

2017 Annual Report



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In Memoriam

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Revelations 21:4

Members and Adheres of Trinity & Anjou

<i>Jim Binsley</i>	<i>Lillian Layne</i>
<i>Mary Doran</i>	<i>Frank Mansi</i>
<i>Anne Gartshore</i>	<i>Ellie McCormick</i>
<i>Nicole Lajoie</i>	<i>Elsie Rioux</i>

Loved ones of Trinity & Anjou's Members & Adherents

<i>Robert Asselin</i>	<i>Bebey Rabemananjara</i>
<i>Betty Farmer</i>	<i>Lusan Redhead</i>
<i>Haruko Funamoto</i>	<i>Gordon Sherman</i>
<i>Sandi Lax</i>	<i>Florence Snelgrove</i>
<i>Nick Marshall</i>	<i>Marilynn St-Onge</i>
<i>Louise Massarelli</i>	<i>Paul Thibault</i>
<i>Jason Miller</i>	<i>Marlene Warren</i>
<i>Anne Morris</i>	

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Minister's Message

*"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory ... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."
– Ephesians 3:16*

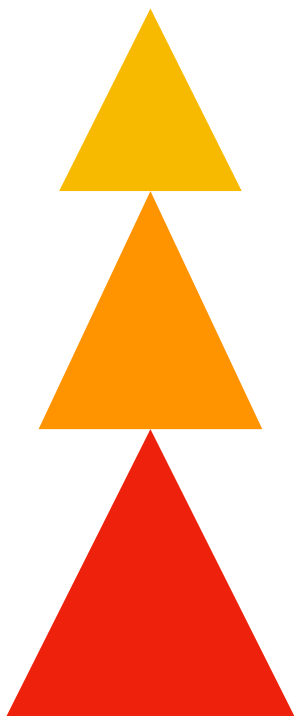
Dear Friends in Christ:

As I sit down to write, I find the tune and words to a familiar hymn coming into my head:

"We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travellers on the road,
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load."

As God's pilgrim people, we have journeyed together along the (often congested) highways and navigated through some tricky "orange cones," of our city and of a year, coming full-circle once again to the time of our Annual Meeting. It has been a full year of ministry, that's for sure!

Through the resources entrusted to us by God we, like the Epiphany Wise Ones, have poured out our gifts, engaged in faithful worship, sang our hearts out, made our offerings, taught our children, engaged in study, volunteered countless hours, made and served delicious breakfasts and lunches,



kept our books/accounts, repaired and maintained our building, visited the shut-ins and the sick, collected food for St. Brendan's, recycled/reused, dreamed dreams of what could be and what is already coming to be, all in the service of the Star among us, Jesus the Christ.

In short, we members and friends of Trinity United have not been idle. It has been a year of doing God's work as a church community and as individuals. It has been a year of pilgrimage, of beginnings and endings and new beginnings yet again. It has been a year of marking the deaths of some very dear ones in our community. It has been a year of continued growth – one person at a time – as people check us out as a faith community. It has been a year of helping each other "bear the loads" we carry and grow spiritually as we rise to the daily task of living in Christ's way.

As I write in early 2018, it is also a time in which we are marking a shift in long time leaders amongst us. The resignation of Don Cameron and the impending "retirement" of Frank Massarelli as a "dynamic duo" overseeing much of our operations over many years leaves a huge gap to fill. I am confident new leaders will come forward even as I acknowledge these two dedicated servant-leaders can never be replaced.

Sometimes I wonder. How do we do it, year after year, working together to secure a future for our church that we might continue to be a presence, offer a relationship to and with God, into the murky future? The apostle Paul gives us a hint. It's the paradox that lies at the heart of our faith. Despite another year gone by, and the change and challenges that God has brought us, we remain grounded, deep, in the Love God poured out for us in Jesus.

May this strong love, rooting us deep in the soil of our dynamic, challenging city, nourish us, our communities and our world in the coming year.

Blessings, and peace,
Rev. Read



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

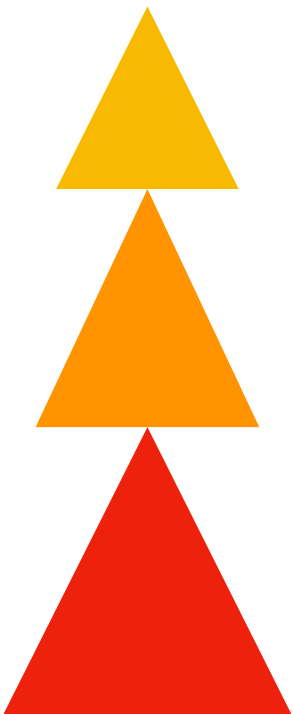
Sometimes change happens so slowly that it is hard to remember how far we have come. I feel this way about Trinity. When I think back to pre-Rev. Read days, so many of our dreams that we thought were impossible have come to life.

Dreams like:

- bringing Messy Church to life
- growing a Seniors Group
- increasing fellowship events (Men's Breakfast, Luncheons, Games Night, Cabane à Sucre, Apple Picking, etc).
- hosting a day camp

In addition, we have seen an increase in the number of people who call Trinity home and the number of students in our Sunday School classes has grown.

Looking over this Annual Report, I also see that we have done so many good things: activities that have brought us together to laugh and support each other, new activities to include new faces, and the constant caring of people in both our community of faith and the wider world.



I also noticed that we are doing more of these things together, as a church family, instead of working in small, isolated groups, and this gives me much hope for the future.

The end of 2017 was a tumultuously time, with both my father, Don Cameron, and Frank Massarelli leaving their long-standing posts. These two natural leaders leave a very deep void in our community. No words can accurately express the sincere gratitude we have for them for their decades of service.

Yet even as I write this, new people have sprung up to try to fill the void my father and Frank leave behind. For this, I am grateful. This leaves me very hopeful for our continued growth together.

As we work together to grow both spiritually and in our impact on our community, let us remember the goals we set for ourselves:

OUR GOALS FOR 2017 - 2020

FINANCIALLY

- clearly explain financial situation to the congregation and organize one giving campaign
- raise \$100,000 for Roof Fund
- be financially secure so we can sustain our work in the community
- become financially stable (balance budget)

BUILDING

- revitalize the look of the church (windows, dishwasher, tables, etc.)

PROGRAMMING

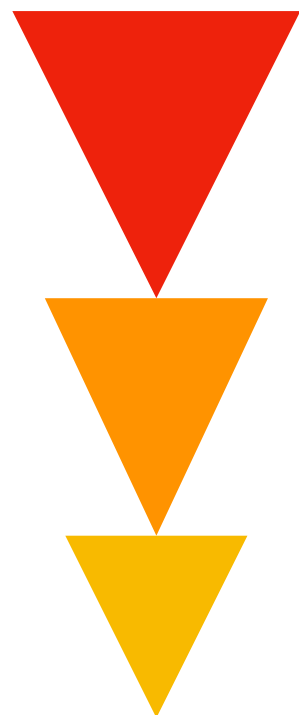
- make Messy Church self-sustaining
- use the building in the service of God
- reach out and work with other East-end churches and complete 1 project with them
- have the building hum with activities for ourselves and our community
- offer services to the wider community
- gather 100 people on Sunday mornings
- gather 100 people on Messy Church evenings: centre of family worship

GOVERNANCE

- streamline the decision-making processes

Hugs and blessings,
Sheri Cameron
Official Board Chair

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Congregational Minutes

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Trinity United Montreal - Annual Congregational Meeting

For Year ending December 31, 2016 (March 26, 2017)

A meeting of the Congregation of Trinity United Church was held in the church hall on Sunday, March 26th, 2017. Gary Tompkins chaired the meeting and he declared it as a duly constituted meeting at 1:38pm. There were 41 people in attendance. Voting was by hand, and there was no voting by proxy.

1. **Gone Home - Memorials and moment of silence – lighting the candles - Shirley Cartmill**
2. **Our spiritual community engaged with thanking**
Rev. Read Sherman thanked the four special people who work, or have worked, tirelessly behind the scenes, often without fanfare or desire for thanks to help make our church run: Frank Massarelli Judy Massarelli, Don Cameron and Shirley Cartmill. On behalf of the congregation, a presentation was made of a certificate and Tim Horton's gift card to Frank & Judy and to Don & Shirley for all their dedication and hard work. They are models for volunteerism. A round of applause was given.
3. **Welcome and Prayer – Rev. Read Sherman**
4. **Nominations for Chair of this Meeting:**
Sheri Cameron nominated Gary Tompkins as Chair for this meeting, Eric Garceau seconded. Gary Tompkins accepted.
5. **Establishment of Quorum – 41 members present**
6. **Motions to allow adherents to vote**
It was moved by Shirley Cartmill and seconded by Sabrina Heffernan that voting may be by majority vote of full members, adherents be given the right to vote on all matters except those in item 13.
Motion carried
7. **Motions and approvals by consensus – Agreement**
Voting is by show-of-hand.
8. **Approval of the agenda**
The approval of the agenda was moved by Kim Wildenmann-Doré and seconded by Stacey Ciciola. Motion carried.

9. Motion to Approve the Minutes of Congregational Meeting held on March 13 2016

It was moved by Veronica Heffernan and seconded by Christina Heffernan that the Minutes of Congregational Meeting held on March 13 2016 be approved.

Motion carried

10. Business arising from these minutes:

i. Moving Forward - Sheri Cameron (Annual Report Summary)

Sheri Cameron presented an abridged version of the 2016 Annual Report to put onto the website.

- Warren Purcell moved that we as a congregation thank Sheri for doing this hard work to put Trinity on the map – Seconded by Shirley Budd. Motion Carried

ii. Trustee's and Steward's reports – update on Capital Projects approved at last year's meeting.

a) Don Cameron mentioned that only the A/V (Audio-Visual) system got done – it cost \$6,000

Read mentioned that some people are not happy with the screen in the Sanctuary. Shirley Budd was mentioning that another screen may be installed to face the choir so that they don't need to go back and forth between the choir stalls and the pews.

Shirley Cartmill wondered if the volume can be monitored.

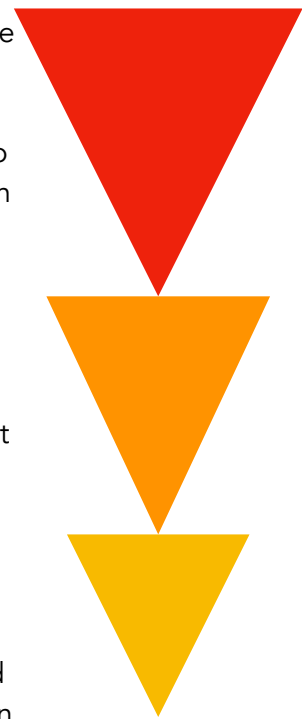
b) Gary Tompkins Being on the communications team said they went to city hall and there was some confusion as to what can be put up. Further consultation needs to be done before we can put up an outdoor sign.

c) Don Cameron said that they are waiting until the Spring time to look into changing the carpet. They have been given quotes for the carpet. It would be under \$4,000. Gail Purcell asked if the leftovers from the budget can be put into some of the other activities. Gary Tompkins was glad we are saving the money and that we may actually go over budget in other areas. Jennifer Bridgman asked if we really need a new carpet. Don Cameron explained that the tiles underneath are in bad shape and if we didn't have a carpet, they would need to be replaced.

Frank Massarelli said we are getting less and less done because the Busy Beavers are losing men. He said maybe we can get retirees to help around the church. There's cement work to be done and work on the wall by the bus stop. Frank Massarelli said that Michael Monaco used to take care of the garden, but they need someone to take over who has a green thumb.

Frank Massarelli was wondering about the number of auditors and not as much auditing is being done. Frank Massarelli said that we as a church need to file to the Government all our financial reports. Frank Massarelli requests that we hand in our reports by the end of January in order to get them in on time; otherwise, we face a \$700 fine. Don Cameron mentioned that we had a late auditing this year, unfortunately it didn't get into the Annual Report, but everything's okay.

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Gary Tompkins noticed we are having the meeting a month later than in past years. Shirley Cartmill said when doing the Annual Report, it should be done by January.

iii. Comprehensive review – Remit Update – Rev. Read Sherman

Rev. Read Sherman talked about the proposed structural changes on a national level from a 4 tier structure to a 3 tier structure to possibly lower costs. There are also remits dealing with funding this new structure, creation of a College of Ministers, and moving from three orders of ministry to one order. Pastoral Charges are being asked to vote on these important matters so this is something we'll need to organize in the coming months. Gary Tompkins mentioned if we do not vote, it counts as a negative vote against the motion.

11. Approval of Proposed annual operating budget – Stewards

It was moved by Don Cameron and seconded by Stacey Ciciola that the Proposed annual operating budget – Stewards be approved.

Motion carried

Don Cameron said that he put everything as a lump sum for the proposed budget, that's why it's a higher amount than previous years. Gary Tompkins asked what kind of deficit we are looking at. Don Cameron replied: \$49,000 proposed deficit for 2017. Rev. Read Sherman thanked Kathy Funamoto and Glenn Funamoto for preparing this proposed deficit.

Judy Ciciola was wondering why the salaries are higher. Heather Purcell said the minister's salary went up. Gary Tompkins mentioned that that's decided by the United Church of Canada. Frank Massarelli said that starting next year; we need to rethink how we pay our minister. The United Church is changing how it calculates minister compensation. First, each minister will be given his rate and every year, they increase the salary by 2%. Plus, they are rolling what before was a separate housing allowance into the base salary. These changes may cost us an extra \$5,000 a year. We need to dig deeper into our pockets to pay our minister.

12. Elections and/or confirmations

Chair of the congregation – Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

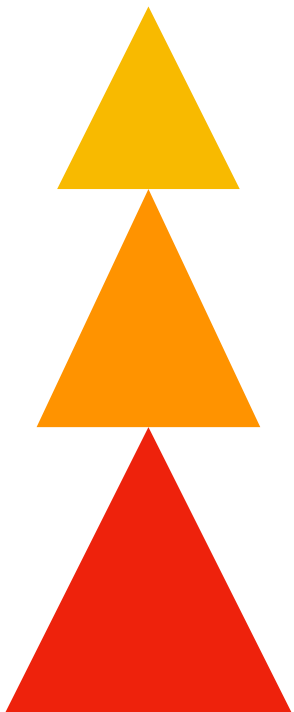
Warren Purcell nominated Gary Tompkins be the Chair, seconded by Heather Purcell. He accepts.

Secretary of the congregation - Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

Warren Purcell nominated Veronica Heffernan be secretary, seconded by Heather Purcell. She accepts.

Chair of the Official board - Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

Heather Purcell nominated Sheri Cameron to be Chair. Seconded by Eric Garceau. She accepts.



Current Membership from Trinity to the TAPC (Trinity Anjou Pastoral Charge) Council – changes? Each body to consider new members if required and submit to Official Board for approval

Gary Tompkins read the members' names of TAPC. Gary Tompkins asked if all present members will continue at their current positions. Stacey Ciciola moved that the representatives stay as is for TAPC. Seconded by Christina Heffernan
Motion carried.

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M&P committee - Nominations from the committee/voting

Heather Purcell listed the representatives for the M&P committee. They all agreed that it remains the same. Motion carried.

Mission and Service members - Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

Stacey Ciciola listed the representatives for the M&S committee. They all agreed that it remains the same. Motion carried.

Lay Representatives to Presbytery - Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

Rev. Read Sherman listed the Lay Representatives of Presbytery. They agree to remain as representatives. Don Cameron asked if we can give them some money for their travels. Rev. Read Sherman said that Presbytery will cover the travel expenses and committee work.

Auditors - Nominations from the floor/Voting/Acclamation

Shirley Cartmill listed the Auditors: Frank Massarelli, Carol Cunningham, Glenn Funamoto, and Shirley Cartmill. David Garland moved that the verification team remain the same. Seconded by Stacy Ciciola.
Motion carried.

Jennifer Bridgman asked if we have a third-party auditor and if we should have one to make sure that everything's okay. David Garland said that in the Salvation Army, they have two outside auditors come in, because it is dealing with public funds. Sheri Cameron asked what Presbytery has to say about this. Rev. Read Sherman said that most congregations cannot afford an external auditor. So we rely on trust from internal people. It's a big responsibility.

Shirley Cartmill said that Don Cameron will not give money unless we provide a receipt and a paper saying what the money is for. Frank Massarelli was saying that we need to make sure the financial books are completed at arm's length. Shirley Cartmill said that these reports go to the Government and it has to be legal. Heather Purcell said that M&P is in charge of the police checks and that auditors do not need police checks. Warren Purcell pointed out that there are two entities at work: the Trustees and Stewards. Rev. Read Sherman said that if anyone would like to join the auditing team, they may.



Nominating committee (new) - Nominations from the floor/Voting

Nominating Committee – Gary Tompkins mentioned that this is composed of the Chair of the Official Board and the Chair of the Congregational Meeting.

Session No changes

Trustees Nominations

Don Cameron nominated Heather Purcell as a Trustee, seconded by Dolores Best. She accepts.

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13. Mission & Service Objective 2016

Mission and Service – last year's objective was \$6,000. They made \$7,200. Stacey Ciciola moved that the objective for 2017 be \$6,500. Seconded by Gail Purcell.
Motion carried.

This includes donations from the congregation. Gary Tompkins thanks the committee for going beyond their duties and feeding us really well.

14. Life and Work of the Church - Motion to accept all reports

Judy Ciciola moved that we accept the 2016 Annual Report with the added Grace Dart Report and the Trustee's Proposed Budget, seconded by Heather Purcell.
Motion carried.

Garry Garland said that he sent the Grace Dart report to Ivylin Scott, but it is not included in the 2016 Annual Report. Sheri Cameron mentioned that emails get lost, she will be happy to receive it directly. Shirley Cartmill mentioned that the M&S gave their money to Don Cameron and Don Cameron made a report on what he received, but one of them wasn't signed. Rev. Read Sherman thanked the M&S committee for including French in their report.

15. Correspondence

Gary Tompkins mentioned that the committee received correspondence from Shirley Cartmill, who wishes to no longer write the Newsletter. The communications Team will take it over. Gary Tompkins thanked Shirley Cartmill and Don Cameron for their many years of work.

16. Annual report co-coordinator 2016

Shirley Budd said that the clarity of the Annual Report has been the best it's been in years. Sheri Cameron agreed to take on the responsibility for this coming year.

17. Thank-you and Courtesies –

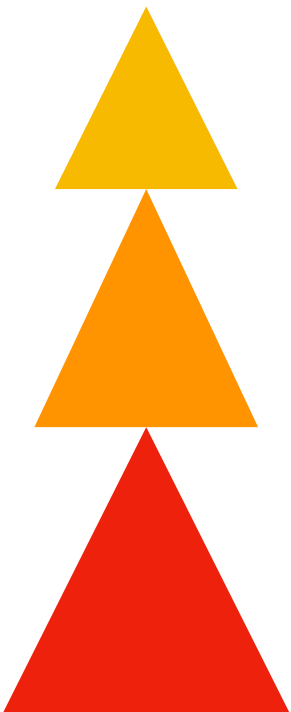
Rev. Read Sherman thanked everyone for being here and that we had a great attendance. The Spirit has been amazing. Thank you to Ivylin Scott, Eloise Segre and Jennifer Bridgman for the lunch. Rev. Read Sherman thanked Sheri Cameron for being the Superintendent of the Sunday School. We will keep working together!

18. Adjournment

Shirley Budd moves for adjournment at 3:30pm.
Motion Carried.

19. Closing Prayer / Benediction – Rev. Read Sherman

Respectfully submitted,
Veronica Heffernan, Congregational Secretary





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Session

The Session consists of the minister and Elders who are elected by the congregation for their wisdom, caring, spiritual discernment and other gifts of the Spirit. It is the duty of Session to oversee the spiritual interests of the congregation, and to have oversight of the worship service, administration of sacraments, membership, the religious training of the young, pastoral care, outreach, Inquirers and Candidates for ministry, to keep the roll of the congregation and the register of baptisms, marriages and burials and to ensure support of the elderly. Elders have an assigned list of members of the congregation to keep in touch with.

The Session met regularly, eight times in 2017, to discuss and make decisions about all matters that came before it. We celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion five times during the year.

Special services included Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Blue Christmas/Memorial and Christmas Eve. In June we offered our first Blessing of the Animals with very good attendance (two and four-footed). We welcomed friends from Anjou United Church to many of these services.

With great joy, we baptized seven children, and with deep sadness we mourned at five funerals. We received four new members by profession of faith. We are blessed on a regular basis by the spiritual and insightful leadership of our minister, Rev. Read Sherman, in worship and pastoral care.



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We are also thankful for those willing to lead worship when Rev. Read is away. In 2017, services were led by Heather Purcell, John Brosseau, the Mission and Service committee, Julia Budd and Sabrina Heffernan.

We are also blessed to have two "Inquirers" (people studying to be ministers at United Theological College), Selina Mullin and Aaron Miechkota, both of whom led services this year. Thanks to our relationship with the college, we were honoured to have world-renowned preacher Rev. Karoline Lewis lead us in worship in November. We had two very interesting book study groups in 2017.

During Lent, we studied "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton and during Advent "While We Wait" by Mary Lou Redding.

Respectfully submitted by: Gary Tompkins, Chair of Session

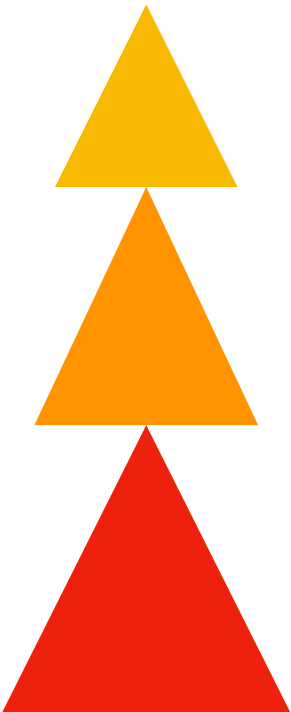
Members of Session are:

Beverley Bridgman, John Brosseau, Shirley Budd, Shirley Cartmill (Clerk of Session), Judy Ciciola, Sabrina Heffernan, Debi Kapp (non-resident), Lorna McIntyre, Heather Purcell, Murray Rainier, Ivylin Scott, Elouise Segre, Rev. Read Sherman, Angela Silver and Gary Tompkins (Chair)

By the Numbers

Baptisms

Thomas Nathaniel Leone	Born: October 24, 2016	Baptism: Feb. 12, 2017
Cédrick Monterrosa-Rooney	Born: April 9, 2010	Baptism: April 9, 2017
Jackson Fernando Testa	Born: August 26, 2016	Baptism: March 26, 2017
Skyla Rose Leclair	Born: November 6, 2015	Baptism: July 23, 2017
Logan Cordell Simpson	Born: March 9, 2017	Baptism: July 23, 2017
Dylan Pierre Massé	Born: October 25, 2016	Baptism: Oct. 8, 2017
Brody Colesòn Rudolph	Born: July 18, 2017	Baptism: Oct. 8, 2017



Funerals

Marlene Warren (Nee Huxsel)	Died: April 5, 2017	Burial: April 11, 2017
Nicole Lajoie (Nee Forget)	Died: June 25, 2017	Burial: Nov. 11, 2017
Haruko Funamoto (Nee Uno)	Died: August 25, 2017	Buried: Sept. 6, 2017
Ann Bell Morris (Nee Ackerman)	Died: Dec. 30, 2016	Buried: Oct. 21, 2017
Anne Gartshore (Nee Niebuhr)	Died: Oct. 11, 2017	Funeral: Oct. 21, 2017

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Membership

Kevin Lebeau	Date Received: May 21, 2017
Kristina Couture-Lebeau	Date Received: May 21, 2017
Sheila Cannon	Date Received: June 11, 2017
Timothy Mew	Date Received: June 11, 2017

Removed from Active Roll

BY TRANSFER: 0

BY DEATH: 2

- Nicole Lajoie
- Anne Gartshore



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Children's Ministry

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

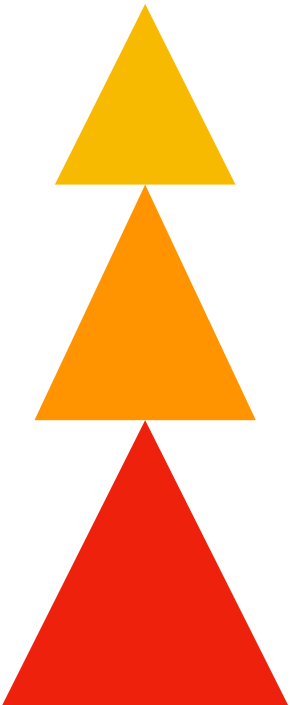
Matthew 19:14, English Standard Version

Our Sunday School was busy this year with a small but consistent class of 6 children between the ages of 6 and 12 and swelling occasionally to up to 9 children. Besides the usual Sunday fun of singing, praying and learning, we also participated in the following special events:

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On Rally Day Rev. Read blessed our backpacks and we received a prayer of support from the congregation.

PINK SHIRT SUNDAY: The congregation bonded together and held our first Pink Shirt Sunday showing the children of our child that we support them in standing up to bullies.

EASTER PLAY: We presented a Reader's Theatre of the Easter story for everyone's enjoyment on Easter morning.



LOLLIPOP DAY CAMP: Over the summer we held our first 8-week long day camp. It was attended by 10 children and led by Sheri Cameron, Sabrina Heffernan, Veronica Heffernan, and Diane Best. Many of our campers were from low-income families and their fees were supported by the St. Georges Legacy Fund.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO DR. SEUSS: We started off the 2017 Sunday School season with stories and Biblical truths through the eyes of Dr. Seuss. We watched videos, read stories, and played games as we discovered Bible truths together.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: We presented a fun Christmas Play entitled A Very Emoji Christmas which included a moving finale involving the Choir and other members of the congregation.

MESSY CHURCH: Over the course of the year we held several Messy Churches.

Most notably:

- Valentine's Day : God is love
- Chinese New Year
- Beyond the Bunny Easter Event

MESSY CHURCH CONFERENCE: In October Rev. Read and Sheri Cameron attended a Messy Church Conference over a weekend in Ottawa and learned some best practices of Messy Churches.

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Music Ministry

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, [...] Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing."

Psalm 100

TRINITY CHOIR

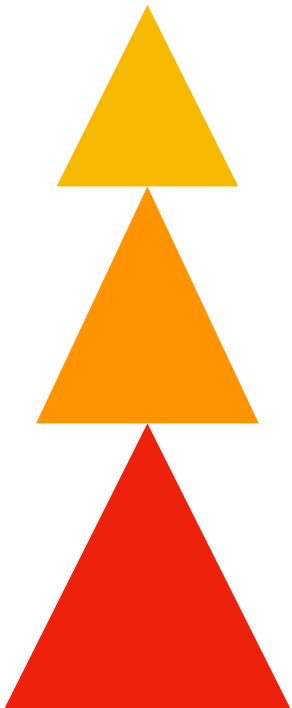
The Choir continues to impress us with their repertoire of music under the skillful direction of the talented Julia Budd. This year they even made a surprise appearance in our children's Christmas play!

The Garland family continue to reach out to folk, who by virtue of their health issues have taken up residency at the Grace Dart Facility in Maisonneuve. The special musical events that the Garlands have been leading have also been supported by some of our choir members.

There is always room for more talented voices. Is yours one of them? If yes, contact Julia Budd at 514-259-7867.

DING-A-LINGS HANDBELL CHOIR

Our newly-formed handbell choir made its debut in December. Under the direction of Sabrina Heffernan, 10 members began their musical journey. Through laughter and joyful ringing, we managed to learn how to read music and pulled together 4 Christmas carols much to our delight (we hear the congregation enjoyed it too).





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Silver Chains

The Silver Chains have been together for almost 28 years. Over the years we have organized luncheons, suppers, bazaars and Breakfasts with Santa. This year we cooked up our last Breakfast.

We have enjoyed our years of fundraising, fun and fellowship.

Judy Massarelli, President

To further the note from Judy, on behalf of our group, I wanted to add our heartfelt thanks to Judy as our leader for the past 28 years.

Frank has also been a huge help and we jokingly called him an honorary member of the Silver Chains.

As well, I would also like to thank the many people who helped out as a volunteer to make our events so successful. You all know who you are.

Thanks again,
Lorna Falco, Treasurer



VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH		
Ticket sales	\$420.00	
Donations	6.00	
Expenses	152.25	
		\$273.75
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA		
Ticket sales	483.00	
Donations	22.50	
Raffle	63.00	
Bake table	285.00	
Expenses	342.10	
		511.40
Donation to Trinity during 2017		\$785.15

Verified by: Cand Huntington

Date: February 11, 2018

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Mission & Service

Dearest Trinity,

Our gifts for Mission & Service change lives daily. Thousands of meals are served, unemployable people find new hope in work programs and people in need of housing find places of shelter.

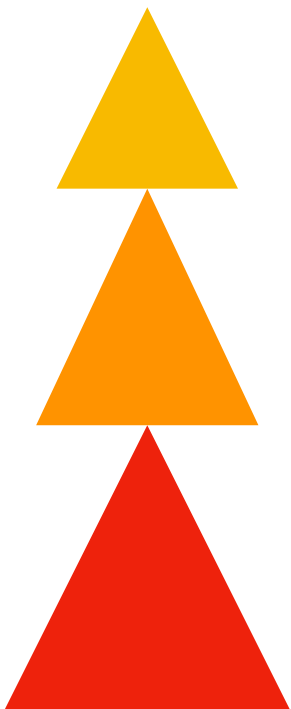
All these lives are touched and transformed because of our gifts. Thank you for being part of that giving with us.

Your Mission & Service Committee

Fundraiser	Revenues	Expenses
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon (March 12, 2017)	\$432.00	
Bake sale and soup sale	\$250	
Purchase of containers, decorations, meat and veggies		\$120
Halloween Bake sale (October 29, 2017)	\$156.00	
Chili/Soup Luncheon (November 15, 2017)	\$495	
Bake sale and soup sale	\$121	
Purchases of groceries, meat, tablecloths		\$80
TOTAL RAISED		\$1098

We also had a collection of school supplies that we donated, in June, to both Nesbitt School and St. Columba House. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to fill 4 school bags and 2 large garbage bags with supplies.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Ciciola
Treasure





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Outreach

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"

Matthew 25:40, 45, NIV

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Under the initiative of the M&S Committee, Trinity donated 4 school bags and 2 large garbage bags of supplies to students at Nesbitt School and St. Columba House before the opening of school in September.

TRINITY UNITED COMMUNITY CARE: Under the leadership of David Garland, members of this care team hold monthly services at Grace Dart and visit the residents to offer a prayer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Also thanks to the leadership of the Garland Family, a men's breakfast / family breakfast was held monthly, which included discussions and presentations by special guests, such as Zach Ingles from the Open Door Project and Pascal Yiacouvakis, meteorologist with Radio-Canada.

HALLOWEEN CANDY GIVEAWAY: We welcomed over 200 children on Halloween night where they treated to a few games, candies and a rare glimpse into our church. Thanks to everyone who decorated and hosted the kiddies.

COLLECTIONS: We continue to collect plastic bread tags, pull-tabs from cans, old eyeglasses, and food and clothing for people in need here and around the world.

AL-ANON: The English Al-Anon group is a support group for people who are worried about someone with a drinking problem. This anonymous group meets at Trinity in the kitchen every Thursday evening, from 7:00 PM.



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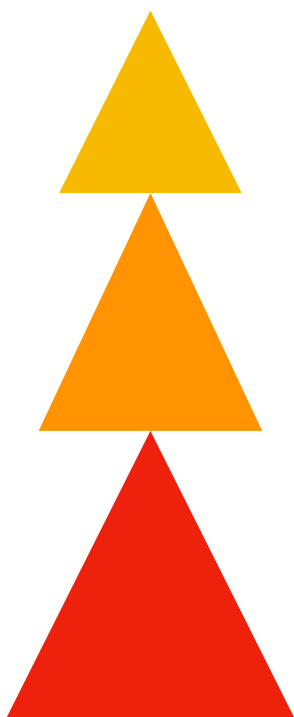
Ministry & Personnel

It has been quite a busy year for us. The committee met several of times to discuss issues brought to our attention. Matters of the M&P committee are confidential and can be reported only in broad terms. If you have any concerns, you can speak to anyone of the committee members: Beverly Clark, Sabrina Heffernan, Philip Massarelli, and Heather Purcell.

Below you will find the duties of the committee as found in the United Church Manuel.

1. Provide a consultative and supportive agency for the staff of the Pastoral Charge and for members and adherents of the congregation.
2. Review working conditions and remuneration for the staff of the Pastoral Charge and make appropriate recommendations to the Official Board or Church Board or Church council;
3. Oversee the relationship of the staff of the Pastoral Charge to members of the congregation(s) and others;
4. Oversee the relationship between and among different members of the staff of Pastoral Charge with respect to their responsibilities and authority;
5. Consult with all members of the staff of the Pastoral Charge about their plans for continuing education and ensure that those eligible avail themselves of the provisions for continuing education and that the money and time are available. To review with ministry and personnel and staff their salaries, allowances, benefits, and honoraria, and working conditions of the pastoral charge. To consult with ministry personnel and other staff to plan their annual vacation time, and the schedule is then reported to the Official Board (or equivalent);
6. Review and evaluate annually the effectiveness of the staff of the Pastoral Charge as those persons and positions relate to the mission of the Pastoral Charge as defined by the Official Board or Church Board or Church Council;
7. Maintain close liaison with Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee
8. Receive from each Ministry and Personnel settled in or appointed to the Pastoral Charge, a current vulnerable sector (level 2) police check, at the expense of the Ministry and **9** Personnel, no later than the completion of each six- (6) year period of the pastoral relationship.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Purcell
Chairperson





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Fellowship & Church Life

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”
Matthew 18:20, English Standard Version

Benevolent Fund

This discretionary fund is used by the Minister to help people who find themselves with extraordinary needs. Special donations from members of the congregation members are deposited in this account. In 2017 we had an increase in the number of people needing the help of the church to get by and our Benevolent Fund fell short. To aid in raising funds for this worthy cause, Session christened Benny the Bear who collects money for the fund.

Book Studies

Rev. Sherman held various books studies throughout the year. The books they studied together are: “24 Hours that Changed the World” by Adam Hamilton and “While We Wait” by Mary Lou Redding.

Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Silver Chains & Family

Once again the spirit of this well loved tradition came alive as many people gathered together on a wintry morning to have breakfast and meet with Santa. Special thanks to Philip Massarelli and Carol Cunningham who coordinated the event and to everyone who pitched in at the last moment to cook. As usual, everyone has a great time.



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Busy Beavers

Every Tuesday the Busy Beavers meet and work at completing odd jobs around the church. Thanks to them we are able to decrease our maintenance cost.

Cabane à Sucre

A bus load of members thoroughly enjoyed a day at the Cabane à Sucre. Big thanks to Eric Garceau who organized the day AND drove the bus!

Christmas Karaoke Open Mic

A great time was had by all as we sang Christmas Carols at our first karaoke night. The night was so successful we are looking forward to more in the future.

Communications Team

The Communications Team has been busy creating banners to hang outside to let our neighbours know that we are here. They are also working on permanent signage for outside.

Celebration Time!

- A few of our members celebrated Anne Gartshore's 100th birthday before she passed away.
- We joyfully celebrated Laila and Murray's wedding!

Decorating Team

- The newly formed Decorating Team decorated the Narthex for Christmas and Easter.
- An agreement made between Trinity and the Verdun Dragon Boat Club ensured that the Memorial Hall got a fresh paint job after about 40 years!

Easter Breakfast

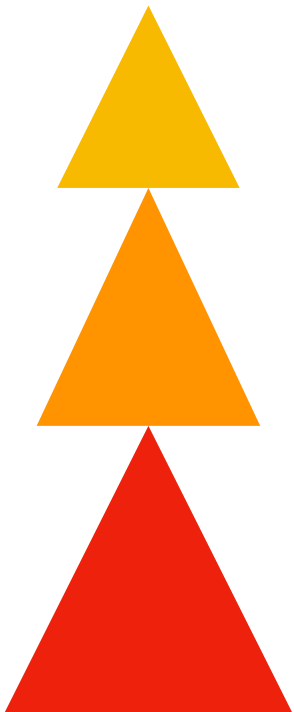
The Young, Young Adults, and Friends carried on with tradition and invited all congregants to a lovely breakfast of pancakes, French toast, sausages, eggs, and fruit to welcome Easter morning.

GO Project

Over the summer young people from the United Church's GO Project stayed at Trinity and worked alongside the Day Camp. It was nice to see our building all a-bustle during the summer months.

Meeting of East End Churches

We hosted other East end churches as we celebrated the successes and challenges of shared history.



Pride Parade

Once again some of our members walked in the Pride Parade showing Montrealers that Trinity really does invite ALL to share and grow in God's love...

Rally Day

Complete with a corn roast, teacher commissioning, balloons, and information tables, our second Rally Day opened the 2017-2018 church season in a big way!

Social Craft Group

A new craft group was established this year for the pure joy and delight of crafting!

Super Seniors Group

Under the direction of Grace Rostig, the Super Seniors continue to grow and flourish. Grace never fails to excite the members with her wonderful ideas of games, dinners, and other fun events.

Thanksgiving Display

Some of our young adults shopped and put together an amazing Thanksgiving display.

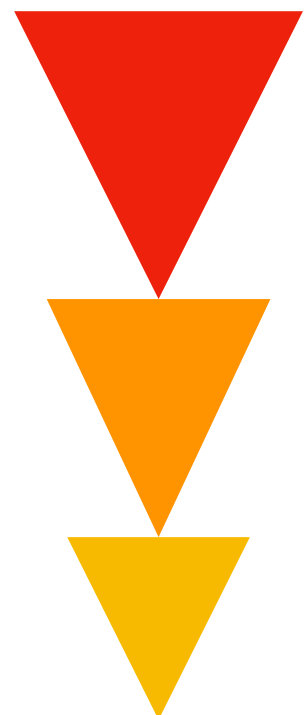
Valentine Tea

We celebrated Valentine's Day together at our Valentine Tea. A lovely time was had by all.

Visitors from other Youth Groups

Not only did Trinity host the GO Project, but we also hosted a Scout Troop and two other youth groups to stay with us for various time periods over the summer.

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24th Montreal Scout Group

REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 - AUGUST 31, 2017

All scouting sections started up mid-September. September 23 we had several Beavers swim up to Cubs, and several Cubs move up into the Scouting section. Our numbers have increased significantly this year. Two of our Scouters did not return (Jessica McCarrick and Scott Webb married October 2016).

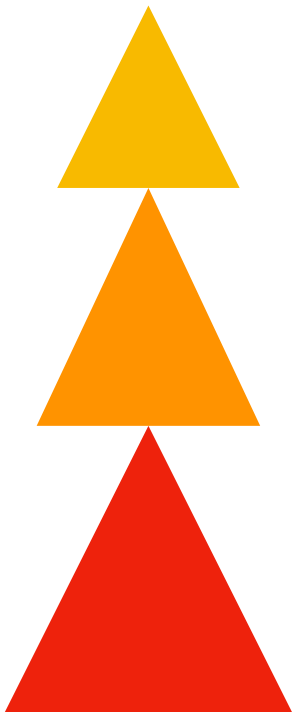
Youth members from Scouts, Cubs and Beavers attended Halloween Camp at TSR the weekend of October 28-30, 2016. During October and November we fundraised with Scouts Popcorn.

November was a busy month, with Remembrance Day service November 11 and a garage and bake sale on November 19. Leo Frenza received an Award for Valour from Scouts Canada – The Silver Cross for Gallantry with considerable risk! Congratulations Leo.

Our group held our annual Christmas Party on December 16, with great food, games and a visit from Santa. We closed for a few weeks and started back up in January 2017.

On January 5, 2017, 5 leaders attended the Wood Badge I training course.

February 24 the Beavers had a sleepover.



March 3-5 was Winter Camp March Tamaracouta with Cubs and Scouts.

June 2 our Scout youth planned and held a Beaver Buggy and Kub Kar Rally for our Beavers and Cubs. June 3 parents, leaders and youth attended the annual placing of Canadian flags on headstones at the Mount Royal Cemetery in honour of the veterans and war casualties. June 16 we had our closing party with lots of food and fun.

All in all we had a great year with the leadership of our volunteers, helping hands from parents, and Trinity's continuous support. If you have any questions on this report, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cunningham

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VOLUNTEERS	
Beavers:	Leo Frenza, Hilda Castro
Cubs:	Donovan Hetu, Justin Roberts, Diane Best
Scouts:	Todd Roberts, Brian Starnino
Group Committee:	Philip Massarelli, Carol Cunningham, David Garland, Garry Garland

NUMBERS FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS:						
Section	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012
Beavers	8	10	11	9	10	6
Cubs	16	13	18	12	8	6
Scouts	12	4	1	4	2	9
Total	36	27	30	25	20	21

