



Annual Report

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

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In Memoriam

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Moyra Jean (Midge) Gilchrist

Doreen Ruth Newby

Eleanor Bernice McCann



Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 28th 2017

The annual general congregational meeting of Lakeview United Church was held at the Church on Sunday, May 28, 2017, following morning worship.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Fiona Hayes, acting on behalf of Nancy Gillean, Chair of Council, who was absent called the meeting to order at 11:15 AM and welcomed the attendees.

2. OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE OF SILENCE

Minister Emeritus Rev. Gerry Scharff gave the opening prayer during which she read the “in Memoriam” names of the following members who had died in the past year: Anne Henderson, Maxine Kathryn Culbert, John (Jack) Culbert and Sylvia Emily Willis.

3. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

Fiona Hayes confirmed that notification of the meeting has met the Criteria in the 2016 United Church of Canada’s Manual Section 5.3.1

4. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Moved by Peggy Gibennus and seconded by Murray Rose that Carolyn Bosch be appointed as Chair and Bob Gibennus be appointed as Secretary for this meeting. CARRIED. Fiona Hayes then turned the meeting over to the newly appointed Chair and Secretary.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair called for changes to the agenda. The following amendments were requested:

- a) Add to Committee Updates:
 - a. Summer Choir Announcement
 - b. Vision Statement
- b) Add Straw Poll on Pew Replacement
- c) Add Motion from floor re: Marketing

The amended Agenda was approved by Unanimous Consent

6. MOTION RE ADHERENTS, AND QUORUM CONFIRMATION

Moved by Peter Prest and seconded by Gwen Jamieson that adherents who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation be granted voting privileges at this AGM (2016 UCC manual Section 3.7.2) CARRIED

7. QUORUM

Carolyn Bosch confirmed that a quorum had been reached pursuant to Section 5.5 of the 2016 UCC Manual.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAY 29, 2016

Minutes approved by Unanimous Consent.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES

In addition to the minutes found in the 2016/2017 Annual Report the following updates were presented:

- 1) Summer Choir: Peter Prest announced that next Sunday, June 4, will be the last Sunday for the choir before the summer break. He did point out, however, that individual choir members attending worship over the summer will commit to leading singing from the choir loft.
- 2) Vision Statement: Fiona Hayes announced that Council has approved a new Vision Statement for our congregation. It is:
 - a. "Seeking spiritual renewal and growth in a caring, affirming community"

MOTION – Moved by Julie Prest and Seconded by Daryl Sedor that the committee reports in the Annual Report and those presented at this meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL & COMMITTEES AND THEIR POSITIONS

Carolyn Bosh, meeting chair, introduced Lesley Sedor as the incoming chair of the Reaching Out committee. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor to fill vacant seats on Council. There being none she presented the following slate of Council Members and called for a motion to approve the slate.

2017-2018 Council:

- 1) Chair:
- 2) Secretary: Bob Gibennus *

- 3) Treasurer: Paige Martin *
- 4) Lay Presbyter:
- 5) Minister: Rev. Jope Langejans
- 6) Ministry & Personnel: Fiona Hayes *
- 7) Faith Formation & Worship: Bob Gibennus *
- 8) Reaching Out: Lesley Sedor
- 9) Fellowship & Caring: Sue Spratt*
- 10) Finance & Facilities:

*NOTE: A number of 2-year terms on Council will expire June 30, 2018. Stepping down next year are: Secretary (Bob Gibennus), Treasurer (Paige Martin), Chair of M&P (Fiona Hayes), Chair of FF&W (Bob Gibennus) and Chair of Fellowship & Caring (Sue Spratt).

MOTION – Moved by Nancy Rose and seconded by Molly Layton that the slate be approved as presented. CARRIED

DISCUSSION ARISING REGARDING THE SLATE – The question came up as to what we do if nobody steps forward to fill the position of Chair of Council. Calgary Presbytery has been approached for guidance. While we await their response, Council meetings can still take place with existing Council members chairing the meetings on a rotating basis.

MOTION – Moved by Arlene McDonald and seconded by Daryl Sedor that the Council be given authority to seek and appoint additional members to Council and Committees as appropriate, without the approval of the congregation. CARRIED

11. PEW REPLACEMENT– Fiona Hayes

Fiona Hayes updated the congregation about ongoing discussion within Council about replacing some of the pews with chairs. After discussion and a straw poll, it was determined that a clear majority of those present are in favor of the idea as long as it's less than the front 6 rows.

12. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR RE: MARKETING

Moved by Craig Cheffins and seconded by Daryl Sedor that Council be directed to consider an expenditure to pay for a marketing plan and individuals to assist in implementing that plan. CARRIED

13. RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR TERMS AS MEMBERS – Fiona Hayes

Fiona recognized and thanked the following people for their service on Council.

Nancy Gillean: Chair of Council

Daryl Sedor: Lay Presbyter

14. WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Fiona Hayes offered words of thanks for staff, Council and committee members.

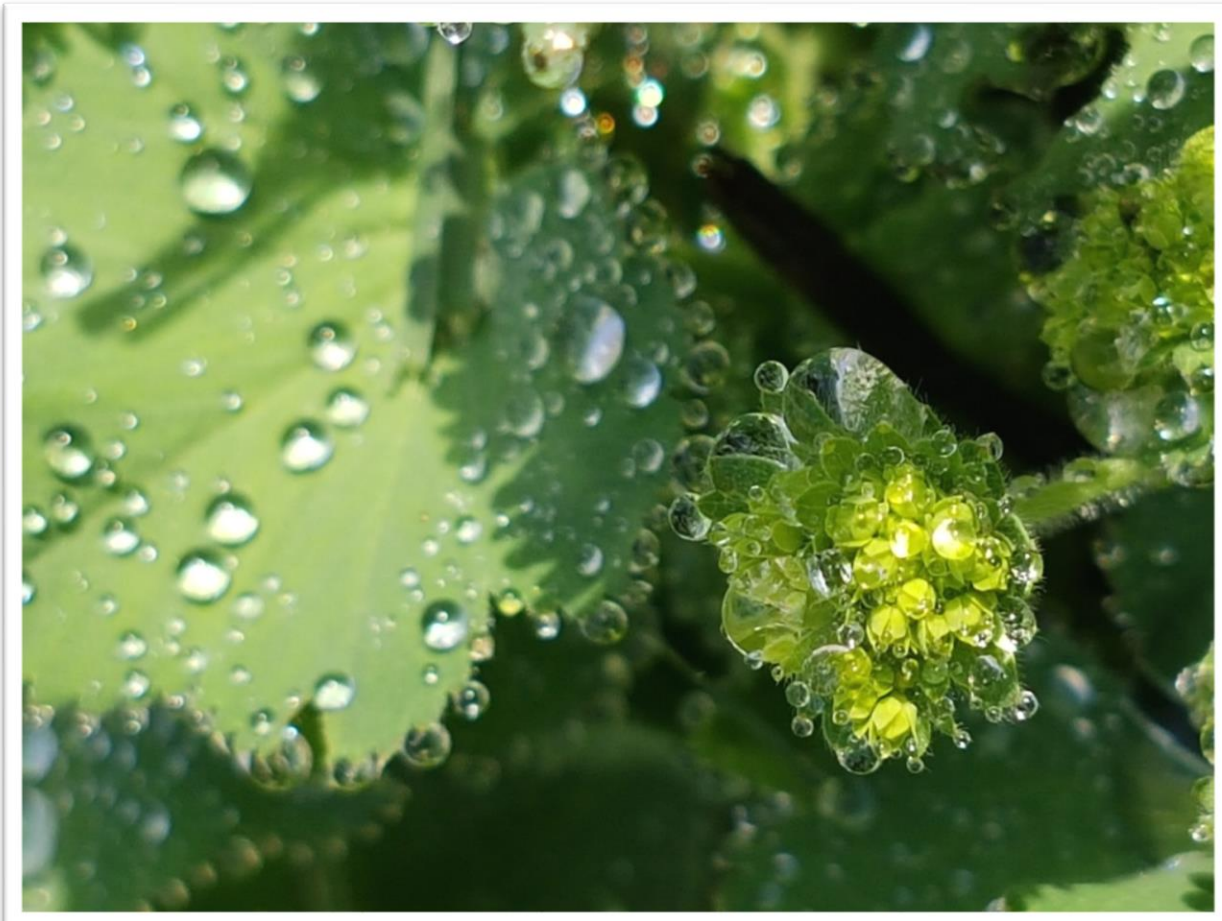
15. BLESSING – Rev. Gerry Scharff prayed a blessing.

16. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM



Carolyn Bosch, Chair

Bob Gibennus, Secretary



Presbytery Report

As of December 31, 2018 Calgary, Presbytery will not exist as we know it now.

With the new restructure of The United Church it has been an interesting year for Calgary Presbytery. The past year has been committed and dedicated to the restructure of how we proceed as the United Church and who we are. The year dealt with the 6 remits which took a lot of discussion before any votes were taken which will be dealt with General Council in Oshawa this year.

We give a BIG THANK YOU to Jope for his time in which he was Chair of Calgary Presbytery for several years.

We look forward to a new adventure in the life of Presbytery and the United Church as a whole.

Submitted by Daryl Sedor

Finance & Facilities Committee Report

Finance

The Finance Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Facilities & Finance Committee that reports to the Church Council. The Treasurer and other members of this committee work with the Council to compile the annual budget, track spending and monitor LUC's investments.

For at least the last three years (at least), there has been no Chair of the Finance Committee, or of the Facilities & Finance Committee. The Treasurer has assumed this role in the interim, and it is of ongoing concern that there is no other level of formal financial oversight, and that the workload of this position falls onto the Treasurer position.

The Treasurer (Paige Martin) presented the 2017 Annual Financial Report and 2018 Budget to Lakeview United Church members and adherents on February 11, 2018. The Investment Committee (Paige Martin, Elizabeth Marshall and Carolyn Bosch), is a sub-set of the Board of and Trustees. They continued to monitor the investments in GIC's and the Fiera Capital Fund. A second phase of investment into the Fiera Capital Fund was completed in May 2017.

Pledgefest this year was managed by Heather Mayers with support from Carolyn Bosch.

Ted Prince, Counter Coordinator, ensures that Sunday morning volunteers are available to count each weeks' givings and make deposits to the bank. He is always seeking additional volunteers.

Shelly Logan-Gordanier continues in the role of ADP Payroll Coordinator. She coordinated payment of our full time employees in compliance with the United Church of Canada, the provincial and federal government requirements.

Nancy Gillean, Office Liaison, continues to help our Office Administrator Jaqueline Roach.

Many thanks to the above-mentioned volunteers (and staff) for filling and fulfilling these roles that keep Lakeview United Church in good and sound financial standing. There are more than a few vacancies and some of these dedicated volunteers have served well beyond the expected length of a two year term. Please consider stepping up to fill any of the above-mentioned positions which are vital to ongoing financial viability of our church.

Submitted by Paige Martin, Treasurer 2017

Property

The Facility committee has the primary responsibility in managing and reporting to Council on:

- Property management, rentals, repairs and improvements

The property management saw several repair and replacement projects this fiscal year:

In the summer of 2017 the first few rows of pews were replaced with linked chairs with arms. The old pews were sold to various members of the congregation or acquaintances and imaginatively repurposed as bench seats, kitchen counters and even a dining room table! The new chairs have generally been well received and hopefully will be even better used in the year to come.

A Peace Pole was added to the grounds in the fall of 2017.



Serious repairs were required to the urinals in the Men's upper washroom and as a consequence the wallboard and wall tile surround was replaced in early 2018.

Various pieces of sound and AV equipment were replaced or added to replace old equipment.

The janitorial and exterior maintenance services continued to be provided under a renewed 3 year service contract with Calgary Services Ltd.

A new Konica Minolta copier/printer was leased in May 2018 on a 5 year lease extension.

Rental agreements and rules of use were provided to all user groups of the church building and grounds. Several new renters have been taken on over the past year. Many thanks to the property task group Doug Jamieson, Don Rigby, Marlene Villiger, and Roger Scroggins and who took on the management of, or performed, these activities.

Submitted by Don Linton, Acting Chair Facilities Committee

Rentals

Space rentals continue to be a big part of Lakeview United Church. There have been some changes in 2017. A new renter, Possabilities Alberta, have rented many spaces throughout the church, since April 2017. The group has extended invitations to LUC members to join them on several occasions (drum making, Spring Has Sprung dinner and guitar lessons). St. Andrews Cross Connections and Grace Communion Church, which are no longer active groups, have left us. A new worship group “Edge (Every Day Grace Experience) Fellowship”, started renting in April 2017. This group’s vision fits well with LUC’s Affirming Ministry Vision. Some occasional renters add to the income and other renters remain the same as previous years.

Submitted by Marlene Villiger



Minister's Report

I begin my annual report by quoting from Rev. Dr. John Pentland as he states this in his recent book *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith*. The chapter where this quote comes from deals with discerning our values and what they may be.

“Throughout the Bible, spirit and religion are entwined. The prophetic religious texts are used by Jesus to seek transformation in his world....The Spirit is known to have descended at Jesus’ baptism, and filled the people of God at Pentecost...But I believe that bringing the individual spiritual journey and the corporate religious quest together is the work of a powerful nature!”

These words point directly to what all of us have been so diligent in sharing as we live in this community of faith and express this to the world beyond. Some folks see us as a ‘corporate’ body in that we are a ‘building,’ a place where renters can use space, where our parking lot can be utilized by school events, where parts of the church building can be operated as a secular entity, where concerts happen and so on. But who we are is much, much deeper than this. We offer, on a continual basis, the opportunity of spiritual transformation or spiritual enrichment. We are a place of worship in this community and beyond. And, we not only offer a spiritual journey but also integrate the corporate quest and intertwine them in the milieu of today’s society. This is who we are as Lakeview United Church in 2018 – a vibrant, joyous, experiential and traditional mix of God’s children living out our faith. So with these words of introduction to my annual report I will attempt to put 2017 into some perspective of what has happened and what is still to come on the horizon.



Worship continues to be a highlight of my ministry with all of you. I love nothing more than delving into scripture and listening to what it has to say to me in light of the world we live in today. Scripture or the sacred text is filled with abundance and I try and share the gift of this abundance in that, yes, we are all people of abundance and it is how we absorb it and share in it is how our lives connect. So where were the places of abundance? Let me try and name these:

- Continuing to nurture our refugee family, a gift that has filled many hearts
- The various Bible study groups and Lenten and Advent movie sessions
- Abundance following worship in the kitchen area and feeding the masses
- Music in all of its forms – worship, concerts, meditation times, etc.
- Becoming an Affirming Ministry
- Our rental folks – Westwinds Music Society choirs, Beavers and Cubs and Scouts and Ventures, the Healing Touch folks, Cross Connections (who have now ceased), the Children’s Hospital Aide Society (CHAS), Beta Sigma Phi, Pedalheads, Possibilities Alberta, and various one day or one evening rentals of space
- Erecting a Peace Pole for the world
- Garage Sale and all which this encompasses
- Changing some of our pews for chairs
- Capable staff and outstanding volunteers of all sorts
- A Council which functions and wonderful trustees
- Technological folks who make things work and the list can be endless.....

On a personal level, chairing Calgary Presbytery was both a gift and challenge. We are all called to fill roles and this is not only at our local church level but also in the wider church so when this position became available three years ago, I had given it some consideration and offered my services and not knowing that it would develop into almost three years and not the (somewhat) mandated two years. To let this go has been joyful and painful together. I have experienced the hills and valleys of Presbytery and look forward to focusing more of my time on Lakeview’s ministry. I have enjoyed immensely, once again, planning and leading worship, the monthly gatherings at Staywell and at Garrison Woods, helping with Cross Connections, the various Presbytery functions as we enter ourselves into an unknown future, working alongside Anna Greenwood-Lee and the folks at St. Laurence for our annual Good Friday service, officiating at weddings and funerals and baptisms and welcoming new members, baking the occasional cinnamon buns and cooking chili, offering Christmas services, Maundy Thursday feasting, Easter sunrise and the

resurrection service, Peace Pole service, the movie afternoons as we shared in the humour and the tragedy and hope of our world through video, visiting folks in hospitals, extended care centres, at homes, in my office, doing some solo work, making drums, and on and on – ministry is truly not stagnant. I am so blessed to have the energy to fulfill all of these roles for all of you.

And what's ahead? Hopefully big things and meaningful things. The connections which I have with the community are growing daily and more and more folks are seeing our messages on the marquis and saying to themselves, "Hey...need to go in there one day and see what it's all about." ...So may we all continue to be welcoming people and may the Spirit always move us in directions of compassion, of peace, and of love for the world.

Thank you deeply to all and blessings abound.

Rev. Jope Langejans (BA, MDiv)



Ministry & Personnel Report

This year we continued with our staff complement of three: Jope, our Minister, Marie, our Music Director and Jacqueline, our Office Administrator, with Jacqueline gradually picking up a few more bookkeeping duties.

With support from the government STEP program and the Planned Giving Fund, we welcomed Stirling McKay as a Summer Student in 2017. He assisted with a number of church events, set up our annual calendar and provided backup in the office. This position provides a student valuable career-related experience, a chance to see how the church works and to earn money for university tuition, truly assistance in Reaching Up. This year we are again hiring a student, Joan, with support from the Planned Giving Fund and also from the United Church Summer Student Fund.

The Planned Giving Fund has also made it possible for the church to appoint a Coordinator, Community Engagement and Communications, Jim Ripley, on a 6 month contract. Jim comes to us with a wealth of experience in the Media, Communications and Marketing area and led efforts to update the website at Hillhurst United Church during their Affirming process. Jim will work with the Rejuvenation Committee and the congregation to design and implement a Community Engagement and Communication strategy, to strengthen our church for years to come.

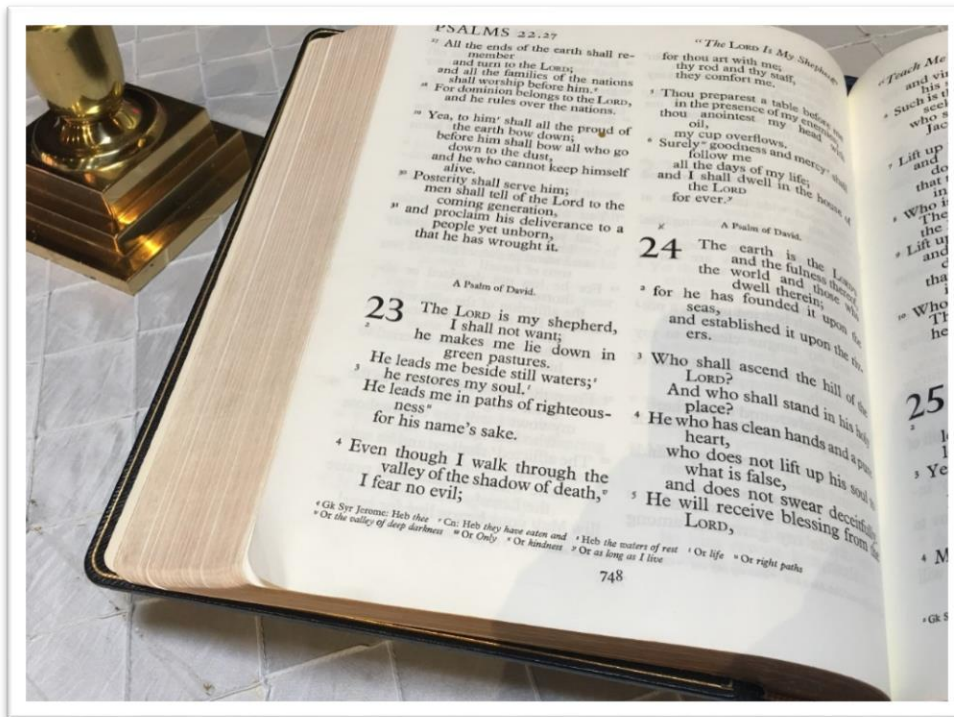
The Council recently asked Ministry and Personnel Committee to consider what the church needs to do to attract and retain suitable volunteers for our Council Chair and Treasurer positions. In fact, without these positions filled, it is difficult to see how the church can continue to effectively operate. The church needs to ensure that potential volunteers with the necessary skills can volunteer, even when they have other work options or have to pay for a babysitter.

Two options seemed possible: to consider paying an honorarium or to make these paid positions. Council endorsed our recommendation to introduce honoraria to recognize the work done in these roles and their importance to the church, and asked me to make a motion to this effect at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours in Christ, Fiona Hayes

Faith Formation & Worship Report

This committee was under the excellent leadership of Bob Gibennus during the year 2016/2017, but due to serious health issues Bob was forced in the fall of 2017 to take a leave of absence from this position. He is very much missed. Since then the committee has managed without a chair, and have shared the leadership tasks among them.



We are a small committee of Louise Poudrette, Barb Spence, Marie Taylor, Gwen Jamieson and Rev. Jope Langejans. Louise and Barb cover many tasks in dressing the church for worship, such as banners, buying palms for Palm Sunday, arranging for poinsettias for Christmas and so on; Gwen looks after the library and keeps in touch with adult education; Marie is music director, and Jope is our mentor and leader. There are other very faithful volunteers who behind the scenes keep things related to faith formation and worship ticking along. Many thanks to:

- Hank Klassen, Sue Spratt and Gwen Jamieson for their leadership in study groups during the week. Unfortunately, Bob Gibennus was unable to continue, at least temporarily, with the “Warming Up To Worship” group which met before church on Sunday mornings
- Heather Mayers who recruits scripture readers and communion servers
- Rob and Diane Stinson who prepare the communion elements

- Greeter Patricia Baker, ushers George Zvanchuk, Dave McCrae and Greg Clark, sound and screen techies Don Linton, Silas Kovats and Doug Jamieson who keep the service running smoothly
- Ron Gillean, general tidy-upper, candle trimmer, and whatever else is needed to make the sanctuary usable and welcoming
- All others who step up when the need arises to read scripture, lead the prayers of the people, serve communion and other tasks related to Faith Formation & Worship

Some of the highlights of activities this year have been:

- Lay people leading prayers of the people once a month – positive feedback from the congregation
- Prayer tea lights made available for folk to light before, during or after the service – many are lit each Sunday, and it is meaningful for those to have this time of reflection
- “Reel Theology” movies shown during Advent and Lent on 4 or 5 consecutive Thursday afternoons. The attendance has been small, but those who come are appreciative.

Music

The choir is small, but mighty. There were 2 occasions when it joined with other choirs – once when they joined with the West Winds choir in a wonderful concert and once with the St. Laurence Anglican choir for the Good Friday joint service. On both occasions the music was special and appreciated.

In September 2017 Paul Rumbolt from Ontario with several local backup musicians presented an excellent concert at Lakeview United Church.

The committee was pleased to encourage Marie in her desire to attend a 2-week training event in Ontario in April of this year. She was looking forward to receiving new ideas for small choirs.

Joep and Marie work closely in planning Sunday music, and they do a great job of providing hymns and anthems and instrumental music that have variety and speak to scripture and sermons of the day. Thank you so much

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson, member – Faith Formation & Worship

Monday Morning Bible Study

A small group of women meet for Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from September to the end of November and from January to the end of April. Starting in September 2017 we took advantage of the flexibility of having chairs in the sanctuary to move our group there from the large upper hall in order to make the hall accessible to a larger group who needed the space. It has worked reasonably well.

For the whole year we have studied the Gospel of Matthew, usually completing only a chapter per session – and we are not finished yet! Four members share the leadership & we use a variety of resources. The members give a small offering each session, and recently we were able to donate \$100 to the “Small Change to Make a Change” church project, which was raising money for wells in Africa.

We will continue with the Gospel of Matthew in the fall 2018.

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson, coordinator



Danny Browning Memorial Library

The library was begun at the instigation of Danny Browning in 1976 with a few books on a cart in the narthex. It has grown considerably since then, both in the size of the location and the scope of the resources. A small room was provided when the addition to the church was built in the early 1990's. It is now very full of books for both adults and children to the point where an old resource needs to be culled when a new one is provided. It is used extensively by the three study groups that meet

regularly. The librarian has no difficulty spending the budget provided by the church, and folk in the congregation often provide good books which they have read and then passed on to the library. In 2017 we added 12 new books to the adult section and 6 to the children's section. So far in 2018 we have added 9 to the adult section

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson, librarian

Reaching Out Report

Reaching Out Committee reconvened in July 2017 after a time without a chair. Lesley Sedor stepped up to take the chair position.

At the first meeting it became apparent that there were concerns raised at the 2017 AGM about congregation membership and the desire to make a concerted effort to work on this. As a result of some discussions a Rejuvenating Committee was formed by Craig Cheffins to research and put a plan together for future moving forward on this. Updates on their progress will be in their report.

Our Syrian family, Ismail, Role, Sham, Layan welcomed a new baby boy in the fall of 2017. Many thanks to all those who have and are still lovingly aiding the family in so many ways. Child care is still an important ministry so they can attend appointments and allows Rola to continue her English lessons. Raj Retnanandan our immigration specialist reported our financial sponsorship is coming to an end and they are self-sufficient. The other members of Rola's family we were attempting to support have received aid through other channels so our help is no longer needed.

The annual garage sale was held May 5 under the capable direction of Janet Layton. Over \$4,500.00 was made. Thank you, Janet, and all those who volunteered as this venture is a huge undertaking. It was wonderful to see 10-12 "newbie" volunteers and also the support of our church scout troop.

Louise Poudrette and Nancy Rose have taken over the much anticipated clothing exchange being held June 9.

One additional successful campaign was run by Reaching Out called "Small Change Can Make A Big Difference". Watching individuals bring in their change was a great

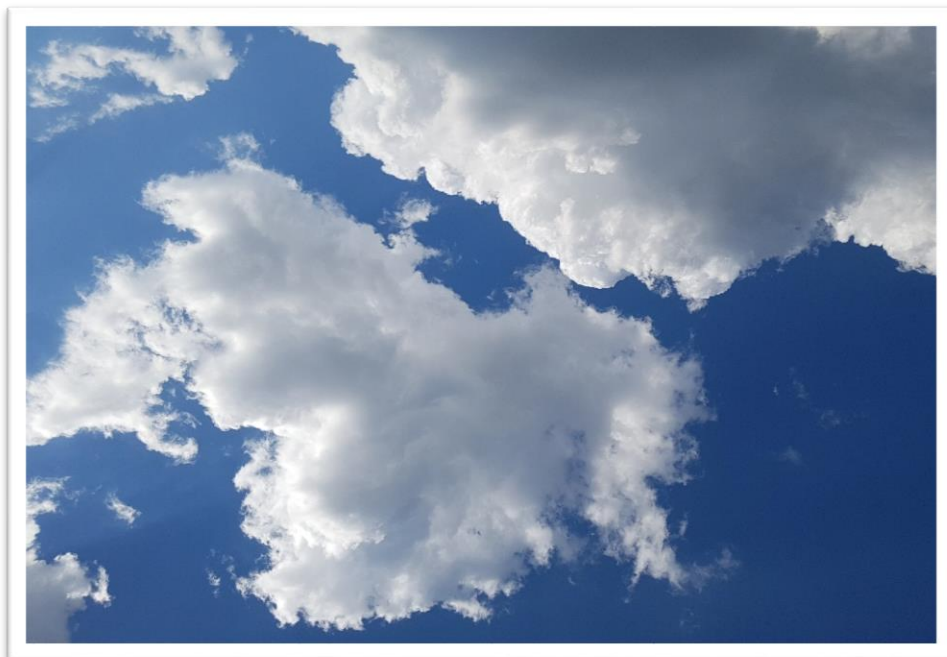
visual. The total from folks donating was over \$600.00 to clean water in Africa through our own Mission and Service.

Our yearly financial donations cover a broad spectrum of needs. They covered local church: Campus Ministry, Camp Kasota and emergency appeals to programs addressing so many social concerns. Some of them being: THE Mustard Seed, Inn From The Cold, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Habitat For Humanity, Veterans Food Bank, Women's Emergency Shelter and Brown Bagging For Kids. In addition, a donation was made to the Red Cross to assist in the devastating wild fires of 2017.

Due to the passing of our beloved Midge Gilchrist two awesome people from the congregation agreed to carry on her long serving ministries. Elizabeth Marshall mentioned her ability corresponding in French and graciously stepped up to be our Plan International liaison to write letters to the children involved in our foster parent plan. Gerry Scharff enthusiastically offered to be our new Observer representative.

Thank you to the congregation for your continued support. You are the ones who make the world a better place.

Submitted by Lesley Sedor



Our Foster Children

As we have since 1975, we continue to sponsor, under Plan International, 2 young people (but not the same two!): now David (15) in El Salvador, in Central America, and Ingrid (12) in Benin, a small former French colony in West Africa. Both are still in school, which they enjoy and where they are both doing well, from their regular reports. They live with family members who make a meager living as subsistence farmers, and both help with farming tasks.

It seems that in recent years, Plan International and other similar sponsorship plans, have made changes, in consultation with international aid organizations, as to how sponsorship funds are spent. They first look for communities in which a local committee can be formed to make and carry out a plan of economic development. Children to be sponsored are chosen from these communities and a small amount from sponsorship money goes to help the committee in its work, which generally centres on education, medical care, clean water (which includes supplying private latrines and wash basins for each house) and getting help to improve agricultural methods. In Benin, trying to reduce the number of pregnant girls in school has also been a concern and involves seminars on a girl's right to control her own body and on "no means NO!". It seems that we have some common issues with the Third World!



From the letters we receive from the students and from Plan, it appears that our help is useful and much appreciated—thank you, on their behalf, for your continued support.

Submitted by Elizabeth Marshall

Fellowship & Caring Report

The Fellowship and Caring Committee consists of Sue Spratt, Barb Penhale, Betty Hamilton, Daryl and Lesely Sedor, Jean Scott, Linda Zuege, Nancy Rose, Lorna Flack, Sandy Browning, Patricia Baker and Roxy Evans.

What we do:

- Visit shut-ins and hospital patients
- Prepare the occasional dinner for people who are ill and at home
- Set up and attend funeral/memorial receptions for church members.
- Deliver flowers at Christmas and Easter for shut-ins
- Driving and aiding people who are alone
- Greeting and welcoming
- Preparing coffee with help Sunday mornings
- Organizing “Souper Sundays”, pot luck meals, hot dog Sunday, Sundae Sunday, and other fellowship events

A large part of our mandate is supporting people who are unable to get to church. Another part is socializing to make our place welcoming and friendly. It is rewarding work, but we can always use more members. If you are interested in this important ministry, please make yourself known to any of the above.

Submitted Sue Spratt, Chairman

Music Director’s Report

The Lakeview United Church Choir and musician friends have been able to “hold the fort” during the past 12 months, providing appropriate and inspiring music as the congregation gathers to worship in a variety of ways.

We continue to aim to celebrate the major festivals with flare, and make our own fun on such days as Canada Day 2017- celebrating Canada's 150th birthday with an all-Canadian program, Stampede with guitars and country songs and a Celtic service just before Easter incorporating banjo, ukulele and drums.



Perhaps the musical highlight of the year was the joint LUC/ Westwinds concert just before Christmas 2017. The church was full as together we sang the music of Christmas and led the audience in a carol-sing, concluding with a very lovely massed choir version of The First Noel.

More recently, I was able to attend a United Church music conference- Music Matters 2018- in London, Ontario. This conference focused on very practical ideas for directors, including vocal techniques and new music to share with our home churches. Both LUC and the national Oxford Endowment Fund contributed financially, enabling me to participate.

As Lakeview works to discern a path forward, the church has expressed interest in hosting a music conference featuring leadership from Scotland's Iona community, such as John Bell. We are at a preliminary, exploratory phase, and will determine if this would fit with the church's vision for future ministry.

Submitted by Marie Taylor

Affirming Ministry Report

We volunteered at Camp fYrefly, which is a camp for youth struggling with their sexual identity. We also made a financial donation to cover a meal for the participants. We took part in the Pride Parade and attended many events in support of the LGBTQ community throughout the year. Daryl Sedor has taken the Treasurer position for the CQC (Calgary Queer Church).

The last year has been a challenging and exciting time in the life and times of Lakeview, United. After completing the requirements of our United Affirming process, we took our vote on March 18 with a resounding 96% approval to be an Affirming Congregation.

June 3 will be our big celebration in which we will be presented with our certificate and include guest participants during the service. It is important we continue to have presentations, guest speakers and participate in Affirming events locally, provincially and nationally.

We hope to see all at this wonderful time in Lakeview's journey. Invite your family and friends to join us



Submitted by Daryl Sedor

Rejuvenation Task Force Committee Report to the AGM

The Rejuvenation Task Force Committee was initiated in late 2017 by Lakeview United Church members concerned about the declining congregation numbers in the church. An informal group started meeting at coffee time after church services to brainstorm suspected causes and solutions. Comment and opinions were solicited from others. When it became clear that there was enough interest in pursuing the revitalization avenue, support was sought from Council and permission granted to actively explore options and devise a plan forward.

We started with a review of data from the demographic survey produced by our church in 2009. We conducted a literature search of other churches in similar situations. We invited leaders from other Calgary United Churches to speak to us about their recent experience with congregation revitalization and growth. We compiled data about these efforts, but note that each solution was unique to their individual demographics and circumstances. The data provided our committee with a sense of direction. We are loosely following the rejuvenation model developed by Hillhurst United Church. We are grateful to them, and others, for their support and encouragement.

Where does Lakeview United Church see itself 5, 10 or 20 years from now? How do we stay relevant to our members and the greater community in our ever changing world? We need to get down to the grass roots level and get ideas and feedback before we can forge a new path. To that end, we recommended to Church Council that Lakeview United Church hire an experienced Communications Coordinator to spearhead the endeavor. Permission was granted, and funds allocated. After a personnel search, we recently hired Jim Ripley on a six month contract. We believe that with his unique skill set, his previous experience and under his guidance we will create the path to the congregational growth that we are seeking.

We expect that once the surveys are done, the numbers are crunched, the data analyzed, consensus has been reached, and the congregation gives the committee the green light, we will proceed to the next step in the rejuvenation process; implementation of the revitalization of Lakeview United Church!

Submitted by Wayne Gordanier

Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is mandated by the United Church of Canada to hold in trust the building and property. To this end the Board insures the building is adequately insured, well maintained, rental agreements are such as to protect the property and that any investments are sound.

The insurance coverage for the building remains at \$2,884,248. The trustees reviewed our insurance and received a quote from HUB International (who is the group insurer for the United Church of Canada). For 2018 the premiums are \$4610.00, the same as 2017.

Maintenance of the church is being kept up according to the Church Council plans. Likewise the rental terms of reference established several years ago are working well.

In 2016 the Lakeview Church Council reviewed and changed the church's investment policy. In May of 2016 \$312,000 of the church's bequests was invested with Fiera Capital Fund. This fund is the investment choice of the United Church of Canada. The earnings on this fund are doing well and some GIC money was moved to this fund on their maturity in May of 2017.

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