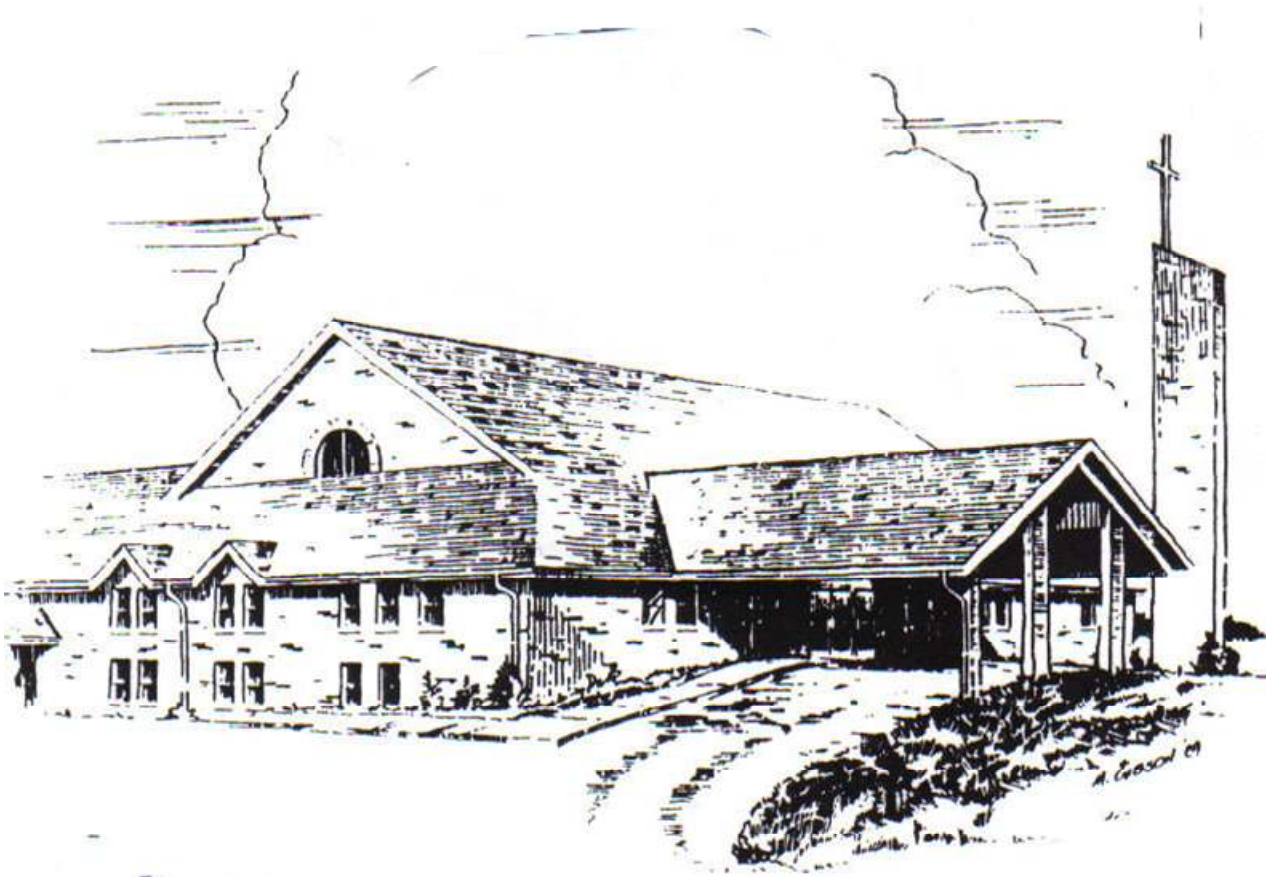


2017

ANNUAL REPORT



PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH

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AGENDA

Annual Congregational Meeting of Pickering Village United Church
Sunday, March 4, 2018

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 5, 2017
6. Annual Report – The reports will be considered in the order they appear in the Annual Report (excluding 2018 Budget)
7. Auditors' Report for 2018
8. Year 2018 Budget Approval
9. Mission and Service Commitment for 2018
10. Report of the Nominations Committee
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

MINISTERS' REPORTS

(Rev.) Dr. Steven Davis

Dear friends,

As I reflect back on the year 2017 I find myself wanting to sum it up in one word: "busy!" That's how it seemed pretty much from beginning to end. There was a lot going on at PVUC last year. Something would end and something else would begin. I'm not complaining. A church that's busy is a sign of a church that's healthy - and it's not that we were engaged in the proverbial "busy-work" - trying to find unimportant things to keep us busy. There were substantive and meaningful things going on as we sought to reach out to the community around us and to care for one another. I want to highlight three things from a personal perspective.

Ongoing throughout the year was the work of our Growth and Visioning Committee. I've been impressed by the dedication of this small group that generally meets each month to consider ways in which we can better reach the community around us. There are plans coming up in the next few months and last year the work of the Committee led up to the distribution of a beautiful invitation card that was delivered to many homes in the neighbourhoods surrounding the Church. It's impossible for us to judge the full impact of those cards. We know that at least one person joined us on Christmas Eve as a result of receiving it and over the Advent/Christmas season we welcomed a number of people we hadn't seen before - so perhaps some of them received it and were intrigued by it as well. One thing that's clear is that if we don't make ourselves known we can't expect people to discover us. I look forward to continuing to work with this Committee as we discern our way forward.

One of the most impressive things I've seen in some time has been the way the congregation has embraced the Clothing Boutique. This outreach project has now been held twice (in September and November) and the response has been wonderful. I am very impressed with the generosity shown by the congregation in donating so many clothes that the room being used for storage is bulging at the seams! And that generosity has extended into the wider community as people not directly connected with our Church have begun making donations. The two Boutiques have helped out a lot of people who have been incredibly grateful. Of course, we don't do things like this to get thanks but simply for the privilege of providing humble service to those around us. We have succeeded in doing that and I was especially grateful that some of the women of the church banded together for the November Boutique and also provided a wonderful lunch at no charge to clients of the Boutique. A big thanks goes to everyone involved.

Finally, I had a wonderful response this fall to my study group, "The Redemption of Scrooge." About a dozen people faithfully joined us on Wednesday nights between Thanksgiving and the start of Advent as we looked at Charles Dickens' story "A Christmas Carol" from what you might call a "gospel perspective." This inaugurated what turned out to be a bit of "A Christmas Carol season" at PVUC as we finished the study by showing the movie for the congregation and then staged a dramatic presentation of the story. It was great fun and I enjoyed being able to join with that group during that time.

There were, of course, many other things that happened over the course of the year but those three stand out to me. But as time goes by, I become more and more impressed by the spirit and commitment of this congregation. I, of course, was saddened when Blythe George called me in July to tell me that she would be leaving us. I enjoyed working with Blythe and appreciated her musical talents and she is missed. But I was also delighted in December when we welcomed Oksana Hahn as our new music director. Starting any church position just as the Advent/Christmas season is beginning is a challenge but Oksana fit in with us well and I have appreciated the chance over the last few months to get to know both her and her family and hope that we will be sharing many years together.

Rev. Karen Smart

Psalm 9:1-2 reads:

*I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

Friends, I give thanks to God for you with my whole heart. There have been many blessings within our church family in 2017. Of course, there have been challenges too. This report sings praises for you!

I give thanks for my colleague, The Rev. Steven Davis. I feel really blessed to serve with him. We make a well-balanced team that gets along well together. We are well supported by Ruth Fox, who works hard to keep us on the track. While it was sad to say good-bye to Blythe George, it has been a joy to welcome Oksana Hahn and her family – Richard and Sophia – to our PVUC family. As always, I appreciate the support of our Voluntary Associate Minister, The Rev. David Jones.

My prime responsibility is to support the Christian Education Programs. Our leaders are wonderful and hardworking. Special thanks to all of them, but especially to our Chair and Sunday School Superintendent, Brenda Plummer. The gourmet hot dog lunches feed our bodies and our souls. The children ask most amazing questions and bring real joy to our congregation. They did an amazing job with the Easter Pageant under the leadership of John Scott and with the Christmas Eve pageant. The Christmas Eve pageant also included our graduates and some of our adults. It was truly a story of great love told with great enthusiasm!

I also enjoyed taking part in the Sacrament of Baptism and the Preparation Classes. This past spring Steven and I co-led a Confirmation Class with three amazing young people being confirmed into full membership. We wish God's richest blessings to Alexis Hogan, Shane Mallia and Bryanna Murdoch as they continue on in their faith journey. We also celebrated six graduates who were off to post-secondary adventures: Neil Carino, Sydney Hogan, Hailey Noble, James Mann, William Mann and Andrew Plummer. I also supported the fall study group as each participant took a turn leading the study based on the book, *The Women of Easter*, by Liz Curtis Higgs.

My secondary role is Pastoral Care for the PVUC family and beyond. We have re-gathered the Pastoral Care Team. This team started with eight members. Ruth Webster and Sue Porter decided to leave the team and we give thanks for their ministry. Current members are: Karen Bell, Betty Jane Crump, Doug Hines, Fran Sancroft, Gwen Smith and Marilyn Wilson, who are supported by both ministers. The team reaches out regularly to our shut-ins while Steven and I focus on other pastoral care. The ministers also visit the shut-ins during the year.

Other roles include: Worship leadership every 4 to 6 weeks and during the summer (allowing Steven time with our children and to have study leaves and vacations) and attending meetings – especially Christian Education, Council, Presbytery, Worship, Visioning, etc. and Staff Meetings

As an ordained minister who serves among you in a half-time position, one of the most challenging things for me is that there is more work that could be done which does not fit into this time frame. I appreciate the support and feedback from our Ministry and Personnel Committee.

I sing praise to God for our many blessings. God has richly blessed us!

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PICKERING VILLAGE UNITED CHURCH 2017

MINISTERS (Rev.) Dr. Steven Davis, B.A., M.Div., D.Min.
Rev. Karen Smart, B.A., M.Div.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson/Nominations	Chuck Hay
Vice-Chairperson /Nominations	Vacant
Secretary	Jennifer St. Aubyn
Treasurer	Suzanne Jones
Christian Education	Brenda Plummer
Communications	Harcus Hennigar
Finance	Bob Dunlop
Ministry & Personnel	John Scott
Mission & Service	Ruth Webster
Property	Douglas Brown
Stewardship	Carrie Green
Board of Trustees	Bill Fox
United Church Women	Lynn Robertson
Visioning & Growth	Bob Martindale
Wellness & Social Concerns	Pat Gottschalk
Worship	Doreen Hallé

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Term Ending Annual Meeting 2018:

Sue Barron, Dianne Catchpole, Freda Daniels, Mary Hearn, Rosemary Nash, Jennifer Wells

Youth Representatives: Vacant

Representatives to Presbytery (May 2017 to May 2018): Bob Martindale, Brian Robertson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bill Fox	Chair, Second term ending Annual Meeting 2020
Doug Dodge	Lifetime member
Douglas Brown	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2018
Harcus Hennigar	Second Term ending Annual Meeting 2018
Lynn Robertson	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2018
Chuck Hay	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2020
Frank Green	First Term ending Annual Meeting 2021

AUDITORS

Sean Aune, William Fox, Mark Scanlan

COMMITTEES OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL, 2017

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

RENTALS & COMMUNITY USAGE

(a sub-committee of Executive)

Douglas Brown	Interim Chair
Bob Dunlop	
Ruth Fox	Church Office Coordinator

CHOIR

Bob Martindale	President
Phil Cox	Past President
Karen Bell	Social
Freda Daniels	Gowns
Oksana Hahn	Music Director
Judy Hicks	Hearts and Flowers
Judy Hicks	Secretary
Fran Sancroft	Treasurer
Michele Kerkos	Librarian

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Brenda Plummer	Chair/Sunday School Coordinator
Steven Davis	Minister
Karen Smart	Minister
Sharon Hull	Youth
Rhonda Keys	
Rosemary Nash	Scouting
Shirley Whitely	Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS

Harcus Hennigar	Chair
Dianne Catchpole	VOICE Editor
Jan Dodge	
Doreen Hallé	UCW
Gloria Murkar	Secretary
Marg Taylor	

FINANCE

Bob Dunlop	Chair of Finance
Bill Fox	Trustees Treasurer
Susan Hill	UCW Treasurers
Carrie Green	UCW Treasurers
Harcus Hennigar	M&S Treasurer
Suzanne Jones	PVUC Treasurer
Fran Sancroft	Choir Treasurer
Lynn Robertson	CE Treasurer

GROWTH AND VISIONING

Bob Martindale	Chair
Sean Aune	
Chuck Hay	
Judy Hicks	
Sharon Hull	
Michele Kerkos	
Garth Mann	
Marcia Railer	
Rob Rick	
Pam Spence	

JEAN OUTHOUSE AWARD

Fran Sancroft	Chair
Oksana Hahn	Music Director
Judy Hicks	
Bob Martindale	
Ruth Webster	

MEN'S GROUP

Gary Willert	Past Chair
Vacant	Chair
Garth Mann	Co-Chair
Brian Robertson	Secretary
Bob Masters	Treasurer
Brian Robertson	Communications
Bob Martindale	Member at large

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

John Scott	Chair
Dianne Catchpole	
Ruth Gartlan	
Gwen Smith	

MISSION AND SERVICE

Ruth Webster	Chair
Mary-Anne Pietrusiak	
Pat Anderson	
Barbara Catto	
Harcus Hennigar	Treasurer
Marion Luik	
Charles Railer	
Marcia Railer	
Janet Simmons	
Pam Spence	

NOMINATIONS

Chuck Hay	Chair
Doreen Hallé	Past Chair
Harcus Hennigar	
Lynn Robertson	

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Karen Bell
 Betty Jane Crump
 Steven Davis, minister
 Doug Hines
 Fran Sancroft
 Rev. Karen Smart
 Gwen Smith
 Marilyn Wilson (liaison)

PROPERTY

Douglas Brown	Chair
Paul Blouin	Sound
Bob Masters	Security
Lois Polak	UCW
Clint Sturgeon	Exterior

STEWARDSHIP

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

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN – Officers

Lynn Robertson	President
Carrie Green/	Co-Vice-
Heather Laderman	Presidents
Gwen Smith	Secretary
Susan Hill/Carrie Green	Treasurers
Ruth Webster/Val Jordon	Unit 1 Leaders
Nancy Fitz-Gerald/Penny	
Sadeek	Unit 2 Leaders
Rowena Dunlop	Unit 3 Leader
Susan Hill	Sympathy Cards
Carrie Green/Marilyn Brewer	Funeral Teas
Dru Carter/Ruth Webster/	
Doreen Hallé	Jack Frost
Val Jordon	Joy Bags
Carrie Green	Kitchen Convenor
Rowena Dunlop	PARCUL
Chris MacCutchan	Supply & Service
Brenda Plummer	C. E. Rep
Doreen Hallé	Comm. Rep
Lois Polak	Property Rep
Ruth Webster	M&S Rep
Lynn Robertson	Nominations Rep
Carrie Green	Finance Rep
Bev Silson	Worship Rep

WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Pat Gottschalk	Chair
Alecia Bagnall	Social Concerns (ad hoc)
Karen Bell	Secretary
Rev. Steven Davis	
Lorna Hocking	
Betty Metcalf	
Ruth Webster	
Marilyn Wilson	Volunteer Parish Nurse

WORSHIP

Doreen Hallé	Chair
Ruth Fox	Secretary
Steven Davis	Minister
Karen Smart	Minister
Oksana Hahn	Director of Music
Bob Martindale	Choir
Brenda Plummer	CE Chair
Bev Silson	U.C.W. Rep.
Sue Barron	
Sharon Hull	

PASTORAL REPORT

Ruth Fox, Church Office Coordinator

I. WEDDINGS

In 2017, 9 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 2017:

- | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| *Bailey, Lorna | Lowry, Sandra |
| *Balsdon, Katherine | MacKinnon, Shirley |
| Beatty, Terrance | McCue, Eleanor |
| Chalmers, Amy | Mitchell, James |
| Dallas, John | *Moreton, Herb |
| *Denomy, Gordon | Oakman, Dianne |
| *Dorsey, Betty | Page, Jean |
| *Drew, Betty Lou | Phillips, Sophie |
| Gentles, Neale | Plummer, Gordon |
| Goddard, John | Rimmer, William |
| *Goff, Bruce | Sancroft, Joe |
| Grey, Douglas | *Sharples, Tom |
| Hill, Celestine | *Stewart, Jenny |
| Hollinger, Beatrice | Stickle, Francis |
| Hughes, John | Thorne, Darius |
| Karbaum, Herbert | Vincent, Kermin |
| Kassela, Kirsti | Willock, Maurice |
| Kirton, Alva | |

* 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 2017, there were 12 baptisms – 10 infants and 2 children 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

In 2017 a total of 11 new members were received into the fellowship of the church – 8 members by action of the Church Council or by transfer and 3 were received 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, 2017		599
Received by action of Church Council	5	
Received by Certificate of Transfer	3	
Received by Confirmation	3	
Total Received		11
Removed by Death	9	
Removed by Certificate of Transfer	9	
Removed without Certificate		
Total Removed		18
Total Membership, December 31, 2017		592

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Fox, Church Office Coordinator

BENEVOLENT FUND - 2017

<u>BALANCE - Jan. 1, 2017</u>			\$1,568.26
Total Receipts			
January to December 2017	Benevolent Collections/Donations	+	4,531.78
Total Disbursements			
January to December 2017	Local Benevolence	-	<u>4,640.61</u>
<u>BALANCE – Dec. 31, 2017</u>			\$ 1,459.43

In 2017, there was an increase in benevolent demand and we assisted over 40 households.

We thank the PVUC congregation for its generosity.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Fox, Church Office Coordinator

CHURCH COUNCIL AND CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Hay, Chair

When I looked at the report that I wrote last year on Church Board activities in 2016, I got a bit of a chuckle out of it. Last year at this time I celebrated in the report that after a few years of turnover in our ministerial team, we were finally settled in with our new ministers and with Blythe, our new music director. I think I celebrated a bit prematurely! Little did I know when I wrote that report that within a few months Blythe would be leaving us to pursue wonderful new opportunities in her life. Once again the Worship Committee, aided by some of our expert musicians, stepped into the breach, finding not only fill-in music directors as needed but eventually finding our new music director, Oksana Hahn. We are simply delighted that she and her family have joined us at PVUC, and with fingers crossed, I write again that we are celebrating the fact that we have a ministerial team that works so well together in leading us and meeting our needs. Hopefully the report next year will speak to the lack of turn-over in that team!

This has been a year of accomplishments along with challenges. In the first year of our new governance structure the Council spent a significant amount of time reviewing the proposed changes to the structure of The United Church of Canada. With the invaluable assistance of Tom Smart from Presbytery, we had excellent debate and discussion and reached decisions on the remits as required.

You will read in the various committee reports of the many, many wonderful activities, ministries and accomplishments at PVUC. Our valuable and traditional efforts continue and we have new and powerful outreach activities such as our community mailing led by both the Growth and Visioning and Communications committees and the fabulously successful Clothing Boutique.

It is comforting to know that we have a Council that cares deeply about PVUC and works hard on its behalf. I am always humbled and amazed at the skill and dedication of our congregation and I am confident that PVUC will continue to respond to the challenges that will no doubt come our way.

As we read in Romans 8:28, “... we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”

2018 should be a good year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

William Fox, Chair

The main role of the Trustees is to protect the people and property of the church. We accomplish this by working alongside other committees such as Property, Finance and the Executive. The Trustees ensure that the building and those who come here are properly insured.

The Trustees hold the capital funds of the church, the reserve that covers major expenses. Our building structure is now over twenty years old and the trustees along with the Property Committee are constantly monitoring the building to ensure its ongoing viability. Due to the nature of the projects that come under the Trustees’ stewardship, the costs are usually substantial. We are therefore grateful for any financial support and fundraising efforts that can be directed towards the Trustees funds.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

William Fox, Treasurer

			<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Receipts:				
	<u>Non designated gifts</u>			
	Envelopes		7,881	8,745

	Community Sale		1,102	1,114
	Interest Income		214	248
	Other income		2,513	67
	Bell Telus Tower		17,000	12,000
			28,710	22,174
	<u>Designated and memorial gifts</u>			
	Jean Outhouse Bursary		200	500
	Other		3,700	1,602
	Total Receipts		32,610	24,276
	Expenditures:			
	Loan to General fund			
	Bell Tower Funds to General Fund		10,000	12,000
	Repairs and maintenance		9,642	776
	Building and property security		1,045	2,052
	Computer and internet		1,660	0
	Bank charges		129	105
	GST / HST paid		1,618	368
	<u>Designated expenditures</u>			
	D. Westney M&S Fund		1,500	1,500
	Jean Outhouse Bursaries		0	1,300
	Total Expenditures		25,594	18,101
	Excess (Deficit) of Receipts over Expenditures		7,015	6,175
Assets:	CIBC chequing account		63,052	62,251
	ING savings account		51,149	50,934
	Manulife Bank savings account		51,819	51,819
	Total Cash		166,020	165,004
	Loan to General fund		12,000	6,000
	Total Assets		178,020	171,004
	The Board of Trustees holds the following amount in trust			
	Carpet & Flooring Trust		3,318	3,311
	Elizabeth St. Cemetery		5,000	5,000
	Jean Outhouse Bursary Fund		1,292	1,089
	D. Westney M&S Trust		8,076	9,559
	D. Westney General Fund Trust		461	460
	Organ		4,407	4,398
	Sunday School Computer Trust		372	371
	Other designated		132	132
	Undesignated		154,961	146,684
			178,020	171,004

RENTALS AND COMMUNITY USAGE

Douglas Brown, Chair

We had another busy calendar this year. Our revenue increased to just over \$30,000 for the year. This is a dramatic increase over the past few years, primarily due to the weekly Pickle Ball revenue. It is of note that all users do not pay for the use of our facilities. Most are 'gratis', some make minimal donations in cash or to the Food Bank. We generally only receive revenue from weddings, funerals, recitals and family events.

We are occasionally approached by parties that we cannot accommodate for reasons of space or for causes unacceptable to our mandate. We do our best to be open to all requests for space.

We are losing one of our rental stewards in a few months and will need a replacement. This is a part time position that pays \$15 per hour. If there is any interest from the congregation for this "baby sitting" position, please contact Ruth or myself.

Weekly User Groups

- 1st Pickering Venturers
- 1st Ajax Brownies
- 19th Ajax Guides
- 1st Ajax Rangers
- Al-Anon (New Hope)
- Alcoholics Anonymous
- 3rd Greenwood Sparks

Weekly User Groups

- Streetsmart Protection
- Wado-Kai Karate
- Little Kickers Soccer
- Adult Exercise
- Pickle Ball

Monthly User Groups

- Amnesty Executive
- Amnesty International
- Alzheimer's Society
- Probus Executive

CHOIR

Bob Martindale, Choir President

2017 was a very busy year for the choir. We started with a bang by organizing and hosting our biennial choral workshop, Sing and Rejoice, which was attended by 120 choristers from all over Durham Region, Toronto, and even Brighton. Our workshop leader was Lori Anne Doloff.

We performed an Easter cantata on Good Friday entitled "Once upon a Tree" by Pepper Joplin, which recounted the last week of Jesus' life, ending with the crucifixion.

During 2017 we recognized a number of former choir members by dedicating copies of "More Voices" to the congregation in their name.

At the end of July we were sorry to lose Blythe George as our Music Director. Although she was only here for a couple of years, she certainly left her mark and was a joy to work with. A Search Committee immediately sprung into action, and after interviewing several candidates, selected Oksana Hahn from Faith United Church in Courtice as our new music director. During the interval before Oksana started with us on Dec. 3, we were fortunate to have the services of Gerald Martindale for 6 weeks as well as those applicants who were "auditioning" for the position. We are delighted to have such an accomplished musician as Oksana at the piano and organ and she's keeping us very busy learning lots of new music.

In November we started working with the Mission and Service Committee to plan for the Music Café to be held on Feb. 3, 2018. In the fall we will be involved in JOMMA (Jean Outhouse Memorial Music Award) again, this time to be co-ordinated by Fran Sancroft.

We consider it a joy and an honour to lead the musical worship of PVUC every Sunday.

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Fran Sancroft, Treasurer

DATE	DEPOSIT \$	DETAIL	DETAIL	AMOUNT \$	BALANCE
2017					
JAN. 1	-----	-----	BEGINNING BALANCE B/Fwd.	-----	\$736.77
JAN. 5	-	-	J. Hicks - S&R Stamps	192.10	
JAN. 13	-	-	B. Martindale - Gift	43.22	
JAN. 19	-	-	F. Daniels - Gown Bags	8.61	
JAN. 19	-	-	F. Sancroft - Supplies	7.63	
FEB. 5	-	-	J. Hicks - Stamps	9.61	
FEB. 5	-	-	Leslie Music - S&R	2,056.60	
FEB. 8	640.00	S&R	-	-	
FEB. 8	640.00	S&R	-	-	
FEB. 8	720.00	S&R	-	-	
FEB. 8	960.00	S&R	-	-	
FEB. 18	-	-	L.A. Dolloff - S&R Clinician	325.00	
FEB. 18	-	-	B. George- S&R Honorarium	200.00	
FEB. 18	-	-	M. Kerkos - S&R Expenses	51.81	
-	-	-	----- VOID -----	---	
FEB. 22	240.00	S&R	-		
FEB. 22	40.00	S&R	-		
MAR. 7	-	-	CIBC - Cheque Printing	162.13	
APRIL 25	-	-	M. Kerkos - Flowers B. George	56.40	
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NOV. 06	-	-	J. Hicks - Cards Hearts & Flowers	11.54	
NOV. 14	-	-	CIBC CHARGE	1.50	
DEC. 05	170.00	DUES	-	-	
DEC. 05	140.53	GST/HST Refund	-	-	
DEC. 03	-	-	J. Hicks- Flowers - Sue Masters	48.53	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$3,550.53</u>		TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$3,174.68</u>	
DECEMBER 31/17	-----	-----	DECEMBER 31/17	-----	\$1,112.62

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Brenda Plummer, Chair

Our committee continues to benefit from the leadership of Rev. Karen Smart. Her vision, curriculum preparation and involvement with our Sunday School and Youth has been very beneficial. Despite small numbers, we remain a determined and motivated committee!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year has again seen consistent but low numbers in Sunday School/Youth. Recently there has been an increase noted! Staff included: John Scott (Gr. 7-8), Heather Anderson (K-5), Kat Murdoch (Nursery). Rev. Smart, Brenda Plummer (coordinator/ teacher K-5) and Lynn Robertson (treasurer). Many thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers who have helped when needed. The children participated in services at Easter, White Gift and Christmas Eve and enjoyed hosting a bake sale where almost \$900 raised was divided among three child related charities.

YOUTH

Youth class is combined with John Scott's senior Sunday School class. Numbers remain low but consistent. Youth and Leaders from PVUC participated in the Bay of Quinte Conference Annual Meeting in the spring and a Youth Retreat in the fall. Thanks to the UCW for their continued financial support to assist our youth in attending. Our Post- Secondary young adults were remembered with prayers, blessings and Tim Horton's cards in the spring during final exam preparations. Our graduating youth were presented with prayer shawls to surround them with our love and prayers as they continue on their post secondary studies/activities.

STUDY PROGRAMMES

Our Lenten study was "The Women of Easter" by Liz Curtis Higgs. It was led by Fran Sancroft and Ruth Webster. In the fall, Rev. Davis led "The Redemption of Scrooge" book club. It was very well attended and culminated in a viewing of the Classic movie "A Christmas Carol" and a dramatic reading presentation where money was raised for the foodbank.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES

CE has continued to co-ordinate and host the very popular Fellowship lunches after church (about 8 times per year). They have averaged about 100 people staying to enjoy the simple lunch and fellowship time together. In February we hosted a traditional potluck which was enjoyed by all. CE could use the assistance of more volunteers for these lunches, especially in the areas of setup and cleanup.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Suzanne Jones, Treasurer

		Category	2,017
		INCOME	
		Retreat	325
		Sunday School	203
		TOTAL Christian Education	528
		Fundraising: Bake Sale	878
		TOTAL INCOME	1,405
		EXPENSES	
		Adult Study	63
		College-University Student Care	15
		College-University Student Care:Tim Horton's Gift Cards	60
		Fellowship Lunch	40
		Photocopy Allocation	12
		Police Checks	120
		Prayer Shawls	37
		Shipping and Handling	16
		Sunday School Curriculum	420
		Sunday School Supplies	570
		TOTAL Christian Education	1,353
		Other Admin: Other Outreach to Members and Adherents	350
		TOTAL General & Admin:Administrative	1,703
		TOTAL Sales Tax	87

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,789
OVERALL TOTAL	(384)
Less Obligation to Other Charitable Pass-Through from Bake Sale ¹	(878)
OVERALL TOTAL AFTER ACCRUAL	(1,261)
Note: 1. Cheque expected to be written in 2018. Included in 2018 C.E. Budget line of General Fund	

CLOTHING BOUTIQUE

Jennifer St. Aubyn

Church is all about being a community where inspiration to do greater good takes place, where deeper love is explored, where enriching relationships occur, where authentic living is the goal. Church is supposed to be a community where individuals are cared for, where gifts are used effectively, where people are challenged to grow beyond themselves. PVUC strives to be that Church.

Continuing in the spirit of outreach in the Community, PVUC launched its first Clothing Boutique on Saturday, September 16, 2017 in the Church Gymnasium. The team of Lynn Davis, Jennifer St. Aubyn, Ruth Went and Sue Barron enlisted the assistance of the PVUC congregation and their friends for donations of slightly used clothing, shoes and accessories for women, men and children in the Spring of 2017. The response was overwhelming. Thanks to all who answered our call both within and outside of PVUC.

As this event was the first at PVUC, we approached it with caution. Our target for shoppers was the St Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank, Pickering. There were 44 shoppers who were very appreciative of the opportunity to shop for their families at no charge. Again, the PVUC volunteers answered our call and were there helping enthusiastically and enriching relationships with the shoppers. The ministers, Karen and Steven, were in attendance and provided Pastoral Care to those in need. Many thanks to Margaret of the St Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank who was very helpful in distributing the tickets for the event.

Donations continued to flow including racks from the UCW, and another sale was scheduled for November 25. Margaret referred us to two other Food Banks in Ajax - The Christian Life Centre and South Side. The result was an increase in shoppers to 75. Many were able to obtain winter coats and clothing for their families. A young student even acquired his complete graduation outfit, including shoes.

The success of these sales is dependent upon the PVUC volunteers who give unselfishly of their time to sort and bag donations and set up the tables and items the night before the sale. Many hands make light work. Again, thanks to the volunteers and Carrie Green and her team who provided a free lunch of soup and sandwiches for the shoppers on a cold day. Another sale is scheduled for February 17, 2018. Tickets have already been distributed to the three Food Banks and we are expecting a high turnout as this is the Family Day holiday weekend. Carrie and her team have volunteered to provide lunch again. Many thanks, Carrie.

The feedback received from Margaret of the St Paul's-on-the-Hill Food Bank has been very positive. PVUC will continue to open its doors to those who knock.

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. This year the website underwent a major renovation and face lift to address security concerns and multiple platform availability. *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.

The Committee use email to contact Church members about upcoming services and events. With the implementation of the Anti-Spam legislation several years ago, all church 'mass email' communications contain information required by the legislation for contacting the Church to request deletion from future Church emails. Thanks also to Shirley Whitley who edits and distributes our weekly email updates to 197 email addresses.

We currently publish two versions of *VOICE*, one for print and the other for the website. The latter contains more photos and colour material. Thanks to the many people who contribute to *VOICE* as well as those who distribute it. Thanks to Dianne Catchpole who serves as co-editor of *VOICE*. Thanks also to Ruth Fox for her help producing the various publications which are the responsibility of the Committee.

Our major project in 2017 was the creation of a new Photo Directory containing over 120 images of PVUC individuals and families. A huge thank you to Dianne Catchpole for the photography and Katelin Catchpole for her photo editing skills.

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.

GROWTH AND VISIONING COMMITTEE

Bob Martindale, Chair

As a new committee, in our enthusiasm to make great plans we probably set our sights a little too high in 2017 and weren't able to accomplish as much as we would have liked. We had hoped to organize a movie night in the summer and a corn roast/open house in the fall, but for various reasons, these events didn't come to fruition. We are planning on carrying out both of these activities in 2018 (budget permitting!).

We did finalize and obtain Council approval of our committee's mandate or mission statement. It is:

Our overall goal is to revitalize the spirit of the congregation in order to ensure a long-term future.

Our strategies for achieving this goal are as follows:

- Defining the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities of Pickering Village United Church, i.e. undertaking a SWAT analysis;*
- Identifying and serving the emerging needs of our community;*
- Enhancing our worship services to make them more attractive to newcomers;*
- Reaching out to youth and young adults in particular;*
- Utilizing our property more effectively, i.e. redeveloping the north parking lot for community purposes.*

Sean Aune set up a Sunday Drive programme to assist those requiring a ride to church services and would like to expand it to provide rides to mid-week events if feasible.

In April we listened to a presentation by Mary-Anne Petrusiak on public health needs in various communities within Durham and in September we organized a forum by the Durham VON (Victorian Order of Nurses) on the status of their planning for a Hospice Palliative Care facility in Durham.

We discussed and began to initiate a Church Ambassadors programme for making visitors or new members feel more “at home” in the church but the new format for juice hour doesn’t lend itself to this type of outreach so we’ve put the programme on hold for the time being.

In early December we organized the creation and distribution (through Canada Post) of over 3000 flyers advertising our Christmas services, reaching most of Pickering Village and new subdivisions to the north. Designed by Dianne Catchpole’s daughter Kaitlin, these marketing tools appeared very professional and resulted in many positive comments. We intend to do this again in August in order to let the community know about our fall events.

Plans are in the works for a 2019 joint golf tournament with Westminster United Church in Whitby.

I appreciate the great ideas and initiatives being generated by committee members and the active participation of our ministers who serve as valuable resources in attending alternate meetings.

MEN’S GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

Bob Masters, Treasurer

Balance as at December 31, 2016			\$ 862.56
Deposits during year			
	Wednesday, January 18, 2017	\$ 45.00	
	Friday, March 03, 2017	684.05	
	Wednesday, March 29, 2017	40.00	
	Tuesday, May 02, 2017	13.50	
	Monday, November 27, 2017	128.00	
			\$ 910.55
			\$1,773.11
Disbursements during year			
Chq 8	Pancake griddles	\$ 94.90	
Chq 9	General fund	400.00	
Chq 10	Jean Outhouse Memorial	200.00	
Chq 11	Horizon House	200.00	
Chq 12	Joannes House	200.00	
	Bank Charges	13.80	
			\$1,108.70
Book Balance at December 31, 2017			\$ 664.41
Bank Balance at December 31, 2017		\$864.41	
Outstanding cheques			
	Joannes House	200.00	
			\$ 664.41

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

John Scott, Chair

The Ministry and Personnel consists of Gwen Smith, Dianne Catchpole, Ruth Gartlan and myself. Our task is set out in the Policies and Procedures of the United Church. The requirements include being available for consultation and support for matters relating to the pastoral charge staff and the congregation, and among the staff themselves. Beyond that, we review and suggest changes to the Council relating to working conditions, salary levels, position descriptions, annual performance reviews, holidays and continuing education for all staff. We deal with the church employees, being our two ministers and our church office coordinator. Those providing services to the church on a contract basis will generally discuss issues with the committee who has hired them.

Working with Ruth, Karen and Steven has proved to be very easy. They are positive and enthused, individually and as a group. They work hard to schedule vacation and education leave so it works for all of us. Their choices for education leaves are very appropriate for the needs of our congregation.

As you know Steven does most of the messages and much of the church business work. Karen, though she only works "part time", is very involved in the youth, Sunday school and pastoral work. Needless to say all tasks are shared on many occasions as one fills in for the other. From our perspective they are very supportive of one another, the church office, the various committees and the congregation as a whole. We are proud of the work that Ruth, Karen and Steven do for us individually and as part of the Church team.

As indicated above one of our responsibilities is to be available for any concerns from the congregation. Should you have any concerns please ensure you talk to one of us so that the issue can be resolved.

MISSION AND SERVICE

Ruth Webster, Chair

2017 was another busy and rewarding year for Mission and Service projects. On the screen, through Minutes for Mission and in your bulletins, you learned of the many projects the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada supports through partners in Canada and abroad. Some of these projects, like the Back Door Mission in Oshawa, you support directly through Gifts With Vision.

The months leading up to June saw a flurry of activity as you brought in items for Karanda Mission Hospital in Zimbabwe and we packed them in boxes. It was a joyful occasion when Dr. Paul Thistle and his family shared their experiences with us. They were thrilled to find 2 rooms almost filled with supplies for the Hospital and a wall covered with dresses, shirts and shorts sewn for orphans and other needy children at Karanda. We were amazed by the support that came from outside PVUC as you shared this project with others.

In November we learned of the amazing work that continues to be done at The Scott Mission to help needy folk in Toronto decade after decade.

Yes, together we exceeded our PVUC 2017 goal of \$30,000 for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. A special thanks to the UCW for great support. Let's achieve wonderful things together in 2018 as we show our love for sisters and brothers near and far.

MISSION AND SERVICE FINANCIAL REPORT

Harcus Hennigar, Treasurer

M&S 2017 Financial Report

	2017	2016
M&S FUND RECEIPTS		
PVUC	\$27,802.24	\$28,269.57
PVUC UCW	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,785.00
PVUC Sunday School	\$ 107.77	\$ 37.45
PVUC Lenten/Thanksgiving/		

Christmas Offerings	\$ 0.00	\$ 590.00
Upper Room	\$ 214.40	\$ 207.21
SUB-TOTAL	\$32,124.41	\$32, 889.23
Dorothy Westney Bequest (2)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
M&S WDR Supragifts (1)		\$ 150.00
Karanda Hospital	\$ 5,160.00	\$ 4,685.00
TOTAL	\$38,784.41	\$39, 224.23

M&S FUND DISBURSEMENTS

M&S - United Church	\$32,050.00	\$32,052.79
Supragifts (1)		\$150.00
Karanda Hospital	\$5,160.00	\$4,685.00
Dorothy Westney Bequest (2)	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
M&S WDR		\$797.21
Bank Charges		
TOTAL	\$38,710.00	\$39,185.00

Notes:

- (1) Supragifts are special donations which are not included in the PVUC M&S commitment.
- (2) Annual \$1,500 donation to Los Quinchos School for eight years.

Bank Balance	\$6, 574.41
O/S Cheques	\$6,500.00
TOTAL	\$74.41

M&S Westney Bequest	2017	2016
Disbursements	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Balance	\$7,800.00	\$9,300.00

The Dorothy Westney bequest was received in 2012 and transferred to the PVUC Trustees for investment on behalf of the M&S Committee.

In 2017, money from the bequest (\$1,500) was donated to Los Quinchos School for vendor children in Managua, Nicaragua via the Extra Measures program of The United Church of Canada.

NOMINATIONS

Chuck Hay, Chair

The Nominations Committee met to discuss the needs of our church in terms of Council members 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

In my report last year, I mentioned the revisions to our cell tower. Bell has made an agreement with Freedom Mobile to be added to our tower. Our agreement with Bell has been amended and signed off by both parties. The physical changes to the area of the tower are agreed to and there are drawings provided by Bell showing the changes. There will be new equipment added to the tower for Freedom and Bell will be re-working their equipment as well. I spoke with Bell in mid-January - they hope that all work will be complete by the end of the summer.

We have an ongoing problem with student drop-off and pick-up using our property. The school allows for this in their north lot only; however, many parents and/or friends take the liberty of using our lots for this purpose. While we try to be good community citizens, this is a serious insurance liability issue for PVUC. If you have not witnessed this happening, it is something to see. It is a virtual free-for-all with cars racing around the lot, behind the building and up and down the ramp, not to mention students everywhere.

We have talked to legal counsel to seek out our options and we have decided to place signs at our parking lot entrances to advise the drivers that our property is for PVUC members and authorized users only. We have also talked to the school principal; he will advise all families with a mass e-mail as well as announcements within the school. Hopefully this situation will rectify itself.

We have had heat issues in the Narthex and the Sanctuary of late. The problems have been dealt with but indicate more signs of an aging facility

Yearly, I must give my extreme thanks to all who volunteer to make PVUC a physical presence within our Community. You know who you are, and I thank you endlessly for your help.

STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT

Susan Hill, Treasurer

Ledger Balance as of Dec. 31/16 was:						\$ 5,402.10
Revenue:						
3T Project Results				\$	700.00	
Dinners,Pies Eggs,Bean Soup				\$	1,964.25	
Hst Refund for 2015 & 2016				\$	603.59	
Murder Mystery Night				\$	2,169.00	
Sale of Cook Books				\$	30.00	
				\$	5,466.84	\$ 5,466.84
						\$ 10,868.94
Expenses:						
3T Start Up Project				\$	500.00	
Bank Charges				\$	7.65	
Dinner, Pie & Egg expenses				\$	610.46	
Donation to Project Next Step				\$	1,000.00	
Flowers & Planters				\$	799.38	
Handicap Washroom				\$	263.58	
Murder Mystery Expenses				\$	653.16	
Paint				\$	28.38	
Paid HST on Grant Project				\$	2,677.00	
Welcome Back Dinner				\$	166.50	
				\$	6,706.11	\$ 6,706.11
Ledger Balance as of Dec. 31/17						\$ 4,162.83
						\$ 10,868.94

PVUC NEW HORIZONS SENIORS GRANT ACCOUNT – 2017

Ledger Balance as of Jan. 1/17 was					\$ -
Revenue:					
Grant received from Government		\$ 23,200.00			
Stewardship paid HST		\$ 2,677.00			
		\$ 25,877.00			\$ 25,877.00
Expenses:					
2 Invoices from Contractor		\$ 25,877.00			\$ 25,877.00
					\$ -
Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/17				\$ -	

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Lynn Robertson, President

This past year was another active one for the ladies of the Pickering Village United Church Women. This group consists of thoughtful, caring, active, busy people. Whenever a need opens up, someone comes up with a way to fulfill it, be it creating crafts, helping in the kitchen, making milk bag mats, prayer shawls, lap covers for hospital patients, Teddies for Tragedies or providing Joy bags and cards to church members who had suffered bereavement, illness or who needed support and encouragement

With the lead of Carrie Green and the work of many volunteers, our kitchen remains busy producing food to raise funds for PVUC or for supporting groups through their cooking. Monthly they provide a Friday Dinner for Lunch and they also continue to cater Funeral Teas whenever asked.

Our main fund-raisers continue to be the Snowflake Christmas Market and the Spring Fling. Thanks to both of these, the UCW was able to make financial donations to numerous local charities, shelters, children’s camps, SCAW and the PVUC General Fund and Foot Clinic, as well as our Lakeridge Presbyterial obligations.

This year, a number of our meetings dealt with the fact that 2017 was Canada’s 150th Anniversary. The June Pot Luck introduced the idea of a Fashion Show “Through the Ages” and talked about the Charlottetown meeting that brought the country of Canada into being (from a female point of view). The actual Fashion Show was in October and it was a lot of fun, not only for those attending, but especially for those involved in it. To continue in a similar vein, September and November both had The Highway of Heroes as the topic of interest, albeit from two different angles. Again, our February meeting was in the daytime and it continues to be a popular one. It gives those who cannot come out in the evening a chance to be involved with a meeting. We now plan on continuing this practice, along with a couple more months added in, during 2018.

Celebrating our faith, our Mothers Day Service in May was presented by our Co-Vice-Presidents, Carrie Green and Heather Laderman. Our Christmas service was about ‘Angels’ and how we feel them in our lives.

As seems to happen every year, we did lose some members and they will be missed but always remembered. The Tuesday morning group is called Craft and Fellowship and that latter name is also what the UCW is about. We are dedicated to service but we have a wonderful time of fellowship in doing it! I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped make this year a great success, whether it be as a member of Executive or in giving of their time and talent in so many ways. I wish Carrie and Heather a wonderful time this coming year!

UCW FINANCIAL REPORT

Carrie Green and Susan Hill, Treasurers

Ledger Balance as of Dec 31/16					\$ 13,048.19
Revenue for the year 2017:					

Catering				\$ 11,052.80		
Fashion Show				\$ 3,170.00		
Funeral Teas				\$ 1,250.00		
HST refund 2015 & 2016				\$ 1,152.87		
Offering & Donations				\$ 3,009.50		
Other Inc.				\$ 238.00		
Snowflake Christmas Market				\$ 8,702.35		
Spring Fling				\$ 3,071.00		
				\$ 31,646.52		\$ 31,646.52
						\$ 44,694.71
<u>Expenses for the year 2017:</u>						
Appliance Purchase				\$ 2,818.22		
Bank Charges				\$ 331.67		
Benevolent Fund				\$ 1,000.00		
Burseries, Presbyterial, World Development				\$ 450.00		
Catering Expenses				\$ 3,619.98		
Christmas Gratuities				\$ 575.00		
Christmas Market expenses				\$ 1,111.38		
Christmas Plants (Poinsettias)				\$ 433.24		
Church Decorations, Flowers				\$ 33.88		
Donations & Special Projects				\$ 4,526.59		
Fashion Show				\$ 905.32		
Kitchen Repairs & Purchases				\$ 3,502.12		
Memorial Donations				\$ 105.00		
Misc.				\$ 484.34		
Mission & Service				\$ 4,000.00		
Piano Tuning				\$ 375.00		
Programs, Speakers Materials Gifts				\$ 387.36		
Sleeping Children Around the World				\$ 420.00		
Spring Fling				\$ 855.44		
Table Set Up				\$ 1,534.00		
Trustees	(Trustees will invest this money until UCW needs)			\$ 3,000.00	*	
Tues. Morning Crafts				\$ 395.80		
Utilities				\$ 2,100.00		
Visiting Friendship & Sympathy				\$ 71.73		
Youth Group				\$ 580.00		
				\$ 33,616.07		\$ 33,616.07
Ledger Balance as of Dec. 31/17						\$ 11,078.64
						\$ 44,694.71

Bank Balance as of Dec. 31/17	\$14,228.64			
Cheque # 3039 not cashed	(\$3,000.00)			
Cheque #3053 not cashed	(\$150)			
	\$11,078.64			

WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Pat Gottschalk, Chair

The Wellness and Social Concerns Committee continued to be active throughout the year, supporting the mental and physical health of the congregation, and of the community at large.

The two Lunch and Learn events we hosted were very well attended. In March, brain fitness expert Jill Hewlett gave a lively, interactive presentation called “Brain Fitness for the Aging Brain: Use It, Don’t Lose It!” We learned user-friendly brain science and simple, fun tools to use to ward off mental health issues and improve areas such as; memory, concentration, communication, balance, coordination, restful sleep, anxiety reduction, positive attitude! We had a standing room only crowd, and those who attended left energized!!

In November, Carol O’Neil of Next Steps Solutions presented “Smartsizing 101”. This again, was a lively, interactive session with helpful insights on how to initiate the daunting task of downsizing. She acknowledged that we develop emotional attachments to our belongings and used props to help us come to terms with what items have some value and which ones we can let go. There was lots of audience participation for both sessions and many people who asked questions and took notes.

The Foot Clinic continues to provide a needed and appreciated service to members of the congregation and to members of the community, thanks to the efforts of Shirley Guppy and Marilyn Wilson, the nurses who volunteer their time every week, with thanks also to Lynn Robertson for helping with the clinic. This year, close to 500 people attended the weekly clinic which runs from September to June. Although the service is free, many clients do support the clinic with a donation which is gratefully received.

For 3 years Linda Lum has been leading exercise classes at PVUC on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00. Between 16 and 20 ladies come each week, appreciating that Linda adapts each exercise to meet their individual needs.

The committee members again agreed to make a contribution to Karanda Hospital, Zimbabwe. Dr. Paul Thistle provides obstetrics and gynecology services in this underfunded Hospital and his mission aligns well with that of the Wellness and Social Concerns Committee.

We supported local food banks with three targeted food drive requests. In recognition that congregation attendance, and thus food bank donations drop off over the summer, we suggested a stock-up-for-summer drive in June. In August, we held a back-to-school drive asking for school lunch items for the younger students and toiletries for the teens. Then, at Thanksgiving, we asked for durable fresh items: root vegetables, squash and apples. White Gift Sunday in December, as always, generated an abundance of food donations. We thank the congregation for their continuing support of the food banks and remind all to keep checking expiry dates before donating.

WELLNESS & SOCIAL CONCERNS FINANCIAL REPORT

Suzanne Jones, Treasurer

Category	2,017
INCOME	
Exercise Class	852
Foot Clinic	4,218

Total Other Income: Outreach	5,070
HST+ GST Refund	76
TOTAL INCOME	5,146
EXPENSES	

Fitness Instruction	1,262
Foot Clinic	548
Foreign Outreach	1,000
Lunch & Learn	115
Shipping	18
TOTAL Other Admin	2,943

Sales Tax	69
Donation to General Fund	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,012
OVERALL TOTAL	1,134

WORSHIP

Doreen Hallé, Chair

We are blessed at PVUC to have two wonderful ministers to lead us in worship. They each have their own style and bring different strengths and ideas but the theology is the same and they make a great team. We also have many lay people who are willing to share their gifts and organize, lead and participate in services. M&S Committee, UCW, Amnesty, the Men’s Group, Wes Fuller and myself all led services throughout the year. We heard from some interesting guest speakers as well as members of the congregation. I am hopeful this will continue in the coming year. In June we also held a Blessing of the Animals Service in the afternoon. We are planning to hold another one in June 2018, and hopefully it will be better attended.

We enjoyed wonderful music from our choir and Music Director, Blythe George (now Dunlop), and the Cantata they performed at Easter was very well received. Unfortunately for us, Blythe had to leave us at the end of July for a career opportunity out of the area. From August until December, music was provided by various guest musicians and the choir. We would like to make special mention of Gerald Martindale, who filled in many Sundays and often on short notice.

I would like to thank the Search Committee, Marcus Hennigar, Dean Short, Bob Martindale, Steven Davis, and Karen Smart, for all the time and effort that was put into finding a new Music Director. I feel the choice made will be a good fit for PVUC. We welcomed Oksana Hahn to her role as Music Director at the end of November in the busy Christmas Season. The choir sounds great, and we wish to thank them for their dedication and patience during the months it took to get a new music director in place.

This year we celebrated 200 years as a continuous congregation and enjoyed a wonderful service on Anniversary Sunday in October. During Children’s Time we were visited by various people from our past, including a Circuit Rider and his faithful steed ‘Tommy’, an historian, a UCW member and others who helped tell the history of Pickering Village United Church.

Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday this year and so there were three services that day; the regular Sunday morning and two evening services. The Sunday School presented an excellent pageant for the family service written by Karen Smart. Thanks also to Brenda Plummer and John Scott for helping with the organizing. Many hands went into making it a success, thank you to all.

Worship Committee would like to thank all those who help make the weekly services enjoyable and meaningful. Thank you to the technical group for the AV support. Thanks to the greeters and ushers who welcome us in and to the Chancel Group for making sure all is ready and in the right colour and that there are always candles and a means to light them available.

New ideas for worship are always appreciated as well as feedback on what you like or don’t like about the services. Please speak to anyone on the Worship Committee, or better yet, offer your time and ideas and join us. New members are always welcome on the committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Suzanne Jones

GENERAL FUND	6 YEAR BALANCE SHEET (cash basis)					
	Balances as of December 31st					
Account	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
ASSETS						
Cash and Bank Accounts						
ADP Accruals	-	-	-	-	-	-
CIBC Chequing	390	-	-	-	-	-
Meridian Chequing	11,454	17,701	32,337	20,677	23,336	15,401
Meridian Savings Account	-	5,868	4,014	2,397	2,535	3,329
ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-411	-511	-511
PrePaid Expenses - RONA Millwork	-	79	24	90	46	-
PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	-	40	123	-	-	-
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	11,844	23,688	36,498	22,752	25,405	18,218
Other Assets						
D. Westney Trust	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Other Assets	25,000	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	36,844	23,688	36,498	22,752	25,405	18,218
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
LIABILITIES						
Meridian Savings Account						
Directed Refugee Support				1,000	501	501
Wellness & Social Concerns		5,868	4,014	1,897	2,034	2,828
Total Meridian Savings Account	-	5,868	4,014	2,897	2,535	3,329
Loan from Trustees	12,096	13,096	21,682	3,000	6,000	12,000
Other Charitable Pass-through ¹	-	-	-	559	-	878
SCAW Accruals	-	-	-	-	5	75
Amount Due Wellness & Social Concerns ²				581	1,727	764
TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,096	18,964	25,696	7,037	10,267	17,046
EQUITY	24,748	4,724	10,803	15,716	15,138	1,172
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	36,844	23,688	36,498	22,752	25,405	18,218
1. 2017 Other Charitable Pass-through Liability results from the Fundraising Bake Sale held by the C.E. Committee.						
2. Income and Expenses of Wellness & Social Concerns are received into and paid by the General Fund's chequing account. From time to time, funds are transferred into the savings account which is primarily used to hold the funds of Wellness & Social Concerns. Amount Due Wellness & Social Concerns represents funds in the General Fund chequing account which have not yet been transferred. Calculated as W&SC Income Less Expenses excluding Photocopying Less Donations from W&SC to the General Fund.						

GENERAL FUND - COMPARABLE INCOME STATEMENT 2017 (Cash Basis)								
Category			2015	2016	2017	Actuals \$	Actuals %	
			Actual	Actual	Actual	Difference	Difference	
						2017-2016	YoY	
INCOME								
Christian Education			893	392	528	135	35%	
C.E. Bake Sale			-	-	878	878	INF	
Snowflake Market			3,905	4,466	-	(4,466)	-100%	
Other Fundraising			305	204	-	(204)	-100%	
Regular Givings (Weekly + PAR)			225,943	221,370	213,917	(7,453)	-3%	
Thank Offering			10,275	8,030	7,326	(704)	-9%	
Other Income			7,947	7,488	9,382	1,895	25%	
Rentals			20,888	20,091	24,878	4,787	24%	
Tax Refund			9,247	500	21,994	21,494	4299%	
Trustees - Cell Tower			-	12,000	10,000	(2,000)	-17%	
Worship			2,874	2,315	4,815	2,500	108%	
TOTAL INCOME			282,277	276,856	293,718	16,862	6%	
EXPENSES								
Administrative								
Christian Education			1,426	892	1,353	461	52%	
Interest & Bank Charges			951	831	934	103	12%	
Legal Counsel				-	175	175	INF	
Other Admin			14,545	5,967	11,902	5,935	99%	
Presbytery Assessment			8,837	8,282	8,024	(258)	-3%	
Rentals			1,813	674	1,250	576	85%	
Telephone & Internet			3,287	3,556	3,921	365	10%	
Total Administrative			30,859	20,203	27,559	7,357	36%	
Building Expenses								
Insurance			8,945	8,257	8,921	664	8%	
Property								
Contracts			29,295	30,781	29,332	(1,449)	-5%	
Other Property			3,311	4,704	6,543	1,839	39%	
Total Property			32,605	35,486	35,875	389	1%	
Utilities								
Gas			4,198	3,710	3,814	104	3%	
Hydro			16,840	15,465	15,918	452	3%	
Water & Sewage			1,158	1,218	1,257	39	3%	
Total Utilities			22,196	20,393	20,988	595	3%	
Total Building Expenses			63,746	64,135	65,818	1,683	3%	
Sales Tax			10,196	9,510	9,970	460	5%	
Sales Tax Rebate Disbursement			2,589	-	5,925	5,925	INF	
Trustees (CanadaHelps.org)			-	-	290	290	INF	
Worship								
Choir Leader & Musicians			16,905	18,750	17,584	(1,166)	-6%	
Other Worship			5,084	3,844	3,807	(37)	-1%	
Total Worship			21,989	22,594	21,391	(1,203)	-5%	
TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMIN			129,378	116,441	130,919	14,478	12%	

Personnel Costs							
	ADP Payroll Charges		683	688	5	1%	
	Payroll		126,178	143,251	17,073	14%	
	Payroll Benefits		2,791	4,306	1,515	54%	
	Deductions and Expenses						
	Canada Pension		4,761	5,008	247	5%	
	Employment Insurance		2,624	2,364	(260)	-10%	
	Income Tax		-	-	-		
	United Church Other		6,774	7,506	732	11%	
	United Church Pension		11,356	12,835	1,479	13%	
	Total Ded'n's and Expenses		25,515	27,713	2,198	9%	
	Pulpit Honorarium / C.E. Leader		3,220	150	(3,070)	-95%	
	TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS		158,387	176,107	17,720	11%	
	Void Cheques		-	(84)	(84)	INF	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		274,828	306,943	32,115	12%	
	TRANSFERS						
	FROM PVUC Health Cabinet	3,956	4,000	1,000	(3,000)	-75%	
	FROM ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	511	100	-	(100)	-100%	
	FROM PrePaid Expenses - RONA Millwork	9	44	12	(32)	-72%	
	FROM PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	223	-	-	-		
	FROM Direct Refugee Support	1,000	-	-	-		
	FROM Loan from Trustees	7,000	20,300	12,000	(8,300)	-41%	
	FROM Other Charitable Pass-through	2,838	2,455	1,945	(510)	-21%	
	FROM SCAW Accruals	305	157	205	48	31%	
	TO PVUC Health Cabinet	(2,327)	(4,131)	(1,794)	2,337	-57%	
	TO ACCRUALS - Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-		
	TO PrePaid Expenses - RONA Millwork	(76)	-	-	-		
	TO PrePaid Expenses - Wiring Mart	(100)	-	-	-		
	TO Direct Refugee Support	-	(500)	-	500	-100%	
	TO Christian Education Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-		
	TO Health Cabinet Accounts Payable	(568)	(1,321)	-	1,321	-100%	
	TO Loan from Trustees	(12,602)	(17,300)	(6,000)	11,300	-65%	
	TO Other Charitable Pass-through	(2,279)	(3,014)	(1,945)	1,069	-35%	
	TO SCAW Accruals	(305)	(152)	(135)	17	-11%	
	TOTAL TRANSFERS	(2,413)	638	5,288	4,650	729%	
	OVERALL TOTAL	(11,660)	2,658	(7,935)	(10,594)	-398%	
	*ex loan	(6,057)	342	(13,935)	(14,277)	-4175%	
	NOTES:						
	2017 Tax Refund includes HST Rebate for tax year 2015 which was disallowed in 2016.						
	Net borrowing from Trustees was \$6,000.						
	Health Cabinet refers to Wellness & Social Concerns						

GENERAL FUND - 2017 ACTUALS AND 2018 BUDGET							
Category		2014	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018
		Actual	Actual	Actual	BUDGET	Actual	BUDGET
INCOME							
Christian Education		1,893	893	392	500	528	500
Golf Tournament		8,990	-	-	-	-	-
Snowflake Market ³		3,850	3,905	4,466	4,000	-	7,795
Other Fundraising ¹		271	305	204	-	878	2,000
Regular Givings (Weekly + PAR)		245,018	225,943	221,370	260,577	213,917	240,000
Thank Offering		13,885	10,275	8,030	8,000	7,326	30,000
Other Income		17,731	7,947	7,481	7,000	9,382	7,000
Rentals		28,357	20,888	20,091	20,000	24,878	20,000
Tax Refund		9,291	9,247	500	19,229	21,994	9,000
Trustees - Cell Tower		27,000	-	12,000	-	10,000	10,000
Worship		6,615	2,874	2,315	1,800	4,815	3,000
TOTAL INCOME		362,901	282,277	276,849	321,106	293,718	329,295
EXPENSES							
Administrative							
Christian Education		2,277	1,426	892	1,400	1,353	2,278
Interest & Bank Charges		753	951	831	950	934	950
Other Admin ²		11,840	14,545	5,967	12,000	12,077	17,000
Presbytery Assessment		9,530	8,837	8,282	8,024	8,024	7,470
Rentals		1,840	1,813	674	1,800	1,250	1,800
Telephone & Internet		3,150	3,287	3,556	3,900	3,921	4,200
Total Administrative		29,389	30,859	20,203	28,074	27,560	33,698
Building Expenses							
Insurance		8,106	8,945	8,257	9,602	8,921	8,945
Property							
Contracts		24,990	29,295	30,781	33,000	29,332	30,500
Other Property		8,572	3,311	4,704	4,500	6,543	7,000
Total Property		33,561	32,605	35,486	37,500	35,875	37,500
Utilities							
Gas		3,296	4,198	3,710	4,000	3,814	4,000

		Hydro	13,602	16,840	15,465	16,200	15,918	16,200
		Water & Sewage	1,096	1,158	1,218	1,279	1,257	1,300
		Total Utilities	17,995	22,196	20,393	21,479	20,988	21,500
		Total Building Expenses	59,662	63,746	64,135	68,580	65,784	67,945
		Sales Tax	9,865	10,196	9,510	9,900	9,970	10,000
		Sales Tax Rebate Dispersment	2,615	2,589	-		5,925	
		Trustees (CanadaHelps.org)	578	-	-		290	
		Worship						
		Choir Leader & Musicians	19,608	16,905	18,750	20,150	17,584	20,200
		Other Worship	3,668	5,084	3,844	6,000	3,807	6,050
		Total Worship	23,276	21,989	22,594	26,150	21,391	26,250
		TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMIN	125,385	129,378	116,441	132,704	130,919	137,893
		Personnel Costs						
		ADP Payroll Charges	551	662	683	705	688	750
		Payroll	140,082	108,601	126,178	143,360	143,251	145,582
		Payroll Benefits	50,067	25,871	2,791	4,000	4,306	4,376
		Deductions and Expenses						
		Canada Pension	7,441	5,261	4,761	6,800	5,008	5,089
		Employment Insurance	3,811	3,158	2,624	4,000	2,364	2,402
		Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
		United Church Other	11,995	6,619	6,774	8,600	7,506	7,628
		United Church Pension	16,464	11,219	11,356	14,600	12,835	13,044
		Total Ded'n's and Expenses	39,711	26,257	25,515	34,000	27,713	28,164
		Pulpit Honorarium / C.E. Leader	355	755	3,220	400	150	450
		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	230,766	162,145	158,387	182,465	176,108	179,322
		Void Cheques	(12)	-	-	-	(84)	-
		TOTAL EXPENSES	356,139	291,523	274,828	315,169	306,943	317,216
		NET TRANSFERS	7,874	(2,413)	638	(6,000)	5,288	(12,000)
		OVERALL TOTAL	14,636	(11,660)	2,658	(63)	(7,937)	79
		Trustee Loan included in Net Transfers						
		FROM Loan from Trustees	12,000	7,000	20,300	-	12,000	-

TO Loan from Trustees		(414)	(12,602)	(17,300)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(12,000)
*TOTAL excluding Trustee Loan		3,050	(6,057)	(342)	5,937	(13,937)	12,079
NOTES TO THE 2018 BUDGET:							
1. Growth and Visioning Committee is expected to raise funds to cover cost of any corn roast/movie night. Budget \$2,000.							
2. 2017 Actual includes \$175 Legal Fees. 2018 Budget includes \$5,000 for Gowth and Visioning Committee.							
3. 2018 Budget reflects actual Revenue from 2017 Bazaar + 4,000 estimate for 2018							
4. Slight variances between Actuals in Totals of Comparables and Budget are the result of rounding errors.							