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# DELTA UNITED CHURCH

## Annual Report 2018



We are a caring Community of Faith, committed to following the way of Jesus Christ.

We welcome all and provide Worship, Pastoral Care,  
Christian Education, and Outreach.

Delta United Church is a place of Friendship and Hope for all who enter.

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## MINISTER'S REPORT

REV. SHELLEY SMITH

Delta United Church is a community of faith, hope and support for all who enter....

It's a very simple, yet profound, mission statement. With God's help, we continue to walk in faith and live out our mission.

Our community ministry is growing. This year, families attended Family Day and Kids-Only Shopping events at Delta United Church (DUC) in record numbers. The feedback was very positive and we look forward to hosting these events again in 2019.

The Mission and Outreach committee held its first winter clothing drive in 2018; it was a huge success and we hope to make this an annual event.

DUC continues to support Wesley Centre. We also operate our own small food pantry – Edith's Pantry – which helps ten families per month on average, by offering dried and canned food items, as well as gift cards, and bus tickets that are purchased thanks to our benevolent offering gathered during Communion services. Special thanks to the United Church Women and other donors for contributing to this fund. May we continue to open our doors to all in need.

In 2018, we welcomed Cornerstones into our building. Their program runs Monday to Friday and it has been a very good fit with Delta and the Kiwanis Adult Day group. We are blessed to have such valued community groups use our space and financially support our church.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated, supportive staff at Delta. It has been a pleasure to work with Denise Forget, Shiona Mackenzie and Heather Snowden. They continue to share their gifts, knowledge and support, and we are blessed to have them on staff. Special thanks to Bob Penner and Mike Van Oldenbarnveld for their custodial duties. A heartfelt thanks to our wonderful new Treasurer, Pattie Toni. Her expertise and wisdom have helped us move forward.

Finally, a big thank you to Sarah Ferguson, our Chair of Council. Sarah is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader, and is able to lead worship in my absence. We are very fortunate to have dedicated a leader with so many gifts!

Our Delta United Church family continues to be blessed with many faithful members. May we continue to encourage and affirm one another as we live out our call to be the church. As we begin a new year, may we always look to God as our guide and trust that, through all the ups and downs, God is with us always.

Please read all of the following reports, as they reflect our commitment to living the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May God continue to bless our ministry at Delta United Church.

# PRESBYTERY REPORT

## HUGH TOPE

The United Church of Canada voted and adopted a three-council model; the present presbyteries and conferences will be replaced by regional councils beginning on January 1, 2019. The three-council model was approved at the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council Meeting in 2018. The new model comprises: Community of Faith (previously congregation), Regional Councils (previously presbyteries and conferences), and the Denominational Council. There will be clusters, communities of common interest, as well as mission and support groups created in the new model. Staff offices for Regions 7, 8, and 9 will be located at the present Hamilton Conference Office – 1552 Hwy 6 North, in Waterdown. There is insufficient space; most of the staff from the three regions will be located in other facilities. Delta United Church will be part of Region 9 – now called Horseshoe Falls. The first Horseshoe Falls meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church in Georgetown, on March 2, 2019.

The Transition Commission will continue to use the United Church Manual into 2019, until the restructuring process is completed. There will be a meeting on the May 24 weekend to review the status of the restructuring process. Lay members will be elected by the Communities of Faith to serve in the regions. Horseshoe Falls is aware Wesley Urban Ministries and Summer Day Camps are not presently covered in the new regional model.

Many churches have concerns over declining membership and increased maintenance costs making it difficult to balance the budget. St. Mark's, Lynden, and Rock Chapel (now closed) presented to presbytery their shared ministry over the past few years. The churches maintain their own official Boards. Pioneer Memorial Church and St. Columbia Presbyterian Church share the same minister with bi-monthly services at each church. Stoney Creek United is looking at amalgamation options, or a new place to worship due to high maintenance costs and declining membership. St. Giles United closed a few years ago and is slated for demolition.

Wesley Urban Ministries' 'Case for Kids Walk' raised over \$90,000; Delta United Church raised \$1,002 for the Walk. The Wesley Christmas Store was held at Pioneer Memorial Church again this year.

Approval is required annually for the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders to provide occasional leadership and preaching services at Hamilton Presbytery Churches. The vote approved the renewal of licenses for Eydie Zuk, John VanDuzer, Joan Williams, Phillip Harrison, and Sarah Ferguson. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders continue to be part of the new regional council model.



# CHAIR OF COUNCIL'S REPORT

SARAH FERGUSON, LLWL

Today, (January 6, 2019), I spent some time taking down Christmas decorations and, when I left the sanctuary it felt a bit empty, and yet I know that Delta United Church is rarely empty. We are blessed with renters and a busy congregation that always seems to be meeting and planning something. This level of activity brings challenges: coordinating room bookings, keeping the spaces clean between renters, and maintaining our building so we can continue as a community hub. Having a Council Chair who holds down another full-time job comes with its own set of challenges; I am grateful for the DUC family's support in my first year as Chair, just as you support each other and the community.

2018 was filled with measures of hope and of concern. Money was a worry and, yet, as you'll read in this report, Delta finished the year strong and THAT is something to celebrate with joy and thanksgiving. 2019, no doubt, will present us with new hurdles, but I know, as a faith community and as a family of faith, we will conquer these challenges together. I thank the members of Council and the chairs of the Committees who do the work of DUC. You are a dedicated group of people who keep the spirit of Christ around the table and in your hearts as we discuss, deliberate, and vote on the important business that comes before us. Council is all about teamwork; never about one voice, but rather about all the voices coming together to make the best decision possible. In my opinion, these people, along with Rev. Shelley, are quite skilled at this!

**31<sup>st</sup> Scouts** – Todd Martin (special thanks to Bill Urie, who filled this role for many years)

**Finance** – Joan Wildish

**M & O** – Pattie Toni

**M & P** – Debbie Berquist

**Presbytery** – Hugh Tope

**Property** – Trish Fraser

**Secretary** – Anne Baxter (and Laurel Horning, who filled in for a good part of this year),

**Treasurer** – Pattie Toni

**Trustees** – Gary Wildish

**UCW** – Sandy Simmons, Helen Martin

**W & CE** – Janis Webster, Joyce Rob

Delta is also blessed with paid staff we rely on and truly appreciate – Rev. Shelley Smith, Heather Snowden (music director), Denise Forget (Kids' Church coordinator), Shiona Mackenzie (office administrator), Bob Penner and Mike Van Oldenbarneveld (custodians). You are a vital group of individuals who help keep our train on track. Thank You!

On a personal note, I want to thank Trish Fraser, who has been my sounding board and my calming center – I couldn't do it without you!

As DUC welcomes 2019, I invite our members to join together, strengthening the family bond that has been created within our community of faith. As always, if you have a question, or issue, please don't hesitate to connect with me. Much love to all of you!

# ROLL CLERK'S REPORT

JOYCE ROBB

<u>Active membership January 1, 2018</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>Moved to Inactive/Out of Town List</u>	<u>-3</u>
<u>Removed due to death</u>	<u>-1</u>
<u>Added by transfer</u>	<u>+3</u>
<u>Added by profession of faith</u>	<u>+1</u>
<u>Number of active members as of December 31, 2018</u>	<u>55</u>
<u>Number on Inactive/Out of Town List</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Number of families under pastoral care (includes Inactive List)</u>	<u>81</u>
<b><u>Total number on congregational list (Active List only)</u></b>	<b><u>81</u></b>

## CHANGES IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN 2018

We rejoice with those who joined our church family.

**Received through baptism & confirmation:** June 3 - Heather McLeod

**Received through transfer:** June 3 - Phyllis Campbell, Karen Street, Julie Street

**Received through baptism:** September 23 - Emily Grace Janssen, daughter of Tiffany Janssen

### **We share our love and faith with those who grieve the loss of loved ones:**

February 2	Alice Rutkowski	February 10	Balbina Oboza
March 3	Shirley Pickard	August 3	Gordon Anderson
November 26	Don Gray		



**We celebrate with those who chose to join their lives in marriage!**

April 21 Christie de Ruitter & Evan Robb

# PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

REV. SHELLEY SMITH

Pastoral Care Committee: Rev. Shelley Smith (Chair), Kathy Barker, Colleen Earl, Julie Gibson, Gloria Weir

Special thanks to June Peace, Acting Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee in 2017. We are grateful for the leadership she provided. Pastoral care continues to be important to our church community. In 2018, we warmly welcomed Gloria and Kathy to our committee – wonderful additions to the team.

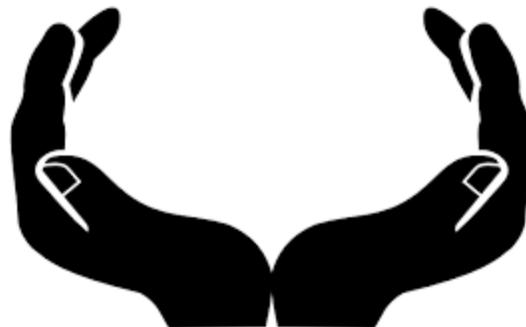
Many visits and phone calls were made to DUC members and adherents who were absent from church. Our committee has taken on the task of regularly calling shut-ins, and others who are unable to worship with us on Sundays. This is a great way for us to stay connected with one another.

A special thank you to Colleen, who continues to send cards to members of our Delta family.

Pastoral Care duties also involve driving people to and from church on Sundays. This is a vital ministry and special thanks are owed to our congregants providing transportation for those unable to drive to church.

Delta United Church is indeed a caring faith community. May we continue to care for one another in all seasons of life.

Please let Rev. Shelley know whenever someone in our community is ill, or needs a phone call, or a visit.



# PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

TRICIA FRASER

Property Committee: Trish Fraser (Chair), Bob Lewis, Dale Lenz, Doug Robb, Bill Urie, Gary Wildish

As usual, 2018 proved to be a busy year, keeping this old beautiful building of ours running “smoothly”. Below is a list of some of the projects that were completed.

- Kiwanis group received a grant to upgrade the Memory Hall kitchen – that included changing counter tops, cupboards, lights and adding a dishwasher.
- The Property Committee in conjunction with the Worship and Christian Education Committee provided a much-needed facelift to the Sunday School room. You should stop in and have a look if you haven’t had a chance!
- Wi-fi for the entire building was installed thanks to Ron Webster. The funding for this large project was made possible through donations from several of our regular renters and Delta’s operating budget.
- Electrical – we had a breaker panel upgraded, switches changed, and dedicated lines installed for the wi-fi.
- Work Day: May 5<sup>th</sup> – important fixes and clean-up occurred. A huge *Thank You* goes out to all those who donated their time. Looking forward, we are hoping to have two or more work days to continue with upgrades and repairs.
- Heating pipe replacement – to stop the leaks from the ceiling in Memory Hall.
- Rental rates – increases were made to cover increased utilities costs and wear-and-tear on the building. These rates will be reviewed annually.

Regular and one-time rentals continue to keep our building busy just about every day and most nights. Remember, if your group plans to hold a meeting or run an event at DUC, please inform Gary well ahead of time so that he can schedule you on the bookings calendar. The room you want to use will not necessarily be available if you don’t take this important step.

A request: Since we all see our building from a different vantage point – if you notice a building maintenance/repair issue that you feel needs to be addressed, please don’t hesitate to bring it to the attention of a member of the Property Committee.

Finally, special thanks go to Bill Urie, who is our main snow clearer in the winter months – making sure the Church sidewalks are safe.



# MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

DEBBIE BERQUIST

Members: Debbie Berquist (Chair), Sylvia Richards, Doug Robb, Cathy Scott, Jack White (on Leave of Absence).

Thanks to the dedication of our Staff, we have not had any changes with the personnel over the past year. The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee would like to thank them for the hard work, enthusiasm, and the heart each one brings to their work.

Bill Urie stepped down as Chair of this Committee in September and I assumed the role. I would like to thank everyone for their guidance and assistance as I accustom myself to my new duties and responsibilities. In December, Bill resigned from the committee. However, as a member of the Property Committee, he continues as our liaison with the custodians. A big pat on the back goes to Bill with thanks for his years of service and leadership on the M&P Committee.

Other M&P Committee members remain the same.

With the many rentals and activities going on in the church throughout the week, the custodians work dutifully to keep up with everything required. Thanks to everyone for the comments and suggestions we have received throughout the year as we work with the gentleman to ensure the church is well kept for the use of our many clients and our congregation.

This year, we will be meeting with Reverend Shelley and members of Church Council in order to review and update the covenant (contract) she has with DUC.



# SENIOR CHOIR COMMITTEE REPORT

CATHY SCOTT

Members: Cathy Scott (President), Sandy Simmons (Treasurer), Joan Wildish (Secretary), Joyce Robb (Social Convener), Joan Wildish (Social Convener)

2018 was a quiet year with just one new addition to our choir – Ameriga Alonzo, soprano. Our organist, Heather Snowden, works hard to bring the best out of our small, but devoted, group of choir members. Heather plays beautiful music, especially in her area of specialty – the flute – and we enjoy listening to her selections during the service. Heather introduced us to a guest chorister and soloist for Sunday services: Jason Hales. His beautiful tenor voice has strengthened our choir loft and his solo performances have delighted our congregation. The choir also owes special thanks and recognition to DUC member Lori Prevec who took time out of her busy schedule to accompany our anthems on flute.

If anyone, young or old, would like to join us for a time of song and fellowship, choir practices are held on Thursday nights 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. before the service starts.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

DENISE FORGET, KIDS' CHURCH COORDINATOR

Attendance has continued to fluctuate from as few as three to as many as ten children per week at Kids' Church. At the beginning of 2018, attendance included Sydney, Margo, Marco, Dallas, Austin, and Olivia (ranging from approximately 2 years of age to teens).

The children and youth were attentive to the stories related to scripture, relating them to real life experiences through enjoyable discussions, and they participated in creative activities and play in the Sunday School room. They showed the ability to relate to each other respectfully and with consideration.

In September, attendance of young children increased and Sydney (a teenager) decided to stay and attend the entire regular worship service. I adjusted the programming accordingly to simpler stories and more interactive time for the youngsters Skye, Nevaeh, Shydell, Olivia, Macai, Abby, Lucy, Maizie, Kylee, Ainsley and Evan who came to Kids' Church most Sundays. The children appear to have developed healthy friendships with each other, appreciating the message being delivered in the Bible stories and happily conversing together.

With the renovation of the Sunday School room in the fall of 2018, an even more welcoming and inviting space was available for us.

Overall, I'm pleased to report the increased interest in our Kids' Church program.



# WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

JOYCE ROBB AND JANIS WEBSTER

Committee Members: Janis Webster & Joyce Robb (Co-Chairs), Kathy Barker (Secretary), Sue Andersen, Sarah Ferguson LLWL, Denise Forget (Kids' Church). Rev. Shelley Smith (Minister), Heather Snowden (Music Director), Hugh Tope.

At each meeting, this committee reviews past Sunday services, plans forthcoming ones and makes decisions on the spiritual life at Delta. Of course, our minister Rev. Shelley plans each service, but we are there to help where we can, make suggestions, and guide some of the procedures. There are banners to be hung, decorations to be placed, communion to be prepared, lay reader lists to be made, children's needs to be met, guests to be invited (often to speak at special services), music to be researched, and many other duties.

In the summer, during vacation time, a schedule must be set and volunteers to be found to prepare services while our staff is on holidays. It is sincerely appreciated that so many of the congregation take the time to offer their talents for these services.

In 2018, there were special events that proved to be very successful. February 19 was Family Day at Delta and many families participated in a day filled with crafts, food and fun. To fund this event next year, a bake sale was held on May 6 and, thanks to many, enough money was raised for the next two years.

The staff at Delta is wonderful and we are blessed to have such committed people working for us. Due to their efforts, our services are interesting, thoughtful and well received by young, old, members, and visitors alike. Rev. Shelley spreads her love of God and our congregation in a caring, spiritual and mindful way, making our Sunday services meaningful and relevant to our lives. Heather manages a group of amateur singers to produce music that praises God in song, in addition to her talent on the flute. Many of our services were enhanced by guest musicians invited by Heather.

Denise provides innovative, creative, and appropriate Sunday school lessons for a wide age range of children. She and Sarah attended a "Nurturing Children's Faith" event sponsored by Hamilton Presbytery in April.

Our Sunday School room was in dire need of an overhaul so, with the help of Trish Fraser, Janis Webster, Denise Forget, and Heather Snowden, it received one. The cupboards were emptied, furniture was cleared, tables washed and walls painted. Then, to really freshen things up, a dehumidifier and air purifier were added. It looks like a new room. Costs were covered by a memorial donation and a contribution from the UCW.

Our successful "Kids Only Shopping Day", held on the last Saturday of November in our Friendship Centre each year, provides children and youth an opportunity to select gifts for

members of their family, pay for them at our 'cashier' area, and then wrap their selections — either independently or with some help — before returning to their parents who wait for them in Memory Hall.

This year, thanks to 'shares' on social media, a record number of people began lining up just before 8:00 am. By 9:30, hundreds of children and their families lined the sidewalks outside the church hoping to participate. Unfortunately, we quickly realized we would not be able to accommodate them all for several reasons: we risked exceeding the maximum number of people allowed in Memory Hall; we had fewer volunteers to assist the children than we typically do; and a rental group was scheduled to arrive at 3:00 pm. For these reasons, many people had to be turned away; some left disappointed, others angry. To ensure a similar situation does not recur, we agreed to implement the following strategies:

1. A pre-registration process will be developed by mid-October 2019, so that any parent/guardian wishing to have a youngster participate in the event will indicate their interest and be granted a time slot during which to shop. This will reduce the wait time for everyone and consequently, the number of people in Memory Hall.
2. Volunteers will also register, to ensure we know exactly how many volunteers we can expect. (In previous years, we have always had a large number of volunteers from HWDSB schools; this year, we had next to none, despite the fact that several emails with details of this volunteer opportunity were sent to the school board on three separate occasions.) This fall, the Student Services department in each secondary school will receive a flyer and details of the event, so word gets out to secondary school students.
3. All volunteers (including members of DUC) will be required to attend an orientation meeting before the event, to review the goals of this outreach project and the responsibilities.
4. To ensure all shoppers have an opportunity to buy and wrap their gifts — and that volunteers have an opportunity to clean up after the event — no other rentals will take place in our Friendship Centre or Memory Hall until after 5:00 pm that day.

In closing, we are especially grateful to all of the people who volunteered — some at the last minute because we were so desperate — to assist children and families with this event, and we are especially grateful to Sue Andersen for the expert shopping she does all year long! We look forward to a 'new and improved' Kids-Only Shopping Day in 2019!

In the year leading up to our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we give thanks for all that we are.



## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

CATHY SCOTT

Committee Members: Cathy Scott (Chair), Doug Robb (Secretary), Joe Barker, Sarah Ferguson, Trish Fraser, Hugh Tope

Our functions include: opening the church on Sunday mornings and before special services, preparing and closing the sanctuary before and after worship (lights, sound system, lighting and blowing out the candles); operating the chair lift; making coffee for the Narthex; cleaning up in the pews at the end of worship; and making sure the cover is on the grand piano.

Because a few members of our team are choir members, we are assisted by “angels” from the congregation, who help as ushers and greeters, running the chair lift, lighting candles, preparing coffee and cleaning up afterwards in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting us and allowing our committee to function smoothly.

In 2018, we added a new honorary member – Harold Wortman – who volunteered to assist and light our Christ candle before every service.

I thank all the committee members for their hard work and dedication, which allows me to comfortably say, “nothing to report” at Council meetings.



# CONCERT COMMITTEE REPORT

SARAH FERGUSON, LLWL

The Members of this committee are: Sarah Ferguson, Rev. Shelley Smith, Heather Snowden, Janis Webster, and Jack White

Although there were no formal concert fundraisers in 2018, the Concert Committee has been keeping an eye out for unique musical fundraising opportunities. If you have an idea that you think would be a good fit for Delta, please don't hesitate to touch base with members of the group!



# MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

PATTIE TONI

Members: Pattie Toni, Joe Barker, Judy Brown, Rev. Shelley Smith, Marilyn Tope, Gloria Weir

The Mission and Outreach (M&O) Committee met four times over the course of 2018. Our outreach focus continued to support Edith's Pantry throughout the year. In October, we held two events that were designed to raise funds to support additional outreach and to further develop our relationship with the congregation and our community.

We had a 'soup and sandwich' luncheon after our regular church service on October 14. All food items were donated by the M&O Committee. There was no charge for congregants, but freewill offerings were accepted. We raised \$203.80 from this event.

On October 20, the M&O Committee hosted a 'Winter Outerwear' sale. All clothing items were donated by congregants and/or their families. The items were displayed in the Friendship Centre and the community was invited to attend between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and noon. The highest priced items were \$5.00. We raised \$273.70 from this event. All leftover clothing was then donated to and picked up by the Dream Centre (on Main Street in Hamilton).

Proceeds from both events were used to purchase food for Edith's Pantry and multiple Walmart Gift Cards. There is a small amount of money remaining, which we are holding in case Reverend Shelley receives requests for special items through Edith's Pantry.

The Mission and Outreach Committee continues to discuss additional ideas to support the needs of our community. We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from the Delta United Church congregation.



# DELTA UNITED CHURCH SOCIAL CLUB REPORT

KATHY BARKER

As usual, the DUSC began 2018 with a January meeting, where we played board games and generally had a good time while organizing the upcoming year's activities. This involves planning the monthly events and who will host them.

Events generally include food, fun, laughter and good conversation. Usually, in March, we prepare and serve dinner for the many clients of Wesley Centre, but this year our assigned day was actually Easter, so that DUSC date was moved to September.

During the course of 2018, once again, Hugh and Marilyn Tope and Gary and Joan Wildish hosted a "soup fest" evening; Ron and Janis Webster and Helen Martin hosted a "second annual" musical karaoke tribute to Lenny Martin, and as per our new church policy regarding alcohol use at DUC, this was a BYOB event. It was a very well enjoyed evening with no problems or issues. There were also several wine-and-cheese, and games nights in the DUC parlour.

In November, Helen Martin arranged to purchase tickets for all who were interested in seeing the musical play, *Chicago*, at the Ancaster Little Theatre. It was very well attended and highly enjoyed by many DUSC members. The performance was generally felt to be very professional and even received high praise from local critics!

Some regular favourite activities of our Club include mini-putt, followed by a BBQ, and our annual Delta family turkey/pot-luck Christmas dinner and carol sing.

While everyone in our church seems so busy doing something all of the time, it's refreshing to sit back and just enjoy each other's company for a few hours, an afternoon or an evening.

You are all certainly invited to join us. We usually meet on the third Saturday of each month from September to June.



# DELTA BOOK CLUB REPORT

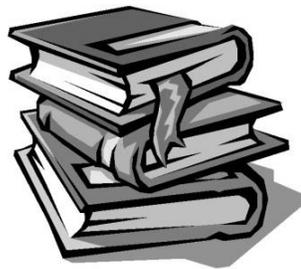
HELEN MARTIN

Delta Book Club has about a dozen members who enjoy books. Membership is informal; anyone who likes to read is welcome. Through individual interpretation of stories, we learn new things about each other.

Our club is registered with the Hamilton Public Library (HPL) and we borrow Club Kits of 12 books which include prepared discussion materials. We have them for approximately 6 weeks. Anyone is welcome to borrow a book even if you can't attend the discussion group. Sign-out sheets for HPL books are kept inside the Kit bags. The bags are kept in our little library area off the choir room.

In 2018 we read: *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh; *Ninety Percent of Everything* by Rose George; *A Year By The Sea* by Joan Anderson; *The Straight Man* by Richard Russo; *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman; *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; *The Illegal* by Lawrence Hill; and *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson.

Our own Delta 'library' has many books for lending. Check the corner bookcase outside the choir room. A sign-out sheet is available on the shelf and anyone is welcome to borrow.



# 31<sup>ST</sup> SCOUTING GROUP REPORT

TODD MARTIN, DELTA UNITED CHURCH REPRESENTATIVE

At the close of 2018, the 31<sup>st</sup> Scouting Group had a membership of 71 youth and 30 adult volunteers, for a total of 101 members. The 31<sup>st</sup> is the largest scouting group in the City of Hamilton. We are very active in the community and with our program.

In addition to our weekly meetings, we camp as a whole at least twice a month; from September to June we have planned over 20 weekends at camp. All of our sections have a mix of members from Beavers (age 5) through Cubs, Scouts, Venturers, and Rovers (a maximum age of 25). Many of our senior youth participate as full-time leaders with the younger sections.

## Scouting Group Committee

Group Commissioner: Tony Mizzi  
Administrator, H&A: Kevin Thur  
Treasurer: Cliff Vanderveen  
Popcorn: Bryan Cowell  
DUC Rep.: Todd Martin  
Members-at-Large: Keith Rice, Cam Smith, Nick Spino  
Program: Section Scouters



BEAVERS Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

Section Scouter: Karen Smith

19 Youth Members

CUBS Mondays, 6:30-8:00pm

Section Scouter: Dana McKechnie

17 Youth Members

SCOUTS Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Section Scouter: Thomas Mckechnie

22 Youth Members

VENTURERS Tuesdays, 8:00-10:00pm

Section Scouter: Jacob Bell

11 Youth Members

ROVERS Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 pm

Section Scouter: Monte MacDonald

2 Youth Members

## Leadership Recognition

Bar to the Silver Acorn: Kevin Thur, Robert Lewis, Susannah Lewis, and Todd Martin

Bar to the Medal of Merit: Keith Rice and Tony Mizzi

Bar to the Medal of Good Service: Dana McKechnie

Medal of Good Service: William Szigeti

# DELTA UNITED CHURCH WOMEN REPORT

JOYCE ROBB

Executive: Joyce Robb, (President), Helen Martin (Unit Leader), Pat Gubbins (Treasurer), Sandy Simmons (Secretary), Colleen Earl (Corresponding Secretary)

The UCW currently has nine members and meets every other month, in the Parlour. With such a small number in our group, it is difficult to maintain the level of activities and events that have been done in the past, but, with the cooperation/assistance of the Delta family we are pleased to have met our financial, social assistance, and congregational goals.

It is understood that priorities are in place as far as our congregational needs are concerned, but we are happy to support other initiatives like Wesley Centre, the Chaplaincy Fund, Haiti, and Fellowship of the Least Coin, as well as Edith's Pantry. These are concerns that we have supported for many years and follow the guidelines that we have established.

Two funerals were catered in 2018 – Shirley Pickard and Don Gray. Sometimes, adjustments have to be made because our church has a large number of rentals, but we are pleased that we can accommodate where necessary.

We have had many successes throughout 2018 and many events that proved to be financially successful. We did not have a fall rummage/yard sale, as there are so many activities at that time of year, but the Delta Family Bazaar was wonderful and the spring rummage/yard sale was very well received.

As a result, we were pleased to add \$2,000 to the amount we were able to contribute to our church, making a total of \$6,050.00.

Of course, it's not all work; we had the pot luck dinner in May for all the women of DUC and the Christmas dinner in December was catered by Trish Fraser and Sarah Ferguson.

Dorothy Hagel and Laurel Horning's game was the highlight of our May dinner. It's always surprising that the competition level is very high and a lot of fun.

We welcome all women who are interested to join our group.



# TRUSTEES' REPORT

GARY WILDISH AND DIANE PARENTE

Members: Gary Wildish (Chair), Arnold Hagel (Treasurer), Diane Parente (Secretary), Don Gray, Doug Robb, Gloria Weir, Kathy Barker, Rev. Shelley Smith

Our Trustees lost a very dear and valued member this year, with the passing of Don Gray. Don was our past chairman and a long-standing member of the Trustees. Don always gave us his perspective on any issue and made sure you looked at all options. Thanks, Don, we miss you.

The Trustees were very pleased to have two new members join us in 2018. Thank you, Kathy and Gloria.

Your Trustees continued to meet throughout 2018, either in person or by email contact, as we endeavored to monitor Delta United Church's investments (GICs) and make prudent use of the funds we had available.

This year, we gratefully received an interim amount of \$21,280.00 as a generous bequest from the estate of the late G. Howard Krick. We will also receive a final amount early in 2019, after all taxes and estate fees are settled with RBC Wealth Management. This amount should be approx. \$7,000.00. With this bequest, the Trustees have been able to top up our Manse Fund and secure these funds with GICs.

In the Fall, the Trustees loaned \$6,000.00 to the Church's General Fund, to make sure we had enough funds to pay our bills and not trip up our Line of Credit, with First Ontario Credit Union.

We have been very pleased to receive a number of Memorial Fund donations, that allow us to keep a positive balance in our Trustee General Account. Thanks to all, for your continued support.

The following page is our Financial Report, for the year ending December 31, 2018, showing our First Ontario Credit Union balance of \$13,328.42, and a complete summary of our GIC investments.



# TRUSTEES' 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ARNOLD HAGEL

	2018	2017	2016
<b>Bank balance January 1</b>	<b>\$15728.42</b>	<b>8893.42</b>	<b>25573.42</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
1. Memorials	\$2195.00	\$3740.00	\$3630.00
2. GIC interest	684.62	1728.78	2187.51
3. GIC		20000.00	
4. Share dividend credit			5.00
5. Estates	26280.00		
6. Donation	500.00		
7. Rental - Ontario election	655.40		
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$30315.02</b>	<b>\$25468.78</b>	<b>\$5822.51</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>			
1. Manse (GIC) interest	\$1004.62	\$2103.78	\$1812.51
2. Loan to Church	6000.00		20000.00
3. Memorials to Church		500.00	635.00
4. GIC	25000.00	16000.00	
5. Bank Fees	45.00	30.00	60.00
6. Election rental to church	665.40		
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$32715.02</b>	<b>\$18633.78</b>	<b>\$22507.51</b>
<b>Bank Balance, Dec. 31</b>	<b>\$13328.42</b>	<b>\$15728.42</b>	<b>\$8888.42</b>

<b>GICs</b>		
<b>Financial Institution</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Maturity</b>
Effort Trust	\$15000.00	Nov. 18, 2019
Effort Trust	\$20000.00	Jan. 30, 2019
Effort Trust	\$25000.00	Mar. 15, 2021
First Ontario	\$16320.00	Oct. 27, 2019
First Ontario	\$40680.00	Jan. 10, 2019

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## APPENDICES

### A. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR YEAR 2017

**January 28, 2018, 10:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Delta United Church**

**Present:** (49) Rev. Shelley Smith, Mitch Wilson, Colleen Earl, Sandra Simmons, Pat Gubbins, Laurel Baiey, Jos Bailey, Janis Webster, Ian Morrison, Shiona Mackenzie, Anne Haberl Baxter, Harold Wortman, Heather McLeod, Joe Barker, Kathy Barker, Judy Brown, Joan Wildish, Gary Wildish, Bob Penner, Jack White, Gloria Weir, Marilyn Tope, Hugh Tope, Cathy Scott, Diane Parente, Tiffany Janssen-McTaggart, Phyllis Campbell, Helen Martin, Joyce Robb, Pattie Toni, Sylvia Richards, June Peace, Bill Urie, Karen Street, Julie Street, Pat Hodgson, John Macleod, Margaret Macleod, Laurel Horning, Arnold Hagel, Thora Ellis, Mhairi Holmes, Kathy North, David McCoy, Kathy Nixon, Syd Fraser, Trish Fraser, Heather Snowden, Julie Gibson, Doug Robb.

**Greetings from the Chairperson of Church Council:** Joe Barker thanked everyone for their assistance. He emphasized the importance of our attendance at and participation in our Year 2017 Annual Meeting and extended congratulations for the challenges met this past year.

#### **Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the Year 2017 Annual Meeting**

- Moved by Mitch Wilson and seconded by Pattie Toni, that Doug Robb chair the annual meeting.

Carried

- Moved by Kathy Barker and seconded by June Peace that Julie Gibson record the minutes.

Carried

#### **Eligibility of Voting Privileges**

- Moved by Joyce Robb, seconded by Gloria Weir, that voting privileges include adherents.

Carried

#### **Adoption of Agenda for Year 2017 Annual Meeting (held Jan 28, 2018)**

The following reports were added to the agenda:

- ✓ 2017 Year-end Financial Statement
- ✓ Proposed Budget 2018
- ✓ Nominating Report
- Motion to adopt Agenda by Joe Barker and seconded by Kathy Barker.

Carried.

#### **Approval of Minutes from Year 2016 Annual Meeting held January 29, 2017.**

- Approval moved by Mitch Wilson, seconded by Janis Webster.

Carried.

**Devotional Moment:** Rev. Shelley blessed our meeting and we paused to remember our Church members who died in 2017: Aileen Zavitz, Julie Gray, Bill Liggett, Bob MacDougall, Margaret MacQueen, Vi Liggett.

**Financial Report 2017:** Gloria Weir, Treasurer, reviewed the printed Financial Report.

- Gloria Weir made the motion to accept report. Jack White seconded the motion.

Carried.

**Presentation of Budget for 2018:** Gloria Weir, Treasurer, explained the budget. She made the point that with improvements such as air conditioning, new flooring, and new LED lights the building becomes more desirable for potential renters. Gary Wildish shared that there will be more improvements in Memorial Hall due to a grant obtained by the Kiwanis Program.

- Gloria Weir, Treasurer, made the motion to accept Budget for 2018. Seconded by Diane Parente.

Carried.

**Approval of Committee Reports:** The following Reports were addressed with accompanying comments.

Ministry and Personnel: Bill Urie took this time to recognize Delta staff. He also expressed appreciation for the efforts of the committee.

Crown Point: DUC volunteer, Julie Gibson, informed us that the CP group is looking for a permanent location for their monthly meetings.

Roll Clerk Report: Joyce Robb provided a list showing active membership, changes in church family and congregants who died in 2017.

Members of the nominating committee were: Joyce Robb, Judy Brown, and Sarah Ferguson.

- ✓ Chair for 2018/2019 Sarah Ferguson
- ✓ Secretary for 2018/2019 Anne Haberl Baxter
- ✓ Treasurer: Pattie Toni

- Joyce Robb made motion for adoption of nominating report. Seconded by Joe Barker.

Carried.

- Motion made by Joe Barker to accept committee reports. Seconded by Bill Urie.

Carried.

- Motion by Jack White to elect all names of people. Seconded by Helen Martin.

Carried.

Nominating Committee for 2019:

- ✓ Joe Barker
- ✓ Helen Martin
- ✓ Council to pick one member from Council

**New Business:** None

**Moment of Recognition and Thanks:** Joe Barker thanked people who brought food and snacks for the meeting as well as thanking those who opened the church today. Thanks were given to Rev. Shelley, Heather, Shiona, Denise, Bob, and Mike.

**Closing words from new Chairperson, Sarah Ferguson**

- Motion by Sarah Ferguson to adjourn meeting at 1:00pm. Seconded by Mitch Wilson.

Carried.

~ Respectfully submitted by Julie Gibson, Year 2017 AGM Secretary

## B. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2018 MINUTES

**May 20, 2018, 11:30 a.m. - Sanctuary, Delta United Church**

**Present:** (41) Ameriga S. Alonzo, Josh Bailey, Judy Brown, Doug Caldwell (Hamilton Presbytery), Phyllis Campbell, Colleen Earl, Thora Ellis, Sarah Ferguson, Syd Fraser, Trish Fraser, Julie Gibson, Arnold Hagel, Mhairi Holmes, Tiffany Janssen-McTaggart, Terry-Lee Kovacs, Lu Lenz, Robert Lewis, Helen Martin, John MacLeod, Margaret MacLeod, Heather McLeod, Kathy North, June Peace, Doug Robb, Joyce Robb, Sandra Simmons, Rev. Shelley Smith, Heather Snowden, Karen Street, Julie Street, Susan Travers, Hugh Tope, Marilyn Tope, Janis Webster, Ron Webster, Gloria Weir, Jack White, Joan Wildish, Mitch Wilson, Tori Wilson, Harold Wortman.

### **Call to Order & Opening Remarks: Meeting Chairperson, Doug Robb**

Doug as Chairperson carries from Annual General Meeting in February 2018 and Helen Martin will act as Secretary.

Doug welcomed the congregation and Doug Caldwell, Pastoral Relations representative of Hamilton Presbytery. Doug explained this meeting is an update from Congregational Meeting held October 15, 2017.

At that meeting, by ballot, the Congregation approved the following motion made by the Steering Committee formed in September 2016, to review the 2017 Budget and Delta's looming deficit.

*"that we direct Ministry and Personnel to proceed with Steering Committee Recommendation of ¾-time Ministry."*

### **Update Report on Joint Needs Assessment Committee: Sarah Ferguson, Council Chair**

Sarah thanked the congregation, Doug and Helen for their attendance and contribution. She also welcomed Doug Caldwell.

**JANUARY** At the 2017 January Council Meeting, after the recommendations from the October Congregational Meeting, Ministry and Personnel elected: Joe Barker, Bill Urie, Sarah Ferguson, and Jack White to initiate the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) with Presbytery and Rev. Shelley.

Jean Bethune and Rev. Robin Wilke were designated as the representatives from Presbytery Pastoral Relations.

At the end of January, Joe Barker, DUC Council Chair, submitted our updated financial information that was requested by the Finance Committee of Hamilton Presbytery as part of the JNAC Procedure.

**FEBRUARY** The JNAC committee met twice working through the JNAC process.

**MARCH** On March 8, David Dawson, Chair of the Presbytery's Finance Committee sent a letter to Jean Bethune, our Presbytery rep from Pastoral Relations, and to Joe Barker, which was then forwarded to the rest of the JNAC.

The letter discussed the new situation that Delta finds ourselves in and recommended the following:

*The Finance Committee of Hamilton Presbytery having reviewed the finances of Delta believes that congregation has the funds to delay the implementation of reducing Rev. Shelley Smith's salary and therefore amending the call. The Board and Congregation may revisit this situation when the financial situation at Delta returns to having the deficits they had up to 2016.*

At that time, the scheduled third meeting of the JNAC was postponed so that this information could be brought to Council to seek direction.

Also at this time, Sarah Ferguson spoke to Jean about what postponing the implementation of the ¾-time call would look like. Sarah sent a letter to David Dawson at the request of the Delta members of the JNAC on March 31<sup>st</sup> asking for clarification around how Presbytery's Finance Committee arrived at its recommendations.

**APRIL** David Dawson responds with a clarification email of which the key points are:

- This financial review is to be a second ears and eyes for the board, congregation... It is not the final say.... It is advice.
- The rationale for delaying the change in pastoral relations was due to recent financial changes that were not known at the time of the original request in November.
- Have these positive financial occurrences brought long-term financial stability? – No.
- A delay of changing the call for nine months to eighteen months in the belief of the Finance Committee will not have a significant change to Delta's long-term financial situation and may allow Delta time to develop additional strategic options.

The information from the conversation with Jean Bethune, the initial letter from the Finance Committee of Hamilton Presbytery, and the clarification letter were all presented to Council at the Council meeting on April 18 2018.

- The Council voted by ballot. The vote was in favour, by a significant majority, to maintain Rev. Shelley Smith at full-time.
- Reducing to ¾ time ministry could be re-visited in the future if and when needed.

After that Council meeting, an email was sent to Jean Bethune, Rev. Shelley, and the rest of the JNAC informing them of Council's decision.

**MAY** Presbytery then called for the Congregational meeting (the Secretary of Presbytery, Rev. Ross Hibbered was informed) and it was determined that a vote was not required because Rev. Shelly Smith's call remains status quo. However, the importance of being transparent by keeping the congregation informed about DUC's financial situation and the decisions made by the Council was seen as important by Council.

### **Questions and Comments Regarding the Update**

**Q:** Ameriga Alonzo - What financial improvements have led to this decision?

**A:** Doug and Sarah - 2 large bequeaths were received and new tenant, Cornerstones, has made a substantial difference to Delta's income. They pay \$1800 monthly, with a yearly contract. Trish Fraser described the Cornerstones daily program in our Friendship Centre, as a therapeutic gathering of approx.10-15 young adults with special needs. Mitch Wilson credited Gary Wildish's efforts for our rental successes and Council's monthly updates on Powerpoint are appreciated.

**Q:** Terry Kovacs asked about the cancellation of our Fall Rummage/Garage Sale.

**A:** Joyce Robb responded that the following activities are scheduled close together in the Fall: Wesley Dinner, an Outerwear Sale, and Bazaar preparations.

Sarah Ferguson offered the availability of David Dawson's complete letter for anyone that wished to see it. She concluded her report with appreciation for this outcome and that Rev. Shelley will be able to continue with us.

Response was applause.

**Closing Remarks:** Doug thanked everyone for their questions and co-operation.

**Closing Prayer:** Sarah Ferguson

**Motion to Adjourn:** 11:55 a.m., Hugh Tope

~ Respectfully submitted by Helen Martin

## C. COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

### 1) Board of Trustees

- responsible for all property, including the sale, maintenance, new building and use of said property, because the title to all property is in their names
- maintains and invests all funds that are donated as a memorial, or gathered from the sale of church assets

### 2) Finance

- maintains and deploys the assets of the congregation to fulfill the mission of the congregation
- secures contributions for the current expenses of the local congregation, including the salary of staff, presbytery allocations, and the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada
- disburses the money received for these purposes according to a congregationally approved budget
- secures contributions from participants through regular giving, including pre-authorized remittance (PAR)
- presents regular reports on the condition of finances and property to each meeting of the Board

### 3) Ministry and Personnel (M&P)

- provides a confidential consultative and supportive agency for the staff of the church and for members and adherents of the congregation(s)
- reviews working conditions and remuneration for all staff
- oversees the relationship among staff and all members of the congregation
- annually reviews and evaluates staff
- regularly reviews the responsibilities of all staff of the pastoral charge and revises position descriptions when requested by the Board/Council

### 4) Mission and Outreach (Community/World Engagement)

- oversees the outreach of the congregation in evangelism and social action within the community, city, country, and world

### 5) Pastoral Care

- ensures those within our church family who require special attention and prayer are taken care of
- ensures the cards are sent during special occasions

6) Property

- manages maintenance of the building, both inside and out
- manages maintenance of the all equipment
- secures, maintains, and works with all renters of the building

7) Service

- coordinates opening the doors and the sanctuary, setting up the microphones, making and setting up pre-service coffee and tea, turning on the lights, lighting candles
- ensures all is put away, turned off, closed, and candles blown out at the end of service
- mans the chair lift before and after each Sunday service

8) Worship and Christian Education

- coordinates the Christian education of all – young and old
- coordinates worship and special services
- keeps the roll of the congregation and a record of children and adherents
- keeps the register of baptisms, marriages, and burials

