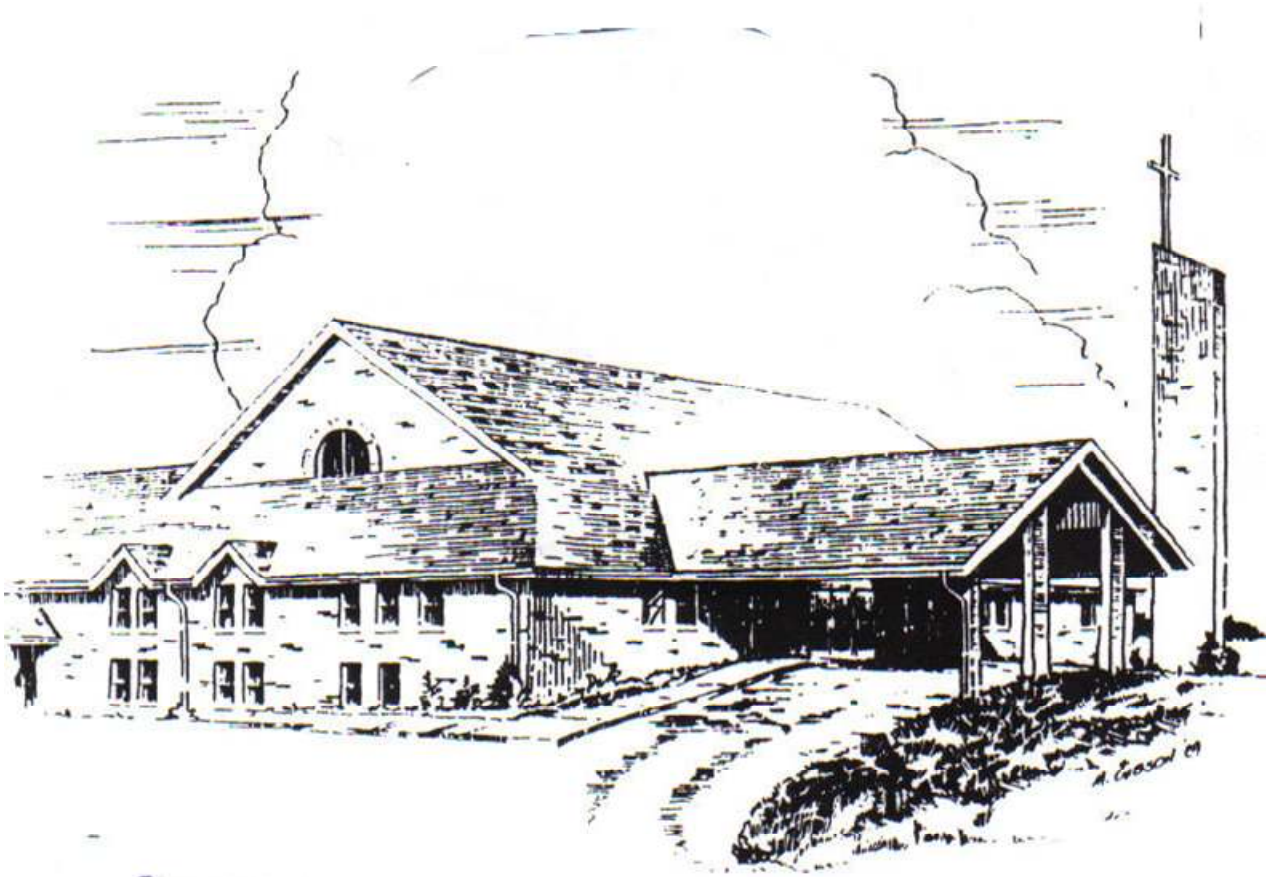


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ANNUAL REPORT



PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH

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AGENDA

Annual Congregational Meeting of Pickering Village United Church
Sunday, February 8, 2015

1. Welcome and Opening Devotions
2. Election of Chairperson and Secretary for Annual Meeting
3. Motion of approval for adherents to vote
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Minutes from Previous Congregational Meeting – February 9, March 23, May 4, June 15, September 14, October 5, October 26, 2014.
6. Annual Report – The reports will be considered in the order they appear in the Annual Report (excluding 2015 Budget)
7. Auditors' Report for 2014
8. Year 2015 Budget Approval
9. Mission and Service Commitment for 2015
10. Report of the Nominations Committee
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

Note: Members of the Church Board, including newly elected members, are asked to remain for a brief meeting immediately following the Annual Congregational Meeting to elect the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees for 2015.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

David Kai and Marly Bown:

This year has been one involving many changes and decisions. One major change has been the retirement of Rev. David Jones in September after more than 20 years of service at PVUC. We miss him, but we are glad that he is enjoying time to relax and reorganize. With David Jones' retirement, we have continued as a 1.5 time clergy staff team. With God's help and the support of the congregation, we feel that we have adjusted well, with David taking on most of the worship-related load and Marly taking on more duties in the area of pastoral care.

The need for more pastoral care coverage has become even more apparent over the past year, with an aging congregation and a shortage of elders. This will be a continuing concern with a smaller staff team. An introductory pastoral care workshop was held in September; from this group, a number confirmed their interest in serving on the new Caring Team. Many thanks to Marilyn Wilson who is coordinating the team's assignments, and who also headed up an excellent six-week grief group. Training sessions for the Caring Team and other interested people will be held in January and February of 2015.

Similar to most years, we have been a part of many meetings such as those of the Church Board, Executive, Worship Committee, Christian Education Committee, Elders, Trustees, Affirming Ministries Task Group (AMTG), baptismal evenings, Confirmation classes and membership classes. Beyond the congregation, we have been involved in meetings of Lakeridge Presbytery, the Conference Youth and Young Adult committee (CYAYA), Youth Forum at the AGM of the Bay of Quinte Conference, Conference Fall retreat, Black History Month concert, Communities of Faith Against AIDS in Africa (COFAA) worship and fundraising dinner and the Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens service. We are disappointed that the vote to become an Affirming Ministry did not carry, but we are glad that the vote to have same-gender marriages at PVUC was passed with a strong 85% majority. We pray that PVUC will continue to strive to be a place of welcome for all.

We are looking forward to David's early retirement in the summer of 2015. We have enjoyed our 13 plus years at PVUC and wish the congregation well in its future ministry.

"May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from the other." (Genesis 31: 49)

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PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH 2014

MINISTERS David Kai, B.A., D.M.
Marly Bown, Diploma of C.E./Youth Ministry, D.M.

CHURCH BOARD

EXECUTIVE	Chairperson	Doreen Hallé
COMMITTEE	Vice-Chairperson /Nominations	Chuck Hay
	Secretary	Jennifer St. Aubyn
	Christian Education	Brenda Plummer
	Committee of Visiting Elders (Session)	Chris and David MacCutchan
	Communications	Harcus Hennigar
	Finance	VACANT
	Wellness & Social Concerns	Maureen Hawker
	Ministry & Personnel	John Scott
	Mission & Service	Ruth Webster
	Property	Douglas Brown
	Stewardship	Carrie Green
	Board of Trustees	David Kai
	United Church Women	Michele Kerkos
	Worship	Pamela Cooper & Sharon Hull

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH BOARD

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2015

First Term: Brenda Daigneault, Suzanne Jones, Rosemary Nash

Second Term: Gerry Bedford, Bill Nash

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2016

First Term: Doreen Hallé, Ruth Webster , Harcus Hennigar, Carrie Green

Second Term: Ellie Jeffery, Brenda Plummer

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2017

First Term: Nancy Baxter, Sharon Hull ,Garth Mann, Lloyd Porter, John Scott

Second Term: Bob Martindale, Mark Scanlan

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2018

First Term: Pamela Cooper, Chuck Hay, Mary Hearn

Second Term: Douglas Brown, Marilyn Brewer, Dianne Catchpole, Jim Conquer, Audrey Pritchard, Jennifer St. Aubyn, Jennifer Wells

Youth Representatives: Jordan Plummer, Brennan Ruttle

Visiting Elders Representative: Brian Robertson (Membership)

Representatives to Presbytery (May 2014 to May 2015): Bob Martindale, Brian Robertson, Brennan Ruttle

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Kai	Chair
Doug Dodge	Lifetime member
Bill Fox	First term ending Annual meeting 2015
Betty Metcalf	Second term ending Annual meeting 2015
David MacCutchan	Second term ending Annual meeting 2016
Sean Auné	Second term ending Annual meeting 2016
Douglas Brown	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2018
Harcus Hennigar	Second Term ending Annual Meeting 2018
Lynn Robertson	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2018

AUDITORS

Sean Aune, William Fox, Arnold Jackson

PARISH NURSING TEAM

Suzanne Blake, Shirley Guppy, Marilyn Wilson

VISITING ELDERS

Chair

David Kai

Honorary Elder

Wendy Smith

Co-Clerks of Session

Christine & David MacCutchan

Working Committee Chairs

Membership Brian Robertson

Outreach

Visitation David Kai

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2015

June Boon, Dale and Helen Boyce, John and Heather Scott, Alecia Bagnall, Heather Laderman, Lorraine Scanlan

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2016

Bob Dunlop, Brian and Lynn Robertson, Karen Bell

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2017

Sarah Dodge, Evelyn Bergerson, Lynda Kilpatrick, Chris and David MacCutchan, Lorraine Swain, Denis Wrong, Sharon Zurbrigg

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2018

Doreen Boynton, Dianne Catchpole, Kim Mallia

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2019

Ellie Jeffery

COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH BOARD, 2014

Ministers (except for M&P) and the Church Board Chairperson are ex-officio members of all committees.

BOOKINGS

(a sub-committee of Executive)

Douglas Brown	Interim Chair
Bob Dunlop	
Ruth Fox	Church Office Coordinator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brenda Plummer	Chair
Lynn Robertson	Treasurer
David Kai	Minister
Marly Bown	Youth Minister
Rosemary Nash	Scouting
Shirley Whitely	
Michelle Blouin	Youth/Sunday School

CHOIR

Keith Williams	President
Judy Hicks	Secretary
Bob Martindale	Treasurer
Phil Cox	Past President
Marion Luik	Librarian
Bev Silson	Social
Freda Daniels	Gowns
Ellie Jeffery	Hearts and Flowers
Anne Mizen	Music Director

COMMUNICATIONS

Harcus Hennigar	Chair
Jan Dodge	
Doreen Hallé	
Maureen Hawker	
Gloria Murkar	Secretary
Marg Taylor	
Jacqui DeBique	VOICE Editor

FINANCE

VACANT	Chair
Suzanne Jones	PVUC Treasurer
Bill Fox	Trustees Treasurer
Susan Sheremeta	UCW Treasurer
Harcus Hennigar	M&S Treasurer
Lynn Robertson	CE Treasurer
Bob Dunlop	Envelope Steward
Bob Martindale	Choir Treasurer

JEAN OUTHOUSE AWARD

Judy Hicks	Chair
Anne Mizen	Director of Music
Elizabeth Dodge Collins	
Ernie Mee	
Dean Short	
Bob Martindale	
Ellie Jeffery	
Stephanie Laderman	

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

John Scott	Chair
Gwen Smith	
Dianne Catchpole	
Ruth Gartlan	
Chuck Hay	

MEN'S GROUP

Gary Willert	President
Chuck Hay	Vice-President
Lloyd Porter	Secretary
Bob Masters	Treasurer
Vacant	Communications
Garth Mann	
Bob Martindale	

MISSION AND SERVICE

Ruth Webster	Chair
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak	Secretary
Pat Anderson	
Alecia Bagnall	U.C.W.
Barbara Catto	
Harcus Hennigar	Treasurer
Marion Luik	
Divina Pagurigan	
Jean Porter	
Lloyd Porter	
Pam Spence	
Nicholas Hull	Youth Rep

NOMINATIONS

Chuck Hay	Chair
Bob Dunlop	Past Chair
Harcus Hennigar	
Lynn Robertson	

PROPERTY

Douglas Brown	Chair
Paul Blouin	Sound
Garth Bagnall	Outdoors - Summer
Clint Sturgeon	Outdoors - Winter
Bob Masters	Security
Lois Polak	Property

STEWARDSHIP

Carrie Green	Chair
Bob Dunlop	
Audrey Pritchard	
Harcus Hennigar	
Lois Polak	
Gwen Smith	
Jennifer Wells	

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN – Officers

Michele Kerkos	Past President
Rowena Dunlop	President
Lynn Robertson	Vice-President
Marjorie Collins	Secretary
Susan Sheremeta	Treasurer
S. Whitely/S. Zurbrigg	Unit 1 Leaders
F. Sancroft/R, Webster	Unit 2 Leaders
B. Silson/B, Plummer	Unit 3 Leaders
Susan Hill	Sympathy Cards
C. Green/M. Brewer	Funeral Teas
D. Carter/R. Webster	
Doreen Hallé	Jack Frost
Carrie Green	Kitchen Convenor
Rowena Dunlop	PARCUL
Chris MacCutchan	Supply & Service
Brenda Plummer	U.C.W. C. E. Rep
Doreen Hallé	U.C.W. Comm. Rep
Lois Polak	U.C.W. Property Rep
Alecia Bagnall	U.C.W. M&S Rep
Vacant	U.C.W. Nom. Rep
Susan Sheremeta	U.C.W. Finance Rep
Bev Silson	U.C.W. Worship Rep

WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Maureen Hawker	Chair
Marilyn Wilson	Volunteer Parish Nurse
Alecia Bagnall	Social Concerns
Betty Metcalf	
Brenda Daigneault	
Lorna Hocking	
David Kai	Minister
Ruth Webster	Secretary

WORSHIP

Sharon Hull	Co-Chair
Pamela Cooper	Co-Chair
Vacant	Secretary
Brenda Plummer	CE Chair
Anne Mizen	Director of Music
Ellie Jeffery	Elder
David Kai	Minister
Marly Bown	Youth Minister
Chris MacCutchan	Co-Clerk of Session
David MacCutchan	Co-Clerk of Session
Bev Silson	Elder & U.C.W.
Sharon Zurbrigg	Elder
Sandy Briell	
Nic Hull	

PASTORAL REPORT

Ruth Fox, Church Office Coordinator

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I. WEDDINGS

In 2014, 7 couples were united in marriage by ministers of Pickering Village United Church. These weddings are recorded in the Church Marriage Register.

II. FUNERALS

The Ministers officiated at 32 funerals recorded in our Burial Register. We take this moment to honour our many friends and relatives and members of the community who died during 2014:

Adams, Helen M.*	Mills, Hannah Eileen*
Ainsworth, William Kenneth*	Morari, Kathleen Anah
Anderson, Glenn Jefferson*	Munday, Marjorie*
Britton, Suzanne Lynn	Neville, Ken*
Catto, Rev. Charles Robert*	Paguirigan, Mariano Jr. Ramos*
Craigen, Gordon Cameron	Pegg, Kathleen Elizabeth*
Curtis, Robert*	Poole, Gail
Dalley, Vera Eileen	Price, Nancy Etta
Deverill, Gladys Margaret*	Richards, George Theophilus
Dill, Ivan Samuel	Rychlicki, Thelma Rose
Diotte, Mark Allen	Simpson, Helen
Elliott, Johnston (Jack) Henry*	Taylor, Rose Marshall
Elliott, Margaret Louise*	Wadham, Dorothy Evelyn*
Erickson, Lynda Lee	Watson, Ronald Anthony
Garlin, Jane	White, Grace*
Gilmour, Annie Eleanor	
Haze, Elsie*	
Higgins, Heather Eleanora	
Jones, Ernest Charles*	
McCafferty, Joseph Derl	
Micallef, John*	

* adult PVUC member

*“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
that they may rest from their labours,
for their deeds do follow.”*

Revelation 14:13

III. BAPTISMS

In 2014, there were 20 baptisms - 6 infants, 13 children and 1 adult who were received into the Church by the Sacrament of Baptism. Their names have been recorded into the Church Register for Baptisms, in the Sunday worship bulletins and the newsletter.

IV. NEW MEMBERS

24 new members were received into the fellowship of the church in 2014. Of these, 2 transferred from another church, 12 joined by Profession/Reaffirmation of Faith and 10 joined by Confirmation. Their names are recorded in the Historic Roll and have appeared in Sunday worship bulletins and the newsletter.

V. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Total Membership January 1, 2014		615
Received by Profession of Faith	2	
Received by Certificate of Transfer or Reaffirmation	12	
Received by Confirmation	10	
Total Received		24
Removed by Death	18	
Removed by Certificate of Transfer	8	
Removed without Certificate		
Total Removed		26
Total Membership, December 31, 2014		613

Families under pastoral care	600*
Total persons under pastoral care	1,500*

* The Elders and the Ministers were reviewing the official Roll of Members, Elders' Visitation lists and Directory of Members and Adherents. The above totals were preliminary estimates.

THE EXECUTIVE AND WORSHIP

EXECUTIVE & CHURCH BOARD

Doreen Hallé, Chair

To say that 2014 had been a year of change and challenge for PVUC may be a bit of an understatement. It was also a year of an exceptional number of congregational meetings to deal with all the changes.

The announcement of the retirement of Reverend David Jones set in motion the formation of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) to determine our wants and needs for the future. In order to provide us with more time to plan, David Kai and Marly Bown announced at the same time they would be retiring in July of 2015. After compiling results from congregational surveys and much hard work and discussion, the JNAC report was presented in September to the congregation for their approval. The challenge for us would be to go from having 2.5 ministers to a complement of 1.5. Two weeks later, the Joint Search Committee was elected and started their work of selecting potential new ministers for PVUC.

Meanwhile, the Affirming Ministries Task Group had been continuing work on their mandate, culminating in a contentious vote in May to determine if PVUC would become an Affirming Congregation. The motion was defeated, but their work continued until October, when a vote on same gender marriages being allowed in PVUC was held and was accepted by 85% of the congregation.

2014 was a challenging year for me as well. I learned a lot about the protocol and guidelines of running meetings in the United Church, probably more than I wanted to know, and still more to learn. I learned a lot about people and how we all deal with change differently. I learned to be a better listener, (try me out). I learned to be more accepting of others; their viewpoints, their challenges, their differences from me. I learned that what people perceive to be the truth can be stronger than what the truth actually is.

2015 looks to be another tumultuous year. I thank God for the wonderful staff at PVUC – David Kai, Marly Bown and Ruth Fox, who have all taken on more and faced the challenges with grace. Thanks also to Anne Mizen for her continued gift of music. To all who serve on the Board and Executive, thank you for your patience and support and hard work. Thank you to all who share their time and talents, that is what makes PVUC such a great place to be.

The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses them with peace. Psalm 29:11

We will need to work together to face the challenges that change always brings with it. Together, with Jesus as our example, we will find peace.

VISITING ELDERS (SESSION)

Christine and David MacCutchan, Co-Clerks

During 2014, 24 Elders, working from 22 active visitation-lists, endeavoured to contact each of 381 households to hear their family news and assist them in any way if needed. Elders now contact Members throughout the year via personal contacts, phone-calls and emails to remind them of new events, special services and communion dates. The PVUC *Voice* is still being used as a means to keep Members and Adherents informed of Church Services and Communion dates.

Due to previous resignations and those Elders whose term is up at the 2015 Annual Meeting, the committee will be short 10 people, and this leads to pressure on being able to maintain contact with all the PVUC members. Some discussion took place as to the role of the Elders, but further thoughts on this may need to wait until a new Minister is appointed.

The **Visitation Sub-Committee** under the leadership of David Kai has continued to contact hospital patients, members in nursing and residential homes and those unable to get out. The 35 poinsettias provided by the UCW at Christmas time have been very well received and much appreciated by those who have been bereaved by the loss of a close family member this year or are unable to get out and about.

The **Outreach Sub-Committee** has not had a chair this year. This group manages the name-tag system, greeting people at the PVUC door before services, and responding to expressions of interest from visitors & others wanting more information about PVUC. This committee also helped organize the Garage Sale held at the church in May and provided some children's games at this event.

The **Membership Sub-Committee** is chaired by Brian Robertson. This group helps organize meetings for those seeking to join PVUC. After consultation, the sub-committee also recommends changes to the PVUC Historic Roll, such as when members request transfers to other congregations or when new members join PVUC.

The **Benevolent Fund** was established to provide emergency financial assistance for people needing a place to sleep or help to buy food for a family. The Fund depends upon the generosity of the PVUC Congregation who are asked to donate at each of our four regular communion services. Special thanks are given to the UCW who are always ready to help financially when the fund is low and demands are high.

The leadership of the ‘two Davids’ is well appreciated by all members of the committee. David Jones was Chair of Session until his retirement in September at which time David Kai agreed to become Chair, and he brings a special appreciation of those in PVUC who need our help and prayers,

Of course, Session is made up of ‘people’ who volunteer their time generously to PVUC. Their dedication & service is gratefully appreciated. We especially thank Alecia Bagnall, June Boon, Helen & Dale Boyce, Heather Laderman & Lorraine Scanlan for their past service as an Elder.

SESSION BENEVOLENT FUND – 2013

Ruth Fox, Church Office Coordinator

BALANCE – Jan. 1, 2014			\$1,230.60
Total Receipts			
January to December 2014	Benevolent Collections/Donations	+	\$5,763.02
Total Disbursements			
January to December 2014	Local Benevolence	-	<u>\$5,429.00</u>
BALANCE – Dec. 31, 2014			<u>\$1,564.62</u>

WORSHIP

Sharon Hull & Pamela Cooper, Co-Chairs

Worship is an integral part of the ministry at PVUC and we have been fortunate to have the guidance of three wonderful ministers again this year, David Jones, David Kai, and Marly Bown (half time). As a team alongside our gifted music director, Anne Mizen, we were privileged to experience both traditional and contemporary services on our spiritual journey. Throughout the year hymns came from both *Voices United* and *More Voices* with many requests coming from *More Voices*. Special services were dedicated to outreach, social justice, youth and music with regular communion services and monthly baptisms. In March, David Jones and congregants acquainted us with their visit to the Holy Lands in Israel. Our Lenten and Easter season had both study time and worship with use of both our wonderful organ and the grand piano accompanying our 36 member choir. During the spiritual practices we took part in a labyrinth that PVUC helped create for use by all of the Bay of Quinte Conference. In September we wished David Jones a happy retirement and transitioned into having only one and a half ministers. To help with the task a lay pastoral care team, “The Caring Team”, was set up. Although we were sad to see David Jones go it was a time of celebration too, as we commemorated both the 25th anniversary of our church building and Anne Mizen’s 25th anniversary as Music Director. To brighten up the dreary month of November, Anne and the choir treated us to a wonderful contemporary service featuring “The Creation: A Rock Cantata” and then we were into Advent. Christmas once again came with all the beauty, anticipation and magic of Jesus’ birth. Two services were again offered on Christmas Eve and were well attended.

Worship would like to thank all those who help to make weekly services so enjoyable with special mention to Paul Blouin and the technical group for all AV support. New ideas for worship are always appreciated. Please speak to anyone on the Worship Committee.

SENIOR CHOIR

Keith Williams, President

During the year the choir realized that it was the only choir at PVUC and changed its name from the PVUC Senior choir to simply the PVUC choir.

The PVUC Choir participated in many events in 2014, the highlights for the year including the following:

- Singing at the memorial service for long time church and choir member, Helen Adams, who passed away early in the year as a result of a serious car accident
- Early in September we lost Reverend David Jones to retirement. The choir participated in all the services leading up to the final retirement party and David’s final service at PVUC. Although David Kai and Marly Bown have been fantastic, it is different at PVUC without David Jones.
- During the year the Men’s Breakfast Group assisted the choir on several occasions and this was very much appreciated. For the last two years they have arranged to do caroling at several nursing homes in the Durham region, assisted by David Kai. This was very well received and was much appreciated by the residents of these nursing homes.
- Early in November during the service the choir presented the rock cantata “The Creation”. This featured the piano playing of Tom Baker (Anne’s husband) and the cantata was directed by our own Anne Mizen-Baker. During this presentation Elizabeth Dodge Collins was the soprano soloist assisted by our own Susan Hennigar. It was very well presented and received.
- The choir continues to support our outreach project; “the Jean Outhouse Music Memorial Award”. A separate report has been submitted in this regard.
- Preparing for the “Sing and Rejoice” musical workshop to be hosted in February 2015 by Dr. Mark Sirett.

Of course the choir also enjoyed the fellowship of our regular Thursday evening rehearsals, where we prepared anthems and other chorale works as our worship offering for the Sunday morning services.

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Martindale, Treasurer

Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/13		\$ 965.83
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 75.00	
Expenses		
Donation to Trustees (J.O.M.M.A. Bursaries)	\$ 300.00	
Gown Repairs	15.00	
Loan of Music	49.00	
Supplies & Equipment	355.95	
Total Expenses	\$ 719.95	
Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/14		\$ 320.88

Jean Outhouse Memorial Award for Young Musicians of Christian Worship Judy Hicks, Chair

The purpose of the award is to honour Jean Outhouse - a contralto soloist and former member of the Pickering Village United Church Senior Choir - and to honour her dedication to, and performance of, church music; and to recognize and encourage young musicians to study and perform vocal and keyboard music that is appropriate for Christian worship.

Award auditions are held every two years, the next being in the spring of 2016.

Awards were first given in 1999 and more than \$11,000 has been awarded to 34 musicians over the past 15 years.

The Award fund is supported mainly by fundraising concerts, donations from the P.V.U.C. Senior Choir, and by private donations, for which the Selection Committee is greatly appreciative. The Award fund is administered by the Trustees.

After auditions in April, 2014, the Selection Committee presented a total of \$1,250 in awards to four musicians, who then participated in P.V.U.C. worship services.

Thank you to the members of the Selection Committee - Elizabeth Dodge Collins, Ellie Jeffery, Stephanie Laderman, Bob Martindale, Ernie Mee, Anne Mizen and Dean Short - for sharing their time and expertise this year.

JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE(JSC)

Mary Hearn, Chair

The JSC is comprised of 10 members, eight from the congregation and two from Presbytery. We have been meeting since late October to organize interview questions, visitations and review applications. Our mandate is to find 1.5 ministers to replace our retiring ministers David Kai and Marly Bown.

The posting is on-line as well as in the *Observer* and closes at the end of January after which we will set up interviews with selected candidates as well as visit churches to listen to applicants preach (where possible)

We have had five meetings to date and will continue in the New Year as needed. We hope to have our selections completed before Fall 2015. The JNAC report is being implemented where possible in our questioning.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we choose our new spiritual leaders.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

David Kai and Marly Bown
on behalf of Brenda Plummer, Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year has again seen some changes within the Sunday School. From January to June, our staff included: Heather Anderson (teen helper), Nicole Bernard (Nursery), Michelle Blouin (Coordinator), Michelle Browne (JK/SK), Pamela Cooper (JK/SK), Jan Henderson (coordinator), Kim Mallia (Gr. 1-6), Lynn Robertson (treasurer), John Scott (Gr. 7-8), Lorraine Swain (coordinator). Unfortunately Jan and Lorraine have been unable to help on a regular basis due to health reasons. From September to December, we have not had an adult in the Nursery, so have moved the Nursery to the Lounge area where Nikki Silson is available to assist parents. The JK/SK and grade 1-6 classes have been merged. We also welcomed new helpers Chloe Chong and Jasmin Henry.

Attendance this year has again been consistent but not high in numbers. In the fall the JK to grade 6 class switched to the "Holy Moly" curriculum which has been very well received. Each Sunday a video focuses on a bible story which is often shown to the congregation as well. The story is reinforced with crafts and a take-home work sheet. The Sunday School participated in services on Palm Sunday, White Gift and Christmas Eve. The use of puppets on White Gift Sunday was again very well received. A continuing trend has been grandparents bringing their grandchildren to church to be a part of the Sunday School. Many thanks to our dedicated staff, and also to other volunteers and others who have helped from time to time.

STUDY PROGRAMS

Membership classes were held in the spring and fall and 14 new members joined PVUC in 2014, as well as another 10 by Confirmation. Our Lenten study this year was combined with the spring membership classes under the title, "Exploring our Faith." There were also a number of studies and meetings organized by the Affirming Ministry Action Group. A pastoral care workshop was held in September for those possibly interested in serving on a pastoral care team; over 20 people attended from the congregation and other local United Churches.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

CE has continued the very popular Fellowship lunches after church about once per month. These have been over 100 people staying to enjoy the simple lunch and fellowship time together. CE could use the assistance of more volunteers for these lunches, especially in the areas of setup and cleanup.

Our PVUC Camping Weekend for June was revived again this year, with over 20 people enjoying the good weather at the KOA near Cookstown, Ontario. A church/Sunday School mini-picnic was held after church near the end of June. Twice this year people enjoyed a Sunday afternoon hike led by Betty Metcalf in the Rouge Valley area, once to see the trilliums and once to see the fall colours. At the end of December we again had a successful "Skate and Shiny" event during the Christmas break. Our Men's Group continued their breakfast program with guest speakers and also helped in worship services and with Christmas carol sings at local retirement and extended care home.

PVUC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

The past year was another successful one for our Youth. Sunday morning attendance for the high school group has been smaller but consistent. Youth have been a more regular part of the worship at the beginning of the service. We started the year with our Laser Tag presbytery-wide event early in January. Ten youth were a part of the Confirmation Class and the Confirmation weekend at Five Oaks. Youth held a sleepover on Maundy Thursday, and participated in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. The Bay of Quinte Conference Youth Forum in Baltimore at the end of May had a large PVUC contingent involved both as participants and leaders.

In the Fall, Sharon Hull and Pamela Cooper took on the leadership of the youth as Marly Bown was more involved in Sunday worship after Rev. David Jones' retirement. Youth and leaders from PVUC were a part of the Bay of Quinte

Conference youth retreat held at PVUC in October in Carleton Place and had a movie night/ sleepover at the church in November. Youth also helped to lead the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services.

At the start of the year until the fall, Jordan Plummer continued as a representative on the church board and the CE committee. Other Youth on PVUC committees included Nicholas Hull on Mission and Service and Rebecca Briell and Nicholas Hull on the Worship Committee, Brennan Ruttle on the Board, Presbytery and Affirming Ministries Task Group, William Mann on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee and Haley Noble on the Joint Search Committee. One of our young adults, Michiko Bown-Kai continues studies at Emmanuel College towards a Masters of Divinity degree and is now a full candidate for ordained ministry. Michiko preached at PVUC on September 28th and presided with David and Marly at the Christmas Eve services.

As a part of the CE report, please also see the separate report from our 1st Pickering Scouting group.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Lynn Robertson, Treasurer

Please note that at the end of December 2013, all monies were given to the General Fund, as the CE Committee was continually asking for funds to cover expenses. By moving the responsibility directly to the General Fund, the finances were easier to look after.

This account is now solely for the Youth Group (fundraising and expenditures), except for 'Pennies for SCAW', one last donation.

CE (Lynn Robertson)
 Balance at December 31, 2013 \$1,470.91

RECEIPTS

Pennies donated for		
Sleeping Children (SCAW)	\$ 22.00	
Youth Group - Laser Quest	\$ 580.00	
Bake Sale	\$ 190.79	
Bank Interest earned	\$ 0.04	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$ 792.83	\$ 792.83
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:		\$2,263.74

EXPENSES

LaserQuest	\$ 535.65	
SCAW	\$ 22.00	
Bank Maintenance Fees	\$ 20.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$ 577.65	\$ 577.65

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2014	\$1,686.09	
Less: Outstanding cheques	\$ 0.00	
	\$1,686.09	\$1,686.09
Balance December 31, 2014		\$2,263.74

CE (General Fund – Suzanne Jones)

INCOME

Christian Education	200
Retreat	930
Seminar Fees	330
Sunday School	433
Total Christian Education	1,893

Sales Tax Refund	323
TOTAL INCOME	2,216
EXPENSES	
Pastoral Care Training	687
Photocopy Allocation	11
Prayer Shawls	100
Retreat	1,432
Shipping and Handling	12
Skate and Shinny	160
Sunday School Curriculum	253
Total Christian Education	2,655
Sales Tax	39
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,694
OVERALL TOTAL	(477)

1st PICKERING SCOUTING GROUP

Rosemary Nash, Church Liaison

1st Pickering has enjoyed another year of support and sponsorship by the congregation of PVUC. Many thanks for everything you do for our Group.

Our Beavers (ages 5 to 7) have busy Monday night meetings, with themes such as Mardi Gras and cool science experiments. They also learn about our community with hikes and outings, like the April camp at Durham Forest. A festive time was had in December at Breakfast With Santa held at the church. The Cub Pack (ages 8 to 10) attended Cuboree in June at Camp Samac where they led the Campfire with an “Epic” song, made T-shirts and taught everyone a pyramid game. Thanks to PVUC and our Group’s contributions, many Christmas toys were purchased at Canadian Tire and presented on White Gift Sunday. Our Troop (ages 11 to 13) kept warm in January in the Iroquois Park pool. They put six canoes in the water to practice canoe safety and paddling techniques. They entertained U.S. Troop 207 from Fairport, New York during the annual exchange weekend with a trip to Ripley’s Aquarium, followed by a pot luck banquet at the church. The Venturers (ages 14 to 17) joined the Scouts at a winter camp in Cobourg. They held a Beast Feast and sleepover in April. They shared such delicacies as crocodile, turtle, rabbit, camel, eel, alpaca and kangaroo with other Companies. They participated in many events in 2014, such as the Huck Finn Raft Race, finishing in 2nd place.

As a Group, we worked hard and had a lot of fun at our first combination car wash/yard sale/BBQ and bake sale in the church parking lot in July.

2014 1st Pickering Scouting Leadership Team

Beavers

Michelle Evelyn – Key Leader
 Marcia Evelyn-Bernard
 Steven Sousa

Cubs

Gary Jury – Key Leader
 Cassandra Daniels
 Corey Fitz-Gerald
 Thomas Jordan

Scouts

Doug Rutherford– Key Leader
 Bill Nash
 Blair Nash
 Corey Rick
 Rob Rick
 Anita Rutherford
 Cecile Willert – *Jan. to Nov.
 Gary Willert – *Jan. to Nov.

Venturers

Shane Smith – Key Advisor
 David Carter

Group Committee

Marcia Evelyn-Bernard - Group Commissioner
Nicole Bernard – Treasurer, Fund Raising
Audrey Bunce – Secretary – *Jan. to Aug.
Michelle Evelyn - Registrar
Rosemary Nash - Church Liaison, Administration

CHURCH BOARD and CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES

AFFIRMING MINISTRIES ACTION GROUP

Pamela Cooper, Co-Chair

Affirming Ministries Action Group's original mandate was to work towards becoming an affirming congregation (as per the report to the board and subsequent vote on October 23 2012). For there to be consistency in this designation an independent group called Affirm United (no part of UCC) was formed to help with the process at individual churches. The necessary requirements were:

- a 75% or more vote in favour of becoming an Affirming church
- a public policy for same gender marriage in the building by the minister(s)
- a new mission statement that would include the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) community
- publicly acknowledge the positive vote on indoor, outdoor and web signage
- hold service of celebration
- continue the outreach of diversity by supporting Affirm United with a yearly pledge of \$100

After over a year of study and reflection the Affirming Group felt it was important to find out how the congregation felt before the search committee met later in the year to look for a new ministerial team. A date was set for the first week in May 2014 before people started to break for cottages. Events continued to be held right up to the vote with the question and answer session in April being the most heavily attended. The vote results were 69% in favour of the motion, 115 for, 51 against.

The motion did not pass.

No activities were scheduled for June to August but the Affirming Group heard a lot of feedback from all viewpoints. The Board asked the Affirming Group to pursue the same gender marriage vote by the end of October 2014. As this vote was not guided by Affirm United but by the Church a 50% plus 1 was all that was needed. The vote was taken on October 26th and passed with 85%.

At a controversial Board meeting two days later the Board voted 19 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention to terminate the Affirming Ministries Action Group. The overwhelming idea expressed was that the group had reached its mandate.

COMMUNICATIONS

Harcus Hennigar, Chair

The Communications Committee is responsible for the Annual Report, the Church Directory, *VOICE* newsletter, publicity of PVUC events and activities, Church libraries, the roadside sign and the PVUC website (www.pvuc.ca).

Thanks to Bob Martindale for keeping our roadside sign up-to-date and to members of the congregation who provide ideas for the sign.

The Church website provides information to members of the congregation and the community. *VOICE*, weekly bulletins, news about upcoming events and a calendar of Church events along with photos and other features are placed on the PVUC website. Thank you to David Kai and Ruth Fox for keeping the website up-to-date.

The Committee, along with David Kai, use email to contact Church members about upcoming services and events. With the implementation of the new Anti-Spam legislation this year, all those on PVUC email lists who are not members were contacted to make sure they wished to continue receiving email from the Church. As well all church 'mass email' communications now contain information required by the legislation for contacting the Church to request deletion from future Church emails.

We currently publish two versions of *VOICE*, one for print and the other for the website. The latter contains more photos and colour material. In September of 2014, printed copies for *VOICE* were no longer individually labeled except for those who are unable to pick up a copy at the Church Thanks to the many people who contribute to *VOICE*, especially our talented editor, Jacqui DeBique, as well as those who help fold, label and distribute it. Thanks also to Ruth Fox for her help producing the various publications which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Thanks to Phil Cox and Paul Blouin for creating DVD recordings of Church services.

Our Church libraries, located in the Lounge and in the Library, are self-operating and seem to be doing well. Thanks to those who donate books as well as those who return their borrowed books in a timely fashion.

Thanks to the members of the Communications Committee for their work this past year.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

John Scott, Chair

Our committee is composed of Gwen Smith, Ruth Gartlan, Dianne Catchpole, Chuck Hay and myself. It has been a very busy year with so many changes to the Church family. Early in the year the management of Anne Mizen's contract was passed to the Worship Committee so that the process better matched the responsibilities. That, however, was more of a paper change than one which would be noticed by the congregation.

Ruth Fox remained the public face of our Church dealing with many who drop in to discuss topics ranging from providing information on rentals, to joining the Church, to having children baptized, to providing benevolent assistance and a host of other issues. She attended a Church Office Coordinator's conference this fall so that she can remain abreast of changes in Church administration and keep updated on improvements in how she can provide ongoing service to the congregation. It helps a great deal for Ruth to learn about how like problems are dealt with by other congregations. A big note of thanks to those who filled in at her desk so the phones would be managed during her absence. This summer we tried an amended summer office schedule. It better accorded with the demands on the church and made up for some of the long weeks that Ruth works during the rest of the year. We'll discuss what the summer schedule will be early in the new year so if you have any ideas please let us know.

As was apparent to all, the retirement of David Jones has had a huge impact on our Church. For David Kai and Marly Bown it has been very directly felt. We have all lost a valued mentor and friend in David Jones. David Kai and Marly have taken on the work of 2 and a half Ministers on the schedule of one and a half. As a result we re-drafted the work descriptions of Ruth, David and Marly to accord with the change in resources. We benefit from David's positive contributions to our church - from his musical engagement to his ability to keep our computers functioning. His messages have been well appreciated. He and Marly have been actively involved in picking up extra visitation needs. Members of the congregation have chipped in admirably on that front.

It promises to be another busy year in 2015. Significant changes in personnel are on the horizon. Ruth will remain the constant as we move forward. New job descriptions have been included in the material being provided to those who will be hired to be the leaders of our Church in the coming years. No doubt they will need to be adjusted as we move forward so they accord with our needs and the skill set of those hired.

If you wish to participate in this Committee please let any of the members know of your interest. In the event that you'd like to see changes in how the Committee works or how the people managed to deal with certain issues please feel free to chat to any of us about matters. We are always hopeful of improving how we do our work so that all are responsive to the needs and concerns of the Pickering Village United Church community.

MISSION AND SERVICE

Ruth Webster, Chair

Here at PVUC we are happy to contribute to the Mission and Service fund of the United Church of Canada which supports 86 congregations, 37 presbyteries, 13 Conferences, 6 theological schools, 3 education centres, 39 chaplaincies, 75 community and justice ministries, 5 overseas personnel, and 97 global partners in 25 countries.

We share stories of this work through monthly Minutes for Mission and 2 services each year. In June Bruce Vogd told us about the services offered to needy folks at the Toronto Christian Resource Centre. In November our Melissa Carter shared her experiences volunteering in Haiti and Nicaragua. We saw pictures from Los Quinchos, a school for vendor children in Managua, which was visited by a team from PVUC a few years ago, and which we help to support annually through a bequest from Dorothy Westney.

Thank you for giving to Mission and Service, for making it a regular part of your life of faith, for in so doing, you help to make a better world possible.

MISSION AND SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT

Harcus Hennigar, Treasurer

M & S FUND RECEIPTS	2014	2013
Pickering Village United Church	\$35,644.09	\$38,463.16
P.V.U.C. - United Church Women	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,400.00
P.V.U.C. - Sunday School	\$ 57.30	\$ 78.25
P.V.U.C. – Lenten/Thanksgiving/Christmas Offerings (2)	\$ 896.00	\$ 1,611.53
Henry Westney Bequest (4)	\$ 823.67	\$ 6,328.00
M&S World Development & Relief (3)		\$ 200.00
Memorial Donation	\$ 100.00	N/A
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$41,021.06</u>	<u>\$50,080.94</u>
Supragifts (1)		\$ 3,400.00
TOTAL	<u>\$41,021.06</u>	<u>\$53,480.94</u>

M & S FUND DISBURSEMENTS	2014	2013
M&S – United Church of Canada	\$39,032.15	\$41,860.47
Supragifts/Other (1)	N/A	\$ 3,400.00
Henry Westney Bequest (4)	\$ 823.67	\$ 6,328.00
M&S World Development & Relief (3)	\$ 896.00	\$ 1,811.53
TOTAL	<u>\$40,751.72</u>	<u>\$53,400.00</u>

NOTES:

- (1) Supragifts are special donations which are not included in the PVUC M&S commitment.
- (2) The PVUC Lenten/Thanksgiving/Christmas offerings and Memorial donations were donated to the World Development and Relief portion of the M&S fund.
- (3) These funds were sent directly to the World Development and Relief portion of the M&S Fund.
- (4) Received in the following year, this money was used to 'top up' the previous year's M&S Commitment.

UPPER ROOM ACCOUNT	2014	2013
Receipts	\$ 434.64	\$ 392.79
Payments	\$ 394.58	\$ 288.52
BALANCE	<u>\$ 40.06</u>	<u>\$ 104.27</u>

Bank Balance	\$ 622.45	M&S	\$104.34
O/S Cheques	<u>\$ 478.05</u>	Upper Room	<u>\$ 40.06</u>
	\$ 144.40		\$144.40

M&S WESTNEY BEQUESTS	2014	2013
Disbursements		
Henry Westney Bequest	\$ 823.67	\$ 6,328.00
Dorothy Westney Bequest	\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Balance		
Henry Westney Bequest	\$ 0	\$ 823.67
Dorothy Westney Bequest	\$ 13,326.00	\$12,311.00

The Henry Westney bequest is to cover any shortfall in the annual M&S allocation. Transferred to the Trustees for investment on behalf of the M&S Committee on 2002/04/2. In 2015, money from this Bequest (\$823.67) was used to fulfil the 2014 M&S Commitment.

The Dorothy Westney bequest was received in 2012 and transferred to the PVUC Trustees for investment on behalf of the M&S Committee. In 2014, money from the bequest (\$1,500) was donated to Los Quinchos School for vendor children in Managua, Nicaragua.

NOMINATIONS

Chuck Hay, Chair

The Nominations Committee met to discuss the needs of our church in terms of Board Members, Elders, Trustees and committee chairs. The needs are ongoing and there are always vacancies to be filled. If you are approached by a member of the Nominations Committee, it is because your gifts have been recognized. Please give prayerful consideration to the request. Our church can only survive and thrive when we share our gifts and talents.

PROPERTY

Douglas Brown, Chair

It has been another year of trying to maintain the appearance and viability of our Church as a member of the community, and it is not getting any easier.

The main project for this year was the rejuvenation of the Cross Tower. We hired a local contractor for the masonry work; their task was to remove any damaged bricks and install the new brick. There were some issues with the original construction that we had to overcome, but they were dealt with as they arose. Once the brickwork was completed, the entire structure was waterproofed.

The cost to re-position the cross proved to be exorbitant, so that part of the project was abandoned, for now.

In the past few years we have had water leak issues in the basement, specifically in the rooms on the east side of the Fellowship Hall. The water has been coming in through foundation cracks and through the two window wells. We have had to replace flooring and drywall, as well as remove the water.

As the water primarily occurs in the spring, I proposed to the Trustees that doing the repair now was wise, and they agreed. Our contractor, prior to Christmas, completed the work. We have some cosmetic work to do ourselves in the spring. I was on site often during work to monitor the project and have progress photos for our records.

In the coming year we will be proposing new front doors at the Main entrance including automatic openers for one exterior sliding door and for one interior door. Improvements to the accessibility features of the washrooms, line painting of the parking lots and upgrading the exhaust system in the main kitchen are all to be addressed in 2015

Our cleaning company, Prevent Maintenance, has been on board for almost a year now, and the overall response to their performance has been very positive. The owner of Prevent is a member of our congregation.

We also elected to purchase our cleaning supplies directly from the supplier and are saving money!

We are doing the best that we can to stay on top of the work. This Church is extremely fortunate to have a crew of volunteers that do whatever is required. I give my heartfelt thanks to all of the guys in the crew. We are always looking for new members.

As Chair of the Property Department, I am proud of our achievements. Thank you to Paul Blouin, Bob Masters, and Clint Sturgeon.

BOOKINGS

Douglas Brown, Chair

The Bookings Committee is an ad hoc committee reporting to the Executive Committee. All requests from outside user groups are referred to the Bookings Committee. Groups within the Church may book space by contacting Ruth Fox in the Church Office. Ruth will then contact myself to discuss the request. Most requests, regardless of the source, are dealt with quickly; however, some require further consultation with the Executive and / or the U.C.W.

Requests for space are considered based on availability and the following priority:

1. our church groups
2. community service non-profit organizations and
3. reputable businesses or groups on a rental basis

Outside user groups may only be booked with the approval of the Executive Committee. Request for Sunday usage also requires Executive approval. Catering for an event and kitchen use by an outside group must receive the approval of Carrie Green of the U.C.W.

In 2014 income from the rental of PVUC facilities totaled \$28,357.

Thanks to Ruth Fox, our rental stewards and our A/V personnel for their patience and courtesy in dealing with our renters.

Weekly User Groups

1st Pickering Scouts, Cubs,
Beavers, Venturers
1st Ajax Brownies
Al-Anon (2 different groups)
Alcoholics Anonymous
Eating Disorder Anonymous
Tuesday Ball Hockey

Weekly User Groups

3rd Greenwood C Sparks
Great Big Theatre Co.
Pregnancy and Infant Loss
Support Group (PAIL)
Streetsmart Protection
Wado-Kai Karate
Little Kickers Soccer

Monthly User Groups

Scouts Group Committee
Amnesty Executive
Amnesty International
Alzheimer's Society
Probus Executive

STEWARDSHIP

Carrie Green, Chair

The Stewardship Committee has worked hard this year to raise money to support the work of the church. Many people have volunteered to help out with the various activities. We continued to serve dinners on the fourth Friday of every month, except during the summer. The Committee helped with the Pancake Supper and sold meat pies throughout the year. A pig roast was held during the summer and a special dinner combining our Anniversary and David Jones' retirement was held in September.

In December a well-attended concert by Scott Woods was sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. Special thanks to Doug Hines for his work on this project as well as the pig roast. We also had another 3G (Giving Gifts for God) project.

Some of the money raised by the Stewardship Committee this year was used to decorate and furnish the Narthex area of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Susan Hill, Treasurer

Ledger Balance as of Dec. 31/13	\$6,496.40
Revenue	
3 G Project	\$ 312.00
Eduard Klassen Afternoon	\$ 3,535.00
Sale of Cook Books	\$ 1,101.00
Sale of Dinner Tickets & Pies	\$ 3,636.25
Sale of Easter Eggs	\$ 1,154.05
Scott Woods Concert & Dinner	\$ 6,308.90
	\$22,543.60
Expenses	
3 G Project Start Up Money	\$ 500.00
Bank Charges	\$ 16.14
Dinner & Pie Expenses	\$ 1,587.56
Donations:	
General Account	\$ 3,500.00
Immigrant Families	\$ 1,000.00
Trustees re: Flooring	\$ 3,200.00

General account re: Pancake supper	\$ 500.00	
	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 8,200.00
Easter Eggs		\$ 86.78
Klassen Event		\$ 570.12
Narthax Improvements		\$ 5,140.66
Scott Woods Event		\$ 3,627.65
Ledger Balance as of Dec. 31/14		\$ 2,814.69
		\$22,543.60
Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/14		\$ 2,814.69

WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Maureen Hawker, Chair

The following report highlights the programming our Committee to reflect the diverse needs of our congregation and the community we serve.

Education and Health Promotion:

- Weekly Foot Care Clinics offered by the Nurses on Tuesdays for members of the congregation and community.
- "Exercise in a Chair" introduced at a Lunch and Learn session. First class was in the Spring and another one was in September. This has proved to be very popular and will be continued.
- Blood pressure monitoring continues to be available on Tuesday mornings.
- Weight Loss Program "Body and Soul" in the New Year offered cash prizes for each pound lost.

Social Concerns:

- Support of the Refugee Program in Durham through Social Concerns; we sponsored a refugee family of four this Christmas.
- Facilitated the Reverse Offering Project to collect and distribute food to local food banks in Ajax and Pickering.
- Donated a Wellness theme basket to the UCW for the Snowflake Bazaar.

Worship:

- Participated in the Maundy Thursday service held in April.
- Hosted a lunch "Chicken Soup for the Christmas Soul" as part of the Wholeness and Healing service in December.

The Wellness Committee and Social Concerns team continues to promote the belief that for people to be well they must be so in Body, Mind and Spirit. The members of this team bring many life experiences and expertise along with their enthusiasm.

The Caring Team and The Good Grief Group:

- A group was established to help the Ministers with pastoral care and became known as the Caring Team.
- Grief Support was recognized as a need in the congregation and so Triple G (Good Grief Group) was offered.

WELLNESS & SOCIAL CONCERNS FINANCIAL REPORT

Suzanne Jones, Treasurer

INCOME

Bank Interest	5
Outreach	
Exercise Class	390
Foot Clinic	3,383
Total Outreach	3,773
Sales Tax Refund	56
TOTAL	
INCOME	3,835

EXPENSES

Outreach

WSC Committee Outreach

Defibrillator	110
Fitness Instruction	650
Foot Clinic Supplies	593
Gift Basket	106
Lunch and Learn	146
Shipping Charges	9

Total WSC Committee Outreach 1,614

Interchurch Immigrant Support Outreach 319

Total Outreach 1,933

Training and Development 48

Sales Tax 128

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,108

TRANSFERS

FROM Meridian Chequing 1,151

FROM PVUC Health Cabinet 3,010

TO Meridian Chequing (3,010)

TO PVUC Health Cabinet (1,151)

TO Loan from Trustees (Donation to General Fund) (3,000)

TOTAL TRANSFERS (3,000)

OVERALL

TOTAL (1,274)

Balance Forward Meridian Savings Account Jan 1st 2014 5868

Meridian Savings Account Balance Dec 31st, 2014 4014

Receivable from General Fund 935

Ledger Balance Dec 31st, 2014 4948

ORGANIZATIONS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP 90 (AJAX-PICKERING) Sharon Zurbrigg, President

September started with dessert, coffee and firming up the coming year.

Our treasurer, Charles Railer, took the Minute for Mission on December 7, 2014 which included telling of an A.I. display, cards and petitions to sign, peace cookies and a cake to enjoy all during coffee hour. Thank you for your great response.

Our special guests for our Amnesty church service on March 8, 2015 will be Hamid Ghassemi-Shall (who was recently released from Evan Prison in Tehran) and his wife Antonella Mega. There will again be coffee hour activities.

We will have a special Spring Tea on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 2 p.m., cost: \$15.00.

On May 26 we will have our closing pot luck lunch at noon.

We remember with sadness the deaths of two faithful Amnesty members this year: Eileen Mills and Charles Catto.

Your memberships and donations, sent directly to Amnesty headquarters in Ottawa now, make it possible for Amnesty International to carry on the vital work of defending Human Rights. Thank you for your continued support.

GOLF Marcus Hennigar, Chair

As a result of the seventeenth annual PVUC Mark Dailey Memorial Charity Golf Tournament held on June 19 at the 4 Seasons Golf Club in Claremont, the Golf Committee distributed \$8,200 to various groups from Durham Region at the Sunday, Sept. 14 morning worship service. In announcing the donations, we thanked the 98 participating golfers, significant sponsors Sean Aune from The Investors Group and McEachnie Funeral Home as well as the many members of the congregation and the business community who supported the event. \$8,200 was also donated to the PVUC General Fund.

The community groups receiving donations on Sept. 14 were Charles H. Best Diabetes Centre (Whitby), Cornerstone Community Association Durham, Distress Centre Durham, Durham Mental Health Services, Joanne's House - Durham Youth Housing and Support Centre, 1st Pickering Scouts, Frontiers Foundation, Gate 3:16 Outreach Centre (Oshawa), Girls Inc. Durham, Hearth Place Cancer Support Centre, Inter-Church Immigrant Support Group, Project Next Step, R. S. McLaughlin Durham Regional Cancer Centre, Rouge Valley Health System (Ajax-Pickering), St. Paul's on the Hill Food Bank, Salvation Army Food Bank (Ajax) and the Whitby Community Garden.

Over the past seventeen years the PVUC Charity Golf Tournament has raised over \$392,000 with 50 % of the funds donated to many worthwhile organizations in Durham Region and the remaining 50% used to support the community outreach ministry of Pickering Village United Church.

For a variety of reasons the Committee has decided that this will be our last tournament. A huge thank you to the small, but dedicated, group who organized the Tournament each year as well as those who helped out in many, many ways.

GOLF COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT Mark Scanlan, Treasurer

	2014	2013
BALANCE OF FUNDS FORWARD	\$ 830.05	\$ 1,017.44
REVENUE		
TITLE SPONSORS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
DONATIONS	\$ 1,150.63	\$ 1,609.56
HOLE SPONSORS	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
PASSPORT	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
AUCTION/RAFFLE	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 3,430.00
GOLF COUPON BOOKS	\$ 900.00	\$ 780.00
GST REBATE	\$ 569.76	\$ 641.43
MISCELLANEOUS		

BANK CHARGES/LISTING ERROR	\$ 20.00	
GOLF TICKET SALES	\$12,690.00	\$13,230.00
FLOATS	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$25,087.89	\$26,547.99

GOLF EXPENSES		
GOLF COURSE	\$ 5,673.00	\$ 6,039.00
PHOTO COPIES/SIGNS/PICTURES	\$ 68.82	\$ 39.95
FLOATS	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00
FOOD/POP/MISC	\$ 416.32	\$ 701.87
CHICKEN & RIBS	\$ 838.39	\$ 728.65
GOLF COUPON BOOKS	\$ 600.00	\$ 480.00
BANK CHARGES/LISTING ERROR	\$ -	\$ 20.00
PRIZES	\$ 531.41	\$ 825.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 8,727.94	\$ 9,235.38

NET PROCEEDS	\$16,359.95	\$17,312.61
DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS	\$17,190.00	\$17,500.00
BALANCE OF FUNDS	\$ -	\$ 830.05

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Michele Kerkos, President

As President of UCW, I consider it a privilege to be part of a group of strong, dedicated and faithful women who continue to move with the times and step in where a need is seen. The many events held or supported by the UCW supplied a lot of fun, education and fellowship, as well as providing financial support for many good causes within the Church as well as the outside community.

Morogoro Project - we were pleased to learn that the original goal of \$50,000 was surpassed and \$264,548 was raised by the United Church Women of Canada to support maternal care training programs at the Morogoro Women's Training Centre in Tanzania.

Weather conditions forced us to cancel the February meeting. While in March we were part of the World Day of Prayer at PVUC and later in the month held a very successful "Spring Fling" Market raising over \$3,000.

April's meeting was a presentation by the Affirming Ministry. The sharing by various members and guests revealed the struggles that many families have had to endure.

In May, Fran Sancroft, our Vice-President, shared on The Story of Mother's Day. During the service Rowena Dunlop, Brenda Plummer, Audrey Pritchard, Joan Sturgeon and Lorraine Swain received their Life Membership Pin. Continuing our Christian outreach we participated in the PARCUL meeting at PVUC that highlighted the topic of Child Poverty.

At our June meeting - the last before the summer break - we held a pot-luck dinner at our "Evening in Paris" Cafe while enjoying our Executive perform a skit entitled "Are we there yet?" -[always check for toilet paper!]

Our fund raising event "Shop & Hop" was held in September. This event provided an opportunity for everyone to peruse the products of multiple local vendors all in one location. Many took advantage of this time to do a some early Christmas shopping. September was both a happy and sad time for all of us as we prepared and served David Jones' retirement dinner.

A lesson in thanksgiving was presented at the October meeting by Brenda Plummer and Fran Sancroft. The reference was to the 10 men who were healed, but only one came back and gave thanks. We were asked, "What makes us more like the nine?"

At our November meeting Susan Sheremeta and Cecile Willert shared their photos and experiences as they flew to Santa Cruz, Bolivia to help build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Their willingness to give of their labour and talents was richly blessed by the many Bolivians who worked alongside them.

The UCW Christmas service gave us another perspective of what might have happened at the Bethlehem Inn & Spa on that eventful night. A special highlight of this service was the candle processional during the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night".

This year, we lost five faithful Life Membership ladies: Jean Tomlinson, Marg Elliott, Kathy Pegg, Dorothy Wadham and Eileen Mills. They will be missed.

Joy bags and cards were delivered to Church members who were ill, bereaved or required support and encouragement. Poinsettias were given to church members who had suffered the loss of an immediate family member and to those who found it impossible to get "out and about". Gifts were also collected for the local shelters.

Prayer shawls continued to be made by our members and delivered by the ministers as they deem necessary. To date the busy hands of UCW have provided: 40 Milk Bag Mats - 20 Prayer Shawls - 65 Lap Covers- 150 Teddies for Tragedies - 10 SCAW kits from the take-it table - 20 quilts given away and \$230 raised from the sale of the "quilt draw" [guess who the winner was]. The UCW produced a Funeral Brochure to help bereaved families make decisions regarding catering details for funeral receptions.

Thanks to the work of many and the guiding hand of Carrie Green, the kitchen is always a busy place - either producing food to raise funds for PVUC or supporting groups through their cooking. The monthly Friday Dinner for Lunch is still a big hit as are the pie sales. In 2014 we catered 15 funeral teas along with other outside catered lunches and dinner receptions. This year we started a "Ministry of Meals" project that provides meals to those members of our congregation who would benefit from a hot home cooked meal.

Other fund-raisers include the very successful Snowflake Christmas Market and The Spring Fling (a mini-bazaar). Thanks to our fund-raisers, the UCW was able to contribute towards the refreshing of the Narthex and present a cheque for \$3,850 toward the General Fund. Financial donations were also made to numerous local charities, shelters, children's camps, the Benevolent fund, and SCAW .

UCW has been a very industrious group this year and I would like to thank all the willing volunteers who have made this year such a great success, whether as a member of the Executive or those who have contributed their time and talent in so many other different ways. As we move forward into the new year I believe we will continue to experience growth in our study, worship, fellowship and service.

UCW FINANCIAL REPORT 2014

Susan Sheremeta, Treasurer

Ledger balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 8,132
REVENUES -	
Catering -	
Funeral teas	\$13,448
Events other than funeral teas	\$ 8,041
Snowflake Christmas Market	\$ 8,117
Donations and offering	\$ 3,452
Spring Fling	\$ 3,055
Other fundraising (Necklaces, Shop N Hop, Going My Way)	\$ 1,214
2013 HST rebate	\$ 623
	\$37,950
EXPENSES -	
Donations and special projects -	
PVUC (including utilities, narthex and blinds)	\$ 9,126
Mission and Service	\$ 3,500
Benevolent fund	\$ 800
Other donations	\$ 3,872
Catering and kitchen expenses	\$ 9,877
Crafts and materials	\$ 1,433

Table set up	\$ 1,106
Programs, speakers, materials, gifts	\$ 970
Sunday school and youth	\$ 685
Church decorations/flowers	\$ 341
Bank charges	\$ 171
Piano tuning	\$ 170
	\$32,051
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 5,899
Ledger balance, December 31, 2014	\$14,031

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

David Kai, Chair

With Rev. David Jones' retirement in September, David Kai has taken on the role of the Chair of Trustees as required in the United Church Manual.

Some highlights of the work of the Trustees this year have been:

- * repair and waterproofing of the cross tower;
- * completion of negotiations with Bell regarding the cell tower lease. We have now locked in this contract at the present rate of \$12k per year. Many thanks to Brian Murdock, who has now retired as a Trustee, for his work on this issue;
- * replacement of dead trees around the cell tower with a fence which provides better visibility (this work was done by Bell);
- * repairs to the drainage system on the east/north end wall of the church.

Upcoming projects include:

- * upgrade of a sanctuary portable microphone
- * replacement of aging main doors with automatic doors to comply with accessibility requirements.

Of course, many of these projects involve considerable costs, and we are grateful for any financial support and fundraising efforts that can be directed towards the Trustees' funds.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Fox, Treasurer

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Receipts:		
<u>Non designated gifts</u>		
Envelopes	10,407	13,082
Community Sale	714	712
Interest Income	748	741
Other income	1,422	4,779
Bell Telus Tower	0	0
	13,292	19,313
 <u>Designated and memorial gifts</u>		
Jean Outhouse Bursary	1,665	600
Organ		775
Flooring	3,250	
D. Westney (M&S, General) Gifts		
Cross Tower	1,550	8,080
Other	5,074	5,770

Total Receipts	24,831	34,539
Expenditures:		
Transfer to General Fund (re:Tower revenue)	0	0
Loan to General fund	12,000	1,000
Repairs and maintenance	1,106	12,562
Building and property security	414	714
Computer and internet	0	130
Sound system	0	0
Bank charges	165	175
GST / HST paid	2,286	2,041
Small Tools & Equipment	0	2,222
Advertising and promotion	0	0
<u>Designated expenditures</u>		
D. Westney M&S Fund	7,828	1,500
Jean Outhouse Bursaries	1,250	69
Narthex Improvements	305	
D. Westney General Fund Trust	0	25,000
Cross Tower	24,170	0
Total Expenditures	49,525	45,413
Excess (Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditures	-24,694	-10,874
Assets:		
CIBC chequing account	18,930	43,958
ING savings account	75,232	74,484
Manulife Bank savings account	51,025	51,025
Total Cash	145,187	169,466
Loan to General fund	21,682	13,096
Total Assets	166,868	182,562
The Board of Trustees holds the following amount in trust		
Carpet & Flooring Trust	3,266	0
Elizabeth St. Cemetery	5,000	5,000
Jean Outhouse Bursary Fund	1,865	1,441
M&S Westney Trust	0	7,187
D. Westney M&S Trust	13,236	13,811
D. Westney General Fund Trust	454	452
Cross Tower Fund	0	8,121

Organ	4,338	4,317
Sunday School Computer Trust	366	364
Other designated	104	103
Undesignated	138,238	141,766
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	166,868	182,562
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Two years' worth of Cell Tower rental money (\$27,000) received by the General Fund in 2014 helped to offset the 8% decrease in 2014 givings (\$22,614). We will not have this cushion in 2015. As well the General Fund owes the Trustees an accrued total of \$21,681.65. We overspent our income by \$61,004.

2015 will bring a major change in staffing but also the costs of relocating the people who will be our new ministry team.

Thanks be to God for the generosity of our congregation and your support of our Church as we look forward to the future.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Arnold Jackson, William Fox, Sean Aune, Auditors

To the congregation of Pickering Village United Church:

We have examined the financial reports, statements, ledgers, receipts, etc. of the Church as made available to us for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our examination included tests and other procedures we considered necessary to support the amounts and disclosures shown for the following accounts:

SESSION BENEVOLENT FUND
CHOIR
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL
HEALTH CABINET/PARISH NURSING
MISSION AND SERVICE
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (U.C.W.)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES CURRENT ACCOUNT
GENERAL (MAIN OPERATING) ACCOUNT
GOLF TOURNAMENT

In our opinion, the financial reports present fairly the cash position of the Church as at December 31, 2014 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Suzanne Jones

GENERAL FUND**6 YEAR BALANCE SHEET** As of 31/12/2014 (in Canadian Dollars) (Cash Basis)

Account	31/12/2009 Balance	31/12/2010 Balance	31/12/2011 Balance	31/12/2012 Balance	31/12/2013 Balance	31/12/2014 Balance
ASSETS						
Cash and Bank Accounts						
ADP Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIBC Chequing	21,296.66	8,446.45	20,696.48	390.47	0	0
Health Cabinet Accrual	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meridian Chequing	0	0	0	11,453.62	17,701.10	32,337.04
ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0
PrePaid Expenses - Millwork	0	0	0	0	79.05	24.23
PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	0	0	0	0	40.46	123.49
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	21,296.66	8,446.45	20,696.48	11,844.09	17,820.61	32,484.76
Other Assets						
D. Westney Trust	0	0	0	25,000.00	0	0
TOTAL Other Assets	0	0	0	25,000.00	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	21,296.66	8,446.45	20,696.48	36,844.09	17,820.61	32,484.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
2013 Marly Gift Accrual	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013 Other Charitable Pass-through	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013 SCAW Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013 Sunday School Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Education Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Cabinet Accounts Payable	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan from Trustees	0	0	15,000.00	12,095.90	13,095.90	21,681.65
Other Charitable Pass-through	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCAW Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0	15,000.00	12,095.90	13,095.90	21,681.65
EQUITY	21,296.66	8,446.45	5,696.48	24,748.19	4,724.71	10,803.11
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	21,296.66	8,446.45	20,696.48	36,844.09	17,820.61	32,484.76

2014 CASH FLOW

-GENERAL FUND-

2015

Category	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	\$ Difference	-% Change	BUDGET		
					2014 Budget	2015 BUDGET	
INCOME							
Bequests	25,000	0	(25,000)	-100%	0	0	
Christian Education	603	1,893	1,290	214%	2,050	2,050	
Golf Tournament	8,750	8,990	240	3%	5,000	0	
Other Fundraising	1,589	271	(1,318)	-83%	1,589	131	
Regular Givings (Weekly + PAR)	267,632	245,018	(22,614)	-8%	260,503	246,745	
Thank Offering	15,776	13,885	(1,891)	-12%	15,648	12,000	
Other Income	11,976	21,581	9,606	80%	7,525	10,935	
Rentals	24,913	28,357	3,444	14%	24,913	28,357	
Tax Refund	12,067	9,291	(2,776)	-23%	5,026	11,128	
Trustees - Cell Tower	0	27,000	27,000	INF	0	0	
Worship	4,991	6,615	1,624	33%	4,867	6,615	
TOTAL INCOME	373,297	362,901	(10,396)	-3%	327,121	317,961	
	<i>*Total Income ex. Bequest</i>	<i>348,297</i>	<i>362,901</i>	<i>14,604</i>	<i>4%</i>		
EXPENSES							
Administrative							
Christian Education	2,246	2,277	(32)	1%	9,760	4,500	
Interest & Bank Charges	752	753	(2)	0%	752	752	
Other Admin	5,617	11,840	(6,223)	111%	8,044	15,556	
Presbytery Assessment	9,973	9,530	443	-4%	9,530	8,837	
Rentals	2,163	1,840	323	-15%	2,163	1,840	
Telephone & Internet	2,843	3,150	(307)	11%	2,843	3,261	
Total Administrative	23,593	29,389	(5,796)	25%	33,092	34,746	
Building Expenses							
Insurance	2,684	8,258	(5,574)	208%	8,057	9,602	
Property							
Contracts	29,609	24,990	4,620	-16%	28,100	26,950	
Other Property	4,288	8,572	(4,283)	100%	5,900	7,400	
Total Property	33,898	33,561	336	-1%	34,000	34,350	
Utilities							
Gas	2,542	3,296	(754)	30%	2,619	3,296	

Hydro	11,909	13,602	(1,693)	14%	12,266	15,234
Water	1,357	1,096	261	-19%	1,471	1,188
Total Utilities	15,809	17,995	(2,186)	14%	16,356	19,718
Total Building Expenses	52,390	59,814	(7,423)	14%	58,413	63,670
Sales Tax	9,163	9,714	(551)	6%	10,574	11,080
Tax Rebate Disbursement	6,348	2,615	3,733	-59%	0	0
Trustees (On-line Donations via Canada Helps.org)	0	578	(578)	INF	0	0
Worship						
Choir Leader & Musicians	19,342	19,608	(266)	1%	20,455	21,136
Other Worship	4,187	3,630	557	-13%	7,523	7,375
Total Worship	23,529	23,276	253	-1%	27,978	28,511
TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMIN	115,023	125,385	(10,362)	9%	130,057	138,007
Personnel Costs						
ADP Payroll Charges	565	551	14	-3%	588	495
Payroll	151,159	140,082	11,077	-7%	153,355	120,707
Payroll Benefits	57,512	50,067	7,446	-13%	59,200	27,158
Deductions and Expenses						
Canada Pension (CPP)	6,808	7,441	(633)	9%	7,492	5,037
Employment Insurance (EI)	3,786	3,811	(25)	1%	4,241	4,150
Income Tax	0	0	0	0%	0	0
United Church Other	13,043	11,995	1,048	-8%	14,257	10,927
United Church Pension	17,874	16,464	1,410	-8%	18,135	13,439
Total Deductions and Expenses	41,511	39,711	1,800	-4%	44,125	33,553
Worship: Pulpit Honorarium	400	355	45	-11%	800	1,100
TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	251,148	230,766	20,382	-8%	258,068	183,013
Void Cheques	12	(12)	24	-200%	0	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	366,183	356,139	10,045	-3%	388,125	321,020
TRANSFERS						
FROM PVUC Health Cabinet	1,510	3,010	1,500	99%	0	0
FROM ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	0	6,894	6,894	INF	0	0

FROM PrePaid Expenses - Millwork	21	107	86	411%	0	0
FROM PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	60	57	(3)	-4%	0	0
FROM 2013 Other Charitable Pass-through	5	0	(5)	-100%	0	0
FROM 2013 SCAW Accruals	739	0	(739)	-100%	0	0
FROM 2013 Sunday School Accruals	673	0	(673)	-100%	0	0
FROM Loan from Trustees	7,000	12,000	5,000	71%	0	0
FROM SCAW Accruals	0	443	443	INF	0	0
TO Health Cabinet Accrual	(697)	0	697	-100%	0	0
TO PVUC Health Cabinet	(2,950)	(1,151)	1,799	-61%	0	0
TO ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	0	(6,894)	(6,894)	INF	0	0
TO PrePaid Expenses - Millwork	(100)	(52)	48	-48%	0	0
TO PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	(100)	(140)	(40)	40%	0	0
TO 2013 Other Charitable Pass-through	(5)	0	5	-100%	0	0
TO 2013 SCAW Accruals	(739)	0	739	-100%	0	0
TO 2013 Sunday School Accruals	(673)	0	673	-100%	0	0
TO Christian Education Accounts Payable	0	(1,250)	(1,250)	INF	0	0
TO Health Cabinet Accounts Payable	0	(3,808)	(3,808)	INF	0	0
TO Loan from Trustees	(6,000)	(414)	5,586	-93%	0	0
TO Other Charitable Pass-through	0	(485)	(485)	INF	0	0
TO SCAW Accruals	0	(443)	(443)	INF	0	0
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(1,256)	7,874	9,131	-727%	0	0
OVERALL TOTAL	5,857	14,636	8,779	150%	(61,004)	(3,059)
	<i>* ex bequest and loan</i>	<i>(20,143)</i>	<i>3,050</i>	<i>23,193</i>	<i>-115%</i>	

Notes:

*Moved Worship Expense - Pulpit Honorarium to Personnel Expenses to reflect the true cost of staffing the pulpit. This will allow us to better reflect costs during years of transition.

**Health Cabinet refers to Wellness and Social Concerns Committee.