

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

**Minister**

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Kathy & Steve Rapos

Board Chair

Rev. Meggin King



An affirming church
serving the community



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St Paul's Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

St Paul's vision is of a world where God's love is lived in all creation

Mission

It is our mission to find and follow Jesus active in creation, through identifying and serving the needs of the community, the world and the congregation.

Values

We commit ourselves to:

- include and affirm every person no matter what their age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, financial resources, physical or mental ability.
- worship with joy to deepen our relationship with God and Jesus and learn more about them.
- build our connections with others at St Paul's, and respond to God's invitation to love and support them.
- seek partnerships beyond St Paul's to ally ourselves and our congregation with God's love active in Warkworth and beyond.
- act responsibly in sharing and utilizing our physical resources, our talents and energy to strengthen God's work.

Take Nothing for the Journey

Then Jesus called the twelve together.. and sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey" Luke 9: 1-6

Were those twelve afraid? Did they wonder if they could do those things?

What persuaded them to go? Your words"

Your friendship Their enthusiasm? Your deep belief that they could do it?

And you said: "Take nothing for the journey."

What did you mean?

Did you perhaps imply that we can't wait until we have all the possible things we need?

That we can't postpone "doing" until we are positive of our talents?

That we can't hold off our commitment,

until we are absolutely sure we won't make a mistake?

If we think of all the excuses and reasons we can give for not service and giving;no time, no talent, no knowledge, no energy.

You say, "Take nothing.

Don't worry about your inadequacies.

I will provide for you

Just go! Go with my power.

*With GOD,
nothing is
IMPOSSIBLE*

MINUTES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (revised Mar.2/19)

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, WARKWORTH

Sunday, February, 24, 2019, The Gathering Place.

The **2019 Annual General Meeting** after Church Service, 11:25 AM, in Gathering Place. Present were Members of Church and Choir, Adherents of the Congregation and Guests.

George McCleary welcomed everyone, and thanks for coming. The purpose of the meeting is to find out what has happened, and what will be happening and to find out how we fared in 2018 and make plans for 2019. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate, we will take the time to answer.

Rev. Meggin King opened the Meeting with prayer.

No additions to the agenda. **Bill Meeker** moved adoption of Agenda, **Meggin King** seconded, carried.

Juliet Sturney moved **George McCleary**, Chair, **Ruth Nelson**, Secretary, **Marvin McComb** seconded, Carried.

Elaine Mann moved approval of Minutes of 2018 Annual Meeting, **Bryce Allen** seconded, Carried. George noted "thanks to everyone for their comprehensive reports, in on time, and well done!".

Moved into the reports:

Minister's Message – as reported. Meggin noted "having a blast here".

George's First call for further nominations for St.Paul's Board: **Elaine** - new members on Affirming Committee: Elizabeth Heon and Rev. Meggin King; **Juliet** - new member on Session: Tammy Timlin, and new member on Ministry & Personnel: Aaron Eddie.

Strategic Planning – **Bryce Allen**. Thanked participants for ideas during recent sessions and noted work is being done to categorize and submit a report back to the Congregation.

Clergy Report – Rev.Meggin King. Coming up with some new ideas for Service and beyond.

Ministry & Personnel Report – as reported.

Events Co-Ordinators–**Ruth Widdowson & Don Young**. "Thanks to everyone who helps with events".

St.Paul's on the World Wide Web – as reported by **Don Real**. Ongoing effort.

Session Report–**Juliet Sturney**. As presented. Welcome to new member, Tammy Timlin.

In Memoriam/Changes to Historical Role: as reported. 3 members removed by death, 139 on Historical Roll.

Music Directors Report – Kathy and Steve Rapos. As reported.

George's Second call for further nominations.

Kid's Club – **Johanna Allen, Michaela Quibell, Jessica Barron, Kat Kinch**. Johanna suggested that Kids Club Parents be approached about joining the church if our membership roll is down, Session will move this forward. Johanna was asked for the Kids Club parents' phone numbers and advised she did not have a list of them as she contacted them by e-mail as messages usually include attachments and photos. Juliet asked for those e-mails and was advised they were on file with the office.

Affirm Committee – **Elaine**. Elizabeth Heon to join Committee; working with Kid's Club in June during Pride Month and helping with closing picnic in June for 'Fun'.

Presbytery Report – **Juliet/Rev. Meggin**. As reported. Under brand new process. We are now Cluster 11 of 16, our area now including Pickering, Kingston and Minden. Workshop this Spring at St.Paul's for Ministry & Personnel issues. Want to be hub of community and Church activities.

UCW – **Barb Trotter**. As reported. Donated \$7000 to General Fund.

Abundance Project – as reported.

Stewards/Trustees Report – Bryce Allen. As reported. New Horizons Application submitted, may hear something near June.

George's third and final call for further nominations. **Juliet** moved approval of Nominating Committee Report for 2019. Elaine seconded; carried.

Benevolent Annual Report – from Susie Stowell, as reported.

Choir Report– from **Mary Mitchell**. As reported. Question: "Why have we lost so many of our Choir?" George noted M&P, Session and Board are looking into and working through this issue.

Cards for Cash – from **Jeanette Cournoyer**. As reported. Going well.

Assessment Update for General Council, Background and Implications – **Rev. Meggin King**. Changing structure with idea of saving money. There are 2 sections: Administration and Mission and Service. Money goes exclusively to each section.

Bryce noted that our allotment is 4.5% of our annual revenue. We are being assessed \$5,200 for 2019. We are being allowed to close the gap with increments each year until we reach the 4.5% mark.

Memorial Fund and Mission and Service – as reported - M&S balance \$4,545.14 and the Memorial Fund balance is \$4,756.33

Balance Sheet - Solar Account – **Bryce Allen**. As reported. **Bill Meeker** moved acceptance of the Solar Account and Balance Sheet, **Meggin King** seconded, Carried.

Balance Sheet – St. Paul's. **Bryce Allen**. **Elaine Mann** moved, **Bill Meeker** seconded, to approve Balance Sheet. As we move forward, a request is being sent out for an Accountant to work on Church Accounts.

General Account Year End 2018 and Proposed Budget for 2019 – **Bryce Allen** went over the reports. **Juliet** moved approval of reports, **Meggin** seconded. Carried. Note: Thanks so much to Bryce and Committee for all the work getting the Budget and reports ready.

Don Real moved to approve all other reports that are not covered with previous motions.

Marvin McComb seconded. Carried.

George wrapped up the meeting. Thanks to all who are here and for staying.

Thanks to all the Committees for the great work and the reports.

Thanks to **Juliet** for the lovely lunch.

Elaine moved to adjourn the meeting, **Ruth Widdowson** seconded, Carried.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 pm.

George McClary, Chair

Ruth Nelson, Secretary

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH: NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

(not updated)

Official Board: Rev. Meggin King (Chair) Ruth Nelson Secretary

Vice Chair: vacant

Session: Elaine Mann Co-Chair, Juliet Sturney Co- Chair
 Susie Stowell Ruth Nelson
 Janice Allen

Stewards/Trustees: Bob Rowe Co- Chair Bryce Allen Co-Chair
 Ruth Nelson (Secretary) Greg Torrance
 Barb Trotter Dave Trotter (Advisory)
 Don Clarke (Advisory) Bill Meeker
 Don Real

Ministry and Personnel: Elizabeth Heon (Chair); Charlotte Hastings; Winona Duthie

Kids Club: Johanna Allen: Micaela Quibell

Marketing and Communications (Advisory): Elizabeth Heon, Dean Peters

Social Media Coordinator: Don Real

United Church Women: Barb Trotter President.

Abundance Project: David Lyon

Events Coordinators: Ruth Widdowson; Don Young

Presbytery: Juliet Sturney

Benevolent Fund: Susie Stowell (Chair); Ruth Nelson; Sharron Hutchison

Collection Supervisor and Servant Keeper Coordinator: Kim Allen-Mclean

Envelope Steward: Karen Bates

Observer Magazine: Karen Bates

*I can do ALL THINGS
 through Christ
 who STRENGTHENS me.*
 -Philippians 4:13



St Paul's Official Board Meeting, January 26, 2020 Clergy Report

Overall: We have a wonderful sense of energy growing, here at St. Paul's. It's hard to know where to start, in naming the positive work that is happening here. The music has been an energizing force, and it continues to grow and evolve. Our outreach through the Abundance Project is attracting more and more people. Our new initiative, hosting PA Day and March Break kid groups (LOCK), has already brought more interest and enthusiasm. Our UCW continues to hold sway, coordinating suppers, lunches, and tour groups. Our radio program, "Five Minutes of Faith" is reaching a number of people who listen for it regularly. The basement renovations are complete, and those who use the space regularly are happy with the results.



Worship: As noted, the music of The Band is moving and shaking. We will continue to expand that part of our Sunday worship, knowing that there are those who will "come for the music; stay for the message." Our Kids' Club is doing a phenomenal job of coordinating the teachings of Jesus with experiential lessons for the kids, and this is a gift beyond measure. In terms of the message itself, I am listening to feedback and adjusting our services to make them more vibrant and interactive by revamping the service so that each Sunday incorporates some sort of small group activity. This will be a more intentional use of the 'Living our Faith' concept I started to introduce back in the fall. Also, I will be eliminating the Old Testament reading from the lectionary, and preaching solely on the Gospel story.

Pastoral Care: Pastoral care continues as usual, with home and hospital and nursing home visits, as well as 'pastoral encounters' with people on an informal basis. These occur in my office and on the phone, and even in places like coffee shops. I welcome all these interactions, and recognize that the 'pastoral encounters' often yield deep and meaningful conversations, often with folks who are outside the sphere of our church. I think of these encounters as 'seeds planted'.



Study Groups: Apart from 'Not Just Java', the study groups seem to be taking a back seat. I would like to do more, and have some ideas for topics.



**East Central Ontario
Regional Council
of the United Church of Canada**

Regional Work: We had a regional meeting on the weekend of November 9, in Belleville. I arrived, and unfortunately had to leave almost immediately, as I was sick. With the changing structures of the church I am still feeling a bit out of the loop, learning who my local colleagues are. There is a group of UCC clergy women locally who try to maintain intentional group lunches. I find these very helpful. I am on the 'Formation, Nurture, and Justice' team, and will keep folks apprised of any updates from that group.

Projects: 'Five Minutes of Faith' continues, with many thanks to Don Real for doing the recording, and Margaret Real for listening, and providing the coffee. I am still considering doing a phone-in show for CKOL, and am thinking of how that might unfold. For my private study, I continue to explore the world of science, and specifically quantum physics, with a thesis concerning its interrelationship with theology.

Self-Care: I always find Christmas a difficult time of the year, and was glad this year to be able to host both my kids and their families, together, for the first time in 17 years. This focus helped me get through the seasonal struggles, including the death of my father the week before Christmas. I am taking time to take care of me, and appreciate the positive response of the Session and the Ministry and Personnel committees in supporting my request to take a week in February to go to California to scatter my father's ashes.



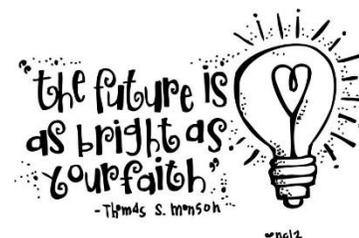
Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Meggin King

St Paul's United Church Annual Report (Interim) Chair Report; February 23, 2020

This past year has been a full one, filled with ministry and mission work, fellowship and music, worship and praise. I am thankful for all who have taken part in the life and work of this church.

Looking back at this past year, I want to note the work of the Strategic Planning committee, and its sub-committee on Mission, Vision, and Values. Starting last January with weeks of table-group discussion, our whole congregation had an opportunity to talk about the issues that matter to them. We had a chance to contribute ideas for where we would like to see St. Paul's grow and expand. All the congregation had an important "say" in where we are going, and how we might get there.

The work of that committee, detailed in our AGM today, is now in completion, and we are into a new phase of working out an action plan for the future. This is exciting work, and my hope is that many of our church family will feel called to participate. This is our present, and our future, and it matters to all of us. Thank you to Jeanette and Bryce for chairing this committee, and all who have taken part.



Kids Club

Our Kids Club has done an amazing job this year of hands-on projects with our young people. We are indebted to the adults who plan and facilitate the Kids' Club program, and to all the folks in our congregation and the wider community who participate by bringing their time and talents to share with the kids. The new Butterfly Sanctuary is coming along, and other projects are in the works: projects that teach our kids about God's love in our world, and in their lives. Johanna, Micaela, Jessica, Kat, and Katie deserve a huge 'Thank you!' for all they do, and we thank the parents and the kids, too, who take part so enthusiastically!

Music has been a huge part of our church life this year. Our Band evolves from week to week, and what we are able to present is what many, many churches can only hope for: a vibrant music message that speaks of God's love in both traditional and non-traditional ways. Our gratitude goes to Steve and Kathy and the Band for their gift of sharing.



The Abundance Project has made a huge impact in the life of our church over



the past years and continues its outreach with new programs. The "League of Curious Kids" is off to a great start; the cooking programs for our grade 7 and 8s is going strong; and community cooking and dining days are extremely well attended. Thanks to David Lyon for his commitment to this work, and thank you to all the volunteers and participants!

Our UCW continues its mission of reaching out in love, with a pie in one hand and a soup ladle in the other! Thank you to this dedicated group of ladies who live out the instruction of Jesus that we are to feed the hungry. We would not be able to do so much of what we accomplish without the UCW working steadily in the background. Thank you to Barb and Janice and all the "Gang" who keep the kitchen busy!

And of course we would not be who we are without all the people who work tirelessly in so many ways, on committees, in work groups, behind the scenes. From Karen in the office to our cleaning staff, those who sit in the pews every Sunday, our Technical Gurus; the folks who climb ladders and change light bulbs and do the 'grunt' work of keeping our building in good repair: You are ALL gifts of God, and manifestations of God's love in our midst.

This has been a wonderful year, an active year, and a growing year. As your Interim Board Chair, my prayer is that we will continue to grow from strength to strength, showing Warkworth and our world how we can shine the light of Christ in all we do.

In faith,

Meggin King

Rev. Meggin King
(Interim) Board Chair, St. Paul's



Love. Grow. Serve.

Technology @ St. Paul's and on the World Wide Web Annual Report 20 02 23

In 2018, the share of Canadians aged 15 and older who used the Internet was 91%, with more seniors reporting Internet use (71%). Results from the previous survey cycle indicated that 83% of Canadians had used the Internet in 2012, with the proportion of seniors online at 48%. Statistics Canada - <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/191029/dq191029a-eng.htm>

Even more boomers (55+) are surfing the web with a mobile device:

57% this year versus 44% in 2017 and only 24% in 2015.
<https://cira.ca/resources/corporate/factbook/canadas-internet-factbook-2019>

According to Facebook:

- Worldwide, there are over 1.5 billion active Facebook users
- Canadians are the most active Facebook users in the world (19 million users)
- More than 14 million Canadians check their Facebook news feed every day
- 9.4 million Canadians use Facebook on a mobile devices such as a tablet or a smartphone.

<https://www.algonquincollege.com/ac-social-media/facebook-stats/>

Youtube Canadian Stats

- Digital Journal reports that 18-24 year olds in Canada spend an average of 6 hours viewing videos every month.
- Canadians watch more YouTube than anyone in the world, out-tweet Americans, and visit **Facebook** more than U.S. online users, says a new report on online usage.
- According to a marketing-research company that specializes in measuring digital activity, comScore, 71 percent of Canadian Internet users, or 17.6 million people, visit YouTube every month. Only 55% of American online users hit the video site every month. Canada also beat out every other G7 nation in usage. In November, that translated into two billion videos watched in Canada.

<https://www.algonquincollege.com/ac-social-media/youtube-stats/>

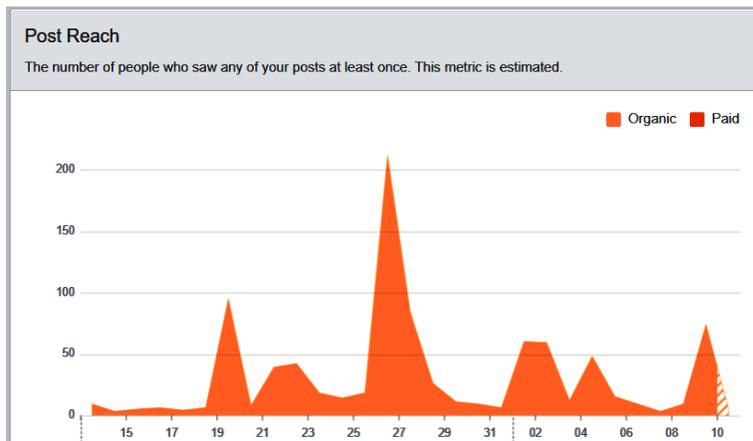
Why a page of statistics and quotes? To confirm the necessity for St. Paul's to have a presence online in today's world. And to generate discussion on if/how we do a better job of being present there? Recent problems with the Sunday morning live streaming indicate that maybe "free" isn't good enough. Maybe there is value to investing in better technology.

This is a situation we have been investigating. Potential investments are not limited to equipment upgrades – as we consider investing to provide a better quality service, we also need to be aware that there will be an accompanying need to upgrade the technical skills of the people responsible for the program.

The “Sunday Morning AV Crew” of 6 has been working great. Thank you to Winona Duthie, Charlotte Hastings, Lisa Shepherd, Tammy Timlin, and Ruth Widdowson. Ruth Widdowson has been creating the Sunday morning music PowerPoint presentations and Tammy Timlin is now maintaining one of the website pages. Building capacity in the use of technology at St. Paul’s will continue to be a goal.



St. Paul's United Church Warkworth Facebook Page 20 01 01 to 20 02 10 Post Reach



The number of people who saw one of your posts at least once.

Why the surge on January 27?
That was the Doobie Brothers Sunday. We advertised the service earlier in the week. We posted videos about it on Facebook. We also posted about the Abundance Lunch during that time period. Is this the lesson to be learned – we need to get better about how we

promote what we do?

5 Minutes of Faith



Since last February, Rev. King has created 41 radio broadcasts for CKOL radio in Campbellford; these broadcasts are also archived on the church web page. These radio messages always make me think as I record them for her. Should the topic of each broadcast be posted on Facebook and announced in the community email? I would like to thank David Lockwood at CKOL for the great support he has given St. Paul’s.

St Paul's Webpage

Statistics indicate that both platforms are being used. The surge on Feb. 5 was likely a day when the web page was being updated.

Future Goal: Identify Best Practices (from others) and decide how best to use these platforms at St. Paul's
ACTIONS:

Day	Date	Page Loads	Unique Visits	First Time Visits	Returning Visits
Monday	January 27th 2020	4	4	4	0
Tuesday	January 28th 2020	17	9	7	2
Wednesday	January 29th 2020	10	3	3	0
Thursday	January 30th 2020	13	10	9	1
Friday	January 31st 2020	9	6	3	3
Saturday	February 1st 2020	0	0	0	0
Sunday	February 2nd 2020	2	2	1	1
Monday	February 3rd 2020	3	3	1	2
Tuesday	February 4th 2020	3	3	3	0
Wednesday	February 5th 2020	116	5	4	1
Thursday	February 6th 2020	15	13	13	0

1. Continue to investigate other churches that live stream their services; I have visited Cambridge Street United in Lindsay and Chalmers United in Kingston. Stephen Rapos and I are visiting Maranatha Church in Belleville and Rev. Meggin King and I are booked to attend a session on live streaming at St. Mark's, Cannifton. If you are interested in either of these please talk to Don Real; there is room for 2 more in the car.
2. Use the information gathered to make recommendations regarding next steps for St. Paul's.

Looking ahead, there is reason for confidence and optimism around technology and how it is helping St. Paul's live out our mission, and work towards our vision. We have come a long way. Our live services have reached New Zealand and Florida and Nova Scotia. On February 9, 2020 there were viewers in Florida and Las Vegas. Just as with every expense or capital purchase, any decisions around technology should be weighed against a return on investment. There is no question, if we get it right, that the opportunities to expand our reach through technology are limitless.

In conclusion, here is a great quote that reminds us what technology is and what it is not...

"Technology gives us power, but it does not and cannot tell us how to use that power. Thanks to technology, we can instantly communicate across the world, but it still doesn't help us know what to say." Or how to say it!



Submitted by Don Real



Ministry and Personnel Committee

While 2018 was a year of new starts, both for our minister and music directors, 2019 is one of continued integration and development for Meggin, Kathy and Stephen.

The work of our committee this year was to support stability and integration. Annual and mid-year reviews were conducted with all three staff members.

Our administrative assistant's job description was reviewed in October and approved by the Board, to more precisely reflect her tasks in light of Ian McCrea having joined the Board as Treasurer.

St. Paul's continued to be blessed with committed staff.

We welcomed Aaron Eddie this year as a new committee member. He has accepted his name being proposed at the AGM to replace Elizabeth Héon as chair, who is retiring after 7 years serving the committee. Charlotte Hastings will be leaving as well and we are grateful for her service.

Elizabeth Héon on behalf of the committee, Charlotte Hastings, Winona Duthie and Aaron Eddie.

Events Coordination Committee

The committee worked on quite a few functions in 2019!

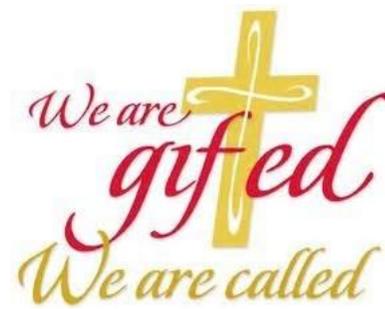
The first event we assisted with was The Maple Syrup Supper which was held on Friday March 8, 2019. We helped the UCW with the printing and selling of tickets, posters and advertising.

Once the tables had been cleared we went on to our next event. As in previous years St. Paul's hosted the Mini Golf and lunch counter during the Maple Syrup Weekend. It always proves to be a great fund raiser. We had lots of volunteers that helped us set up and run the golf and kitchen areas. It was good to see some new faces behind the counters and tables. As well we



are so grateful for the "regulars" on whom we so rely. The weather for the weekend co-operated nicely on Saturday but gave us an ice storm on Sunday...the buses stopped running into the sugar bush and we closed everything up early due to lack of business. Nonetheless it was a successful fund raiser making \$1,143.10 for the church. The sponsors for the holes this year were, Allen Insurance Group, Let's Get Social, D.K. Clarke

Construction, Weaver Funeral Home, St. Paul's United Church, Bay of Quinte Insurance, Warkworth Farm Supply, The Bakery and Warkworth Music Festival.



After 8 years of running the Mini Golf, Don and I have decided to step back in 2020 and let others take over this fundraiser. Just for interest sake here is a breakdown of monies raised since the event started back in 2009!.

Year	Golf	Food Gross	Food Expenses	Food Net	Total Profit
2009	\$747.00	\$764.27	\$201.60	\$562.67	\$1,309.67
2010	\$669.00	\$390.00	\$151.94	\$238.06	\$907.06
2011	\$690.00	\$596.15	\$159.61	\$436.54	\$1,128.16
2012	\$688.00	\$671.50	\$289.96	\$381.54	\$1,069.54 (bought hot dog wrappers)
2013	\$929.00	\$1,215.95	\$420.15	\$795.80	\$1,724.80
2014	\$854.00	\$962.45	\$237.50	\$724.95	\$1,578.95
2015	\$826.00	\$712.00	\$239.00	\$473.00	\$1,299.00 (bought hot dog wrappers)
2016	\$873.05	\$914.01	\$179.36	\$734.65	\$1,607.70
2017	\$750.15	\$436.00	\$155.40	\$280.60	\$1,030.75
2018	\$862.15	\$745.75	\$180.70	\$565.05	\$1,427.20
2019	\$700.10	\$621.46	\$178.46	\$443.00	\$1,143.10

Total Income \$14,225.93

Next we helped advertise, make up and distribute posters and printed tickets for The Retroland Ballroom fundraiser. The dances were held on May 18 and July 20th at the Warkworth Town Hall Centre. We boogied to the music of the 40's, 50's and 60's performed by The Bay City Trio.

Meanwhile Don was busy gathering the four churches of Warkworth for the 5th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday September 22, 2019...."When the 'St.s' Go Marchin' In". This was another fun fun fundraiser! 9 holes of "best ball" golf, a golf cart, balls and tees and hamburgers, salad and beverage, dessert and fellowship with our neighbours. Loads of fun! Posters were sent to all the churches to post to advertise this event.



Our next event took place on November 29, 2019. We helped with the Candle Light Dinner. In this endeavour, posters were distributed throughout the local area. Newspapers ads were placed in local papers and notices were put on the local Facebook sites, and our neighbouring Church's bulletins helped with the promotion.

Our final event was the promotion of the Christmas Variety Show held on Saturday December 14th, 2019. Another successful fundraiser for the church. We distributed the posters and worked on the advertising. It was well attended and enjoyed despite a snowstorm that evening.

Thank you to all who helped our committee. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated. I wish to personally thank Don Young for all his work and support on the events co-ordination committee since it started in April 2010. We had a lot of fun and I certainly miss him.

Ruth Widdowson (Committee Member)

**thank
you**



**Presbytery Report
Region 11 ...formerly Hills and Shores**

Presbytery is working with the new, reduced layers of governance. It is an ongoing challenge that everyone is committed to making work, Creating new ways to maintain good relations for Congregations and Clergy within the UCC (United Church of Canada.)

We continue to meet on a regular basis to continue the work of moving the UCC forward. Maintaining meaningful worship and outreach whilst also supporting all Clergy active and retired .

Respectfully submitted by
Juliet Sturney Presbytery Lay Representative for St Paul's.





Session Report

We are pleased to announce that Margaret Gemmel has joined Session. Along with Tammy Timlin who joined us last year we have a terrific group representing St Paul's in planning Worship and outreach programs.

We will not be spending our much needed funds this year on replacement preachers and musicians. Session with Rev Meggin's input will handle Sunday Service during Meggin's study leaves and vacation. We're also planning to cover Kathy's vacation time without hiring a pianist.

Session has a full calendar of events to plan this year and are working through it. Rev. Meggin's Clergy report will add the details.

The Choir and Band continue to bring us new and vibrant music. The Music report from Kathy Rapos will give more details.

Respectfully submitted by
Juliet Sturney Co Chair Session

Marriages

In Memoriam

*"In life, in death.
In life beyond death. God is with us.
We are not alone Thanks be to God."*



* Denotes Member

*Edith Mahoney	September 30, 2019
*Freda Pettifer	September 27, 2019
*Grace Edgar	July 15, 2019
*Bernice Darling	November 14, 2019



CHANGES TO HISTORIC ROLL 2019

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:

RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Number of Members on Historic Roll as of Dec. 31, 2018.	142
Received by profession of Faith	
Received by Transfer In	
Removed by Session	
Removed by Transfer Out	
Removed by Death	4
Number of Members on the Historic Roll as of December 31, 2019	138



Music Director Report 2019

Our Christmas Variety Show was, in our opinion, a great success – a respectable amount of money was raised and we had fun with a great group of performers.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Ruth Widdowson for her considerable efforts in advertising this event.

Band rehearsals have been moved to Tuesday evenings and Wednesday evenings. We are considering making them open rehearsals and advertising them as such, for the community to feel free to pop in and listen to what’s going on with our music program.

Happily, Jeremy Earley is back with us after a vacation to Europe! Jonah continues to grow and expand his repertoire and Joe McLean has joined us and is lending his expertise in the area of percussion. As well, Angelica Ottewill has joined the band and is a great addition to our sound on Sunday mornings with her harp and voice.



In the event that Steve and/or Jonah are unable to be at a Sunday service, we have taken steps to continue our ability to provide great music for the congregation by the use of pre-recorded backing tracks. We made use of these on a limited basis in December and seem to have worked out the inevitable ‘bugs’ that accompany technology.

We are very much looking forward to another fun and interesting year providing music for St. Paul’s!

Kathy Rapos

Kids Club Annual Report

February 23, 2020



Kids Club has had another great year with about 10 to 15 children attending regularly.

Winter/Spring 2019

During January, February and March 2019 we explored the Golden Rule, the Holy Trinity, filling each others' bucket with positivity and stories of Moses formed our curriculum. We introduced Mission and Service and are working towards collecting enough money through doing special jobs at home to help others make a better life for themselves.

On April 14th David Lyon joined Kids Club to make Hot Cross Muffins. May 12th we did our Mother's Day Presentation and on May 26th we participated in the Lilac Festival Service Presentation of our own poem

Wonder and Glory

When I feel wonder and glory,
 I remember my life's magical stories.
 (Brynn) I saw a whale, Waving its tail.
 I remember the rush of the roller coaster hill,
 (Avery) And a peacock in its glory, standing still.
 Look: a bunny, a llama, a swimming eel.
 All the animals, amazing and real.
 (Isabella) The prints in the snow,
 (Luci) The northern lights' glow.
 (Quinn) A newborn calf all ready to go.
 A real live hippo,
 The scent of lilacs,
 And Canada Geese in their flocks
 (Simon) The rides and lights at the fair...
 Wonder and glory is everywhere.

--By St. Paul's United Church Kids Club
 March 3, 2019

The Lilac Festival Committee graciously allowed our Kids Club to run a lemonade and cookie stand on the Sunday of the festival. We only asked for donations to support the Mission & Service initiative we had started with the children. Attached is a copy of the article written by Kat Kinch which describes our use of the donated funds.



The following Sunday, while Kat with the children to donate the funds we raised from our lemonade stand, David Lyon took half of the group to plant the vegetable boxes for the Food Bank both in front of the church. We then switched groups and that team helped plant the boxes at the Royal Bank. A very giving lesson for the children.

The children did a beautiful job at the PRIDE service. We really appreciated Elaine Mann's help with the practicing of songs. The children were quite taken with performing with the young adults in the choir. Thanks to our Kids Club Dads for cooking the Hot dogs!



Autumn 2019

After a summer break, Kids Club was back in action on September 15th. We are noticing the beginning of lack of interest in our older children which means we have to “up our game.”

With five teachers this year, it is proving to be very successful to balance real life and church. Micaela Quibell, Kat Kinch, Katie Laver, Jessica Barron and Johanna Allen are our leaders this fall all bringing different strength to Kids Club and it seems to be working very well.

During September and October we focussed our lessons around Creation and gratitude. Through these themes we have talked about earth sustainability and ways we can protect our planet with a special focus on the Monarch Butterfly. Martin Albert bringing the chrysalis to the Kids Club has been a highlight of the season so far. He was full of knowledge and was so excited to share what he knew with the children.



Not to be overshadowed by the butterfly hatching, we have had some incredible lessons this season as well. We talked about the thread that binds us all together and how that thread for many Indigenous children, just like us, was cut with the Residential School system which lead us into gratitude lessons. Tammy Timlin has also kindly donated two books with Indigenous themes that we will incorporate in our lessons.

Katie read a story about a young girl in Africa who finally earned enough money to buy a goat and from there earned enough money for shoes and then she earned enough money that she could go to school. She was the only girl in the classroom. This created quite a discussion among the children about why girls weren't allowed to go to school in some countries and boys were.

Monarch Waystation

We are grateful to Stewards and Trustees who have agreed to let us take a space in the church grounds to design, build and maintain a pollinator garden. We will be taking the steps to get this designated a Monarch Waystation.

Neil Graham from Metaphorhome joined Kids Club on February 9th to help us design our Butterfly Garden. Neil is a trained Garden Designer and was excited to involve the children in the process. Neil understands our desire to have a spiritual and reflective component to the garden as well as the plants necessary to qualify for a Monarch Waystation.

Bill Meeker has invited the children to his Monarch Waystation to transplant some of their flowers into our garden as well as help the children build (with wood, nails and glue) 5 Butterfly houses that can be incorporated into our Garden. We are planning this for a Sunday in the spring.



Kat Kinch & Jessica Barron will be planning seedlings with the children as well that will be incorporated in our garden. We are aiming to break ground on our Garden in Late April/early May and will incorporate the children in the clearing, shovelling, planting and placing of items etc.

Kids Club will be running their lemonade stand at the Lilac Festival again this year. We will be raising funds to donate to a cause of Bill Meeker's choice as agreed in exchange for him purchasing the materials for our Butterfly Houses. This is a whole lesson in commerce, kindness and paying it forward. Other funds will go to our mission and service initiatives similar to last year.

The Time Travelers

Much of our time in November and December was focused on our Christmas Presentation of the Time Travelers. We were so proud of how the children pulled together for their roles and their speaking parts. Everyone even showed up for our Saturday morning rehearsal which showed a tremendous commitment on the part of the parents for which we are immensely grateful.

Jonah, Steve and Kathy added such an awesome dimension to our Nativity presentation with their beautiful music. We are grateful that we can partner with you and add to our presentations.



Ukuleles

Introducing the Ukulele's has us all engaged and excited to be trying something new – even the Leaders are learning how to play! Micaela is teaching us chords and we are starting to learn songs that we can perform for the congregation in the near future.



And that is a year at Kids Club!

Respectfully Submitted
 Johanna Allen, Micaela Quibell, Jessica Barron,
 Kat Kinch, Katie Laver



St. Paul's Kids Club 2018-2019 A Giving Year!

This year at Kids Club, we worked on the United Church's service theme. When we read the story of Simon Peter, we thought of our own "fish" ideas, and how we could give gifts or loans to make other people's livelihoods multiply, give them resources for their lives and community and help them prosper. The children figured out ways to earn money helping in their own families, and then they worked as an amazing team to run a lemonade stand during the Lilac Festival (where they made almost \$300 through everyone's kind donations).

With all of their efforts, the generous kids of our Kids Club contributed to the following enterprises and projects. As you will see, they were interested in making contributions that helped children, women, and local agriculture.

Microloans

Through the international microloan organization Kiva (kiva.org), we took part in crowdfunding small business loans in developing countries. Kiva's vision is for "a financially inclusive world where all people hold the power to improve their lives." We chose Kiva during the fish week because we could contribute to a person who fished for a living! As the money is paid back by the borrower, the payments are credited back to our Kiva account so we can re-lend the money to other people who need it. Of our original contributions of \$50 USD, by the end of Kids Club year \$6.50 had already been paid back and we used that credit as part of our end of year contribution. We made another \$50 USD contribution with our lemonade stand money, and also made small donations to Kiva with each loan. We printed out a world map and the children were very interested in finding where the people we help live and work.

Mary Ann – Philippines



We helped Mary Ann purchase fishing materials like a new fish net, gasoline for her boat, rope and other materials needed for her business.

Mary Ann repaid \$6.50 by June 2019.

Ebertina – Zimbabwe



We helped Ebertina, a 21 year old woman in Zimbabwe, start a poultry business by purchasing chicks, chick feed and vaccines. Ebertina will repay the "social interest" on her loan by volunteering 2.5 hours weekly in the lending organization as a Transition Guide, supporting other young women who are just entering the program, by delivering an orientation course with weekly sessions on topics including health and financial literacy, as well as by providing career guidance.

Due to a change in the political environment in Zimbabwe, it took a little longer for the funds to be disbursed to Ebertina, but she received the money in April and she will begin repayments in July this year.

Winny – Kenya



We helped Winny purchase another quality dairy cow to meet demand for milk in her local area. Winny has been farming for 10 years, both dairy and crops. She lives in Sotik, Kenya with her husband and children. The local lending organization also provides her with financial training as part of its loan program.

...and on to our donations on the next page... Gifts to the United Church Gifts With Vision Program

The children reviewed the gift options available through the United Church's Gifts With Vision program (giftswithvision.ca). They chose the following gifts/projects for their donations, which totalled \$240.00.

Off to a Good Start



Our donation went to much-needed supplies, such as formula and other items needed for newborns. Massey Centre in Toronto supports both pregnant adolescents and young parents who experience poverty and face multiple barriers. Through this program, young people find the resources they need to heal and build new lives.

Equip a Child for School



Our donation went to provide a child in India with one year of school supplies. Keep children in school and teach them about their rights: these are the goals of the local organization delivering the funds, the Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation. In the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, many families cannot afford school fees and supplies. This organization helps make education possible for girls and boys.

Feed Children in the Philippines



Our donation provided children with food and vitamin supplements. The United Church in the Philippines' Sunbeam Day Care Center in Manila cares for children whose families live in extreme poverty, working as scavengers and day labourers. The United Center fulfills children's rights to adequate food and education by offering kindergarten classes and nutritious meals.

Build a Well



Our donation will contribute to a safer water system in Bipemba in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Girls and women will no longer face a dangerous 15 to 20 km journey for water, and will gain greater access to education. To be completed: a water reservoir and new generator to power the pump.

Our very last donation was to the Abundance Project here in our own home community, and we were proud to give that gift during the Pride picnic. The children also assisted the Abundance Project in planting the Community Garden Boxes for the local Food bank.



We are so pleased that our fun year at St. Paul's Kids Club gave us the chance to take part in good work in Toronto, Congo, India, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Philippines and Warkworth. We learned that people all over the world need safe water, that they go to school, grow food and have farms just like here in Warkworth, and how we can, through our own service in our community, serve in helping others.



Affirm Committee - Annual Report 2019

Now in its second year, the Affirm Committee added two new members, Elizabeth Heon and Derreck Wendell, and we welcomed our new Minister, Rev. Meggin King as well.



In April, the Affirm Committee hung a beautiful, colourful banner that it had created by a local print shop to provide an inclusive welcome for all who enter St. Paul's doors. This banner is for use at all events hosted by the Affirm Committee and more broadly by any group that

wishes to promote St. Paul's as an inclusive and affirming congregation and ministry.

The Affirm Committee marked several dates of significance in 2019. On May 19 – Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia – the Affirm Committee shared an educational matching game with the congregation. Small groups worked to match LGBTQ+ words with their definitions, which introduced current terminology in a fun way.

On Sunday, June 9 the Affirm Committee hosted a Pride Service in Mill Creek Park to kick off Pride Month. This was followed by a lunch featuring BBQ hot dogs, sandwiches, rainbow cupcakes and music for the occasion.



The service was well attended and marked an historic, first-of-its kind LGBTQ+ event in Trent Hills. Every committee in the church, local merchants and other volunteers all pulled together to make this an unforgettable day for all who

attended!

Affirm Committee. Photo credit: Brighton Independent



In September, three members of the Affirm

Committee - Rev. Meggin King, Charlotte Hastings and myself - travelled to Peterborough to march along side with other affirming congregations and community service organizations in the Peterborough Pride Parade.

It was energizing to be part of such a large gathering and such positive support for LGBTQ+ people and their allies!

On December 1, St. Paul's United Church marked World AIDS Day. Red ribbons, the international symbol for persons whose lives have been touched by AIDS, were distributed and worn by all in attendance at the service.

The Affirm Committee wishes to thank the Peterborough AIDS Resource Network for providing these ribbons for the occasion at no cost.



Finally, the United Church Affirming Congregations in Peterborough and surrounding areas started a new Affirm Network to share experiences and support congregations thinking of becoming affirming.

St. Paul's was invited to participate and a few of our members have attended some of the meetings to share information about our journey of becoming an affirming congregation as well as our ongoing activities. Due to the challenge of finding common ground for meeting times, this committee is re-visiting its mandate and may decide to focus on Peterborough's churches in future but we remain interested in providing whatever support we can.



Submitted for St. Paul's Annual General Meeting on February 23, 2020

Submitted by Jeanette Cournoyer, Affirm Committee Chair

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Balance Dec. 2019 7,381.29

Receipts

Collections including 2 - \$100 Donations	\$ 585.75	
3 Funeral after expenses	683.34	
9 Service Club meals & bonus	4,879.17	
Eastern Star donation for Kitchen	20.00	
Other events (bus tours, luncheons, fair)	<u>5,037.59</u>	<u>11,205.85</u>
		18,587.14

Expenses

Presbyterial Dues	120.00	
Mission & Service	1,500.00	
Maple Syrup Banner (2019)	60.00	
Maple Syrup Banner (2020)	60.00	
Poppy Fund	35.00	
El Hogar (Honduran School)	200.00	
Northumberland Hospital	250.00	
Campbellford Memorial Hospital	250.00	
Percy Agricultural Society	200.00	
Santa Claus Parade	100.00	
Cornerstone Family Violence Centre	200.00	
Salvation Army	200.00	
2 Appreciation Gifts	222.26	
Appreciation Gift	300.00	
Kitchen Expenses	851.51	
St Paul's Stewards	7,000.00	<u>11,128.71</u>
Balance Dec 2019		7,458.43

Ruth Orr, UCW Treasurer



Abundance Project 2019 Annual Report

The Abundance Project continues to thrive with the support of the St. Paul's church community. The launch of our fall and winter season was delayed by several months due to the kitchen renovations. All Abundance participants and volunteers are very pleased with the new look and layout of the renovated kitchen, and we want to extend our thanks to Greg Torrance and his team for all their hard work to see this project through to completion.

Attendance at the **Warkworth Community Lunch** averages 65 people. This event draws a broad cross section of Warkworth residents and has started to attract attendees and volunteers from Hastings, Codrington, and occasionally as far away as Brighton. Our roster of volunteers continues to grow from both within St. Paul's and the wider community.

The monthly **Community Kitchen** brings together 6 to 8 community members who prepare a full meal for themselves and their families. Each month the participants share a social time in the kitchen preparing and learning. Participants include church members, individuals from the Nursing Home and their caregivers as well as other member of the community. Each month participants take home approximately 15 meal servings.

Unfortunately the **Grade 8 Cooking classes** have faltered this year, first being delayed due to the renovations and currently are suspended because of the work to rule and strike action of the teaching staff. It is not clear whether the cooking classes will resume for this academic year.

The very successful **ChopTalk** program continued with a fall 8 week session. This is an after school program for Grade 7 students that focusses on healthy eating, kitchen skills and life skills discussion/activities. There is terrific enthusiasm amongst the students for both the cooking activities and the 'talk' portion, this year ably delivered by Patrick Muldoon. We also want to gratefully acknowledge the generous financial support of the Allen Insurance Group for ChopTalk. A second 8 week session is planned for after the March break.

The Abundance Project launched a new youth initiative this year called **The League of Curious Kids**. Supported with a grant from the United Church of Canada's Emerging Spirit Innovation grant program, and under the skillful direction of Courtney Good, we have developed full day camp programming for 4 teacher professional development days, and for 5 days during March break. The majority of the participants are between the ages of 5 and 9. We are fortunate to have a number of great community partners as well as volunteers for this program.

The Abundance Project acknowledges and recognizes the support provided by the St. Paul's community for the generous use of church facilities. Without access to the church kitchen none of these programs would be possible. Thanks also need to go out to the volunteers in our church family who are contributing in a variety of ways to the success of Abundance programs.

David Lyon

Cards for Cash Fundraising Program - Annual Report 2019

2019 was the second best year for the Cards for Cash on going fundraiser! A few things contributed to this success. Most notably, the addition of Sharpe's Food Market gift cards has definitely increased our income.

Another factor is that the Abundance Project and UCW continued to purchase large amounts of cards throughout the year. Members of the congregation purchased a record number of cards during the months of November and December. Finally, regular reminders from our Minister to the congregation have also been helpful in keeping the orders flowing in.

With your support, we raised \$950.17 for St. Paul's in 2019!

January 1, 2019 Opening	Balance	\$0
 INCOME		
Float for year		\$ 1,000.00
Card purchases		\$23,170.50
Bank interest		\$4.21
		\$24,174.71
 EXPENSES		
Payments to Avgen Card Distributor		\$18,684.04
Payments to Sharpe's Food Market		\$3,540.50
Card inventory December 31, 2019		\$1,000.00
Cash on hand December 31, 2019		\$0
		\$23,224.54
 NET INCOME		
Profit given to St. Paul's		\$950.17

Submitted by Jeanette Cournoyer, Cards for Cash Program Coordinator



Stewards / Trustees Report to AGM

The year of 2019 certainly can be considered one of transition for St. Paul's. Our budget, in the last 3 years has shown a definite trending to the negative position and no matter how prudent and conscious we all are of the spending, conservation methods and a serious eye on expenses, the age old "church problem" of not having enough volunteer income to pay expenses continually rears its head.

With the assistance of Ian and Karen we have presented a budget that reflects our situation concerning our day to day expenses. Positive steps are being introduced to wrestle this problem.

The remodeled and more functional kitchen is a perfect example. With the additional benefits of having this upgrade, the use of the kitchen facilities can now be expanded for rentals and use by others. The renovations to the lower level, new flooring and some more professional looking equipment have improved our business office operation, removed a lot of unwanted storage in the minister's office; but, also provided new additional space for Kids Club and the enhanced 7 Hills Community Pantry, thus, extending more space and resulting in an extended lease with a long term commitment. Something everyone should be aware is that the food bank voluntarily contributed \$5,000 to these renovations. We also have another long term tenant using our facilities on a regular monthly basis; namely, the order of Eastern Star.

The Gathering Place is a tremendous asset of our church and certainly assists in alleviating some of our income issues, but it too requires some TLC and more improved and accessible washrooms.

The Stewards/Trustees are definitely open to suggestions and marketing opportunities for any additional uses of the Gathering Place and enhancement of its operation.

"The St. Paul's Alive Program" was started in January and is the inspiration of the appeals committee of the Stewards/Trustees, in addition to these activities, we are actively looking at new and additional opportunities for maximizing St Paul's income position.

Special thanks to the ladies of the UCW who continually support the operation of St. Paul's. Your ongoing efforts are truly appreciated. Your Stewards/Trustees committee has agreed to remain for another year but we could certainly use some additional members.

Fresh ideas and constructive criticism are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,

Co-Chairs Bryce Allen and Bob Rowe