



*St. Davids-Queenston United Church
Annual Report
2015*

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 22, 2015

Immediately following the worship service at 11:40 a.m.

Fifty-nine people in attendance.

Rev. James opened the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION: To extend voting privileges to all in attendance.
Moved by Pat McDougall and seconded by Florence Turner.
All in favour.

MOTION: To receive all reports as presented except Budget and Nominating.
Moved by Marianne McRae and seconded by Bonnie Boyda.
All in favour.

FINANCE

Presented by Al Des Roche

- Finished 2014 with a budget surplus of \$1,356.77 comprising of (\$2,687.64) operating and \$4,044.41 capital
- There was a 10% decrease in envelope offerings in 2014.

BUDGET FOR 2015

Proposed by Al Des Roche

- New for 2015 is a Proposed Operating Income Budget which outlines where program funding will come from.
- The proposed Operating Income budget is \$153,305.44 which includes identifiable givings of \$133,527.86. This is an increase of 9% over the actual givings income for 2014.
- The proposed Operating Expense budget is \$151,704.10
- The budget increase for 2015 is 3.6%

MOTION: To approve the Proposed Operating Expense Budget for 2015 of \$151,704.10 and the Proposed Operating Income Budget for 2015 of \$153,305.44.
Moved by Al Des Roche and seconded by Pat MacDougall.
All in favour.

- The Finance Committee will update the congregation on the Income Budget progress throughout the year.
- Thank-you to the UCW for continuing to fund the church's insurance.
- Capital Projects may be funded at a future date by priority.

MISSION AND SERVICE

Presented by Joan Dunn

- Exceeded 2014 commitment of \$15,000.00 by \$2,906.00
- Recommend to keep the contribution of \$15,000.00 to the United Church Mission and Service Fund for 2015

MOTION: To commit to a goal of \$15,000 for our 2015 contribution to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund.

Moved by Don Slingerland and seconded by Rena Edgley.

All in favour.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We have some new nominees and many extending their terms. Thanks to all who have accepted. Martha Fleming is joining Session; Harvey Hall is joining the Property Committee; Robert Sorley is joining Ministry and Personnel; Penny Fleming is joining Christian Education and Marianne McRae is joining Friendly Visitors. Jerry Bergsma is being nominated to the Trustees and will be taking over the Cemetery Duties. Dianne Bergsma is being nominated to represent our church on Presbytery's Extension Council. Joan Dunn is being nominated to represent our church at the Cave Springs Camp Corporation. Sue Cote, Susan Dobson and Sandi Salewytch were left off the list of Friendly Visitors, and Bonnie Boyda was left off the Activities Committee in the Annual Report and should be included. Esther Binning should be off the Flower Committee list and Betty McIlroy should be off the Activities Committee in the Annual Report.

MOTION: To accept all positions nominated.

Moved by Anne Dorland and seconded by Val Zuk.

All in favour.

Many thanks for the past service of Neil Salewytch on the Property Committee, Jeffrey Dill on Mission and Service, Alice Page on the Activities Committee and for her years of service as President of the UCW, and Christine Lancaster for her years of service as the Chair of Friendly Visitors. Sue Cote is taking on the role of Chair of Friendly Visitors and Brook Bruce has accepted the position of UCW President for 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Roy Harwood asked about the vestibule roof which is in need of repair/replacement. This has been on the radar for the past two years. A roofing company came in and packed the flashing, but a more permanent solution is needed. We will be getting quotes to fix it. Roy Harwood has offered a contribution of \$1000 towards the roof and the UCW will also financially support fixing the roof.

Thank you to Rev. James for his spiritual leadership and ministry. Every week, he reminds us of God's love for us all.

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Marianne McRae would like to thank Steve Hardaker for his continued commitment and service to the church as Chair to the Congregational Meeting and Official Board as well as the many other things he does for the church.

Everyone is vital to the church, be it on a committee or supporting the events run by the church groups. We thank Lisa and the choir for their musical talents, Darlene for running the church office and putting together the Annual Report and Financial Statements, Stephanie for keeping the Sunday school students involved and interested, and Margaret for keeping the church shipshape.

MOTION: To close the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Moved by Martha Fleming and Seconded by Pat MacDougall.

Rev. James gave the blessing for lunch.

Prepared by Christine Earley

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MINISTER'S THOUGHTS

Dear Friends:

Another year has passed, in our lives as individuals, and in our life as a congregation.

It has been a fairly ordinary year. There have been births and deaths and weddings and funerals in our church family. People have gotten sick and have recovered, people have gotten sick and not recovered. All of those things would have occurred without the church being here, but by our participation in the congregation we receive support and comfort during difficult times and people to celebrate with when things are good.

There have been opportunities for expanding our learning and understanding through Bob Johnston's faith and culture classes, and through the study groups on early Christianity and on Islam.

Children have been taught of God's love through our Sunday school program and the special events that Stephanie Morley has organized. We have had a number of new families join the congregation, of special note are the many families that have transferred here upon the closing of Carleton United Church in St. Catharines. To all who have joined us – welcome!

This congregation is a special place with very special people and I am so glad that each one of you are a part of it. So many people do so many things in our congregation to move us forward. "Thankyou" to all of you for your participation and dedication. Let us move into 2016 with confidence and faith, knowing, as we say in the United Church creed, that we are not alone - God is with us.

Blessings,

Paul

CONGREGATIONAL AND OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS

Hello friends. Wow, another year of worshipping together, sharing fellowship together and working together to sustain our wonderful church. It seems like the years keep going by faster and faster. But the one thing that stays the same is our faith in God's love for each and every one of us, no matter what.

As you read through the 2015 Annual Report, you will see that as a church family, we have had another satisfying year. The new flooring in the CE Hall and Kitchen has spruced up the interior. The landscaping project at the front of our church is coming along and will result in beautifying our wonderful church property. You will also see just how generous a group we are! We have worked hard together raising funds for church projects like the Chancel window solar screening, or contributing to the United Church's Mission and Service Fund. Together, we also supported a number of local organizations that help those less fortunate in our community. And we opened our church to a number of groups. After the horrors of the Syrian Refugee crisis emerged in the fall, together, we pledged to assist St. Andrews United Church as they worked to sponsor a family fleeing Syria. In just one month, we raised over \$12,000.00!

Your generous support of St. Davids-Queenston United Church through your envelope givings, your support for fund raising events, for special services and personal donations is graciously accepted and appreciated. That said, we are experiencing budgetary pressures as costs are increasing. For the first time in four years, we have ended the year with a deficit. An especially cold winter last year contributed to increasing our utility costs by 20% over 2014. Another pressure on our budget is coming from our efforts to bring staff compensation in line with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines as well as the new compensation model from the United Church of Canada.

For 2016, you will see that the proposed budget is higher than the 2015 budget. We will have to remain vigilant as together we sustain our church financially. You may wish to consider switching your weekly envelope givings to Pre-Authorized Remittance ((PAR). PAR is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account, similar to how you pay many of your monthly bills. It means regular contributions throughout the year that make it easier for you to give to St. Davids-Queenston United Church. Since I switched to PAR, my annual givings increased and I didn't even notice it!

Please enjoy reading the 2015 Annual Report. Have faith! Share your fellowship! I look forward to seeing you in church! God bless you all!

Steve Hardaker

MARRIAGES

Lawrence Thompson & Stephanie Busteed	July 25th
Vincent Amato & Nikole Vahrmeyer	August 8th
Donald McIlroy & Katie-Ann Michelle Bonk	October 3rd

BAPTISMS

Adrianna Alice Philbrick	June 14th
Emma Elizabeth Derouet	October 18th

MEMORIALS

David Archie Beatty (Dave)	February 12th
Joyce Marie Kirk	April 23rd
Elizabeth Ann McIlroy (Betty)	May 14th
Grace Anita Vlachos	September 12th
Clifford John Roxburgh Brown	October 23rd

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

NAME	TRANSFERRED FROM
Susan Cote	Lundy's Lane United, Niagara Falls, ON
Sharree Eidt	Lundy's Lane United, Niagara Falls, ON
Angus Fraser	Metropolitan United, London, ON
Nancy Lang	Lundy's Lane United, Niagara Falls, ON
Betty Ludwig	Carleton United, St. Catharines, ON
Ken Ludwig	Carleton United, St. Catharines, ON
James Vahrmeyer	Carleton United, St. Catharines, ON
Marie Vahrmeyer	Carleton United, St. Catharines, ON
Nikole Vahrmeyer	Carleton United, St. Catharines, ON

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky

SESSION

Elders: Anne Dorland (Clerk), Sandra Macdonald (Secretary), Pat MacDougall (Treasurer of the Memorial and Benevolent Funds), Marilyn Beatty, Martha Fleming, Norma Jane Harber, Karen Horbach, Doug McArthur, Marianne McRae, Wayne Philbrick, Florence Turner, Val Zuk.

Last year Communion was served 6 times, 2 baptisms were held and three times generous donations were made to Project Share.

Giving those interested in gaining further insight into their Christian faith Rev. James led Bible studies and Bob Johnston held adult education sessions.

The 8:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise service was led by Bob Johnston followed by breakfast organized by the Boyda family.

On June 14 we were very pleased to welcome several new members to our church family.

Remembrance Day wreathes were laid in the sanctuary by Bob Pope and at the Queenston Cenotaph by Bob Johnston.

No Sunday service is complete without praising God through music. Many thanks again to Lisa Brillon not only for playing hymns, preludes, postludes, etc. but also for her competence and patience in choosing and rehearsing with the choir anthems, cantatas and other selections to complement the worship service.

We appreciate Rena Edgley and Nancy Lang's leadership with the Sunday school as they sang on Dec. 13.

Thanks once more to Stephanie Morley for her faithful leadership in the Sunday school.

To those who took time and talents to beautify the sanctuary during the holiday seasons we are truly grateful for the wonderful ambiance you created.

The session is pleased to continue to support Christine Earley as a candidate for Ministry through the Inquirer and Discernment process.

We also participated again this year in Niagara-Online-Worship (NOW).

Our condolences to families whose loved ones passed away during the year.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dorland, Clerk of Session.

SENIOR CHOIR

We've had another great year of singing together and the choir loft at times is filled to capacity!

We practiced and sang a varied mix of anthems, solos, duets and trios during services. Recently, we had our Candlelight Service where we presented 'I Sing the Birth' - a mix of Christmas anthems and carols to a large audience. Proceeds from the offering went to the Benevolent Fund.

Because of our increased size, our Christmas potluck party was held this year in the church hall with delicious food, games and a gift exchange.

Last April, during the Easter Sunday service, we sang a full cantata and look forward to singing another this Easter.

We are happy to have a new member - Bob Johnston - in the tenor section. Of course we can always make more room for more choir members. If you are interested in joining us, please come out on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. for choir practice.

I would like to thank all the choir members for their unending hard work and dedication to the choir. It all adds up to a successful choral sound.

Lisa Brillon

Music Director

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance Forward January 1, 2015..... **\$1,512.57**

RECEIPTS

Candlelight Service Givings..... \$752.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Candlelight donations to operating account to help offset photocopying costs 500.00

John Bedell's "Habitat for Humanity" trip to the Philippines..... 200.00

Niagara Falls Community Outreach-Out of the Cold 298.55

Total Disbursements **\$998.55**

Balance December 31, 2015 **\$1,266.37**

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer



MEMORIAL FUND

Balance Forward January 1, 2015..... **\$6,327.54**

RECEIPTS

Memorial Donations..... \$3,612.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Vestibule Roof Fund 2,000.00

Trustee "Cemetery" fund..... 2,367.35

Purchase of Bible for congregation member (Bob Pope) moving out of the area..... 29.39

Total Disbursements **\$4,396.74**

Balance December 31, 2015 **\$5,543.40**

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

The UCW meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June at 1:30 p.m. for tea and fellowship followed by a meeting at 2 p.m.

Our President of many years, Alice Page, retired in February. We were sorry to see her go but after years of tireless dedication we understand. We appreciate and thank her for her leadership during her time as president. Thank you to Brooke Bruce who assumed the president's position in March.

From September to April excluding December a dedicated Group of 1—12 ladies get together the last Friday of each month to make Hundreds of Meat Pies and in July for 3days we make pies for the churches pie booth at the Lions Club annual carnival.

In November our other Fundraiser, "The Bazaar" was a success. Thank you to all who helped to make all the tables great hits with everyone.

The above mentioned fundraisers made it possible for the UCW to contribute \$5000.00 to pay the insurance for the church, replace the kitchen floor, purchase mats for the kitchen and to pay for the first phase of the landscaping around the church. Donations were also made to John Bedell for his trip to the Philippines and to Women's Place in Niagara Falls.

We served lunch following the congregational meeting and Good Friday service. Cakes were provided for Rev. James' birthday, anniversary Sunday and welcoming of new members. On June 20th we held a BBQ to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

World Day of Prayer was held March 6th at St. Saviors Anglican Church in Queenston and the UCW presbyterial meeting was March 21st at Fonthill United Church.

Enjoyable lunches were held, one at the Red Rooster Restaurant in June and a pot-luck lunch in December in the CE hall. These are always enjoyable social times for all who attend.

Throughout the year we served lunch following several funerals. Our sympathy to all the families who lost loved ones this year.

We lost two of our charter members this year, Betty McIlroy in May and Marian Niven in June. We are thankful for their work over the years and we will miss them always.

We would like to say THANK YOU to each and every member of the congregation who are always there to help whenever they are needed. Without your support and help we would not be able to accomplish all that we do.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Turner,
Secretary

**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)
(Financial)**

BALANCE FORWARD **\$16,282.98**

RECEIPTS

Meat Pies \$3,182.00
Bazaar 3,009.00
Sale of Asparagus 75.00
Funerals 1,730.00
TOTAL **\$7,996.00**

DISBURSEMENTS

Meat Pies \$974.40
Women's Place 700.00
John Bedell 300.00
Insurance 5,000.00
Presbytery dues 50.00
New Kitchen flooring 2,791.00
Kitchen mats 119.70
90th year anniversary United Church of Canada picnic 179.30
First phase landscaping 2,390.50
Miscellaneous supplies 10.00
TOTAL **\$12,514.90**

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015 **\$11,764.08**

Submitted by Verda Smith (Treasurer)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2015 was a busy year for the trustees.

The newer section of the cemetery had a professional survey completed on rows I to R. Thanks to Jerry Bergsma for his hard work and patience in seeing this project through to completion.

Due to changes to the rules of the Canada Revenue Agency, as well as the increasing maintenance costs, the price of a full plot in the cemetery was raised to \$1000. (Cremation plot to \$400). That amount is now charged to all persons, both members of congregation and the general public.

The Trustees continue to struggle with raising costs and have been in talks with the Town of Niagara on the Lake in an effort to get more monetary support to help defray costs in the older "historic" section of the cemetery. We are hopeful that the municipality will increase funding to the Trustees for the historic section of the cemetery.

Respectfully submitted by

Rev. Paul James

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Financial Report)

CREDITS

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 1, 2015.....	\$2,699.73
Public Trustee Interest.....	1,726.91
Sale of Lots.....	12,800.50
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Grant	700.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$17,927.14</u>

DEBITS

Maintenance and Upkeep	\$5,800.00
Public Trustee	6,887.50
Tree Removal.....	791.00
Cemetery Survey.....	<u>1,935.13</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$15,413.63</u>

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015..... \$2,513.51

Interments in 2015: 3 burial, 8 cremation interments

Plots Sold: 12 (singles) 6 (doubles)

Submitted by Howard Lowrey

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Members of the 2015 Christian Education Committee: Christine Earley, Dianne Bergsma, Bonnie Boyda, Rena Edgley, Penny Fleming, Nancy Lang, Violet McArthur, Stephanie Morley, Lisa Tiller.

The Christian Education Committee ran a **Trivia Night and Silent Auction** on February 28th. We had 8 full tables of participants for a total of 48 people. It was a very successful evening with lots of fun and fellowship. After many requests, it was decided that we would hold it again in 2016. This event raised \$1,119.56.

Vacation Bible School was once again held August 17th to the 21st. Approximately 18 children attended with numbers varying daily. Nancy Lang, Violet McArthur and Sue Cote volunteered during the week. Cass was the VBS leader and was phenomenal. A big thank-you to everyone who provided food for the snacks. Nancy Lang filled out an evaluation form for Presbytery with suggestion ideas.

Christine introduced a new fall project called **Project reCard**. We got donations of leftover, new Christmas cards with envelopes from boxed cards and re-packaged them in variety packs of 10 in ziploc bags and sold them for \$10 per pack. It was decided that proceeds from this fundraiser would go to the Red Roof Retreat for children. Proceeds of \$90 from the Bazaar weekend went to Red Roof Retreat. We also set up a table on Sunday, Nov 15th and sold the Christmas card packs at the Soup Luncheon, with the proceeds of \$60 going to John Bedell's Nepal Habitat for Humanity trip. In total, this event raised \$150 for two important causes.

The Used Stamp Program by the *Canadian Bible Society* is an ongoing project for the Committee. This is where we collect used postage stamps and send them to the Canadian Bible Society. They sell those stamps to collectors to purchase bibles for prisons. This is a much needed program.

The church website had inaccurate descriptions of the Christian Education Committee and Sunday School that needed to be updated. This was done with help from Steve Hardaker.

Sunday school had a very busy year, starting with a Laser tag outing in January. Twenty-one people attended. In addition to the Laser Tag, they enjoyed pizza & drinks.

In February, there was a Valentines Party, which 18 people attended. They decorated cookies, had a dance party and played Minute to Win It.

There was an Easter party on Saturday Mar 28th with 16 kids attending. They had "make your own pizza"; an Easter egg hunt; made Volcano eggs; and Penny made cookies for decorating. The kids had a great time. Stephanie coordinated this event, with Bonnie, Nancy & Christine donating supplies and helping. Carol James also donated supplies for the Volcano Eggs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE *cont'd...*

The first fundraising event for the Sunday School was the Sunrise Breakfast on April 5th. Bonnie ran the sunrise breakfast on Easter Sunday morning. There was a small crowd but it still brought in \$101 for the Sunday school. Thanks again to the Boydas.

Stephanie once again hosted an Ice Cream Sundae Sunday party on the last day of Sunday School for the children to kick off summer break.

They went to the new Zap Zone location on July 26th for laser tag & pizza. A total of 21 people went. The new location is very spacious and everyone had a wonderful time

There were donated tickets for Marineland which were given out to the student's families so they could go when they had time during the summer. Donated tickets for the Skywheel were also distributed.

Stephanie is continuing to use the online curriculum at sermonsforkids.com and is finding it very helpful. Nancy organized a rotation of helpers for the Sunday school, when needed, consisting of Bonnie Boyda, Nancy Lang and Lisa Tiller.

A thorough cleanout of the classroom was done in the summer, with a new lock placed on the classroom door. Much appreciation to the Property Committee for getting the new lock installed so quickly. Steve also contacted groups using the classroom to set guidelines on its usage.

The Sunday school donated \$100 to the Humane Society and dropped off all the donated items from the church.

The Halloween party on October 24th was well attended with 18 children. It was a wonderful evening with a haunted house built on the stage, costume contest, make your own pizza, minute to win it, trick or treating, and dancing led by a professional dance instructor. Stephanie did a great job with all her scary minions helping.

A change occurred this year with the second Sunday school fundraiser held on November 15th. The Annual Soup Luncheon had a variety of soups to choose from. All the soups were donated by Diane Bergsma, Val Zuk, Bonnie Boyda, Christine Earley, and Joan Dunn. Nancy Lang brought the celery and carrots, and made a poster listing the soups. Bonnie brought the bread and butter and Stephanie the ice cream, chocolate and caramel sauces, and sprinkles for dessert. It was hugely successful and raised \$477.50.

In response to the Refugee crisis, the students decided to donate \$200.

Rena Edgley and Nancy Lang led a small, but energetic, group of children in singing on December 13th.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE *cont'd...*

We owe a big thanks to Rev. Paul James for his continued spiritual guidance to this committee and the church. We would also like to thank Darlene Romanowsky for all that she does for us. We are so fortunate to have Stephanie Morley running the Sunday school. Her continued dedication to the students is commendable.

We are sad that some members of the committee are leaving this year. We would like to thank Rena, Violet and Lisa for their contributions. On a happier note, we have two new members joining our enthusiastic group: Carol James and Nikole Amato.

I would like to thank all the members of this committee for their hard work and dedication.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Earley.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Proposed budget for 2016

Income

Trivia Night/Silent Auction:	\$1,300.00
Sunrise Breakfast:	150.00
Soup Luncheon:	300.00
Project reCard:	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,950.00

Expenses

Trivia Night/Silent Auction:	\$200.00
Sunday school:	
Easter & Halloween Parties	400.00
Supplies & Expenses	200.00
Donations:	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,100.00

Respectfully submitted by Christine Earley.

PROPERTY

We have replaced the vestibule roof thanks to the many donations from the congregation. As well, a generous donation allowed us to have the CE hall floor replaced. The kind contribution from our ever supportive UCW enabled us to start work on the landscaping at the front of the church. Rev. James' office was painted and carpeted. A load of stone was spread on the rear parking lot. In 2016 we intend to replace the flooring in the rear entrance and in the washrooms. The other capital projects for consideration, as listed with the capital projects proposed budget, would take major fundraising or donations before we would be able to proceed with these projects.

PROPERTY

Proposed Budget for 2016 Operating & Maintenance

General maintenance & expenses	4,500
Preventative Maintenance/inspection/license for both lifts	1,400
Grass cutting/snow removal/planting gardens	<u>2,600</u>
TOTAL	\$8,500.
Janitor	<u>\$4,020</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY OPERATING BUDGET:	<u>\$12,520</u>

The annual requirements of painting areas of the church, replacement of bottom step in rear entrance leading up to chapel, replacing flooring in rear entrance and both washrooms. Yearly maintenance on furnace, boiler, A/C, emergency lighting, and fire extinguisher recharging, floor and carpet cleaning, etc. and any other maintenance requirements that occur. The gardens will be planted in the spring completing the landscaping project being financed by the UCW.

PROPERTY

Capital Projects for Consideration

These are projects that are for consideration and would need funding and Board approval to proceed.

Snow Blower and Storage Shed	\$3500
Rear parking lot expansion and stone surface	10,000
Paving complete parking lot	80,000-100,000
Sanctuary piano replacement	3,000
Auto Door opener to Christian Education hall for accessibility	2,700
Replacing Gas Range in Kitchen	20,000-35,000
Addition of Fire Suppression System	3,000
Renovation of Kitchen	5,000-10,000

All property reports submitted by
Bill Utting,
Property chair

MISSION & OUTREACH

Committee Members: Jill Dill, Jennifer Dill, Jeffrey Dill, Rena Edgley, Joan Dunn.

The congregation has most generously supported all initiatives proposed by the committee. The ongoing donations on "Toonie Sunday" and support of other appeals make outreach possible to our community and beyond.

In January donations were made to two local organizations, -Bethlehem Place, St. Catharines and the Niagara Falls Community Kitchen.

Our Special Project for 2015 involved Habitat for humanity. John Bedell requested support for a trip to the Philippines to rebuild homes in a village destroyed by a hurricane. By March 1st a donation of \$1,165.00 to defray travel costs, and seven cartons of school supplies were delivered to John to take with him.

A donation to Cave Springs Camp in the amount of \$300 for their new year-round building was presented to Cave Springs Staff who visited a morning service in April.

In October Samaritans Purse Shoe Boxes were distributed. By November 18, twenty-nine boxes were filled and delivered for shipping. A donation of \$90 also helped cover shipping costs.

Projects supported:

Gifts with Vision-

- 1) Response to Hunger in First Nations Communities in Northern Manitoba.
- 2) Help building a school in Haiti.

Gifts with Hope-

- 1) Food for Thought.
- 2) Latrines for Girls.
- 3) Clean Water for Families.

The above local and international appeals received a total of \$1,106.70 in donations.

Since November our Toonie donations have also supported purchasing food supplies for a bag lunch project for the homeless in Niagara Falls.

Congratulations to the congregation of St. Davids-Queenston United Church!

Respectfully submitted by Joan Dunn
Secretary

MISSION & SERVICE

Envelope Offerings

Pastoral Charge contributions to the Mission & Service fund of the United Church of Canada for 2015 was **\$14,938.00**

Contributions were down by **\$2,968.00** from 2014

We missed our 2015 budgeted commitment of \$15,000.00 by **\$62.00.**

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky, Bookkeeper

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

It was definitely an honour to be asked to chair the Ministry & Personnel committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Johnston for his years of service as chairman and for his continued service as a committee member.

Some hard work and a lot of assistance from Steve Hardaker helped us to have all paid personnel with new contracts or new salaries established by mid-November much to the delight of Chairman of the Board!

Currently, this is the list of personnel and their representatives

Rev. Paul James – representative Bob Johnston

Darlene Romanowsky– representative Bonnie Boyda

Lisa Brillon– representative Anne Dorland

Stephanie Morley – representative Bob Sorley

Margaret Elia – representative Ginny Slingerland

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our personnel, please contact their representative to discuss same.

We will continue to meet in the New Year. At this time we would also like to thank Esther Binning for her service on the committee and good luck in any new ventures she pursues.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Cote.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Financial:

Balance as of January 1, 2015:	\$ 563.36
Cash Donations:	\$ 542.05
Expenses:	<u>\$- 625.41</u>
December 15, 2015 Balance:	\$ 480.00

Non Cash Donations: Karen & Peter Horbach for Fall Mum Plants, Christmas Plants
Sandra & Tim Andrews for Christmas Greenery

General Expense Categories:

Flower, plants & materials for:

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday

Mother's Day

Anniversary Sunday

Thanksgiving

Advent: new candles for windows

Sunday Services

Commentary;

Thank you to Ginny Slingerland for all her work and dedication to the flower committee over the past many, many years. Your assistance has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Jill Dill for the great visual presentation at Thanksgiving.

Thank you to Karen & Peter Horbach for the beautiful plants which made the Sanctuary festive during the Thanksgiving & Christmas seasons.

Thank you to Sandra & Tim Andrews for the fresh greenery which also ensured the Sanctuary looked festive during the Christmas season.

Thank you to Darlene Romanowsky for putting all the announcements in the bulletins and for printing the special "Christmas Memorial" insert.

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to the flower fund through generous donations to the Christmas Memorial fund, placing memorial flowers and cash donations throughout the year.

The flower committee would welcome new volunteers for 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Macdonald.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Our committee is pleased to be embarking on a New Year.

I would like to thank everyone who offered their time and talent assisting our committee. Your help in taking down furniture, printing tickets, advertisements, selling tickets, baking pies & goodies, helping in the kitchen and a great deal of work towards the yard sale.

THANK YOU!

We have planned many events for the New Year. We are focused on social activities for your enjoyment and to get to know one another better. We are always open to new ideas, suggestions and of course always ready to welcome new members.

Our members are as follows: Nancy Lang, Martha Fleming, Fred Van Nest, Bonnie & Clair Boyda and Doug McArthur.

Activities for 2016:

1. Fri. Jan. 15 - Beef-on-Bun
2. Sat. Feb. 06 – Pancake Breakfast
3. Feb. – Poetry reading by Bob Johnston (time & date TBA)
4. Fri. Feb. 19 - Beef-on-Bun
5. Fri. Mar. 18 - Beef-on-Bun
6. Fri. Apr. 15 - Beef-on-Bun
7. Sat. May 07 - Spring Yard Sale
8. Fri. May 20- To be announced

Submitted by Doug McArthur

SOCIAL / CRAFT GROUP

Our group is small and much more social than craft, but we have a good time visiting. In December we had lunch at the Fire Hall Restaurant and with their blessing stayed there and chatted. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p. m. in the parlour. Please come and join us, you will be most welcome.

Submitted by Violet McArthur

HAM DINNER

Well, at my first board meeting in September, the Board decided not to proceed with a turkey dinner but thought a ham dinner might be worth trying. There would only be one sitting with limited tickets. I left the meeting thinking “what a great idea”, not knowing that danger lurked in the shadows. On the following Sunday, Florence approached both Marianne McRae and myself with a tear in her eye and a sad story and before we knew what was happening, we were in charge!

Many sleepless nights later, when all tickets had been sold out, everyone enjoyed a great dinner on Saturday, November 21, 2015 with hopes of an annual ham dinner to come. When all was said and done, we raised over \$2,500.00 for the general fund. We wouldn't have been half as successful without the wonderful volunteers who helped sell tickets, set up, cook, serve and clean up!

Submitted by
Sue Cote

FRIENDLY VISITORS

The Friendly Visitors have met throughout the year with the last meeting being held the end of September. There are presently 10 volunteers visiting or phoning shut-ins or making hospital visits as necessary. There are 16 people who require such services.

Rev. James continues to be supportive of the work involved and for bringing new needs to our attention and for this we are very grateful.

At this time we would like to take the opportunity to thank Ginny and Donald Slingerland for the time and care they have given to members of the congregation in need of a visit. At this time they have stepped down from participating in the group.

As such we would welcome any member of the congregation who may be interested in joining this very rewarding and necessary volunteer endeavor.

Respectfully submitted: Susan Dobson

(All Finance Reports submitted by Darlene Romanowsky, Bookkeeper)

FINANCE

The Finance committee report includes tables showing our income and expenses for 2105, our proposed expense & income budget for 2016 and our cash position and guaranteed investment certificates at December 31, 2015.

There are three separate spreadsheets showing our income and expenses for 2015. These spreadsheets found on Pages 22-25 show the Operating, Christian Education/Sunday School and Capital income and expenses for 2015.

We continue to be blessed with a compassionate, giving church family that is always front and center when the need presents itself. Whether there was a call for help to support a fundraising project to keep our church and surroundings safe and comfortable or, as with the Syrian Refugee Crisis, a desperate call to assist with the sponsorship of a family settling in the Niagara Area, you faithfully opened your hearts and let your caring generosity flow out.

Our commendable Activities committee organized and worked diligently on fundraising activities throughout the year raising money for both the operating and capital income.

Our hardworking UCW continued to show their unwavering support by contributing \$5000.00 to pay the insurance premium for the church and to help with other operating costs. The Benevolent fund donated \$500.00 from the "Candlelight Service" to the operating income to help offset the costs incurred with the high volume of photocopying.

We are pleased that the Sunday school special outings and activities have been self-supported by their own fundraising efforts.

Our envelope offerings for 2015 totaled \$126,437.10 which was a 4% increase over 2014. Unfortunately this total was still **below** our budgeted offering envelope income by \$8,271.50.

Finance Highlights

Operating Income

The Operating Income totaled \$159,439.37 for 2015. Our major source of income comes from envelope offerings which totaled \$126,437.06. Fundraising supplemented our income by \$17,922.10, with \$6,273.10 designated for operating expenses and the remainder of \$11,649.00 donated to Syrian Refugee fund.

Internal donations (UCW/Benevolent fund), business donations and weddings & rentals contributed \$8,155.00 to our income.

The remaining source of income comes from HST Recovery, GIC interest and other miscellaneous items.

Operating Expenses

The Operating Expenses of \$167,434.31 resulted in a year end **deficit** of **-\$7,994.94**.

FINANCE *cont'd...*

Christian Education/Sunday School Project Income/Expense

A number of projects raised \$1,995.10 while \$1,915.47 was disbursed for donations and activities. The year ended with a **surplus** of **\$79.63**.

Capital Income

The Capital Income totaled \$36,640.10. The major source of income comes from fundraising activities including Personal Donations totaling \$32,434.81. The remaining source of income comes from internal donations (UCW), HST recovery and GIC interest.

Capital Expense

The Capital Expenses were \$37,987.56 resulting in a year end **deficit** of **-1,347.46**.

Proposed (Expense) Operating Budget for 2016

The proposed (Expense) Operating Budget was developed based on our expenditures in 2015 adjusting the budget to meet expected increases and some small decreases in 2016.

The proposed budget for 2016 is **\$162,246.88** which is an **increase** of **\$10,548.78** or approximately 7% from 2015.

Salary increases accounts for \$6,742.00 while other line items such as Advertising and utilities continue to increase each year. We have added a new line item for “unforeseen expenses” which is meant to have us prepared should an expense come up that we have not planned for.

The increase in the “PAR” expense is actually a good change since it represents an increase in congregation members who have made the choice to have their donations to the church made as a monthly preauthorized remittance.

You will notice that the line items referring to the “Minister’s Salary” have changed in their wording. Starting January 1, 2016 we have changed to the “New Compensation Model” for the minister’s salary. This simply means that in previous years the Base salary and the Housing allowance were paid as separate portions but as of January 1, 2016 the Base Salary and Housing, are included together as one portion of the minister’s salary. At the same time we have removed the study/ book allowance and Phone/internet expense from the regular salary and made them separate reimbursable items.

Proposed (Income) Operating budget for 2016

The proposed (Income) Operating Budget for 2016 is **\$162,246.88** which is an increase of \$8,941.40 or approximately 6% from 2015. This increase has been made in an attempt to have a balanced Income/Expense Budget. We have made the largest increase with the envelope offerings and operating fundraisers as this is the area that we have the most opportunity to show our support for reaching a balanced budget and thus ending 2016 deficit free.

FINANCE *cont'd...*

Financial Outlook

We have to be diligent and remain aware of our financial health throughout 2016 to make sure that we don't continue to show year end deficits. We ended 2014 with an operating **deficit** of **-\$2,687.64** which increased to a year end operating **deficit** of **-\$7,994.94** in 2015. Hopefully this will not become a trend, but instead we all work together to stop an escalating deficit before it gets a chance to present itself.



**Christian Education/Sunday School
Project Income and Activity Expenses
January 1-December 31, 2015**

PROJECT INCOME:

Easter Sunrise Breakfast	\$101.00	
Project ReCard		
For John Bedell's retreat to Nepal	60.00	
For RedRoof Retreat	90.00	
Soup Luncheon	477.50	
Trivia Night	1,108.25	
Advances for activities returned	158.35	
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,995.10

ACTIVITY EXPENSES:

Easter Party	\$90.48	
Halloween Party	200.00	
Laser Tag	998.75	
Sunday "Sundae"	43.49	
Valentines Party	132.75	
Donations:		
Syrian Refugees	200.00	
Humane Society	100.00	
John Bedell for Nepal Retreat	60.00	
Red Roof Retreat	90.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,915.47

Year End Surplus	\$79.63
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**(Operating) Income and Expense Report
January 1-December 31, 2015**

OPERATING INCOME:

Business Donation	\$1,070.00	
Donation from Benevolent Fund	500.00	
Envelope Givings	126,437.06	
Good Friday-Project Share	295.00	
HST Recovery		
Operating	1,990.13	
Interest		
Operating GIC's	310.00	
Mytribute gift to memorial fund	27.60	
Pension designation Bell Canada	240.00	
Projects		
Beef-on-a-bun games night	211.60	
Ham Dinner	2,542.00	
Pie Booth	3,267.00	
Pulled Pork/games night	252.50	
Syrian Refugee donations	11,649.00	
Trustees cemetery survey cheque	4,302.48	
UCW:		
asst.with insurance/operating	5,000.00	
Weddings & Rentals		
Donation in lieu of rental fee	1,095.00	
Regular rental fee	250.00	
<i>Total Operating Income</i>	159,439.37	\$159,439.37

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Advertising	\$2,736.76
Cemetary Tree Removal	1,247.28
Children & Youth Ministry:	
Sunday school instruction	3,321.75
Sunday school supplies	29.59
Vacation Bible School	250.00
Fall BBQ	184.30
Insurance	3,786.48
Internet Service	727.45
Minister's Employee Benefits	13,735.91
Minister's Salary	67,033.92
Minister's Travel Expense	2,745.37
Office:	
Administrative Assistant	6,695.00
CCLI (Music copyright license)	185.00
Cheque reorder 1998935	140.73
CIT financial (Photocopier lease)	776.43
"Donation" tech support annual	46.77
Equipment	524.99

**(Operating) Income and Expense Report
January 1-December 31, 2015 *cont'd...***

OPERATING EXPENSES: *cont'd...*

Lexmark lease	487.08
Niagara computers IT support	155.89
Photocopier monthly copies	443.03
Photocopier 15000 or 1yr	285.21
Photocopier excess meter reading	20.61
Seminar-registered charity	258.81
Supplies	1,376.59
Video,DVD lincense	104.77
Website cost	546.72
Year book	31.91
Mytribute gift to memorial fund	27.60
Organist retroactive pay Jan/Feb	120.00
Organist Salary	10,440.00
PAR Expense	187.25
Pie Booth Expenses	267.00
Presbytery dues	4,707.00
Prjject Share from Good Friday	295.00
Property :	
A/C unit for minister's office	157.05
Dwnpaymt carpet minister's office	320.00
Final payment carpet minister's offic	268.96
General expense, maint&repair	4,491.58
Grass cutting and snow removal	2,047.50
Janitor	3,749.20
License platform lift	105.00
License stairlift	100.00
Periodic inspection-elevators	371.59
Preventative maintenace elevators	795.00
Professional cleaning post new floor	987.43
Recoverable HST OPERATING	
Federal portion	691.26
Provincial portion	1,813.64
Service Charge (ADP)	244.72
Session:	
Anniversary speaker	150.00
Choir	108.44
funeral short payment organist	25.00
Supplies	978.08
Supply Minister	1,359.00
Supply Organist	1,325.00
Syrian Refugee donation	11,629.00
Telephone	787.74
Trustees-Cemetery survey	3,957.52

**(Operating) Income and Expense Report
January 1-December 31, 2015 cont'd...**

Utilities		
Electricity	2,538.75	
Gas	3,835.09	
Water	675.56	
Total Operating Expenses	<u> </u>	\$167,434.31

Year End Deficit	-\$7,994.94
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**(Capital) Income and Expense Report
January 1-December 31, 2015**

CAPITAL INCOME

HST Recovery	\$914.79	
Interest GIC's	900.00	
Projects		
Beef-on-a-bun, games night		
For chancel window screen	1,734.15	
For vestibule roof	420.25	
From memorial		
For vestibule roof	2,000.00	
Personal donations		
For CE hall and kitchen floor	17,647.21	
For chancel window screen	50.00	
For Driveway repair	100.00	
For vestibule roof	8,245.00	
Yard Sale		
For chancel window screen	786.85	
For vestibule roof	1,451.35	
From UCW		
For Front yard landscaping	2,390.50	
TOTAL	<u> </u>	\$36,640.10

CAPITAL EXPENSES

CE and kitchen floor	\$16,232.31	
Chancel window screen	2,318.88	
Extra choir gown plus shipping	192.35	
Final Payment church sign	3,322.95	
Landscaping front of church	2,198.84	
Vestibule roof	10,653.85	
Recoverable HST		
Federal portion	846.69	
Provincial portion	2,221.69	
TOTAL	<u> </u>	\$37,987.56

Year End Deficit	-\$1,347.46
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CAPITAL BANK BALANCE	
Opening Balance January 1, 2015	11,289.74
Plus YTD income	36,640.10
TOTAL	\$47,929.84
Minus YTD expenses	37,987.56
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$9,942.28

BANK RECONCILIATION DECEMBER 31, 2015	
Ledger Balance	
Operating	\$32,431.66
Capital	9,942.28
Christian Education/Sunday school	1,976.20
TOTAL	\$44,350.14
Balance as Per Bank Statement	
Operating	\$45,620.13
Capital	9,942.28
Christian Education/Sunday school	1,976.20
TOTAL	\$57,538.61
Less O/S cheques	\$13,188.47
BALANCE	\$44,350.14

Ledger Balance from 2014 (Balance Jan. 1, 2015)	\$53,612.91
Plus Income	
Operating	159,439.37
Capital	36,640.10
Christian Education/Sunday school	1,995.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$251,687.48
Less Expenses	
Operating	167,434.31
Capital	37,987.56
Christian Education/Sunday school	1,915.47
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$207,337.34
Ledger Balance 2015	(Balance Dec.31, 2015) \$44,350.14

Proposed Operating (Expense) Budget for 2016

	2015		Variance	2016	
	Budget	Actual Expenses		Proposed Budget	Change from 2015 to 2016
Advertising/Promotion (External)	\$2,000.00	\$2,736.76	-\$736.76	\$2,800.00	800.00
Adult Education	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
Insurance	3,800.00	3,786.48	13.52	3,800.00	0.00
Internet Service	1,170.00	727.45	442.55	800.00	-370.00
BBQ Fall Luncheon	125.00	184.30	-59.30	200.00	75.00
Annual supper expenses	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,000.00	-300.00
Christian Education					
Expenses	700.00	1,465.47	-\$765.47	600.00	-100.00
Donations	0.00	450.00	-450.00	300.00	300.00
Sunday School Supplies	120.00	29.59	90.41	200.00	80.00
Sunday School Instruction	4,100.00	3,321.75	778.25	3,440.00	-660.00
Vacation Bible School	400.00	250.00	150.00	400.00	0.00
Office:					
Administrative Assistant	6,695.00	6,695.00	0.00	10,649.18	\$3,954.18
CCLI (music copyright license)	195.00	185.00	10.00	195.00	\$0.00
Church website cost	500.00	546.72	-46.72	500.00	\$0.00
Tech. Support for "donation program"	45.00	46.77	-1.77	47.00	\$2.00
Norton Anti Virus renewal	79.09	0.00	79.09	0.00	-\$79.09
Supplies	1,600.00	1,549.23	50.77	1,650.00	50.00
Equipment	600.00	524.99	75.01	400.00	-200.00
Photocopier lease	1,035.24	1,263.51	-228.27	930.00	-105.24
Video, DVD license	104.77	104.77	0.00	104.77	0.00
Mission & Service	300.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Niagara-on-Line worship	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
PAR Expense	36.00	187.25	-151.25	360.00	324.00
Pie Booth expenses	0.00	267.00	-267.00	267.00	267.00
Presbytery Dues	4,707.00	4,707.00	0.00	5,177.70	470.70
Session					
Anniversary Speaker	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Choir	1,400.00	108.44	1,291.56	1,400.00	0.00
Supplies	1,500.00	1,003.08	496.92	1,500.00	0.00
Supply Minister	1,500.00	1,359.00	141.00	1,500.00	0.00
Supply Organist	1,500.00	1,325.00	175.00	1,500.00	0.00
Property					
Janitor	3,800.00	3,749.20	50.80	4,020.00	220.00
General maintenance & expenses	5,000.00	6,225.06	-1,225.06	4,500.00	-500.00
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	2,500.00	2,047.50	452.50	2,600.00	100.00
(Lifts) maintenace/inspection/license	1,250.00	1,371.59	-121.59	1,400.00	150.00
Minister's Employee Benefits	14,982.00	13,735.91	1,246.09	14,000.00	-982.00
Minister's Salary (Housing, Telephone, Study and Book Allowance)	67,034.00	67,033.92	0.08	0.00	-67,034.00
Minister's Salary (Includes Housing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	65,662.92	65,662.92
Minister Phone /Internet (Reimbursed)	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
Minister Study (Reimbursed)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Minister's Travel	3,500.00	2,745.37	754.63	3,500.00	0.00
Service Charge ADP	250.00	244.72	5.28	250.00	0.00
Organist Salary	10,080.00	10,440.00	-360.00	11,520.00	1,440.00
Telephone	990.00	787.74	202.26	800.00	-190.00
Utilities	6,200.00	7,049.40	-849.40	7,200.00	1,000.00
Unforseen expenses	0.00	1,247.28	-1,247.28	3,673.31	3,673.31
TOTAL	\$151,698.10	\$149,652.25	2,045.85	\$162,246.88	\$10,548.78

Proposed Operating (Income) Budget for 2016

	2015			2016	Change from 2015-2016
	Budget	Actual Income	Variance	Proposed Budget	
Identifiable Givers	\$133,527.90	\$125,256.40	-8,271.50	\$138,836.88	\$5,308.98
Loose Offerings	1,268.45	1,180.70	-87.75	1,300.00	31.55
Christian Education/Sunday School	1,138.10	1,836.75	698.65	1,800.00	661.90
Fundraisers (for operating costs)	8,531.19	6,273.10	-2,258.09	11,000.00	2,468.81
Rebates (HST)	1,759.84	1,990.13	230.29	2,000.00	240.16
Interest (GIC)	310.00	310.00	0.00	310.00	0.00
UCW	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5000.00	0.00
Weddings & Rentals	1,770.00	1,345.00	-425.00	2000.00	230.00
TOTAL	\$153,305.48	\$143,192.08	-10,113.40	\$162,246.88	\$8,941.40

TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING(INCOME) BUDGET FOR 2016	\$162,246.88
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING (EXPENSE) BUDGET FOR 2016	\$162,246.88
Difference	0.00

**Cash position and GIC investments
December 31, 2015**

Ledger Balance (*Operating/Capital/CE/Sunday school*) **\$44,350.14**

Operating GIC'S

	Number	Principal	Value December 31,2015
Term Deposit	8016691-23	\$5,000.00	\$5,001.10
Term Deposit	8016691-24	\$5,500.00	\$5,501.21
Term Deposit	8016691-25	\$5,000.00	\$5,001.10
TD Special Offer	8016705-33	\$10,699.91	\$10,703.94
TD Special Offer	8016705-39	\$8,769.47	\$8,792.82
TD Special Offer	8016705-37	\$5,804.91	\$5,818.84
Security GIC Plus	8016705-38	\$18,570.69	<u>\$18,606.96</u>
		Total Operating GICs	\$59,425.97

Capital GIC'S

Term Deposit	8016705-23	\$15,000.00	\$15,009.04
Term Deposit	8016705-24	\$30,000.00	<u>\$30,014.79</u>
		Total Capital GIC's	\$45,023.83

Total Assets **\$148,799.94**

DONATION STATISTICS

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (Envelope Offerings)
Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015

Category	Amount (\$)	# Donations	# Donors
Anniversary	1,177.00	26	26
Christmas	1,075.00	27	27
Christmas Eve	1,110.00	24	24
Christmas Eve (Loose)	80.00	1	1
Easter	1,595.00	42	42
Envelopes	303.00	30	30
Missions	14,938.00	622	46
Loose	1100.70	44	44
Regular	118,711.40	2,199	81
Thanksgiving	1,285.00	39	39
TOTALS	\$141,375.06	3,054	
Total Distinct Donors Across All Categories: 127			

GIVING ANALYSIS (envelope offerings)
2015

Over \$2,000.00	19
\$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00	30
\$500.00 to \$999.00	25
\$100.00 to \$499.00	32
\$20.00-\$99.00	17
Less than \$20.00	4
TOTAL GIVERS	127

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (non-envelope)
Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015

Category	Amount (\$)	# Donations	# Donors
CE hall new floor	14,493.38	1	1
Chancel window screen	50.00	1	1
Driveway repair	100.00	1	1
Other-goods	1,338.48	4	4
Syrian Relief fund	10,980.00	49	48
Vestibule Roof	8,245.00	32	32
Rental donation	600.00	1	1
TOTALS	\$35,806.85	89	88

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was made up of the Chairs of the Committees: Anne Dorland, Steve Hardaker, Marianne McRae, Susan Cote, Christine Earley, Bill Utting, Al Des Roches and Jill Dill. We present the following names for your acceptance.

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

SESSION:

Marilyn Beatty
Lisa Brillon (ex officio)
Anne Dorland (Clerk)
Martha Fleming
Norma Jane Harber
Karen Horbach
Rev. Paul James
Sandra Macdonald
Pat MacDougall
Doug McArthur
Wayne Philbrick
Florence Turner
Nancy Utting
Valerie Zuk

FINANCE:

Al DesRoches
Howard Lowrey
Mike Macdonald (Ad Hoc)
Larry McRae (Treasurer)
Marianne McRae (Chair)
Sandy Sinclair
Darlene Romanowsky (Bookkeeper)

PROPERTY:

Ron Chapman
Harvey Hall
Steven Hardaker
Don Slingerland
Monty Slingerland
Greg Smith
Bill Utting (Chair)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE cont'd...

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL:

Bonnie Boyda
Susan Cote (Chair)
Anne Dorland
Bob Johnston
Ginny Slingerland
Robert Sorley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Nikole Amato
Dianne Bergsma
Bonnie Boyda
Christine Earley (Chair)
Carol James
Nancy Lang
Stephanie Morley (Sunday School Teacher)

MISSION & SERVICE:

Brook Bruce
Jill Dill (Chair)
Joan Dunn
Rena Edgley

NOMINATING COMMITTEE cont'd...

COMMITTEES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

Jill Dill

Sandra MacDonald (Chair)

Ginny Slingerland

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Bonnie Boyda

Clair Boyda

Martha Fleming

Nancy Lang

Doug McArthur (Chair)

FRIENDLY VISITORS:

Esther Binning

Susan Cote

Susan Dobson (Chair)

Rena Edgley

Bob Johnston

Christine Lancaster

Marianne McRae

Alice Page

Sandi Salewytch

Verda Smith

Florence Turner

NOMINATING COMMITTEE cont'd...

CONGREGATIONAL AND OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON:

Steven Hardaker

CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY:

Christine Earley

OFFICIAL BOARD SECRETARY:

Darlene Romanowsky

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES:

Dianne Bergsma

Larry McRae

CAVE SPRINGS CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE:

Joan Dunn

TRUSTEES:

Jerry Bergsma

Clair Boyda

Roberta Chevers

Al DesRoches

Rev. Paul James

Bob Johnston

Howard Lowrey

Wayne Mayers

Verda Smith

Florence Turner

Fred Van Nest

Submitted by Steve Hardaker

Cave Springs Camp Annual Report 2015



Summer 2015: The summer of 2015 saw almost 500 campers experience the joy of United Church Summer camping. Campers ranging in age from 5-16 enjoyed hiking, high ropes, swimming, canoeing, field games, campfires and more. Each camper that attended camp had the opportunity to worship God while singing and dancing along with the camp band as well as through discussion groups and daily dramas teaching about Christ's love for each of us. Our day camp program has really grown over the past few summers. Our new bridge camp program, where campers attend the first half the week as day campers and the second half the week as overnight campers was a big hit. At the end of the summer we had 12 families attend our first ever Family Camp. A great time was had by all.



Off-Season Programs: May and June at Cave Springs Camp continues to be the busiest time of year. We hosted school groups from the Niagara and Hamilton area. Over 1000 children and teachers experienced day or overnight school trips at Cave Springs Camp. Our school program ties into the Ontario Curriculum and provides many city children a chance to experience God's creation. Our Fall program this year was very small due to labour action in the school boards. We did have a few high schools attend for leadership programs. It is our hope that children who experience Cave Springs with their school will return and try one of our summer camp programs.

With Thanks: Cave Springs Camp board would like to thank all of our local congregations, UCW's, and individuals who have donated of their time or treasures over the past year. We couldn't do it without you! We have also been blessed by many dedicated board members who have ensured our finances, programming, buildings and property are well looked after. We continue to look for individuals with time and talent who can serve on our board. Please contact me if you would be interested in serving Cave Springs Camp in any of these ways.

Fundraising: In the spring of 2015, with the support of the Niagara Presbytery Potential Fund we have hired a Grant Writer to help Cave Springs secure funding towards a new year round facility as well as to grow existing programming that is taking place at the camp. If you have any connections to grants that the camp could apply for please contact me.

Submitted By: KarenFrancis, CSC Board Chair

Caribbean Workers Outreach Project

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Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others as good managers of the varied grace of God ... so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

For 23 years, since Grace United Church led the way in Niagara to show hospitality to the Caribbean migrant workers, the Caribbean Workers Outreach Project (CWOP) has provided Sunday evening worship opportunities, with refreshments; social occasions, meals and picnics; and a Cricket Match and a Dominoes Match. For many years CWOP has hosted two Jamaican ministers who each spend 6 weeks between Niagara and Lincoln sides, offering worship leadership, fellowship and a home connection for men (and a few women) who come to work for area farmers each year in spring, summer and fall. A faithful network of volunteer drivers get workers to services and visiting ministers to farm visits.

Niagara Presbytery, many United Churches, other area churches and the National United Church have funded the costs of the programme and provided networks and structures to bring the ministers from Jamaica. Many churches also host weekly services and more provide an after-service lunch of fruit and juice for workers. Many also respond to appeals for warm clothing in the spring and for luggage in the fall.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to: host churches; weekly refreshment providers; volunteer drivers and all who make donations to support the programme

This year we have learned that Niagara Presbytery will no longer provide support funding for our programme and we are hoping that congregations, groups and individuals will help to fill that funding gap. We will continue to ask for support from churches: for volunteers, hosting for ministers and for donations of money and food for refreshments and especially for prayer. We do much quiet good with limited resources and generous hearts.

Submitted by David Pritchard