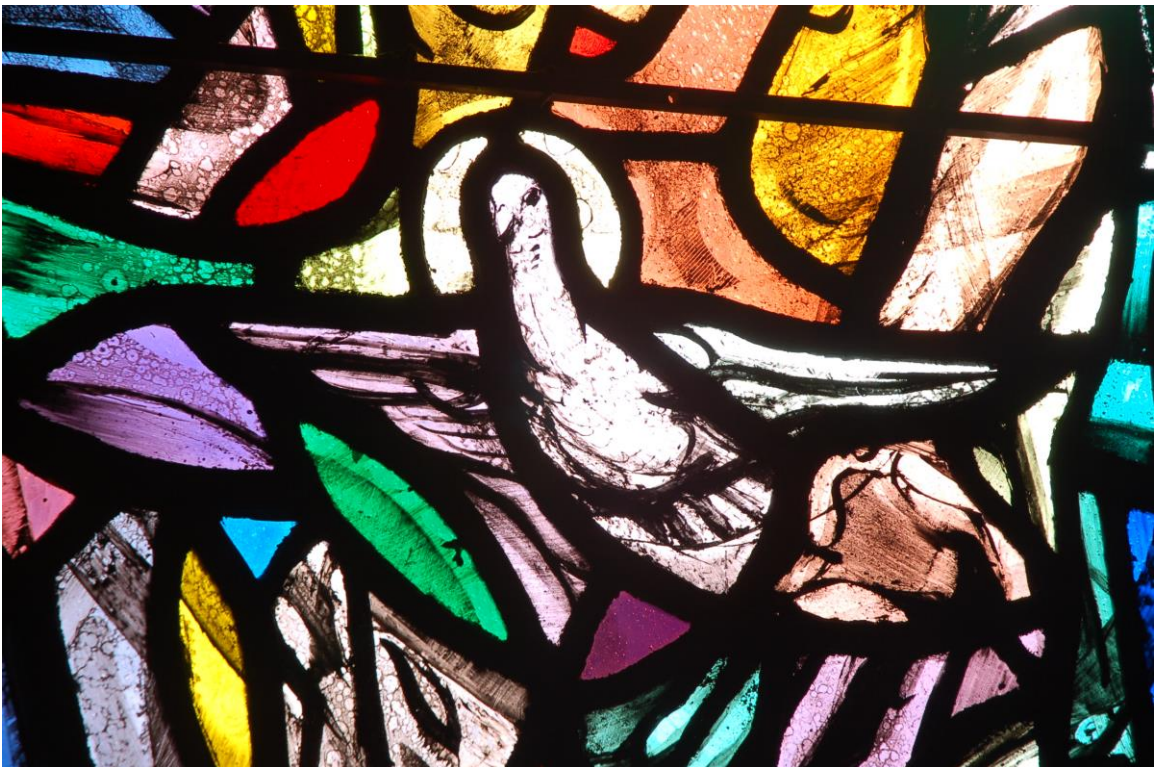


# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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## **PRAYER**

*Father of compassion and God of all comfort, as you encourage and strengthen us in our times of trouble, so help us to do the same for others out of the help we receive from you.  
In Christ's name. Amen.*

## WHAT'S INSIDE

This Annual Report focuses on the work done by the Committees and our Church Council in the past year as well as the **cost** of doing the work of the Church. As you review the information enclosed, consider the value of each of these activities, then come to the Annual Meeting with a mind directed to the welfare of Central.

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*The Annual Report has been compiled and edited by Sally Sandiford, Office Administrator.  
Thank you to all staff, council, committee members and other church volunteers  
who submitted their reports, as indicated on the following pages.*

## **AGENDA**

### **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 12 noon**

1. CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Dr. James Clubine
2. MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE: Rev. Dr. James Clubine
3. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEETING CHAIR & RECORDING SECRETARY:  
Rev. Dr. James Clubine
4. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ADHERENTS TO VOTE AT THIS MEETING:  
Karen Coll
5. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Karen Coll
6. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES  
(January 29, 2017) found on Pages 4-8: Karen Coll
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. CHURCH COMMITTEE REPORTS (as printed in Annual Report, beginning on Page 13)
9. FINANCIAL REPORT, STATEMENTS & 2018 BUDGET (beginning on Page 31):  
Stewardship & Finance Committee
10. MOTION FOR FINANCIAL SIGNING AUTHORITY: Stewardship & Finance Committee
11. THANK YOU TO RETIRING MEMBERS
12. NOMINATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS & ELECTION OF TRUSTEES: Karen Coll  
Report of Nominations Committee, Nominations from the Floor and Election
13. QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD
14. CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS – Karen Coll
15. HANDING OVER OF GAVEL TO NEW CHAIRPERSON
16. ADJOURNMENT
19. BENEDICTION AND PRAYER: Rev. Dr. James Clubine





# MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2016

(continued)

10. MOTION FOR FINANCIAL SIGNING AUTHORITY: Stewardship & Finance Committee  
FOR: Gary Crosby, Mike Moore, Karen Coll, Scott Wetmore, Linda Patterson  
1st - Cheryl Neave 2nd - Ken Barnett

11. MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE NEW CHURCH CONSTITUTION JANUARY 2017  
1st - Randy Holmes 2nd - Susan Fyfe

Jim Wright and his team took on the amending of our outdated 2004 Church Constitution which is governed by the mandate of the United Church of Canada.

- essentially removed Dormant Groups - Congregational Life, Growth & Communications, Parish Nursing and Men's Fellowship group

- added - Small Group ministry, Visitation and Pastoral Care Team

- reviewed duties and responsibilities of each Committee

- changed Council Structure to provide for additional Members at Large and the ability of Committee Chairs to now serve beyond the 6 year mark when needed

-Cheryl Neave commented that an Amendment should be made on Page 7 #10.1 to change "Vice Chairman" to "Vice Chair" - to be passed along to Jim Wright

- Karen Coll thanked Jim Wright and his team for their commitment of time and effort to updating this

12. THANK YOU TO RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Charlie Deacon (joined 2010) and Don Thomson (joined 2011) - both serving in many roles in our church

- hard-working, dedicated, faithful and very much appreciated by our church family

13. NOMINATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS & COUNCIL APPROVAL:

Karen Coll	Chair
Vacant	Vice Chair
Ruth Duffield	Past Chair
Mike Moore	Treasurer
Cynthia Yee	Secretary
Randy Holmes	Chair, Administration & Property
Vacant	Chair, Christian Education
Elizabeth Gaffney	Chair, Outreach
Gary Crosby	Chair, Stewardship & Finance
Nancy Holmes	Chair, Worship

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# MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2016

(continued)

## Members at Large

Linda Patterson  
Serag Gadelrab  
Mark Ono

Scott Wetmore  
Ana Arashi  
Vacant

## Representatives

Don McQuirter, Ministry & Personnel  
Vida Bridgeman, Presbytery  
Bob Nebel, Trustees

## Minister

Rev. Dr. James Clubine

1st - Alastair McCallum

2nd - Pat Ono

### 14. QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD:

- Martha Stirling asked for clarification on definition of "active member", "non-active residential member" and "historic member"

- Sally advised an active member - received confirmation, adult confirmation, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of faith that actively attends church or has pastoral care

- non-active member - has moved away, no longer attends, not transferred membership, may not be located and are deemed to be inactive for up to a 3 year period

- historic member - no longer member of the church, no activity, no longer lives here (3 yrs.). Council ultimately votes on moving people to this roll

- want to reflect exactly who Central United's congregation is and dues paid to Presbytery.

- we need to spend more time reviewing and trying to connect with people on the inactive/historic rolls

- Martha stated that communication is key

- Mike Moore as Treasurer wanted to recognize the great work Sally does in accurate record keeping for the church and her help to the Finance Committee

### 15. CHAIR PERSON'S REMARKS:

-thank you to Council, friends, family and congregation for encouragement and support throughout this past year. An honour to serve as your chairperson for 2016

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# **MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2016**

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- it has been a productive and growth-filled year
- distributed a list of all the 2017 important dates in our Church calendar for planning purposes
- Volunteering and Generosity is good for your health - so sign-up sheet of small jobs within the Church was distributed and encourage everyone to get involved. How can you serve your church?

16. HANDING OVER OF GAVEL TO NEW CHAIRPERSON - Karen Coll

- Karen thanked Ruth for her leadership, enthusiasm, introduction of new ideas and encouraging new involvement in our church

- presentation of a church print as token of our appreciation

- recognition of Sally Sandiford, Sharon Gayman Laird and Rev Dr. Jim Clubine for their outstanding support and leadership of Central United Church

17. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

1st - Sharon Gayman Laird

2nd - Randy Holmes

\* Approximately 55 people in attendance for the AGM meeting

## **MINISTER'S REPORT**

*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*  
Matthew 5:14-16

The journal Comment is a publication aimed at public theology for the common good. An article in the Fall 2017 issue posed an interesting thought exercise that got me thinking about the significance of the church for the world. Here is the thought exercise: "Imagine a map of your city without churches. Now imagine the sort of society we'd have without those congregations."

Imagine what Main Street in Unionville would be like if there was no Central United Church at 131 or Union Street without the Bethesda Lutheran Church or Kennedy Road without St. Philips on-the-hill Anglican Church. These buildings that house the worship of these congregations stand as witnesses to everyone who drives past them of a people who have faith in Jesus Christ. They are part of that story of God at work in the world through his Son by the Spirit.

I think too of the good will of the people who comprise those congregations as they share that in the community through their work and volunteer activities. We gather at worship to hear of God's love for us; a love that compels us to turn to our neighbours in this same self-forgetful self-giving way. As Jesus put it—you are the light of the world. Jesus also said that his church is the salt of the earth and salt both preserves and flavours—and it doesn't take much salt to flavour. These congregations make a world of difference.

Instinctively we know that churches and faith communities make positive contribution to cultural, spiritual, and social well-being in their communities. But there is a growing body of research that measures the contributions in quantitative monetary terms. The Halo project is one of these research initiatives which shows that, for every dollar in a religious congregation's annual budget, a city gets an estimated \$4.77 worth of common good services. This is known as the Halo Effect. According to their Halo Calculator the Halo effect of churches and faith communities in Markham is almost \$390 Million.

As we read the reports of the various committees in our Annual Report read them with our Lord's vision of being the light of the world in mind. Each contribution, large and small, monetarily or in time and effort to committees or projects helps us to be that light. A day will come when our Lord will show us the full extent of the wonder he is working through us.

It is a joy to be working among a congregation where so many are so actively engaged and to work alongside a dedicated ministry team—Rev. Karl Burden, Sharon Gayman Laird, Sally Sandiford, and Sarah Wyse.

Every blessing,

REV. DR. JAMES CLUBINE  
Minister of Worship and Pastoral Care

## **DIRECTORY OF STAFF & COUNCIL FOR 2017**

### **STAFF**

Rev. Dr. James Clubine - Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care  
Rev. Karl Burden – Voluntary Associate Minister  
Sally Sandiford - Office Administrator  
Sarah Wyse - Director of Music Ministry  
Sharon Gayman Laird - Custodian

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### **CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL**

Karen Coll, Chair  
Ruth Duffield, Past Chair  
(vacant), Vice Chair  
Cynthia Yee, Secretary  
Mike Moore, Treasurer  
Randy Holmes, Chair, Administration & Property  
Elizabeth Gaffney, Chair, Outreach  
Gary Crosby, Chair, Stewardship & Finance  
Nancy Holmes, Chair, Worship  
Don McQuirter, Ministry & Personnel Representative  
Vida Bridgeman, Presbytery Representative  
Bob Nebel, Chair, Trustees  
Ana Arashi, Member at Large  
Serag Gadelrab, Member at Large  
Mark Ono, Member at Large  
Linda Patterson, Member at Large  
Scott Wetmore, Member at Large  
Rev. Dr. James Clubine

*(Names of our church committee members are included in the various reports found on the following pages.)*

## **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

*And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*  
*Ephesians 4:32*

2017 was an eventful year. The United Church of Canada announced plans to simplify its organizational structure with the overall goal of helping people focus more sharply on mission and ministry while improving efficiency across the church. This plan included seeking pastoral charges' approval of the framework. As a result, with the invaluable guidance of Tom Fyfe, Central United Church Council researched, evaluated and voted on the 5 required remits. Ongoing remit implementation updates are available on The United Church of Canada website.

Our Church Administrator, Sally Sandiford announced her plans to retire after close to twenty five years of service. Sally will be deeply missed. We thank her for all she has done for the church and wish her all the best in her retirement.

The curb appeal of our beautiful church was much improved in 2017 as construction on the manse property adjacent to the church was completed, the Canada Post mailboxes were relocated away from the front of our property and new and aesthetically pleasing lighting was installed at the church entrance. A special thanks to Randy and Sharon for their outstanding efforts on property management.

Our congregation was very active and engaged in church life. We continued to focus on religious education offering a Sunday school program for children of all ages. Small group adult studies specifically designed to gain a greater understanding of the Bible have been well attended. Thanks to Sarah Wyse and the talented choir, we enjoyed beautiful music during worship services. The Pastoral and Visitation committee continued to offer comfort to fellow parishioners. Following the Unionville Old Tyme parade we hosted an evening of Christmas Carol singing over hot chocolate and goodies for members of the community. Thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the generosity of members of the church and community the Roast Beef and Turkey Fundraising Dinners were successful events raising significant funds for local church and Outreach operations. Furthermore, the Second Annual Silent Auction dedicated to raising funds for the capital fund was a resounding success, buoyed by an anonymous donor committing to a matching donation program. The church is investing in technology to raise engagement. An Investment Committee was established to provide recommendations to the Trustees as to the investing of the funds available from the sale of the manse. The church continues to manage its expenditures carefully. During 2017 operational costs were partially offset by leasing facilities to Unionville Mandarin Alliance Church (UMAC). While unfortunately UMAC will not be renewing the lease, in 2018 Hagerman Mennonite Church intends to lease our facilities for approximately six months as their home church undergoes renovation.

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**CHAIR'S REMARKS** *(continued)*

It has been an honour and pleasure to serve as Chair. I am deeply grateful to Rev. Jim Clubine for his spiritual guidance and leadership. To Ruth, Cynthia, Mike, Gary, Don, and my fellow members of council my deepest gratitude for your friendship and support. In the coming year Council will be under the stewardship of Elizabeth Gaffney. I would like to thank Elizabeth for taking on this privilege. I would also like to thank all committee leaders, members and volunteers for their ongoing dedication and contributions, which are helping to make us a strong Church Family.

Sincerely,

KAREN COLL  
Chair of Church Council

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY**

As Chair of A & P I would like to thank all the committee members -- with special mention to Henry Wong, Doug Carson and Brian Randall. Outside of our A & P Team we have great support from many. A special thanks to Sharon Gayman Laird and Sally Sandiford (the glue that holds the church together!). A further note of appreciation goes out to John and Alan Heighway (AV), Dan Tooley (electrical), Parker Small (HVAC) and Kearan Symons (landscape and snow removal).

This year's duties included many annual concerns and projects, some planned and some not, all for the betterment of our heritage church. We continue to have standard ongoing contracts for facility rentals, maintenance yard work, snowplowing and custodial work.

A&P handled a number of projects this year including:

Painting of the Junior Choir Room

Professional Waxing of the downstairs floors and stairs

New Entrance Floor Mats

New Outdoor Number plate, Mail box and lights by the Main Entrance

Removal (finally) of the Canada Post Mailboxes from our front lawn

In addition, we have four neighbours adjacent to us, all in different stages of renovations:

The old Manse building is all but completed

The new House across the street has been proceeding in a fast and very professional manner

Our neighbour to the north has plans to renovate but so far has not begun the physical process

Our neighbour to the south of our parking lot is coming along with renovations albeit slowly.

I would like to thank everyone (staff and congregation) for their patience and understanding during these renovations as there have been many issues (parking, flooding of parking lot, trespassing on our property) that have surfaced over the course of time and have required action. Although nothing has been malicious in nature, they have nevertheless required diligent overseeing and response.

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**ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY** *(continued)*

Our good news is that the expensive project of repaving our church driveway is being delayed until these renovations are completed giving us the much needed time to build up our Capital Fund.

In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all those who help keep our church beautiful and the tireless work that is required to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

RANDY HOLMES  
Chair, A&P Committee

Active members of A&P: Brian Randall, Henry Wong, Doug Carson, Bill Bryans, Sharon Gayman Laird, Randy Holmes

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Small Groups**

During the 2017 season of LENT, the small group Ministry team planned and delivered a LENTEN study that included a fellowship dinner. The Study this year was entitled “An 8-day Revolution Friday to Friday by Rev. Jason Nelson” and was presented every Thursday evening for 5 weeks finishing April 5th. As in previous years a light dinner was served at 6 p.m., with the study starting at 7:15. On this series Rev. Jim Clubine started the study each time with a master painter art work significant to the study of that day in the life of Christ. We had an excellent turnout with a high of 46.

Small group ministry team met several times in the Spring to plan the 2017 Fall Church-wide Study Campaign. During these meetings we renewed our Church-wide subscription to Rightnow Media and began researching the various online Bible studies available. The choice made was The Book of Ephesians which covered Paul’s Letters to the Ephesians, a very rich book regarded as a survival manual for Christians relevant even more so in today’s world. This year we had seven host groups with 68 participants signed up for the 6 sessions with at least two continuing to complete the 9 session series. A new Amica group was created allowing us to tap into Swan Lake and we were pleased to get support from the Amica administration. As previously, Jim Clubine matched his sermons to the following week’s study. The program ran for 6 weeks with three morning sessions and four evening sessions available to give choice to the participants. Sessions finished the week of November 20th. The material was well received; faith and fellowship came to everyone. Central United Church is very fortunate to have the Right Now Media Program supported in part, by funds donated by Dennis Seeley to honour the memory of Gerri Seeley.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Small Groups** *(continued)*

Central United Small Group Ministry Team consists of the following members: Jim Clubine, Valerie Clubine, Linda Patterson, Martha Stirling, Ruth Duffield, Eilis Wu, Sharon Gayman Laird, Ron Wyse, Dennis Seeley and Bob Davies. Small groups also participated in the Church coffee hour after the service. Your small group ministry team is dedicated to looking to your spiritual needs, we meet as often as we need to deliver on this promise by developing various study campaigns and other small group sponsored activities. We thank you for this opportunity to serve, your grateful Small Group Ministry Team.

BOB DAVIES  
Group Leader

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**Sunday School Children's Offering** (included in Church Financial Statements)

Loose	\$142.00
Local	<u>\$ 71.00</u>
	<u>\$213.00</u>



## OUTREACH

Our Central United family has generously supported many 2017 Outreach projects locally and around the world. Donations of \$500 were made to each of the following organizations: 360 Kids, Camp Big Canoe, Shangilia Children's Home in Kenya, Freedom House Orphanages in Haiti, Teen Challenge GTA, Reg Reimer's Ministry (Evangelical Fellowship of Canada), Ontario Christian Gleaners, Christian Blind Mission, Save the Mothers, Yonge Street Mission and Fred Victor Mission.

Overwhelming support was also given to the following special projects:

Ontario Christian Gleaners was the 2017 Lenten Project. \$5,100 was raised.

The Ontario Christian Gleaners is an Interdenominational Christian organization that seeks to visibly demonstrate God's love and grace by working with volunteers to collect, process, and make available surplus agricultural produce for the relief of the hungry in overseas nations.

The 'Gleaners' is a volunteer driven organization, with over 1,100 donated hours each week. Each day, the volunteers are trimming 5,000+ pounds of vegetables, providing the ingredients for 30,000 servings of soup. The trimmed vegetables are diced and then dried in a dehydration oven – later to be combined with other ingredients to constitute the soup mix. The soup is donated to partner organizations who have the necessary infrastructure for effective distribution, who are committed to sustainability and development, and who combine the gospel message with humanitarian aid.

The Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes were once again filled with special gifts and a message of caring from their friends at Central! Thanks to all of you who participated. A total of 116 boxes were filled! A special thank you to Agnes Willerding for her leadership in this project.

The Children's Aid Society Christmas Gift project provided gifts for 17 children and youth in the Children's Aid Society foster care. Thank you to all who helped these young people have a Merry Christmas. Again, thank you to Heather Keeling and her team for organizing this project.

The Markham Food Bank greatly appreciates the ongoing donations from Central all year long. Our White Gift Sunday donations of 11 bags of food and \$600 in cash were delivered to the Food Bank in time for Christmas. In addition, The Hostess Gift Project spearheaded by Ruth Duffield contributed \$1,900 in cash for the Markham Food Bank. Thank you Ruth for your continued support of this project.

Thank you to all of our knitters who "decorated" The Mitten Tree! Over 75 items (mitts, hats, scarves, etc.) were delivered to the Salvation Army for Christmas giving.

Plan International and Compassion Canada continue to be supported by Central. We support 3 foster children in Colombia, Indonesia and El Salvador through Plan International and Compassion for an annual cost of \$1,514.

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**OUTREACH** (continued)

We also continue to collect funds all year round for Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) both through offering envelopes and our “penny pail” for loose change. Thanks to your support and Mark Ono’s great fundraising golf tournament, we are able to provide funds for 138 bedkits this year.

A special thank you to my fellow volunteer members of the Outreach Committee for their continued dedication. The members are Barb Davies, Marion McCallum, Felicity Monaco, Peter Seidler, and Terry Simpson. Rev. Dr. Jim Clubine joins our meetings and we appreciate his guidance and encouragement as we work together on behalf of our Church family. Also, thanks to Sally Sandiford for her administrative support and assistance.

Our sincere gratitude goes to all the members of Central United for its generous support of the many outreach projects throughout the year. Your expression of care and concern for others is greatly appreciated in our own community and around the world.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH (LIZ) GAFFNEY  
Chair

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**Financial Report of Local Outreach Fund**

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$
Opening Balance (January 1 <sup>st</sup> )	920	1,002
Congregational Offerings to Local Outreach	8,659	5,599
15% of Fundraising Dinner/Festival Proceeds	<u>1,529</u>	<u>1,427</u>
	10,188	8,028
Less Outreach Committee Disbursements (as outlined on the following page)	<u>7,076</u>	<u>7,108</u>
<b>Balance, December 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>4,032</b>	<b>920</b>

## OUTREACH DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	\$	\$
<b>Congregational Givings to Mission &amp; Service</b>		
Collected & Remitted to United Church of Canada	<u>5,246</u>	<u>8,825</u>
<b>Special Projects (as specified by congregation)</b>		
<u>Collected &amp; Disbursed:</u>		
Lenten Project (Ontario Christian Gleaners for 2017)	5,046	5,449
Sleeping Children Around the World	4,840	5,161
Markham Food Bank (White Gift)	592	690
<u>Disbursements from Ongoing Projects:</u>		
Stuff a Duffle	<u>1,962</u>	<u>1,741</u>
<b>Total Special Project Disbursements</b>	<b><u>12,440</u></b>	<b><u>13,041</u></b>
<u>Disbursements by Outreach Committee:</u>		
360 Kids	500	101
Camp Big Canoe	500	500
Christian Blind Mission International	500	500
Mission to Haiti (Freedom House)	500	500
Foster Parents Plan/Compassion Canada	1,514	1,478
Fred Victor Mission	500	500
Markham Food Bank	8	10
Ontario Christian Gleaners	554	500
Reg Reimer Mission	500	500
Save the Mothers	500	500
Shangilia Orphanage (Kenya)	500	500
Sleeping Children Around the World	0	19
Teen Challenge	500	500
Yellow Brick House	0	500
Yonge Street Mission	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Disbursements by Outreach Committee</b>	<b><u>7,076</u></b>	<b><u>7,108</u></b>
<b>TOTAL (M&amp;S, Special &amp; Outreach Disbursements)</b>	<b><u>24,762</u></b>	<b><u>28,974</u></b>

**OUTREACH** (continued)

**Stuff A Duffle**

Thank you to everyone who donated and bought gifts for “Stuff a Duffle” this year. Thanks to you we helped 17 children and youth in the care of the York Region Children’s Aid.

An accounting is as follows:

Balance Forward – December 31, 2016	\$ 589	
Donations from the Congregation during 2017	<u>\$1,868</u>	\$2,457
Less Disbursements:		
Monies used for Christmas Gifts for 17 children/youth		<u>\$1,962</u>
Closing Balance – December 31, 2017		<u>\$ 495</u>

HEATHER KEELING

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**Hale Pastoral Care Fund**

This memorial fund was established by the Hale family in 1999 when Norma Hale passed away and added to upon the death of her husband Tom in 2006. Donations were mandated to “support persons in need of emergency help and counselling, support the training of persons for pastoral care, and the development of faith and a healthy lifestyle of youth through Christian camping and conference experiences.”

The proceeds have had minimal use in recent years; however, we began using it in 2012 to finance our Benevolent Fund (rather than using Outreach donations for this purpose.) The Benevolent Fund fulfills the mandate of the Hale Pastoral Care Fund and is administered by our minister to support people who approach the church for emergency assistance.

Opening Balance, December 31, 2016		\$3,244
Disbursements:	Grocery Vouchers	<u>\$ 600</u>
Closing Balance, December 31, 2017		<u>\$2,644</u>

## **WORSHIP**

Central's Worship Committee was very active this year both spiritually and inspirationally.

It was through the support and work of our dedicated committee members, Susan Fyfe, Peter Miasek, Kathy Hoy, Marjorie Wetmore, Maureen Dudley and Cynthia Yee that much was accomplished. A special thank you to Kathy Hoy who continued to organize our Communion preparation team and purchase supplies for Lemonade on the Lawn; Marjorie Wetmore who participated in the Baptismal process; Maureen Dudley and the Decorating subcommittee who beautified our sanctuary; Peter Miasek who prepared the Duty Host lists; Cynthia Yee who was always available for a variety of jobs; and Susan Fyfe who assisted with Baptisms.

Sarah Wyse has continued to be a blessing to us with her musical direction and her inspirational piano playing throughout our services. We have been fortunate to have Johan Van't Hof, Bill Goodfellow, George Arnold and John Mole as our organists throughout the year and for special services.

Our coffee hours after each service (hosted by various small groups and committees) have allowed us time to enjoy fellowship and reconnections as a congregation. Coffee hours ran from September to the end of May with Lemonade on the Lawn commencing in June for the Summer.

In February Pastor David Blow spoke to us about his ministry with high risk offenders.

March 5<sup>th</sup> was Confirmation Sunday for three confirmands. They served communion, led prayers and readings and individually expressed their faith story. The Worship committee provided special cookies (bought through Jean Cuthbertson) and gifts to recognize this life achievement.

In May we were pleased to host Rev. Lorraine Hill and Rev. Dr. William Norman as our guest preachers during Rev. Clubine's vacation time.

Our Mother's Day service included congregation members bringing cut flowers that were placed in two vases and carried to the sanctuary at the beginning of the service. They were a beautiful tribute to all the wonderful mothers with us and who have passed.

In August, Rev Karl Burden and Ron Wyse preached to us during Rev. Clubine's study leave and then in September we were pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Victor Shepherd back to the pulpit for a Sunday service.

Our Remembrance Day Service was moving and poignant and also included Tim Birtch on the trumpet.

The Advent Season is always a busy one at Central United and this year was no exception. On Advent Sunday III the Musical Cantata "Sing Joy to All the World" was presented. It was wonderful to enjoy the musical talents of our choir under the direction of Sarah Wyse. Again this year there was an encore presentation of this Cantata at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve service.

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**WORSHIP** (continued)

Other highlights of our worship services and times of fellowship included Palm Sunday (with Palm crosses), Maundy Thursday which showcased a beautiful and moving Tenebrae service led by the choir, Good Friday morning service, Easter Sunday (2 services), White Gift Sunday, an Evening Comfort Service and Christmas Eve Services (3 evening services).

We continue to welcome new members by Baptism, Transfer, Profession and Reaffirmation of Faith.

A special thank you to all who took time assisting with preparation and serving of Communion, summer lemonade, advent candle lighting and readings. Also, a special thank you to Gail Gayman who very generously hosted our light breakfast following our Easter sunrise service and to Sharon who organized our soup lunches and Christmas fellowship evening.

Last but certainly not least, throughout the entire year we were blessed as a congregation to have the direction, devotion and inspiration provided to us through Rev. Dr. Jim Clubine and Sarah Wyse.

On behalf of your Worship Committee - best wishes for a blessed 2018.

NANCY HOLMES  
Chair

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**Music Ministry**

As I once again reflect on the year as it comes to an end, 2017 was a year that was full of unexpected blessings and excitement.

The choir has continued to be faithful in their ministry of leading worship through music. Their weekly commitment on Wednesday evenings and early Sunday mornings has continued to be an encouragement to me. It is a real blessing to be surrounded by such a faithful and committed group.

For Easter Season, the choir, along with a number of 'Easter' choir members participated fully during the Holy Week in leading worship. They started with a very energetic and stirring number on Palm Sunday called 'Blessed Messiah', then led the congregation to worship and sing at the Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday evening with the same musical 'We Remember Calvary' as the previous year. The purpose was for the congregation to experience the pain and suffering of Christ more fully through participating in a musical with the choir. Good Friday service follows the next morning, and we had a great Easter celebration on Sunday morning ending with the Hallelujah Chorus with many joining from the congregation. Both choir

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## **WORSHIP**

### **Music Ministry** *(continued)*

members and many from the congregation sensed a more well-rounded appreciation of the complete love story of salvation through Christ's suffering as well as His victorious resurrection.

The choir was also blessed with new singers joining especially for the Christmas presentation. The commitment shown by all were amazing. Apart from Wednesday evenings, they also had to come for a number of Saturday rehearsals for two and a half hours! This year I invited Dr. Melissa Davis once again to give a workshop to the choir on one of the Saturday morning rehearsals. She offered tips on how to sing better through breathing right and the proper sounding of the vowels. She also inspired the choir as she led the choir in singing through some of the Christmas Musical numbers focusing on expressing the meaning of the lyrics. I think the quality of the sound of the choir has improved lots because of this workshop. Thank you Melissa and we definitely want you back!

The choir has presented the musical twice, once on the morning of the 3rd Sunday of Advent, and then again on Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. The presentations were a blessing to many!! There was an outpouring of thankfulness from many, both to the choir and myself - my heart felt so full and blessed by the whole experience. The lesson I learned was this: as long as we follow God's guidance, He will provide all that we need and more to complete the task. We are the ones that end up being blessed the most!

I continue to witness God's goodness as I serve at Central. I appreciate many individuals, other than the choir, who are key to making the music ministry happen on a regular basis: Claude Schmid who plays guitar with me most Sundays, Sally Sandiford and Sharon Gayman Laird, who do everything in the background for me with grace and efficiency; Alan Heighway, our sound expert for both ongoing and special event support; and a special thanks to Rev. James Clubine, who so graciously leads, accepts, encourages and works with me. I also thank the Worship Committee for their unwavering support to my part in the ministry here. I look forward to see what God has in store for us in 2018!!

*'Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day.'* 1 Chronicles 16:11

SARAH WYSE  
Director of Music Ministry

## **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL**

The Ministry and Personnel Committee's role can be summarized as follows:

- *To provide a consultative and supportive service for members of Central's staff through ongoing liaison with staff members.*
- *To review the relationship of Church staff to the Congregation, and the inter-relationship and responsibilities of the Order of Ministry and other staff members.*
- *To review the working conditions, allowances and salary levels and make recommendations to the Congregational Council or appropriate Standing Committee, when required. M&P needs to ensure that Central United complies with all applicable employment legislation and employment policies outlined by the United Church of Canada.*
- *To consult with and encourage the Order of Ministry and other staff to set goals and objectives that contribute to the goals prioritized in the Ministry and Mission Profile of Central United Church and to provide an annual review and evaluation process on the effectiveness in working towards these and other goals as defined by the M&P through the Congregational Council.*
- *To support and encourage continuing education of all staff which will contribute to the achievement of these goals.*

One of the key priorities of M&P in 2017, has been the recruitment (in conjunction with a Council appointed Search Committee) of a replacement for Sally Sandiford who is retiring in early 2018 after 24+ years of dedicated service. Filling Sally's shoes is not an easy task but the Committee is approaching the final stages of the process and will be announcing Sally's successor in the near future.

We have also implemented a new working and pay arrangement with Sharon Gayman Laird, our Facilities Services Custodian. She has previously been paid on an annual contract basis but as of January 1, 2018, will become a Permanent Part Time employee and will be included in our payroll.

The members of the M&P Committee in 2017 were Vida Bridgeman, Tom Fyfe, Linda Patterson and Don McQuirter

DON McQUIRTER  
Chair



## **TRUSTEES**

The trustees are empowered to hold all lands, buildings and other assets in trust for the congregation. They shall ensure the insurance coverage is adequate and shall review the investments and investment policies.

With respect to these responsibilities a property appraisal was contracted and results were utilized to update insurance coverage. Additionally an investment committee reporting to the trustees was formed and the investment policy for the Church was formalized.

A special thank you to trustee Jack Fortnum who retired as a trustee in September after several years of service. (Sadly, Jack passed away in December after a few months of failing health.)

Thank you to ongoing trustees Vida Bridgeman, Jean Cuthbertson, Garth Dynes and Alastair McCallum and welcome to James Wright who joined as a trustee in October.

BOB NEBEL  
Chair

## **PRESBYTERY**

The remits to be voted on have been completed by our Central United Church Council with the help and leadership of Tom Fyfe.

The United Church Observer reported in their October 2017 edition that Church-wide balloting has given approval to proposals to reshape the denomination and the next step will be working out the details. These remits were required for measures that change the United Church's constitution, the Basis of Union. With these changes the number of decision-making courts in the Church will be reduced from four to three; an office of vocation will be established to help train and oversee ministry personnel; the transfer and settlement process for filling pulpits will be eliminated; and a new plan for financing denominational work will be implemented.

Many changes within the United Church will be taking place, but the Observer notes that most Church officials view the results of the voting as an affirmation of desired changes. It is interesting to note that participation rates on key proposals were as high as 96% for Presbyteries and 89% for pastoral charges. The only new model which was opposed, with 31% of all pastoral charges against, was the funding model at the denominational level.

These changes, as we know, were caused by the decreasing numbers of worshippers within the United Church of Canada. What we must continue to support is the creation and support of healthy and thriving communities of faith. I would quote again from our Moderator who advised last year that we must continue our faith journey and be reminded that the stories of our faith teach us that God is with us on our journey wherever we are.

We are blessed at Central United Church in innumerable ways. We pray that God will continue to bless us and that we may continue to be a blessing, and preach God's word within our area and beyond.

VIDA BRIDGEMAN  
Presbytery Representative

## **PASTORAL CARE**

### **Lay Pastoral Visitor Ministry**

The Visitation and Pastoral Care program is designed to provide compassionate and caring support to our Central community.

We are currently a team of 10 people who visit the elderly or ill at home or in hospital, comfort the bereaved, and maintain contact with those who are unable to attend church due to illness, personal crisis or transition.

Each Lay Pastoral Visitor brings a caring presence and a willingness to listen. They seek to engage people in conversation, provide support and encouragement, and bring news from the church community.

Our visitors attend a training session and work closely with the ministers.

If you have any questions about this ministry, or feel that this is a way in which you may like to serve, please contact me at any time.

Please keep our team in your prayers.

MARTHA STIRLING  
905-471-2604

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### **Prayer Chain**

Working quietly but faithfully in the background, your prayer chain upholds the needs and concerns of congregational members, their families and friends in the knowledge that God hears our prayers and responds to our needs.

Those wishing to be upheld by prayer may contact Rev. Karl Burden at [knburden@rogers.com](mailto:knburden@rogers.com) and your concerns will be added to our prayer list.

REV. KARL BURDEN

## **FUNDRAISING**

### **Church Dinners**

Thanks to many many volunteers (with special mention of our “super” organizer Jim Wright), we were able to host two community dinners this year, each serving over 300 meals to a hungry and appreciative crowd. What great opportunities for fellowship with our congregation and our community!

Beef Dinner Income (tickets and leftover food sales)	\$8,208	
Beef Dinner Expenses (food and decorating supplies)	<u>\$3,491</u>	
<b>Beef Dinner Proceeds</b>		<b>\$ 4,717</b>
Turkey Dinner Income (tickets and leftover food sales)	\$7,172	
Turkey Dinner Expenses (food and decorating supplies)	<u>\$1,701</u>	
<b>Turkey Dinner Proceeds</b>		<b><u>\$ 5,471</u></b>
		<b><u>\$10,188</u></b>
<b>15% for Outreach Projects</b>		<b>\$ 1,528</b>
<b>Balance for General Operating Fund</b>		<b><u>\$ 8,660</u></b>
		<b><u>\$10,188</u></b>

Reported by:

SALLY SANDIFORD  
Office Administrator

## **UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (U.C.W.)**

Our U.C.W. group had another very full and interesting year in 2017.

We started January with a planning meeting and catching up on outstanding business. In February, Barb Cooper showed a film and slides about Vimy Ridge. In March, Joan Hubbert arranged for Janice Russell, RN, to talk to us about the Markham Pregnancy Crisis Centre. In April, Bev Floyd arranged the program starting with lunch at The Symposium, followed by an interesting, guided visit to the Whitchurch Stouffville Museum.

In May, after a leisurely lunch, we had a White Elephant display of articles that each of us brought and interested members paid a small amount for their favourite purchases.

After the summer break we began September with a visit from Kim of the City of Markham Recycling Department who was very interesting and informative about recycling. In October we had a wonderful visit to Tyndale College on Bayview Avenue. After a delicious lunch, we were given a guided tour of the seminary and the highlight was the most beautiful chapel that most of us have ever seen – definitely worth a visit for anyone who is interested in the tour. In November we needed to have a business meeting and afterwards we prepared the turkey dressing for the upcoming annual Turkey Dinner. December was our Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at Barb Davies' home, and as in past years, each of us donated the price of a gift exchange to Tyndale College in appreciation of a wonderful visit.

In between meetings, we made from scratch, and sold, over 165 pies. This activity is our only fundraising activity.

Barb Davies and I are Co-Chairs of the UCW, Joan Hubbert is the Treasurer, and Jackie Coysh is our Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN WILSON  
on behalf of Central United Church Women

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**  
**YEAR 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**(December 1/16 to November 30/17)**

BALANCE FORWARD DECEMBER 1, 2016

General Account		\$1,881.02
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RECEIPTS

Offerings	\$ 879.00	
Spring Misc. Sale	\$ 124.65	
Pie Sales	<u>\$2,127.00</u>	<u>\$3,130.65</u>

TOTAL

\$5,011.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Arthritis Society (imo Marian Clark)	\$195.00	
Camp Big Canoe (from 2016)	\$150.00	
Camp Big Canoe (2017- \$100 not cashed)		
Canadian Bible Society	\$100.00	
Canadian Foodgrains	\$150.00	
CBM Canada	\$100.00	
Central United Church	\$100.00	
Fred Victor Centre	\$150.00	
Markham Food Bank	\$200.00	
M.S. Crisis Pregnancy Centre	\$100.00	
Salvation Army	\$200.00	
SHARE (from 2016)	\$200.00	
SHARE (2017)	\$150.00	
SLF Grandmothers' Campaign	\$100.00	
Teen Challenge GTA Women's Centre	\$150.00	
Tyndale College	<u>\$100.00</u>	\$2,145.00
Baking Supplies for Pies	\$ 477.61	
Living Waters Presbytery Dues	\$ 110.00	
Meeting expenses, flowers	\$ 39.54	
Bank Service Charge	<u>\$ 100.60</u>	\$2,872.75

BALANCE OF ACCOUNT – NOVEMBER 30, 2017

\$2,138.92

TOTAL

\$5,011.67

Submitted by:

JOAN HUBBERT  
U.C.W. Treasurer

## **BOOK CLUB**

2017 was a busy year for the Central Book Club.

To honour Canada 150 we selected books written by Canadian authors, including Jennifer Robson, Roberta Rich and Will & Ian Ferguson.

There are 13 active members. We welcomed Marian Hann and Lynn Randall to the group. We are eager to encourage new readers.

Book Club meets at 10 a.m. in the Friendship Room, the fourth Wednesday of each month (September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May). In June we meet at a restaurant to enjoy lunch and select the books for the next season.

Please consider joining us for lively discussion and fellowship.

Special thanks to Sally who faithfully publishes our meetings.

For further information and book selections please contact Carole at [carolebeam@gmail.com](mailto:carolebeam@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,

CAROLE BEAM

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## **UNIONVILLE FESTIVAL DAY**

This past year the Festival was held on Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday June 4th. A lovely day on Saturday found the Church open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the welcome of visitors and tours of our Church. Again, we welcomed many residents of the Unionville area as well as many visitors to our country.

Well over 250 visitors enjoyed visiting our lovely stained glass windows and our blessed sanctuary. Lemonade and cold water were served and this year we were able to offer donated cookies and cinnamon buns. Liz Dynes, Eilis Wu, Debbie Mewhiney, Karen Coll, Shirley & Don Thomson, as well as others, welcomed our visitors. Sharon Gayman Laird was on hand all day organizing signs and descriptions of the different windows which were placed beneath each window. We were also able to offer colourful leaflets explaining the meaning of each window and the representation of different stories from the Bible depicted in each window.

It was a great day and we were pleased to have the Church open and welcoming to visitors to our Unionville Festival.

VIDA BRIDGEMAN

## STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Stewardship and Finance Committee's primary responsibilities are to oversee and report to the Congregation on the financial affairs of the Church. In doing so, we consider the need from time to time for financial campaigns and/or communications with the Congregation to further encourage members to continue to financially support the Church. We monitor the level of Church receipts and the operating and capital expenditures each month and advise Council and others on financial matters as they arise during the year.

Attached to this report are the 2017 Financial Statements, the 2018 Budget and an Analysis of Church Givings for 2018 (with comparative information of previous years). Commentary on each are included below:

### 2017 Financial Statements:

#### General Fund:

We ended 2017 with a surplus of \$4,269.

It was another challenging year, where our total number of donors decreased from 2016. However, a successful Invest in Your Faith campaign at the end of the year helped us achieve our surplus. This year's surplus compares to surpluses of \$1,819 in 2016 and \$2,707 in 2015.

Total receipts decreased from \$286,080 in 2016 to \$285,022 in 2017, a drop of \$1,058. This decrease can be primarily attributed to decreases in local givings/invest in your faith of \$10,656 and mission and service donations of \$3,579, which were offset by an increase rent of \$15,506. The other variances between 2016 and 2017 were minor in comparison.

Total expenditures decreased in 2017 to \$280,753, compared to \$284,261 in 2016 – a decrease of \$3,508; however, the budget anticipated total expenses of \$294,738, so actual results came in almost \$14,000 under budget. Almost \$5,000 of the "savings" came from Mission & Service donations, which are a flow through, and really don't impact the finances of the Church. The remaining savings were achieved through careful expense management of our variable expense – which all came in under budget.

As you may recall from prior years, one of our financial goals was to try and generate additional rental income. As reported at our annual meeting last year, the Mandarin Alliance Church signed a one-year lease with us for 2017. Regrettably this lease was not renewed into 2018, as they have decided to combine their congregation with another local Alliance Church at another location. However, on a positive note we have signed a short-term lease with the Hagerman Mennonite Church, who are undergoing renovations at their Kennedy Road / 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue location. The lease is currently expected to last until May, but as you know, renovations can take longer than expected – so they may be with us longer.

As you can see in the 2018 budget, ***we still needed to incorporate an Invest in Your Faith campaign to balance the budget.***

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## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** *(continued)*

As in prior years, we continue to encourage members of the congregation to sign up for the Pre-Authorized Remittance (“PAR”) program. Having more members sign on to PAR will help smooth the cash flow for the Church evenly over the year (as expenses stay fairly level all year, even though givings tend to drop in the summer months). Increased PAR participation will also increase overall givings in the case where members aren’t at Church each week and don’t ‘catch up’ on missed weeks.

### **Capital Fund:**

The financial statements include details of the movement in the Capital Fund during the year, including a listing of the major expenses/capital projects during 2017. Included in the 2018 budget is a listing of upcoming capital expenditures, which have already been approved by Council. You will find the Capital Budget for 2018 at the end of this report.

The capital fund is in a fairly strong position at this time (after a couple of ‘rebuilding’ years since 2015); however, as the property ages more and more repairs are required. Our Administration & Property (“A&P”) committee does a great job of monitoring the property overall, and are in the process of drafting a long-range plan with respect to expected needs into the future.

As you will see in the capital budget, there are some recommended upgrades to the stained-glass windows - which are starting to deteriorate. The A&P committee has looked into the cost of protecting the windows by covering them (externally) with a clear protective shield, which would also enhance their insulation qualities. The total cost to implement this plan is in excess of \$30,000, so it is currently being done on a piecemeal basis as funds are available. However, if this is a cause that you are keenly interested in and would like to support directly, please let a member of the finance committee or the A&P committee know.

### **Overall Cash Position:**

Our cash position in the General Fund at year end increased to \$69,138 from \$64,442 at the end of 2016. The cash balance of the Capital Fund was \$56,021 at the end of 2017, compared to \$41,520 at the end of 2016.

Including the cash balances of the Special Funds, we ended the year with a very strong total cash position of \$533,329.

### **Analysis of Givings:**

Also included in this report is an analysis of givings for 2017 together with a comparison of these statistics for the past several years.

This year’s total number of donors dropped by 25 this year, reverting back to a trend that has been occurring steadily for a number of years (with 2016 being an anomaly).

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## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** *(continued)*

On a positive note, the average givings for 2017 were \$1,104, the highest average we have seen in a number of years. See the attached chart for comparative figures.

**The Committee wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who contributed financially to the Church throughout this past year. Your continued financial support of our Church is very much appreciated and because of this support, the Church has been able to continue with the many activities and programmes that have been so successful in the past.**

### **2018 Budget:**

We are a very successful Church and are blessed with a Congregation that has supported the many activities of the Church both spiritually and financially. We have just completed a year of realizing a small surplus in the General Fund, even with a sizable reduction in our local offerings. As our finances continue to be a challenge, this budget has been prepared with conservatism in mind.

The significant assumptions underlying this budget are as follows:

1. Total revenue for 2018 will be consistent with 2017 results, including another successful Invest in Your Faith campaign that will raise the same \$9,000 that was received in 2017.
2. Rental income has been adjusted to reflect the loss of our main tenant.
3. Minister salaries and employee compensation has been increased by 1.4% as suggested by the United Church of Canada. Savings over 2017 will be achieved due to the retirement of the Church secretary, as the replacement will be working part-time. The majority of all other expenditures are budgeted to be in line with 2017 – keeping net increases to a minimum.
4. The budget reflects a total decrease in expenditures in 2018 of \$7,500.

Together with your Church Council, we commit to work with and communicate to the Congregation the status of our financial position as we proceed through this next year.

Thanks to all of the members of the Committee for their ideas, insights and support of the Church financial activities during 2017. Members of the Committee in 2017 were Gary Crosby, Mike Moore, Eric Winmill and John Simpson.

**The committee members would also like to thank Sally Sandiford for her many years of dedicated service to Central United Church. Sally has been a key member of the team for many years, and has made our jobs very easy. We wish her a long and enjoyable retirement.**

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**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** *(continued)*

Finally, we are always looking for new members to join the Committee so please contact any one of us if you are interested in assisting with our Stewardship & Finance activities.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Central United Church  
Financial Statements  
Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**Receipts and Expenditures**

		Actual	Budget	Actual	
		2017	2017	2016	2015
<b>Receipts</b>					
Offering:	Loose	\$ 5,314	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,646	\$ 5,430
	Local	207,185	214,500	214,237	209,338
	Invest in Your Faith	8,611	12,000	12,215	12,079
	Mission & Service	5,246	10,000	8,825	9,522
Fund raising:	Other activities	8,884	8,245	10,356	8,752
Other:	Rent	33,755	29,599	18,249	20,219
	Weddings	1,950	550	1,200	3,722
	Interest	10,140	10,500	10,460	10,680
	Miscellaneous	-	-	670	-
	H S T Recovered	3,937	3,500	4,222	3,507
Total receipts		<u>\$ 285,022</u>	<u>\$ 294,894</u>	<u>\$ 286,080</u>	<u>\$ 283,249</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
	Ministerial Salaries	\$ 58,572	\$ 58,576	\$ 57,667	\$ 62,299
	Staff Salaries	52,272	53,017	51,698	50,677
	Housing, auto & study allowances	31,095	31,000	30,398	30,288
	Fringe Benefits	26,968	26,974	27,003	26,809
	Organist/Youth leader/Speakers	19,566	21,200	20,233	16,975
		<u>188,473</u>	<u>190,767</u>	<u>186,999</u>	<u>187,048</u>
	Church	63,424	65,764	64,198	56,787
	Church Office	7,907	9,500	7,218	8,888
	Christian Education	537	2,500	1,142	1,700
	York Presbytery	12,770	12,707	12,472	12,707
	Lay Pastoral Visiting	363	1,200	1,036	1,158
	Mission & Service	5,246	10,000	8,825	9,522
	Other	2,033	2,300	2,371	2,732
Total expenditures		<u>280,753</u>	<u>294,738</u>	<u>284,261</u>	<u>280,542</u>
<b>Receipts less expenditures</b>		<u>\$ 4,269</u>	<u>\$ 156</u>	<u>\$ 1,819</u>	<u>\$ 2,707</u>

**Central United Church  
Financial Statements  
Year Ended December 31, 2017**

Details of the General Fund, the Capital Fund and a summary of Cash Balances are as follows:

**General Fund**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Opening balance	\$ 64,442	\$ 61,486	\$ 59,242
Receipts less expenditures	4,269	1,819	2,707
Change in non-cash working capital	427	1,137	(463)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 69,138</b>	<b>\$ 64,442</b>	<b>\$ 61,486</b>

**Capital Fund**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
Opening balance	\$ 41,520	\$ 17,730	\$ 45,595
Receipts from offerings	12,182	13,514	10,686
HST Recovered	780	3,208	1,364
Transfers from Special Funds	-	4,444	100
Fundraising / Memorial Fund	13,308	7,347	-
City Grant	-	5,000	-
	<b>\$ 67,790</b>	<b>\$ 51,243</b>	<b>\$ 57,745</b>
Expenditures	(11,769)	(9,723)	(40,015)
<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>\$ 56,021</b>	<b>\$ 41,520</b>	<b>\$ 17,730</b>

**Cash Balances**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
General Fund	\$ 69,138	\$ 64,442	\$ 61,486
Capital Fund	56,021	41,520	17,730
Special Funds	408,170	405,753	410,065
<b>Total Cash Balances</b>	<b>\$ 533,329</b>	<b>\$ 511,715</b>	<b>\$ 489,281</b>

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
CAPITAL FUND  
DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**Balance of Capital Account - December 31, 2016** **\$41,520**

**Revenue:**

Offerings received January 1 to December 31, 2017	\$ 12,182	
Fundraising (Silent Auction Purchases & \$6,000 donation)	\$ 12,978	
Memorial Offerings	<u>\$ 330</u>	<u>\$25,490</u>
		<b>\$67,010</b>

**Expenses:**

Sanctuary Technology	\$ 5,667	
Outdoor Lighting	\$ 1,017	
Brickwork	<u>\$ 5,085</u>	
	\$11,769	
HST Recovered for 2016	<u>(\$ 780)</u>	<u>(\$10,989)</u>

**Balance of Capital Account – December 31, 2017** **\$56,021**

**CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH  
SPECIAL FUNDS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31ST**

	<u>2017</u> \$	<u>2016</u> \$	<u>2015</u> \$	<u>2014</u> \$
Manse Proceeds Housing Fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Memorial Funds/Bequests	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Innes Parish Nursing Fund	0	0	4,444	4,444
Hale Pastoral Care Fund	2,643	3,244	3,544	4,372
Stuff a Duffle Fund	495	589	75	400
Outreach Fund	4,032	920	1,002	2,578
	<b>408,170</b>	<b>405,753</b>	<b>410,065</b>	<b>412,794</b>

## Central United Church Analysis of Givings

### Number of Givers by Range 2011 to 2017

Range	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
\$1 to \$200	125	126	108	98	92	91	69
\$201 to 500	59	50	49	46	36	33	32
\$501 to 1000	69	58	51	47	43	47	49
\$1001 to 1500	35	29	29	29	27	32	29
\$1501 to 2500	27	30	25	23	26	23	24
\$2501 to 5000	21	17	17	18	20	19	20
more than \$5000	10	12	10	9	9	9	6
<b>Total Number of givers</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Total Givings</b>	<b>\$311,073</b>	<b>\$329,309</b>	<b>\$270,594</b>	<b>\$256,624</b>	<b>\$262,610</b>	<b>\$266,889</b>	<b>\$253,018</b>
<b>Average Givings</b>	<b>\$925.81</b>	<b>\$1,022.70</b>	<b>\$936.31</b>	<b>\$950.46</b>	<b>\$1,037.98</b>	<b>\$1,050.74</b>	<b>\$1,104.88</b>

Note: The above analysis includes all givings received, including all receipts from offerings, bequests and memorial donations.

### Analysis of 2017 Givings

Range	Percentage	Total \$	% of Total Amount
\$1 to \$200	30.14%	\$4,681	1.85%
\$201 to 500	13.97%	\$11,536	4.56%
\$501 to 1000	21.40%	\$37,141	14.68%
\$1001 to 1500	12.66%	\$34,327	13.57%
\$1501 to 2500	10.48%	\$47,610	18.82%
\$2501 to 5000	8.73%	\$70,271	27.77%
more than \$5000	2.62%	\$47,452	18.75%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$253,018</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## Central United Church 2018 Budget

<u>Operating Budget</u>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2017 Actual</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Offering:			
Loose	6,000	6,000	5,314
Local	207,250	214,500	207,185
Invest in your faith	9,000	12,000	8,611
Bequests	0	0	0
Mission & Service	6,000	10,000	5,246
Fund raising:			
Festival	0	0	0
Dinners	8,840	8,245	8,884
Other:			
Rent	21,340	29,599	33,755
UCW	0	0	0
Weddings	1,100	550	1,950
Interest	10,200	10,500	10,140
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
H S T Recovered	4,000	3,500	3,937
Total	<u>273,730</u>	<u>294,894</u>	<u>285,022</u>

### **Expenditures**

Employee compensation			
Minister	84,746	58,576	58,572
Additional Ministerial Hiring	0	0	0
Secretarial	34,233	53,017	52,272
Auto/House allowances	3,000	28,000	28,073
Miscellaneous allowances	3,000	3,000	3,022
Fringe Benefits	28,897	26,974	26,968
Music Director	15,600	15,600	15,650
Speakers	2,000	2,000	1,600
Visitation Minister	3,000	3,600	2,316
Employee compensation	<u>174,476</u>	<u>190,767</u>	<u>188,473</u>

## Central United Church 2018 Budget

	2018 Budget	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
<b><u>Operating Budget</u></b>			
<b>Expenditures (continued)</b>			
Church			
Heating	4,000	4,000	3,738
Hydro / water	7,000	7,500	6,326
Insurance	8,000	8,000	7,914
Maintenance	12,000	10,800	11,879
Manse property taxes	0	0	0
Storm Water Fees	400	0	411
Custodian	24,804	24,464	24,468
Snow removal	5,100	5,100	4,215
Church facility supplies	2,000	2,600	1,666
Choir supplies	1,200	1,200	1,207
Worship supplies	2,100	2,100	1,600
Church	66,604	65,764	63,424
Church Office			
Office supplies	1,560	1,560	1,763
Bulletins/newsletters	700	400	484
Offering envelopes	800	400	710
Postage	840	840	685
Telephone	1,500	1,500	1,569
Equipment/computer/software	1,200	1,200	931
Equipment maintenance	420	720	408
Observer	100	100	25
Advertising	700	1,700	549
Website/Social Media	0	0	0
Bank charges	1,080	1,080	578
Miscellaneous	0	0	205
Church Office	8,900	9,500	7,907

## Central United Church 2018 Budget

<u>Operating Budget</u>	2018 Budget	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
<b>Expenditures</b> (continued)			
Christian Education			
Sunday school supplies	500	500	135
Youth Groups	0	0	0
Adult Education	0	1,500	0
Library	500	500	114
Special events	0	0	138
Miscellaneous	150	0	150
Christian Education	1,150	2,500	537
Other expenses			
Toronto Conference assessment	13,200	12,707	12,770
Mission & Service	6,000	10,000	5,246
Visitation Expenses	600	1,200	363
Stewardship	0	0	0
Other	2,300	2,300	2,033
Other expenses	22,100	26,207	20,412
Total	273,230	294,738	280,753
<b>Receipts less Expenditures</b>	500	156	4,269

**Central United Church  
Capital Fund  
2018 Budget**

<b>Balance of Capital Account - December 31, 2017</b>		<b><u>\$56,021.00</u></b>
<u>Expected additions to Capital Fund in 2018</u>		
Receipts from Offerings	10,000.00	
Silent Auction	5,000.00	
HST Recovery	<u>1,350.00</u>	
Total additions to Capital Fund		<u>16,350.00</u>
<b>Total capital funds available in 2018</b>		<b><u>\$72,371.00</u></b>
<u>Approved to be done in 2018</u>		
2 Broken windows (4 panes) - replacement	4,000.00	
Refurbishing windows	7,500.00	
Front Door Refinishing & windows above	2,000.00	
Kitchen & Bathroom painting materials only	500.00	
Replace 1986 Refrigerator	<u>5,000.00</u>	
Total committed		<u>\$19,000.00</u>
<b>Balance of Capital Account - December 31, 2018</b>		<b><u>\$53,371.00</u></b>

## CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Resident Membership December 31, 2016	347
Removed by Death	2
Removed by Transfer	2
Moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll	<u>55</u>
	<u>59</u>
	288
Received by Confirmation/Re-affirmation/Transfer	4
Returned from Non Resident/Inactive Roll	<u>0</u>
Total Resident Membership December 31, 2017	292
Non Resident/Inactive Membership December 31, 2017	<u>106</u>
Total Membership December 31, 2017	<u>398</u>

The above figures relate to confirmed members only. They do not include adherents or those members of the Church who have not yet transferred their membership to Central United Church. The figures relating to these persons appear elsewhere in this report.

Number of Weddings	4
Number of Baptisms	7
Number of Funerals	8
Number of New/Returning Families	8
Number of Departed/Deceased Families	10

	<u>NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS</u>	<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP</u>	<u>PAR &amp; ENVELOPE GIVERS</u>	<u>AVERAGE SUNDAY ATTENDANCE</u> (Oct./Nov.)
2013	306	479	410	206	146
2014	289	451	388	174	118
2015	274	439	371	162	120
2016	250	415	347	161	114
2017	247	398	292	150	103

2013: 15 Households & 24 members moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll  
(and 14 Non Resident/Inactive members moved to Historic Roll)

2014: 12 Households & 20 members moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll  
(and 22 Non Resident/Inactive members moved to Historic Roll)

2015: 12 Households & 20 members moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll  
(and 15 Non Resident/Inactive members moved to Historic Roll)

2016: 13 Households & 23 members moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll  
(and 22 Non Resident/Inactive members moved to Historic Roll)

2017: 6 Households & 55 members moved to Non Resident/Inactive Roll  
(and 16 Non Resident/Inactive members moved to Historic Roll)

No. of Persons Under Pastoral Care (December 31, 2017):

Adults	443
Children (16 & under)	<u>94</u>
Total Persons	537

**NEW MEMBERS**

DAVID GADELRAB McGUIRE

KAITLYN OLIVIA MOORE

ZOE JOAN EROULLA PATINIOS

TREVLYN GANES

**RECEIVED BY BAPTISM**

BRAYDEN MATTHEW JAMES BENIINCASA

CALEB ROBERT WILLIAM HODGSON

DANIELLE ALISON MARGARET LYNDE

EMMA GENOWEFA CHARRON

EWAN ALEXANDER CHALMERS

CONRAD STIRLING SEEMANN

POPPY JAMES SMITH