone who volunteers on our committees. Thank you to all our choir and handbell members and carilloners, and to the volunteers who work in the kitchen and AV booth and to all our greeters and ushers. Thank you to our Stephen Ministers and the hardworking UCW units and UCF group for their fundraising and outreach efforts. This church could not function without you.

In mid-March 2018, we learned that our Minister of Music, Paul Chant will be leaving us to begin a full-time position as the Minister of Music at Skidaway United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia.

Paul’s last Sunday with us will be on Sunday, April 29th so we have time to celebrate his time with us and his exciting move to Savannah. This is a time of new beginnings for Paul and new beginnings for us.

Thank you also to our Coordinating Minister, Rev. Mark Winger who was with us until the end of November. Thank you to Rev. Rick Tamas, who took over all the tasks of the Coordinating Minister beginning December 1st. We are blessed that he will continue to be with us as we move forward. Thank you to Rev. Mark Aitchison who continues to be our Volunteer Associate Minister (VAM). Thank you to our Minister of Music, Paul Chant, for his leadership and inspiration. Thank you to Cheryl Drake, our Coordinating Administrator. for her devotion to our church – we are blessed to have her. Thank you to Zoran Mrkovic and his crew, Dragan Mrkovic and Serdjo Cicak for all they do to keep our building operating and for their friendly welcome to all who use our facilities. Also, thank you to Anita Wakemen, Claire Hatje, Michelle Madill, George Turnbull, Carla Sandrin and our soloists for all their excellent work on our behalf.

I am so blessed to be the Chair of the Leadership Council and ask each of you to work together, in this time of transition, for the long-term health of our congregation. Your faith inspires me and gives me the strength to carry out my responsibilities on your behalf as: “We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord: to care for all without reserve and spread Christ’s liberating word.” (Hymn 601, *Voices United*)

**HVUC
Leadership Council Members
(as of April 2018)**

Chair: Deborah Turnbull
Vice-Chair: vacant
Past Chair: Gary Halpenny
Clerk of Session: Brian Goodman
Associate Clerk of Session: vacant
Past Clerk of Session: Joanne Stenerson
Christian Development: Adult Programming – Carla Sandrin;
Youth Programming – vacant
Gracious Hospitality Ministry: Deborah Turnbull
Worship and Music: Deborah Turnbull
Elders: Brian Goodman
Stewardship and Finance: Gary Halpenny
Foundation: Dennis Schettler
Ministry and Personnel: Ted Loewen
Nominating: Gary Halpenny
Outreach and Action: Sally Jo Martin and Barbara Clarke
Pastoral Care: David Dallimore
Presbytery Representatives: Gail Hamblin and Wilma Crago
Property: Murray Smith
Trustees: Orr
UCW: Sharon Dowdall
Treasurer: Joanne Moilliet
Secretary to the Leadership Council: Joan Belford
Transition Team: Constance Crosby
Strategic Planning Team: Gail Cook-Bennett, Ron Crago
Ex-officio Officer: Rev. Rick Tamas



South West Presbytery Report

Wilma Crago and Gail Hamblin, Presbytery Representatives

During the past year, South West Presbytery has been focused on education and planning around the 8 Remits which, if approved at General Council this summer, will change the governance structure of the United Church of Canada. Last year we held a series of information sessions at HVUC so congregants could be informed about the Remits and ask questions. A vote of presbyteries was held and the result was that 7 of the 8 were accepted. Remit #6 regarding “One Order of Ministry” had a 2018 voting deadline and the result was that it was not accepted. As the final step, these Remits will be voted on at General Council and, if accepted, will come into effect on January 1, 2019.

Looking forward to these changes, South West Presbytery has been planning for the transition to a Regional Council model. If accepted this will mean elimination of all presbyteries. We will be in Regional Council 10 with other Toronto and area presbyteries. The details are on the UCC website. Much work and thought has been given to financial and program priorities that South West is recommending be carried forward to the new model.

For example, money has been set aside to support Davenport Perth and Jane Finch Community ministries until 2022, when it is anticipated the new Council will have had time to sort out its priorities. Also, a Legacy Fund has been established to support initiatives South West Presbytery has nurtured, and any needs that arise during the period while the new Region gets up and running.

Program priorities that have been identified from South West for preservation are:

- a) Regional Youth Project to support and involve youth in faith development.
- b) Support for three new missions – Good Tree Korean Church, Filipino Christian Fellowship, Francophone Ministry. We have a rapidly growing ethnically diverse community which needs to be welcomed.
- c) Caring for aging traditional congregations, beyond amalgamation.
- d) Education toward development of forward looking congregational leaders.

This is an exciting and challenging time in our Church as we undergo a transformative period in our history to keep our faith relevant in a rapidly changing world.

OUR DEDICATED STAFF

Rev. Rick Tamas
Minister



Paul Chant
Minister of Music



Cheryl Drake
Coordinating
Church Administrator



Claire Hatje
Sunday School Leader



Michelle Madill
Assistant Sunday School Leader



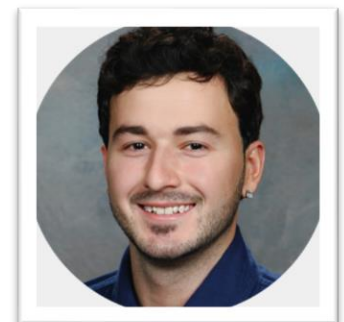
Zoran Mrkovic
Property Manager



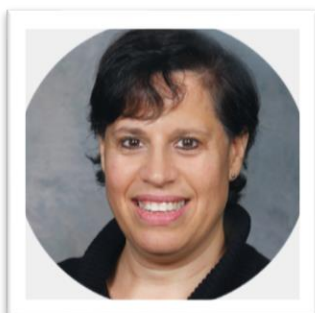
Dragan Mrkovic
Sexton



Serdjo Cicak
Sexton



Anita Wakeman
Financial Officer



George Turnbull
AV Coordinator



Carla Sandrin
Communications Coordinator



Memorials, Weddings & Membership

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of the following individuals who died in 2017:

Allenby Boake – January 1
Betty Maskens – January 1
Ruth Relf – January 8
Franz “Red” Bowman – February 23
Marion Brown – March 16
Muriel Vernier – April 7
Heather Cartwright – April 24
Margaret Agar – April 29
Ed Chung – May 2
Esme Cavanagh – August 31
Gordon Hawzett – June 29
John Bradford – August 6
Earlyne Wheeler – August 6
Norman Stanley Paul – October 13
Carman Fischer – November 4
Gray Cavanagh – December 13

We congratulate the following couples on their weddings this past year; we were so pleased to share in your special day:

Sunil Varghese Cherian and Naomi
Sara Cherian – August 5, 2017

Christopher William Stephens Bennett
and Sharon Margaret Flynn – August
18, 2017

HVUC MEMBERSHIP

Active Members: 187

Adherents: 67

Non-Resident Members: 111

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.



We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.



Paul Chant Minister of Music

I have been the Minister of Music at Humber Valley United Church since September 2006 ... almost 12 years. On March 11, 2018, Deborah Turnbull announced the happy/sad news that I have been offered a full-time job as Director of Music Ministries at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church in Savannah, Georgia. I commence my new duties on May 1st. My last Sunday with HVUC is April 29th. I am very grateful to HVUC for the encouragement, love and support over all these years.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Chancel Choir including many volunteers and soloists Jill Diane Filion, Joni Henson, Nicole Percifield, Devin Herbert, Rob Kempson and David Kingsmill; Handbell Ensemble; Junior Choir and parents; Peter Clemens, music librarian; Catharine Clemens, choir president; and Judith Dallimore, handbell assignments; Jill Filion for her musical leadership during my vacation and professional development leave; Deborah Turnbull and the Leadership Council; Worship and Music Team; Music Support Team; Ministry and Personnel, including Ted Loewen, my liaison; Cheryl Drake and Carla Sandrin.

During Holy Week, the HVUC Chancel Choir will present "Hallelujah! What A Saviour!"

Soli Deo Gloria. Dona Nobis Pacem.





EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE ON HUMBER VALLEY VILLAGE HILL

Christ is Risen Today!



Through our Worship experiences,

Through our Worship experiences, HVUC is striving to “worship God in a spirit of joy,” and to “share the good news of Jesus Christ.” Our 2017 worship year was inspiring, inspirational and faith-centred. Small groups made up of volunteers from the congregation helped Rev. Mark in the planning and organizing of some of the worship services during the year and small groups helped in the planning of the Advent services after Rev. Rick joined us in early December.

Our services continued to be inspired with traditional and contemporary music, dramatic readings and the dramatization of Biblical messages, liturgical dance, animated children’s stories and the use of audio-visual support materials.

Small Group Devotionals:

Small group devotionals also continued in 2017 including: Friday Bible Study, Jesus and Java, and Week of Guided Prayer. Kaleidoscope devotionals (introduced by the team who attended the “Holy Currencies” course) continued to be included in all Leadership Council and Committee meetings. These have been welcomed by most as they set the tone for our ministries both within the church and in the community.

Music:

The music continues to be one of the backbones of our worship services. The music inspires through its diversity of song and performance (please see Paul Chant's report).

Worship Space:

No physical changes were made to our worship space this year, but this continues to be discussed to make it more open and inviting.

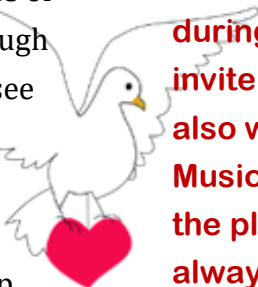
Worship & Music Team Report

Deborah Turnbull, Chair



Learning and Growing:

In 2018, our services will focus on inspiring and building faith, healing, transformation and transition. We invite your patience during this time of liturgical evolution and invite your comments and suggestions. We also welcome all to join the Worship and Music team to ensure you have a voice in the planning of worship experiences. As always, our hope is to continue to offer worship experiences that bring us closer to the "One from Whom all Blessings Flow."



Adult Christian Education

Carla Sandrin, Chair

NUTURING THE SPIRIT, THE HEART AND THE MIND



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For several years, we have offered 4/6-week session educational programs that focus on learning about Christianity, faith, spirituality and other religions from a historical and cultural perspective. Here are some of the topics we've explored:

- The New and Old Testaments from a Cultural and Historical perspective
- Comparative Religion
- The Bible from an Archeological Perspective
- Ted Talks on Religion and Spirituality
- Walking in the Steps of St. Paul/St. Peter
- The Rob Bell film "Everything is Spiritual"
- Lenten Prayer and Contemplation series

In 2018:

- Martin Luther and the Reformation
- What's up with Rob Bell?
- Spirituality and Space
- Munk debate: Is Religion Good for the World? With Tony Blair and Christopher Hitchens
- The Wisdom of the Enneagram
- The 2017 National Geographic film "Jerusalem"

This is an opportunity to learn and grow, without homework or exams! About 15-30 people come out for this program. The sessions are planned and facilitated by Carla Sandrin.

FRI. MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group studies a range of topics from the Bible and generally meets on Friday mornings. In 2018, the focus of study was Paul's letters to the church in Corinth, led by Carla Sandrin.

JESUS AND JAVA

This group (led by Joanne Stenerson) met at either a local coffee shop or in the church. They convened for an hour on a Monday evening to discuss all things theological, spiritual and biblical. New participants are always welcome.

LIVING, LOVING, LISTENING, LEARNING



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Claire Hatje
Sunday School Leader



2017 was an exciting year in JAM (Jesus and Me)

Here are a few highlights:

- Learning about the Bible through videos, music, activities, crafts and games
- Pancake Supper and Service of Ashes
- Baden Powell Sunday Service
- End of year party and video, children awarded gifts from the church
- Outdoor Carnival and Kick off Sunday School: carnival games along with scrumptious food
- Renovating and updating the Nursery and Youth Room to make it a welcoming place
- Christmas Eve – What Christmas Means to Me! Sunday School children created a music video



Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in making this an extraordinary year. A special thanks to Michelle Madill for her dedication and assistance.









CREATION

PEACE

JUSTICE

FREEDOM

GRACE



BEAUTY

FORGIVENESS



BLESSINGS

LOVE

COMPASSION

FAITH

JESUS

PURPOSE

CONNECTION

SPIRIT

MUSIC

PRAYER

TRUTH



CARING

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

David Dallimore, Chair

VISION STATEMENT

To champion pastoral care at HVUC through the creation of a congregation-wide pastoral care environment which encourages all HVUC groups and members of the congregation to be aware of the pastoral care needs of individuals in the HVUC community whatever their age, social or economic situation.

While maintaining and, where possible, enhancing existing Pastoral Care programs and activities, the Pastoral Care Team aims to work cooperatively with other HVUC groups and the Coordinating Minister to identify new Pastoral Care opportunities where there is a perceived need.



Pastoral Care remains one of Humber Valley's top priorities and we pride ourselves on being a very caring congregation.

The Pastoral Care Team (PCT) comprises Shelagh Chapman, Bill Cahoon, David Dallimore (Chair), Lynn Manning, Rose Maclean, Sally Roper and Wanda Sekunda. In addition, we were very pleased that Susanne Hynes joined the Team in January 2017 and Barbara Clarke joined in the fall of 2017. Rev. Mark Winger was an ex-officio member and attended many of our monthly meetings. During the year Juanita Macpherson and Stan Charteris resigned from the Team and we thank them for their valuable services to pastoral care at Humber Valley.

While the PCT is the primary focus for pastoral care, other groups in the church such as the United Church Women, United Church Families, Daytimers and the Chancel Choir, provide significant pastoral care amongst their members.

2017 Achievements:

- Supporting the Stephen Ministry initiative as it grows. Two members of the PCT are also Stephen Ministers and a third member is in training.
- The ongoing work of the Prayer Chain, led by Sue Hillery and Susanne Hynes, is effective and comforting.
- During 2017, Wanda mailed approximately 85 cards to individuals needing care and support.
- Held mid-week afternoon worship services at three local retirement residences – Humber Heights, Kingsway and Scarlett Heights. The majority of these services were delivered by Rev. Mark Winger. During his absence, services were conducted by Judith Dallimore. Members of the PCT provided after- service refreshments.
- PCT members also try to keep track of those in need of pastoral care and we share this knowledge with each other and the minister, when appropriate. This is an area that is central to the interface between the Elders, the Pastoral Care Team and Stephen Ministry.
- This year the Pastoral Care Team organized an Evening of Comfort and Joy for those feeling low during the Christmas season. This was held in the Hearth Room on December 5th. We shared a meal together, followed by a short candlelit service led by Rev. Rick Tamas. We received very positive feedback and we will likely hold another similar event in 2018.

- We continued to be a joint sponsor with three other local United churches (Islington, Royal York Road and Runnymede) of an initiative led by Rev. Deborah Hart and Turner and Porter Funeral Homes called “Life After Loss.” This was a five-session program designed for people recently bereaved and was again held at Islington United Church.
- We have also continued to provide copies of the Stephen Ministry booklets “Journeying Through Grief” to help those who have recently been bereaved.
- We jointly sponsored an Issues and Us presentation on local health services and issues on Sunday October 29.

2018 Goals:

- continuing to provide our on-going pastoral care initiatives
- re-examining our pastoral care mission statement
- fostering closer working relationships with the Clerk of Session and our Intentional Interim Minister in the area of pastoral care
- further strengthening of the Elders/Pastoral Care Team interface including visitation training
- continuing to support the Stephen Ministry program
- improve support for people requiring transportation to and from church on Sundays
- investigating the introduction of a Parish Nurse service
- bringing a new Act2 presentation to Humber Valley about ageism “No Longer Relevant”
- recruiting additional Pastoral Care Team members



DAYTIMERS

Judith Dallimore,
Program Coordinator

Daytimers is a monthly non-profit event for seniors who usually meet on the last Monday of the month from September to June. A lunch is served for \$8 and is followed by a topical presentation. We have a book exchange and transportation is provided for those who need it. Occasionally we go on a theatre outing.

Our amazing and dedicated team consists of Joan Belford, Shelagh Chapman, Anne Colhoun, Judith Dallimore, Rose Marie Green, Catherine Ireland, Ruth Johnson, Kathy Kitchen, Lynn Manning, Wendy MacBeth, Sheila Marshall, Sally Jo Martin (June), Donna McCorquodale, Lorraine Pearsall (decorating), Cathy Roberts, Sally Roper, Gayle Taylor, Myrna Torrie, Wendy Wiltshire, and Patricia Vassel.

Our regular drivers are Bill Cahoon, David Dallimore and David Kitchen.

We are grateful for staff assistance from Paul Chant, Cheryl Drake and Zoran Mrkovic.

To all of these wonderful, tireless, good humoured, creative people, heartfelt thanks for your kindness and expertise.



2017 Programs:

- Hindu/Christian Wedding with Catherine Ireland,
- Concert with "The After-Dinner Mints,"
- The Life of a Paramedic with Tanya Elkhairi,
- Cruising Around Newfoundland with Bob Kinnear,
- Bringing the Library to You with Betty Cameron,
- The Joy of Dance with Jill Diane Filion,
- A World of Free with Jane Blackwood,
- Famous Women with Susanne Hynes and Colleen Isherwood,
- Exploring Scandinavia with Fred Torrie,
- Advent communion with Rev Frank Gabourel,
- Christmas Party with Judith Dallimore and Paul Chant.



Plans to June 2018:

- Griffin Shorts with Judy and Carm Griffin from The Etobicoke Camera Club,
- The History of the English Language with Jack Grady,
- Fire Safety with Gillian Guthrie from the Toronto Fire Services,
- Greenland and Labrador with the Kinnears,
- Chaplaincy at The Dorothy Ley Hospice with Spiritual Coordinator Anita Csapo,
- A program in June, yet to be announced.

STEPHEN MINISTRY by the NUMBERS

Humber Valley United Church

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Since enrollment, we've sent a total of 4 members and a Minister to be trained as Stephen Leaders at Stephen Ministries' Pittsburgh, PA. training conference.

Since beginning Stephen Ministry, five hurting people have received Christ-centered care from Humber Valley United Stephen Ministers.

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Humber Valley United Church has been a Stephen Ministry Church for Two Year. Enrolled in 2016.

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Our Stephen Leaders have trained 6 lay Stephen Ministers to provide high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in our congregation and community.

We have two people being Commissioned as Stephen Ministers in April

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200

The Stephen Leader team estimates that Stephen Ministry at Humber Valley United Church has provided approximately 200 hours of care!



To learn more about our Stephen Ministry, contact the church office or one of the Stephen Leaders: Lynn Manning, Mary Moffat-Johansson, or Joanne Stenerson



WHAT IS A STEPHEN MINISTER?

Joanne Stenerson, Leader

Stephen Ministers are lay people, Christian men and women, trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, and relocation.



FESTIVITIES



OUTREACH & ACTION

Sally Jo Martin & Barbara Clarke, Co-Chairs

The Outreach and Action team of Humber Valley UC continues to support several local, national and international projects with strong support from the congregation. Here is a summary of activities carried out in 2017:

\$15,000 from Capital Funds was allocated as follows:

- \$7,000 for Water for Life December Advent project, which was forwarded to GAIN (Global Action International Network). All funds were matched by an anonymous donor from GAIN. Wells to be built in Africa.
- \$1,000 to effect:hope – Leprosy Mission Canada
- \$1,000 to Youth Without Shelter in Toronto to purchase a new oven
- \$1,000 to Dorothy Ley Hospice
- \$3,000 to United Church camps - \$1,000 Sparrow Lake and \$2,000 Scugog
- \$1,000 to Fred Victor Mission in Toronto for a project supporting new immigrants
- \$1,000 to INDspire - a national Indigenous-led registered charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. All funds collected were matched by the federal government.

In addition to the Capital Funds allocated to these charities, individuals also donated the following amounts:

- The Water for Life December Advent Project - \$8,795 was sent to GAIN (Global Action International Network) These funds were also matched by an anonymous donor from GAIN.
- effect: hope (formerly Leprosy Mission Canada) - \$2,354
- Youth Without Shelter - \$2,309, monthly meals for 53 youth are provided using funds donated by individuals
- Dorothy Ley Hospice - \$1,995
- ScotiaBank Walk - \$73 to Camp Scugog

Our generous church members also supported the following charities, either through individual donations or proceeds from special events:

- Souper Sunday - cans of soup to Youth Without Shelter and the St James Food Basket
- Sleeping Children around the World (SCAW) - \$1,442, the Tri City Gospel Chorus held a concert with proceeds shared 50/50 between HVUC and SCAW
- Bruce Trail - \$3,739 as part of Rev Mark Winger's sabbatical activities
- Roncesvalles United Church - \$101 plus 9 large garbage bags of hats, mitts, scarves, socks and men's clothing, serving those in the local community in need
- White Gifts - \$725, in addition to gifts for the children served by the Jane Finch Community Ministry
- Canadian and African Business Women's Alliance for internships - \$5,000

*** The above Outreach funds do not include donations from UCW Units 6,7 and 9, Sunday School, other committees or individual donations to the United Church Mission and Service Fund.

In addition to our continuing outreach projects in 2018, we hope to further our relationship with INDspire, who will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary, and also to connect with a water project for First Nations. Check out the bulletin boards in the foyer to see how Humber Valley UC is making a difference in the lives of so many, whether locally, nationally or globally.

Thank you to everyone for your support of Outreach and Action projects.



Some of the Outreach Projects Supported by HVUC



The background of the entire page is a close-up photograph of an olive branch. The branch is covered with small, elongated green leaves and clusters of olives. Some olives are green, while others are a deep purple, indicating they are ripe. The lighting is natural, highlighting the textures of the leaves and the smooth surface of the olives.

PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain has been operating at Humber Valley since October 2007 under the auspices of the Pastoral Care Team and we have 34 people ready to pray for you at any time. We pray for people of all ages and for all sorts of reasons.

Sometimes our prayers are answered promptly and directly, sometimes we require patience and perseverance and sometimes the answers are far beyond what we could ever ask.

Often it can be very difficult to find the words to pray for yourself or your loved ones when things get rough, so this is a wonderful alternative.

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, please call me and I will pass your request on to the group. Or you can fill in a Prayer Request Card (found in the pew) and put it in the Pastoral Care box on the wall across from the church mailboxes.

If you are doing this on someone else's behalf please be sure to have their consent. And please know that confidentiality is strictly observed within the prayer group. Anonymous requests are also accepted.

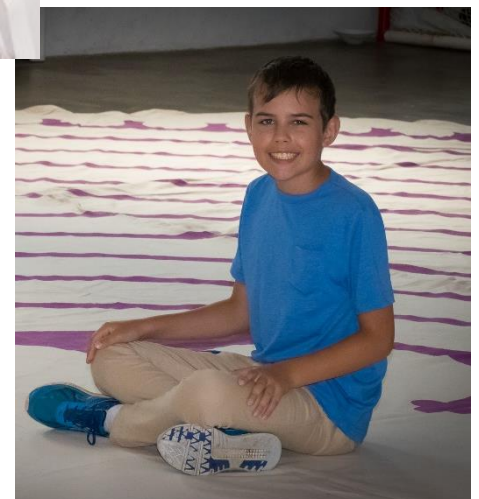
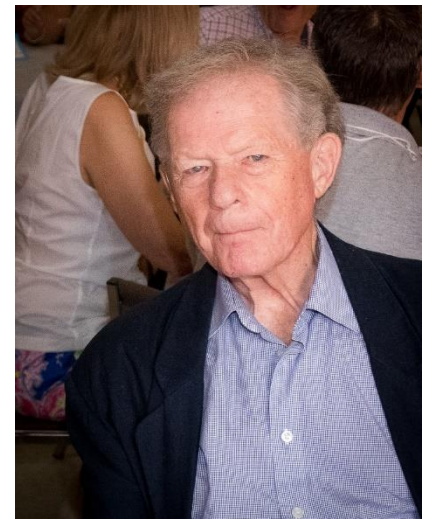
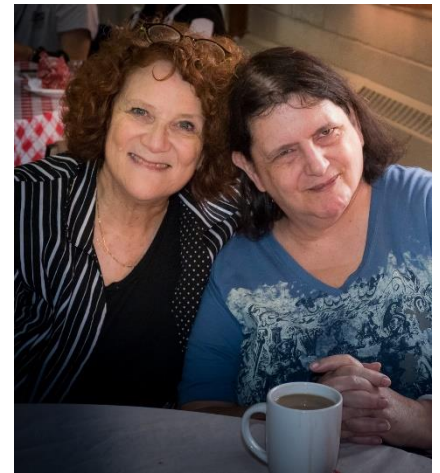
If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain please call or email me.

Sue Hillery, Coordinator

289-997-1492 or

email sehillery@gmail.com

Fall Community Barbeque



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Deborah Turnbull, Chair



"Welcoming all in a spirit of community"
"Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ"
"Caring for one another in a spirit of love"

Members of the Team: Deborah Turnbull (Chair), Lynn Manning, Barbara Clarke, Susanne Hynes, Donna McCorquodale, Carla Sandrin, Laureen Kinnear, Andrea Van der Vliet, Kathy Kitchen, Jean Koziak, Joanne Moilliet and Kathy Lloyd.

This Team has responsibilities in three areas which are closely interrelated: membership; communication; and congregational life.

The Team encourages ideas from cross sections of the congregation in relationship to discipleship in our congregation and community. The team also strives to make everyone feel welcome.

Attracting new people to our church through discipleship can be challenging despite excellent leadership of our Ministers, excellent worship services and a committed, active congregation. Building our Ministry has many dimensions and needs the enthusiastic effort of all current Humber Valley United Church members to make it happen. The Hospitality Ministry Team strives to offer leadership, present ideas, and take action.

We urge everyone to do their part in making the church as friendly and welcoming as possible and we value any suggestions and support from church members in this area.

2017 was a busy year for our Team. Some of our specific initiatives were as follows:

- We visited groups using our church and extended a hand of welcome.
- We served pre-service coffee in the church narthex every Sunday to improve the welcoming experience and we encouraged members to seek out new faces during coffee hour.
- We invited all our renters to all our events and some came. The Camera Club took an active role in photographing events and some of their photos are on our website and in our publications.
- We advertised many of our church events in “The Guardian” and “SNAP” came to take pictures of our church events. This provides our church with wonderful exposure to people in our community. Carolyn Whiteside also took a very active part in advertising our church events in new publications available in the community and to other local churches.
- We invited people to come to our meetings and share their ideas as to how we can work together to grow our church membership.
- Auld Lang Syne Sunday – first Sunday in January 2017. Continuing what Fred Van der Vliet started in 2013, we held our annual event with more than 130 people in attendance. This event was instrumental in attracting some new families to our church. We will repeat this event in 2018.
- Connections was published six times during the year under the leadership/editorialship of Susanne Hynes.
- A Bruce Trail Benefit was held to raise money for the Bruce Trail Conservancy, where Rev. Winger presented slides of his end-to-end hike during his sabbatical.
- We held a reception following the Tri-City Gospel Chorus event in March 2017.
- We organized the lunch held during the Annual Meeting on April 2, 2017.
- We provided support to the Strawberry Social and Musical Theatre performance in June 2017.



- We initiated a new project to provide hospitality to parents and campers attending the summer camps at HVUC during the summer of 2017.
- We organized a very successful community BBQ in September to welcome members, adherents and the community to our church. More than 100 people attended. It was a true picnic with hotdogs, salads and ice cream bars and games. Many thanks to Lynn and her team and to Donna, Claire, Michelle and Bill for all their help.
- We held our annual fall hike. Many thanks to Andrea and Janet for organizing it.
- We organized the pumpkin pies served during the Thanksgiving II service on October 22, 2017.
- We organized the dinner held as part of the Talent Show in November 2017.
- As in other years, we organized potlucks so our members and neighbours could watch the Grey Cup and the Super Bowl together. Actually, thank you to Murray and Judy Smith as we watched the Grey Cup in 2017 at their home as there was a glitch in technology at the church.
- We organized the goodies for the reception held as part of the Tree Lighting and Community Caroling event on December 3, 2017 and before the Christmas Eve Service.
- We organized a Christmas Day lunch attended by more than 40 people.
- David Dallimore took the initiative to establish an award in Fred Van der Vliet's name aimed at individuals who have blessed our church with creativity and innovation. This was presented for the fourth time in 2017 to Judith Dallimore for her leadership and innovative and creative ideas in initiating Daytimers more than 30 years ago and her leadership and innovation in musical initiatives at Humber Valley.



For 2018, the Team aims to continue its welcoming and fundraising initiatives, to work with other teams on specific projects, and to reach beyond our church walls to attract visitors and new people to our church while *welcoming all in a spirit of community.*

COMMUNICATIONS



HVUC WEBSITE

Our website continues to evolve as new features, pictures, links and events are added. It is easy to navigate and provides insight into who we are, what we believe, and what is happening in our church community.

The calendar link lets people know all the events taking place with one easy click and the various tabs provide information to newcomers and congregants.

The contact page makes it simple for people to inquire about weddings and funerals as well as rental possibilities or anything else.

In 2017 we joined the Facebook and Twitter worlds, another way to spread our Good News!

AUDIO VISUAL

Every Sunday we produce audio and visual elements to complement the worship service. It may look simple from the sidelines, but believe me, it is not! Technology offers great features, but it also brings glitches, whether it be speaker problems or challenges with the projectors and screens. Many hours of labour and a good deal of funding goes into making the Sunday services as enjoyable and inspirational as possible. Our team will continue to bring you the best experience possible each and every Sunday.

Carla Sandrin
Communications Coordinator





Connections

Humber Valley United
the friendly community church

Managing Editor, Susanne Hynes

Connections supports the congregational life of Humber Valley United Church by sharing stories, events, thoughtful articles, reports, and photographs submitted by its readers. Each issue features a reflection by our minister and original articles, prayers, and poems by HVUC people. Connections is distributed in print by HVUC elders, available on the HVUC website under the Connect tab, and emailed as a link in the church's eBlast. It is published by the Church and most of the costs of production are defrayed by revenue from ads placed by our sponsors.

In 2017 Canada celebrated its 150th anniversary as a country. Humber Valley United Church had its 65th birthday. Several HVUC couples reached their 50th wedding anniversaries, and one, their 60th. It was 100 years since the end of World War I and since women in Canada got the vote. And it was 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five Theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, effectively starting the Protestant Reformation. Rev. Mark challenged us to celebrate these and other anniversaries – so, for all four editions of Connections, we explored the anniversaries theme.

Connections is typically between 20 and 28 pages long and has developed into more of a magazine than a newsletter, thanks to the wonderful items submitted by congregants. Thank you, thank you dear contributors for making Connections such a vital reflection of the spiritual and social life of Humber Valley United Church.

It takes a team to produce Connections, the contributors, the editor, the proof readers, the staff who print and otherwise make it available, and, of course, the Elders who deliver it to your homes and make it an excuse to visit with you. We are especially grateful to Cheryl Drake who helps in many small but significant ways and is in charge of printing and distribution. In 2017 the copy editors were David and Judith Dallimore, Sally Jo Martin.

Sunday Mini-Connections

Every week, Chery Drake prepares a high quality full colour bulletin for Sunday services. Inside you will find the order of service, special notices and all the events scheduled for the week.

Greeters, led by Brian Goodman, present these to congregants with a friendly welcome and a big smile as they enter the sanctuary.



*"Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn
telling the world that the Saviour is born."
(Voices United 7, verse 5)*

Humber Valley
UNITED CHURCH

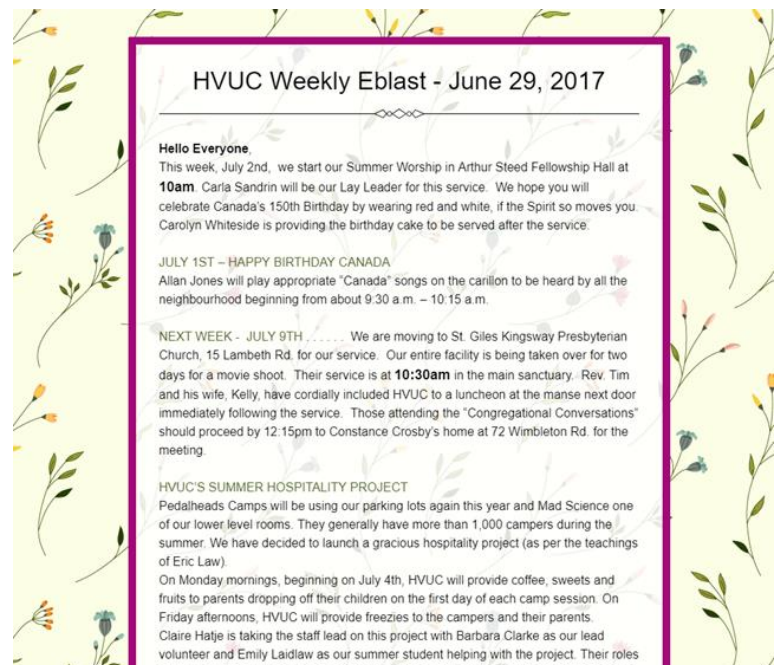
ADVENT III- JOY
APPALACHIAN WINTER, CANTATA
December 17, 2017

76 Anglesey Blvd., Toronto, Ontario M9A 5C1
416-231-2268 - www.hvuc.ca

Weekly E-Blasts

If you are on the HVUC mailing list, then every week you have been receiving a weekly E-Blast." This is another means of informing our members and friends about what is going on in and around our church. Sometimes the messages are sad – as when we announce the death of one of our congregants - but most often they are happy messages about upcoming activities and events. There is something for everyone, whether it's a musical production, a potluck dinner, an interesting course, an outreach project, or an exciting performance. If you want to know what's happening at HVUC, make sure you are on our email list!

The weekly E-blast is also posted on the website under the Events tab.





Christmas Lunch - December 25, 2017
WELCOME ALL!





Issues and Us

Deborah Turnbull, Chair

In 2001, immediately after the tragedy of 9/11, our Church Board approved the formation of a committee to be called, "Issues and Us". Its purpose is to invite speakers to come to the church to make presentations and lead discussion that focus on local issues and issues relevant to the congregation. The speakers in 2017 were:

Speakers from the Dorothy Ley Hospice speaking on: "Palliative Care- A Sacred Journey."

Speakers from the Prince Edward Family Practice speaking on "What's to Know about Family Medical Practices."

These presentations were very well attended. People from other churches and the community were invited to attend and some did.

Committee Members: Catharine Clemens, Wilma Crago, Gail Hamblin, Susanne Hynes, Anne Marriott, Lynn Manning, Barbara Clarke and Deborah Turnbull (Chair).

Please contact Deborah if you have any suggestions for speakers in 2018.

United Church Women



The purpose of the U.C.W. is to unite the women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Our 4 Units and United Church Families have periodic meetings with social justice or informational themes and provide fellowship and fun for our membership of over 80 women.

Our fundraisers generate money for the U.C.W. sponsored charities, both locally and beyond, as well as church projects. The activities help create a sense of camaraderie and belonging amongst our members as we all work together to support both local church projects and our Mission and Outreach objectives. These 2017 events were:

- **Bids 'n Bites luncheon and bridge held in April**
- **The Fabulous Fall Fashion Show held in October**

The U.C.W. allocates approximately 40% of its budget to outreach projects local and beyond. The major church project supported by the UCW in 2017 was new stoves for the kitchen. Looking forward in 2018 we are contributing to the refinishing and rehanging of new wood doors for the main entrance and for Steed Hall.

Come out and join in the camaraderie and fun at Unit meetings, our Bids 'n Bites Event in April and our Ladies Night Out event in October.

All are welcome!



Humber Valley United Church Women Financial Statement

Income Received during 2017

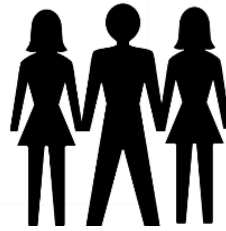
Bid's n' Bites	\$ 5,917.00
Donations	\$ 120.00
Income from funerals	\$ 100.00
Misc	\$ 67.00
HST refund	\$ 250.92
Ladies Night Out	\$ 10,569.00
TOTAL Income received during 2017 for use in 2018	\$ 17,023.92

Note: The United Church Women's budget is set according to income received during the previous year. Included in this sum is \$20774.96 from 2017 church projects that will be carried over to 2018 Church Projects and \$1902.92 carryover from 2017 yearly budget which is added to the 2017 income for 2018 budget.

Expenses during 2017

	Budget 2017	Actual Expenditures	Balance as of Dec. 31, 2017
Outreach			
M&S of United Church of Canada	2,300.00	2,300.00	
United Church Charities	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Local, National & International Charities	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Total Outreach	7,200.00	7,200.00	
UCW General Expense			
Office	400.00	245.30	154.70
Audit	300.00	300.00	-
Annual & General Meetings	400.00	141.46	258.54
Gifts	400.00	426.29	- 26.29
Toronto West Presbyterial UCW Expense	500.00	480.00	20.00
Miscellaneous UCW Expense	200.00	-	200.00
Total UCW General Expense	2,200.00	1,593.05	606.95
Congregational Expense			
Sunday Coffee & Special Occasions	1,400.00	891.51	508.49
Kitchen & Hearth Room	700.00	112.52	587.48
Miscellaneous Congregational Expense	200.00	-	200.00
Total Congregational Expense	2,300.00	1,004.03	1,295.97
Total Yearly Expenses	11,700.00	9,797.08	1,902.92
Church Projects	23,901.67	3,126.71	20,774.96
Balance Remaining as of Dec 31, 2017			\$22,677.88

SUPPORT GROUPS



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& CHOIRS**



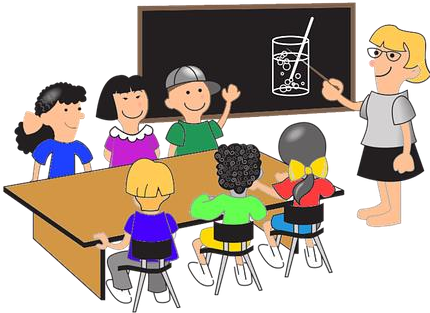
CLUBS



FITNESS GROUPS



SCHOOLS



SPARKS



BROWNIES & GIRL GUIDES



SUMMER CAMPS



ASSOCIATIONS



Our Renters

Deborah Turnbull

HVUC has become a community hub with about twenty-five main renters including three summer camps. **More than 1,000 children participate in those camps.** As part of our mission to “welcome all in a spirit of community,” our renters are our partners in our mission and each renter is challenged to also give back or support the church in some way.

A good example is the Etobicoke Camera Club - renters for more than 25 years. Their members take photos at church events, which are shared during services and in our newsletters. They had a competition in 2017, where photographs taken of the church were judged (one of which is on the cover of this report and on page 46, courtesy John Stevenson).

Our renters also attend many of our concerts and church events, with a highlight being the Fall BBQ each year, where renters are encouraged to tell the congregation about their organizations and contributions to our community.

Kingsway AA
Etobicoke Camera Club
MS Society
Duplicate Bridge
Etobicoke Philharmonic Orchestra
Filipok Educational Centre
Film Crews
Hillside Montessori
Metro Mother's Network – 2 groups
Mindwerx4kids
Ontario Pops Orchestra
Lorienne Swales Vocal Studio
Sheila Bacopulos Yoga Class
Mad Science Summer Camp
Humber Glen Trefoil Guild
Humber Valley Residents' Association
Junior League
Queensmen
Meditation in Motion

Wojciech Okulicz Concert
Canadian Croatian Choral Society
Private Parties
Etobicoke Centennial Choir
Leslie Reid Piano Recital
Firm Believers
Michelle's Tai Chi Class
Winky's Tai Chi Class
Wedding Receptions
Probus Bridge Club
City of Toronto – Planning Dept.
True Light Korean Church
Eileen Mills Yoga Class
Pedalheads Summer Camp
Harmony Singers
Iva Gerlich Piano Recital
Ukrainian Youth Ensemble
United Church of Canada Wedding
Sally Cancilla Yoga

The following are the groups that use our facility:

Sparks – donation
Guides – donation
Multiple Sclerosis Yoga Class

Brownies - donation
After Dinner Mints
Sparrow Lake Camp Board

PROPERTY TEAM

Property Committee:

Bill Cahoon, Jim Koziak, Ted Loewen, Zoran Mrkovic, Murray Smith, co-chair, Peter White- co-chair.



The HVUC building is now 67 years old, and your Property Committee is always trying to maintain, repair and/or modernize our structure and facilities. Wear and tear is constant as we host our own many services and activities along with over 40 community groups, choirs, 3 schools, concerts and rentals to movie companies. As always, our sextons are constantly cleaning and maintaining, and we encourage you to stop and express your appreciation at any time.

Zoran Mrkovic - Property Manager, supported by Dragan Mrkovic and Serdjo Cicak

MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN 2017:

- Roof Repair - re-shingled another one third of our roof before 2 small leaks caused any damage.
- Main Entrance and Steed Hall Exterior Doors - resurfaced and re-painted doors to keep them in good shape until possible replacement.
- Parking Lot - Our church is located on an underground stream. We extended paving up to the church walls on Wimbledon and eastern side to keep overflow roof water from falling against our foundation. The \$15,000 cost was covered by HVUC Foundation. - parking lot lines were re-painted.
- Eavestroughs and Downspouts - these were enlarged and re-positioned to keep roof rainwater away from our foundation.
- Parking Signs - Jim Koziak designed and installed 12 new parking signs (\$2,300) which were paid for by our Deb Turnbull. Teamwork!
- Sanctuary Lighting - installed a LED lighting system at front of Sanctuary to improve clarity and resolution of our recorded DVDs.
- Freezer - Sharon Dowdell donated a functioning floor model freezer that was "muscled" over to HVUC by 7 sturdy property guys.
- Plumbing - Peter White oversaw replacement and re-positioning of the 4 main water gate valves in furnace room.
- Clean-up of Electrical Room and Friendship Hall - Zoran and several property guys cleaned out all obsolete/broken/useless furniture, equipment, paints, solvents, etc. Two full-size truck bins were required. Again, Deb Turnbull paid for removal. Teamwork!



MAJOR PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2018 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Parking Lot - complete paving the sections that had to be left "to settle over the winter" due to excessive ground water last autumn.

Main Entrance and Steed Hall Doors - we plan to re-size, re-finish and install 8 exterior doors received from St. Giles Presbyterian Church.

Sanctuary Windows Behind Choir - We plan to install clear glass panels inside the existing single-pane coloured glass windows to reduce heat loss.

Gallery - to improve safety, we will install a guard rail at foot of gallery, as well as floor lighting.

Main Floor Washrooms - develop plans for major improvements and greater capacity.

In summary, we believe Humber Valley United Church is in good physical condition and we can safely help our church and local community maintain and enrich their lives through programmes, counselling, education and involvement. After all, we are (or try to be) the "Welcoming" Church.



Stewardship Update

Gary Halpenny

Chair, Stewardship & Finance Committee

The financial statements for the 2017 fiscal year, along with the proposed budget for 2018 are presented in the following pages.

At last year's annual meeting, the congregation was asked to approve a budget that projected an operating deficit of more than \$36,000. As the year progressed, the prognosis was that the actual deficit was going to exceed the budget by a significant margin. Thankfully, we experienced an exceptional level of giving in the final weeks of the year. Accordingly, the operating deficit was well below budget at \$24.4K.

Total operating revenue was \$579.2K. Receipts for Outreach, Capital and Holding Fund transfers added a further \$87.4K, bringing total funds received for the year to \$666.6K. On the income side, PAR revenue declined by \$10K compared to 2016. However, this was more than offset by increases in envelope and stock donations by members and rental income from our tenants. They are highly valued partners in our operation.

Our major expense is salary and benefits. Payroll expenses went up last year, primarily reflecting adjustments to the job descriptions of selected staff to better reflect the amount of time they actually put in.

We continue to receive capital fund contributions, and these are used for a variety of purposes. The Outreach and Action committee withdrew \$15K of capital to supplement their highly successful program. Capital funds were used also to make up the operating deficit.

The coming year will be a financially challenging one. Our best estimate is that we will generate an operating deficit of about \$50K. A key factor is that we are required to continue to pay Rev. Winger's salary for the first 6 months of 2018 in addition to the salary of our current minister. The leadership team is planning several fundraisers throughout the year to help to offset the revenue shortfall and we are optimistic that this will help.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Humber Valley United Church. Good stewardship is more than just monetary in nature. We also are thankful that so many of you give freely of your time and talents throughout the year. These gifts go a long way toward making Humber Valley United a very special place.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Prepared by Joanne Moilliet
Treasurer

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017

ASSETS	
Cash - Capital Savings Account	11,583
- Current and payroll accounts	41,604
Capital Funds invested with Trustees	214,020
Receipts not deposited	17,043
Accounts Receivable - Trustees	5,480
- HST Receivable	6,198
Solar Equipment	29,329
TOTAL ASSETS	325,257
LIABILITIES	
UCC Solar Loan	29,583
Accounts Payable	1,529
Holding Fund Balances	294,145
TOTAL LIABILITIES	325,257
EQUITY	
Previous Year End Equity	72,691
2017 Adjustments to prior year's equity	-57,761
Current Year Income	-14,930
TOTAL EQUITY	0

Note: 1. See separate Holding Fund and Capital Campaign report for details of current year receipts and expenditures

Sources and Uses of Funds as of December 31, 2017

Note 1: For completeness of reporting, givings received for Capital, Outreach projects and other special initiatives are recorded as a source of funds received and as transfers to Holding Funds (HF's) where related expenditures are administered.

Sources of Funds	2016 Actuals	2017 Actuals	2018 Budget
PAR Givings	193,145	183,095	170,700
Envelopes	119,916	134,780	135,000
Stock Donations	16,614	25,561	20,000
Fund-Raising/Loose/Concerts	10,576	5,133	6,000
Special Givings/Canada Helps Givings	16,067	2,950	3,000
Use of Church	161,525	183,045	175,000
Trustees	19,841	18,794	19,000
HST Rebate	5,944	9,593	6,000
Solar Revenue	6,307	7,710	7,000
Investment income		8,536	
Subtotal – Operating Revenues	549,935	579,197	541,700
Special Donation	75,843		
Transfers in from HF's for Church Operations	33,802	9,502	5,000
Receipt for Outreach and Capital	49,892	49,811	
Receipts for HF's – no tax receipt		28,113	
Total Sources of Funds	709,472	666,623	546,700
Expenditures			
Payroll	361,466	402,137	409,000
Overtime funded by Renters	15,002	18,723	15,000
Overtime not funded by Renters	24	1,265	1,500
Overtime funded by Church groups	939	6,378	5,000
Guest Ministers	2,250	1,000	2,000
Utilities	29,965	27,250	32,000
Property	35,862	35,893	26,000
Mission and Service	11,090	6,212	6,000
Presbytery Assessment	16,930	16,830	15,900
Office	23,921	28,451	25,000
Music (includes cost of soloists)	28,947	32,172	30,000
Christian Development	4,939	1,938	2,200
Worship	6,193	3,575	4,000
Congregational Development	4,556	2,126	3,000
Insurance and Bank Charges	9,375	10,842	11,000
Pastoral Care	342	602	1,000
Elders	0	119	200
Concert expenses	3,546		0
Board	0	2,242	500
Ministry & Personnel	1,739	874	1,200
Solar Equipment Depreciation	5,000	5,000	5,000
Subtotal Operating Expenses	562,086	603,629	595,500
Operating Surplus/Deficit	-12,151	-24,432	-48,800
Supply for Sabbatical	32,802		
Transfers to HF's for Outreach, Capital, etc.	49,892	77,924	
Total Operating Expenditures and Transfers to HF's	644,780	681,553	
Total Sources of Funds less Expenses and Transfers to HF's	64,692	-14,930	

Holding Fund Details as of December 31, 2017

HOLDING FUND	As of Dec. 31/16	Receipts	Expenditures	As of Dec. 31/17
HF - Memorial Fund	35,192	270	14,820	20,642
HF – Long Term Maintenance	3,752	0	3,752	0
HF - Security Project	7,232	0	0	7,232
HF - Capital Campaign - see note 1	62,890	67,088	50,595	79,383
HF - Capital Funds with Trustees	116,288	13,353	0	129,641
HF – Soloist	3,680	5,000	4,109	4,571
HF - Music	9,876	0	0	9,876
HF – Flood Insurance Receipts and Repairs	-2,722	3,800	0	1,078
HF - New Lighting	1,226	75	937	364
HF – Sanctuary Windows	18,778	0	0	18,778
HF – Observer	0	450	450	0
HF – Steed Hall	1,000	0	0	1,000
HF – Watt & Foundation Memorial	0	12,660	11,813	847
HF – Foundation Parking Lot Repairs	0	23,712	8,081	15,631
HF – Easter Flowers	0	1,094	1,094	0
Outreach Donations				
HF – UCF Out of the Cold	753	0	101	652
HF - Water Well	2,415	6,600	8,795	220
HF - Benevolent Fund	2,361	2,238	2,250	2,349
HF - White Gift	10	735	725	20
HF - Youth without Shelter	1,890	2,180	2,309	1,761
HF - Leprosy	0	2,454	2,354	100
HF - Outreach - includes African Business Women	73	5,000	5,073	0
HF - Bruce Trail	0	3,739	3,739	0
HF - SCAW	0	1,442	1,442	0
HF – Dorothy Ley Hospice	0	1,995	1,995	0
Total Outreach Donations and Expenditures		26,383	28,783	
Total Holding Funds	264,694	153,885	124,434	294,145

Notes:

1. See separate Capital Campaign report for details of Capital receipts and expenditures

Capital Campaign Funds Summary

Total Funds received as of December 31, 2016			488,867
Funds Received in 2017			9,227
2017 Investment Income			13,353
Total Funds Available as of Dec. 31, 2017			511,447
Allocations		Funds Spent	Funds Available
Ministry and Stewardship (42% allocation)			214,808
	2013	75,159	
	2014	50,987	
	2015	524	
	2016	47,619	
	2017	-18,002	
Funds Remaining			58,521
Capital Improvements (33% allocation)			168,778
	2013	33,370	
	2014	28,835	
	2015	0	
	2016	19,367	
	2017	-4,916	
Funds Remaining			92,122
Outreach (25% allocation)			127,861
	2014	17,328	
	2015	15,000	
	2016	21,500	
	2017	15,652	
Funds Remaining			58,861
Total Spent/Total Funds Remaining (note: some remaining funds have been allocated for certain initiatives)		302,423	209,024

Trustees

The Board of Trustees of HVUC is responsible for the safe and secure administration of all church assets and property. This means that we ensure that all church facilities and buildings are adequately insured, are in good condition, are well maintained, and used for appropriate purposes. We also manage general and specific restricted funds belonging to the congregation.

As at December 31st, 2017, the trustees had \$969,003 under administration, with the money held in three funds.

General and Specific Fund

\$109,960 for loans and expenses judged to be relevant to enhancing the interests and well-being of HVUC.

Capital Fund

\$214,021 of the fund is held as part of the 2012 campaign “60 and Beyond”. This money is to be held while the executive Committee decides on its application. Funds raised to Dec 31, 2012 (\$235,000) were transferred to the Trustees to be invested and held for the church’s use. During 2013 and 2014 \$33,000 and \$100,000 of such funds were transferred back to the church. During 2016 additional money was transferred into this fund accounting for most of the increase of \$90,218.

Manse Capital Fund

\$645,023 is restricted so that the principle is held in trust, and all related investment income is used solely to augment/support HVUC ministerial housing allowances.

The Trustees maintain an Investment Committee to manage and oversee our investments, particularly the Manse Capital Fund. These activities allowed the Trustees to contribute \$18,792 in 2017 to the ministerial housing allowance.

Your Trustees are:

Kathleen Black (Treasurer)

Allan Orr

Ruth Johnson

Peter Morgan

Dennis Schettler

Murray Smith

Ted Loewen

HUMBER VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF FUNDS
UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(prepared without audit)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017
(with comparative figures as at December 31, 2016)

	2017	2016
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	TOTAL	TOTAL
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	372,209	384,149
Due from broker	8,514	816
Investments (Note 2)	596,235	558,479
	<hr/> 976,958	<hr/> 943,444
Accounts Payable	2,475	4,606
Accounts payable to Church	5,480	1,740
Accounts payable to Humber Valley Foundation	<hr/> -	<hr/> -
	7,955	6,345
Balance December 31	<hr/> 969,003	<hr/> 937,099
	<hr/> 976,958	<hr/> 943,444

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Ted Lowen, Chair

The M&P team strives “to provide a working environment where people can enjoy their work and realize the contribution they are making toward living out God’s mission in the world” as directed in the United Church manual. Accomplishing this goal includes being available for consultation and supporting our staff in various ways, advocating for fair compensation and benefits, providing training and development opportunities while also ensuring that the requirements of the congregation are met.

Enhanced job performance assessment forms were developed this year, and performance reviews were performed and documented for all the staff.

Applications were made under the Canada Summer Jobs program to fully fund the salaries of two proposed summer students to work on various tasks.

For 2018, plans are to encourage M&P members and staff to take advantage of training opportunities, focus on communication with staff and addressing issues to enhance achievement of goals in collaboration with other committees.

The M&P team was led by Peter White until his resignation in November 2017 due to health reasons. Wendy Oliver has also resigned due to health reasons, Deborah Turnbull resigned to chair the Leadership Council and Constance Crosby resigned to join the Strategic Planning Group and now the Transition Team. We thank all these team members who have made significant contributions to Humber Valley through their dedicated and faithful work.

Thank you to Charlotte Browning, Joan Schettler and Susanne Hynes, who are diligently working on achieving the team goals this year.

This congregation is blessed to have the services of a devoted staff who work hard throughout the year towards our mission.

**Worshipping God in
a Spirit of Joy**

**Caring for One Another
in a Spirit of Love**

**Welcoming All
in a Spirit of Community**

**Sharing the
Good News of Jesus Christ**



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We offer a warm, open-armed welcome to all who visit. We want to make you part of our family, share our time and space with you, and make you feel like you belong here.

THE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY CHURCH

The 2017-18 HVUC Annual Report was designed and prepared by Carla Sandrin.
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