Sharon-Hope United Church

2014 Annual Report

Journeying Together in Faith

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Capital Campaign	Cathleen Carrel
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Business Operations Ministry:	**Vacant**
Accessibility	Rod Fullerton
Finance and Stewardship	Rod Fullerton
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Ministry and Personnel	Raymond Mark
Property	Munro Armstrong
Mission Ministry:	**Laurie Cook**
Communication	Pearce Thomas
Mission and Service	Laurie Cook
Outreach	Dyanne Marlock
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Christian Education	Rev. Kathi Phillips
Church School	Wendy MacEachern
Congregational Life	Linda Coyle
Health	Lynn Mitanoff
Membership	Cathy Sweezie
Music	Bob Leonard
Noah's Ark	Dale Knight-Mannell
Pastoral Care	Rev. Kathi Phillips / Donna Corbett
Worship	Phil Mannell / Stephen Robertson
Trustees	Jim Greig, Kent Beattie, Terry Evans, John Parkin
Staff members:	
Minister	Reverend Kathi Phillips
Secretary	Margaret Shropshire
Parish Nurse	Donna Corbett
Music Director	Bob Leonard
Caretaker	Greg Gourlie

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Minister's Report

I Love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
Katherine Hankey VU 343

There is something in our nature that just loves a good story. Our parents instinctively knew that telling us a story could help us make the transition from a busy day to bed time. Our ancestors used stories to explain the world around them and to pass on their history to new generations. In the church we use the stories of the Bible to teach about our faith and to understand our relationship with God.

An annual report is like telling a story – the story of the past year in our church life. It's a wonderful story about a faithful people and how we express that faith in our words and actions, both within our walls and outside, in the community and around the world. It is, at its most basic, a love story – the love our God has for us and the love we share in response.

Our story of the past year has been a happy one - as you read this report you will see the many ways that life is bubbling up in and through our faith family: Donna Corbett, our parish nurse, and the Health Committee; the prayer shawl ministry; 2 study groups - Monday evening and Thursday morning; our Cooperative Church camp; Messy Church; Men @ Sharon-Hope (M@SH); and Youth Group. The Visioning Team and Capital Campaign Committee are both helping us to move more intentionally toward our future. Our dinners and fundraising events brought us closer together as we supported the work of the church. Noah's Ark continues in their very special ministry of nurturing the youngest of our community. We worshipped in diverse ways with beautiful music, thanks to our music director, Bob Leonard, both choirs, and the gifts of many musical guests. We celebrated when we welcomed new members. I conducted 5 baptisms and was also very pleased to officiate at 6 weddings in 2014.

There were stories of loss as I conducted 10 funerals. Some of these folks were long-time members of our congregation; some were community members without a faith family of their own. As a congregation, we do our best to walk with those in the midst of grief. We offer them hope in their darkness. We accompany them in their pain and allow them, if only for a short time, to lean on our strength and faith which comes from God.

There were other losses within our congregation this year: Some of our church family struggled with issues of ill-health and aging. Some lost jobs, some relationships ended. This year I provided much more pastoral care in these types of situations. I tried to provide an ear to hear, a hand to hold, a shoulder to lean on and a voice of hope when there seemed to be none. And always there are hugs – a sign of support - God's embracing of both of us. I have been humbled this year by the trust that people have placed in me and I have thanked God for each and every one of you - for your ability to reach out and share your stories with me. Through our times together we have witnessed the moving of the Spirit and for that I am grateful.

The story of my ministry has included two very different experiences of continuing education. I hope that these courses help me to be a better minister.

I am in the final months of my term as Chair of Living Waters Presbytery. I have enjoyed this wonderful opportunity to serve the wider church and I am very excited about attending the General Council this August as delegates from across Canada meet in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland and Labrador. I am certain there will be some very interesting stories to share from that week!

I feel so blessed to have been called to serve this faith community, you are truly family to me and I look forward in joyful anticipation to see what story the Spirit has in mind for us in 2015.

Shalom,

Kathi

Message from the Executive Chair

As I end my final year of a three year term as Executive Chair of the Triune board, I reflect back and am amazed at how much has changed over that period. Three years ago, I accepted the position with a lot of fear and trepidation and, as I stand at the end of this part of the journey, I feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity for personal growth and community service.

The little church in the small village of Sharon is no more and we must be ready as we become a big church in the rapidly expanding Town of East Gwillimbury. Let's not ever forget what enabled our growth … the fact that we are a warm, welcoming and comfortable place to worship as a faith family.

2014 was another year of significant accomplishments, a few of which are noted below:

- The Capital Campaign continued to gain momentum with strong commitments from the congregation followed by the approval of a Trillium grant to push us to our goal.
- The Business Operations Ministry, in spite of some personnel struggles, kept the church personnel, the property management, and financial reporting supported and maintained.
- A Memorial Fund policy was established and is now in place. Some items on the approved usage list are already delivered and more items will be purchased soon thanks to a very generous bequest received late in the year.
- A Historical Motions Log was created and is reviewed on a quarterly basis ensuring that we, as a congregation, continue to honour past commitments and decisions made as a collective body.
- A same Sex marriage policy was created with input and feedback from the congregation and is now in place.

In addition, the church hosted many fundraising events, concerts, movie nights, seminars, study groups, gatherings and other events both driving revenue for the church and outreach for the community. Our generosity of spirit shone through as we continued to give to our communities and beyond. One thing that remains unchanged, amidst the significant change we continue to experience, is that none of this growth is done without great creativity, commitment and amazing volunteerism and of course a good roadmap to effectively manage priorities.

Many thanks go out to the executive team who put their heart and soul into everything they do on behalf of our church. Some of those hardworking folks have agreed to stay on for another term, some will be staying on in different capacities, and some will be taking a much deserved rest, myself included.

Our amazing church staff work effectively together and the board continues to address the governance surrounding all church positions.

The church continues to grow on the strength of its many volunteers. It is each and every one of you that make this Church a welcoming, spiritual and fun place to be.

I thank each and every one of you who have served faithfully this past year and helped us to continue to journey together in faith as a healthy and vibrant congregation and I encourage you all to continue to put forth what you can in helping our church be the best we can be.

“I always wondered why someone didn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody". – Joyce Flaugher

Yours in faith,

Cathleen Carrel, Executive Chair

Business Operations Ministry

2014 was a year of leadership struggles for the Business Operations Ministry. We started off the year with new and effective leadership at the helm and, based on personal decisions, the ministry found itself without a leader for the latter half of the year.

Thanks to the chairs of the Ministry & Personnel, Finance, and Property committees, each of the pillars under the Business Operations Ministry continued to manage to the best of their abilities given resource and leadership constraints.

The rental of Hope House went through a change that was very effectively and efficiently managed, and we continue to receive a good steady and reliable source of income from the property.

Thanks to the Facility Management our church continues to be a very active and busy place to meet.

As we move into 2015, and with accessibility being a part of the Capital Campaign Strategy, more work will be done on ensuring our premises and our accessibility policy align with regulatory and community needs.

Individual committee reports follow.

Submitted by Cathleen Carrel on behalf of Business Operations Ministry.

The Office

2014 was a very exciting year full of changes in the Office. It is encouraging to see this new momentum, trying new things and not staying with the status quo. It is good to change things up, not holding back and exploring new opportunities, getting away from the “we’ve always done it this way” syndrome.

We had the opportunity to learn how to create a website and keep it updated weekly. We assisted a variety of committees with their programs in an administrative function, preparing mailings, selling tickets for functions and designing brochures for church use. Check the back of the pews to view one of our many efforts “Welcome to Our Church”, which is updated quarterly.

Rentals have increased and continue to be a strong part of our duties. We are the face of the church that everyone meets first, Public Relations Ambassadors, as it were.

Our duties also included running a successful Cooperative Church Camp.

Sharon-Hope United has much to offer you, your family, friends and our surrounding community. You can see, by browsing the weekly calendar in each Sunday worship bulletin or from the Sharon-Hope United website, that Sharon-Hope is a busy church.

If you have any ideas where you feel savings/improvements can be realized, discuss it with the appropriate Committee Chair or email the office administrator with your thoughts so they may be forwarded for discussion.

Regards,

Margaret Shropshire, c.a.m., Office Administrator, and Gay Van Caeyzeele, Volunteer

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Members of the Ministry and Personnel committee were:

- Mary Belyea and Susan Brown-Krueger - liaison to Margaret Shropshire, Secretary
- Don Mitanoff - liaison to Bob Leonard, Music Director
- Raymond Mark - liaison to Rev. Kathi Phillips, Minister

The evaluation of our Minister in 2014 was more extensive and the process started with Rev. Phillips and Raymond Mark attending a workshop in Alliston.

Part of our duties included performance evaluations of staff members. Staff, as in previous years, performed at a high level and contributed to the positive growth of the church. Our committee met on a monthly basis to discuss congregational feedback and needs for mediation. The evaluation of Rev. Phillips included input from all committee members; Rev. Phillips contributed her own self-assessment, and the committee met weekly to discuss a final report. There also was congregation input into her evaluation.

In 2014 the committee welcomed Susan Brown-Krueger and Don Mitanoff as new members. They will be continuing on for the remainder of their three year term. Mary Belyea and Raymond Mark have resigned from the committee after four years. I thank Mary for her hard work and service to the committee over the past four years. The committee will be in good hands with Susan and Don. If any member of the congregation has any questions with regards to personnel issues they should contact the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Yours in Christ,

Raymond Mark, Chair, Ministry & Personnel Committee

Property Committee

Wow! Is this 2015 already? It seems I was just doing this report for the last A.G.M. I am extremely pleased with our Property Committee:

- Jim Greig is a huge support.
- Hugh Tupker, our in-house electrician is always at the ready to do what he can.
- Terry Evans will help at any given notice.

- Kevin Shropshire is always in the background supporting as needed.
- Bloise Thomson – I did not leave Bloise until last for any other reason than he is the most senior member of our Great team. He also has the wisdom only bestowed onto the very best. Bloise, we could not do it without your guidance so thank you!

We, the Property Committee, have had a fun year. We did very much miss the leadership of the Operations Chair, Todd Telford. Our ship has been without a captain and we all know how that works out.

All in all, the Property Committee is pleased to report that we are still very enthused to keep this as beautiful a structure and grounds as possible.

During the year:

- Occupancy notifications were posted.
- Trees and shrubs were kept manicured.
- Gardens continue to look great thanks to Blois, Jim and the Pilkington's.
- The Water Feature in the Memory Garden came to fruition along with the custom made benches.
- The arches of both the East and South entrance were repaired.
- Badly needed carpet cleaning occurred.
- Lawn maintenance & snow removal was always top notch.
- The kitchen was beautified thanks to Jim & Carolyn Greig and helpers.
- The dishwasher was maintained.
- Excellent new tenants arrived in the Hope House thanks to the rental committee.
- Excellence continued in the custodial area.

The list goes on and on although there is always something needing attention.

The coming year is looking to be of great happening with the implementation of the Capital Campaign funds. The Property Committee is excited and like always, up for the challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Munro Armstrong, Chair, Property Committee

Finance and Stewardship Committee

{note: due to family health issues, we were not able to complete this report this year}

Rod Fullerton, Chair, Financial Stewardship Committee

Sharon-Hope United Church
Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited
As of December 31, 2014

(stated in Canadian $)	General	Memorial	Memory Garden	Repairs & Maintenance	2014 Total	2013 Total
ASSETS						
Cash	(12,593)	71,930	4,249	203,547	267,133	114,968
GIC's (Note 1)	-	20,999	-	70,940	91,939	18,712
Prepaid amounts	105	-	-	-	105	105
HST recoverable (Note 2)	18,818	-	367	-	19,185	13,992
Loan Receivable - Hope House (Note 3)	-	17,098	-	-	17,098	22,498
Loan Receivable - Operating Deficit (Note 3)	-	6,778	-	-	6,778	8,065
Office equipment	1,392	-	-	-	1,392	568
Hope House (Note 4)	92,951	-	-	-	92,951	92,951
TOTAL ASSETS	100,673	116,805	4,616	274,487	496,581	271,859
LIABILITIES & FUNDS						
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	92
Tenant deposit	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	-
Loan Payable - Hope House (Note 3)	17,098	-	-	-	17,098	22,498
Loan Payable - Operating Deficit (Note 3)	6,778	-	-	-	6,778	8,065
TUCC Mortgage (Note 4)	92,951	-	-	-	92,951	92,951
TOTAL LIABILITIES	118,027	-	-	-	118,027	123,606
FUND BALANCE	(17,354)	116,805	4,616	274,487	378,554	148,253
TOTAL LIABILITES & FUNDS	100,673	116,805	4,616	274,487	496,581	271,859

BANK RECONCILIATION:					
Balance per bank, December 31, 2014	245,510	6,569	345	29,451	281,875
Less uncleared cheques	(15,049)	-	-	-	(15,049)
Less amounts to be transferred	(245,054)				(245,054)
Plus amounts to be transferred	-	65,361	3,904	174,096	243,361
Plus uncleared deposit	2,000				2,000
Balance per records, December 31, 2014	(12,593)	71,930	4,249	203,547	267,133

Sharon-Hope United Church
Statement of Revenue and Expense - Operations - Unaudited
For the year ending December 31, 2014

(stated in Canadian $)	2015 Budget	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2013 Actual (Note 5)	Change 2013 to 2014 Actual
REVENUE					
Donations	119,500	129,900	113,171	129,673	(16,502)
Mission & Service	13,400	13,400	13,383	13,043	340
Fund raising events	20,010	21,140	18,286	15,087	3,199
Facility rentals & catering	16,000	19,200	15,925	17,350	(1,425)
Hope House rent	14,400	11,000	10,800	10,550	250
Co-operative Church Camp	1,000	1,500	832	1,556	(724)
Noah's Ark	-	2,000	-	2,000	(2,000)
Messy Church	1,200	-	660	905	(245)
TOTAL REVENUE	185,510	198,140	173,057	190,164	(17,107)
EXPENSE					
Pastoral Care	95,057	90,123	90,709	86,059	4,650
Worship	23,400	25,640	21,541	22,227	(686)
Christian Development	1,200	2,850	1,075	1,140	(65)
Communications	2,350	3,000	2,088	1,580	508
Hope House	4,700	5,420	5,434	32,597	(27,163)
Property maintenance	22,150	28,550	20,278	16,153	4,125
Insurance	9,500	9,500	8,972	9,122	(150)
Utilities	9,300	9,435	9,095	8,039	1,056
Office & general	5,550	4,650	5,244	6,278	(1,034)
Mission & Service	13,400	13,400	13,383	13,038	345
Presbytery dues	6,340	5,522	5,738	5,522	216
Telephone	2,500	2,500	2,408	2,426	(18)
Other	-	300	315	4,826	(4,511)
TOTAL EXPENSE	195,447	200,890	186,280	209,007	(22,727)
REVENUE LESS EXPENSE	(9,937)	(2,750)	(13,223)	(18,843)	5,620
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR			(4,131)	14,712	
BALANCE, END OF YEAR			(17,354)	(4,131)	

Sharon-Hope United Church
Statement of Revenue and Expense - Restricted Funds - Unaudited
For the year ending December 31, 2014

(stated in Canadian $)	Memorial	Memory Garden	Repairs & Maintenance R&M	Repairs & Maintenance Capital Campaign	2014 Total	2013 Total
REVENUE						
Receipts (Note 6)	70,350	3,334	1,605	50,902	75,289	79,428
Interest	286	-	1	940	287	608
Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant (Note 7)	-	-	-	120,000	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	70,636	3,334	1,606	171,842	75,576	80,036
EXPENSE						
Music Folders	433	-	-	-	433	-
Offering plates	600	-	-	-	600	-
Offering plates engraving	74	-	-	-	74	-
Trellis	-	2,001	-	-	2,001	1,356
Plants	-	252	-	-	252	-
Electrical wiring	-	248	-	-	248	-
Capital Campaign Kick-Off	-	-	-	-	-	482
Fountain stone	-	-	-	-	-	1,711
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,107	2,501	-	-	3,608	3,549
REVENUE LESS EXPENSE	69,529	833	1,606	171,842	71,968	76,487
TRANSFER (NOTE 6)	(2,500)	-	2,500	-	-	-
TRANSFER GIC INTEREST (NOTE 3)	(286)	-	-	-	(286)	(462)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	50,062	3,783	23,830	74,709	152,384	76,359
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	116,805	4,616	27,936	246,551	224,066	152,384
			274,487			

Sharon-Hope United Church
Statement of Cash Flows - Unaudited
As of December 31, 2014

(stated in Canadian $)	General	Memorial	Memory Garden	Repairs & Maintenance	Capital Campaign	2014 Total
Sources (uses) of cash:						
Excess of revenue over expenditures	(13,223)	69,529	833	1,606	171,842	230,587
Memorial Fund GIC interest to be transfered	(286)	-	-	-	-	(286)
Other cash receipts (payments):						
HST recoverable on 2014 expenditures	(4,975)	-	(218)	-	-	(5,193)
Office equipment purchased	(824)	-	-	-	-	(824)
2013 Accounts payable paid in 2014	(92)	-	-	-	-	(92)
Tenant deposit received	1,200	-	-	-	-	1,200
Transfers	(7,500)	-	-	7,500	-	-
Loan payment for Operating Deficit	1,000	(1,000)	-	-	-	-
Increase in cash for the year	(24,700)	68,529	615	9,106	171,842	225,392
Cash, beginning of year	12,107	5,688	3,634	18,830	74,709	114,968
GIC, beginning of year	-	18,712	-	-	-	18,712
Total, end of year	(12,593)	92,929	4,249	27,936	246,551	359,072
Represented by:						
Cash, end of year	(12,593)	71,930	4,249	27,936	175,611	267,133
GIC, end of year	-	20,999	-	-	70,940	91,939
Total, end of year	(12,593)	92,929	4,249	27,936	246,551	359,072

Sharon-Hope United Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

1. **GIC'S**

	Memorial Fund	Capital Campaign
Balance, beginning of year	33,760	-
Transfer to bank	(15,351)	-
Interest earned	590	940
Purchase	2,000	70,000
Balance, end of year	20,999	70,940
Interest rate at year end	1.50%	1.45%
Matures on:	3-Nov-15	27-Jan-15
Cashable 90 days		

2. **HST Recoverable**

	2014	2013
2011	5,093	5,093
2012	3,575	3,575
2013	5,324	5,324
2014	5,193	-
	19,185	13,992

HST returns for 2011 and 2012 were submitted.

3. **Loans Receivable/Payable**

	Hope House	Operating Deficit
Funds advanced - 2007	-	15,000
2008 transactions	-	-
2009 transactions	-	(1,000)
2010 transactions	-	(1,845)
2011 transactions	-	(1,328)
2012 transactions	1,500	(1,301)
2013 transactions	20,998	(1,462)
2014 transactions	(5,400)	(1,286)
	17,098	6,778

Loans are non-interest bearing.

Operating Deficit Loan

Commencing in 2009, $1,000 was to be paid from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund. Thereafter, interest earned on the Memorial Fund GIC was applied along with the $1,000 payment as a reduction of the loan.

Hope House Loan

Loan repayment terms are one-half of rent received from tenant(s) will be applied against the loan until repaid.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

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4. **Hope House/TUCC Mortgage**

Presbytery arranged to have the mortgage on the Sharon-Hope Church building forgiven in 2008. A condition of the debt forgiveness was that, if sold, sale proceeds of the Scott Property (now named Hope House) would be applied to the forgiven mortgage balance. The cost shown for the Hope House reflects its value as a debt forgiveness asset. This value does not reflect the real cost or fair value of the property.

5. **Comparative figures**

Certain amounts were changed to conform with current presentation and to correct allocations between accounts.

6. **Memorial Fund receipts & transfer**

2014 receipts are segregated from pre-2014 funds to assist in monitoring the following policy. Per policy, up to $2,500 of Memorial Funds received up to December 31, 2013 will be transferred to the Repairs & Maintenance Fund providing a minimum balance of $20,000 remains.

7. **Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant**

A grant of $120,000 was received from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in December. The grant is in support of capital renovations consisting of roof replacement, insulation, and paving the parking lot. Any unspent grant funds must be returned to the OTF unless the OTF has given prior written approval. Any violation of the grant agreement will require all unspent funds to be returned to the OTF. Any use of grant funds, for other than the designated purpose, must be repaid to the OTF.

Envelope Secretary

This is my sixth and final year reporting to you as your Envelope Secretary. I am pleased to report Dianne Pegg will assume responsibility for this important role in 2015.

The Envelope Secretary is primarily responsible for recording and reporting the weekly offering and other donations received during the course of the year, for maintaining the donation record, printing and distributing the year-end donation tax receipts, and overseeing the Counting Committee. Responsibility for conducting the weekly count is shared amongst the members of the Counting Committee. Two members of the Committee are involved in the count each Sunday. The members of the Committee approach their responsibilities with a view to accuracy, integrity and, above all, confidentiality.

In 2014 the Counting Committee was comprised of Maryann Patterson, Kenneth Irizawa, Don Mitanoff, Michael Kelly, Carolyn Greig and me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee for their efforts this past year and for their support and commitment to this Committee over the past several years.

Tom Pilkington, Envelope Secretary

Donation Levels by Identifiable Givers

The information presented in this section is based on the number of regular identifiable givers to Sharon-Hope and includes only donations made to the General Fund or the M & S Fund during the year. Other gifts, such as donations to the Capital Campaign and other Church funds, are excluded since the purpose is to show donations to on-going operations. For this report, a “regular identifiable giver” is defined as someone we can identify who made at least two gifts to the General Fund and/or the M & S Fund during the year.

Donation Levels and Number of Identified Givers at Each Level

Per Annum	Per Week	2014		2013	
		#	%	#	%
$5,000 and over	$96.14 and over	2	2.0%	3	3.0%
$4,000 - $4,999	$76.91 - $96.13	3	3.0%	3	3.0%
$3,000 - $3,999	$57.68 - $76.90	2	2.0%	3	3.0%
$2,500 - $2,999	$48.07 - $57.67	4	4.0%	3	3.0%
$2,000 - $2,499	$38.45 - $48.06	12	12.0%	10	10.1%
$1,500 - $1,999	$28.84 - $38.44	8	8.0%	10	10.1%
$1,000 - $1,499	$19.22 - $28.83	11	11.0%	14	14.1%
$500 - $999	$9.61 - $19.21	24	24.0%	21	21.2%
$0 - $499	$0.00 - $9.60	34	34.0%	32	32.3%
		100	100.0%	99	100.0%

	2014	2013
Total number of regular givers	100	99
Total contributions they made to operations	$122,123	$132,156
Average contribution per regular giver	$1,221	$1,335

"Raise the Roof" Capital Campaign Committee

We are in the middle of a three year Capital Campaign to raise money to pay for some important Church property projects, including improvements to the roof of the Church building, replacing the parking lot, and improved accessibility. The Sharon-Hope Capital Campaign Committee has been working diligently to obtain the funds we need. During 2014, we focused on the following activities:

- Gathering funds pledged by the Congregation towards the Campaign
- Obtaining current estimates of the costs associated with the various projects with input from Property Committee
- Reaching out to the local business community to participate in our Campaign
- Identifying public and private grant-making organizations to approach
- Beginning to develop a time-line with Property Committee for when funds will be available to commence work on the projects

The generosity of our Congregation towards the Campaign has been simply overwhelming. Total Congregation pledges reached $164,681. By the end of 2014, we had received $123,984 of the

pledged funds. Most of the remaining $40,697 in pledged funds is expected to be received in 2015 with some receipts extending into 2016.

In July, we made an application for an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant. The Trillium Foundation is one of Canada's leading charitable grant-making foundations, working with others to make strategic investments to build healthy, caring and economically strong Ontario communities.

In November, we received notification from the Trillium Foundation that our application was approved for a matching grant of $120,000 towards the roof and parking lot expenditures. This is really good news. Added to the funds pledged from our Congregation, the Trillium grant will certainly help ensure the overall campaign is a success. It also means we may be able to begin work on the projects one year earlier than planned, which is really good news!

We still have a lot of work to do, but we wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued participation in the “Raise the Roof” Capital Campaign!

If you have any questions about the Capital Campaign, please contact any member of the Campaign Committee or the Church Office.

Sharon-Hope Capital Campaign Committee – Cathleen Carrel (Chair), Jon Anderson, Laurie Cook, Rod Fullerton, Carolyn Greig, Lynn Jewell, Glen Langford, Kim Pettit, Dale Pettit, Tom Pilkington, and Gay Van Caeyzeele

Memory Garden

In 2008, the congregation of Sharon-Hope approved a new and exciting project – a Memory Garden. The Memory Garden was the vision of Bloise Thomson and the late Edwin Hunt. It was intended to be an accessible garden retreat to be used for a variety of purposes – from a place for quiet reflection, to an outdoor church service venue, to a wedding location.

The professionally designed Memory Garden is located just north of the church building. We broke ground in the spring of 2009 when the site was re-graded, electric service was brought in, and topsoil was added. A team of volunteers planted cedars along the north property line to form a hedge that would serve as the backdrop to the Garden and provide privacy. Soon, another team was rolling countless rolls of sod. Over the next several years, planting beds were prepared and a variety of plants were established including an ornamental tree, flowering shrubs, vines, and perennials. In 2010, a cement pad was poured and an arbour was added in 2012. The arbour was designed to be reminiscent of the Sharon Temple, which is an historic landmark situated just north of our church.

This summer, we saw work completed on a lighted and beautiful rock water fountain. This water feature is comprised of a large centre rock representing Jesus, surrounded by twelve smaller rocks representing the disciples. The rocks were gathered from farms in the area to commemorate the rural community that established the original Sharon Methodist Church and the Hope Church. These two congregations amalgamated in 1954 to form Sharon-Hope United Church. Stone was also gathered from the sight of the original Hope Church. A ninety gallon tank surrounded by one ton of crushed stone allows water to continuously cycle up through the center rock, which weighs in at 2 tons. The words, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water", John 7, are inscribed on the large centre stone.

Benches have also been recently added to the Garden. These attractive and comfortable benches have been custom made from Honduras Kayu. Kayu is an exotic mahogany hardwood in the Teak family that naturally resists rot. The metal frame benches are extremely heavy and will stand up over time.

Future plans for the Garden include stakes to commemorate donated plant material, and a stone patio.

This project has been generously funded by donations of money and materials from congregation and community members. In addition, innumerable hours of manual labour have been donated by a long list of dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all who have shared in making this dream a reality!

The Memory Garden Committee

Mission Ministry

The Mission Ministry is comprised of Mission and Service (M&S), Outreach, and Communications (Website and Newsletter) Committees.

Mission and Service Committee

The Mission and Service Fund is central to the life and work of the United Church. The three founding denominations of the United Church financially supported their missions in three very different ways, but came together in a shared core belief with a central unified fund. Every individual has an opportunity to contribute to this fund, which has many flexible benefits. Having the fund available enables the United Church to respond quickly to crisis and emergency situations and many other needs.

It is something like a potluck meal; when many contribute there is plenty to share. Every gift to Mission and Service is used wisely and helps transform lives and provides healing and hope to people in Canada and around the world.

Many thanks to all who contributed. Our objective for 2014 was $13,400.00 and our contributions total $13,382.68. We almost made it, just $17.32 short!!

It would be great if at least 2 more people would become regular contributors to M&S!!

We have a great team and always welcome new members who have an enthusiasm to help give others a hand up by caring and sharing.

The Team shared Minute for Mission stories, from Canada and around the world, on several Sundays to keep the congregation informed of the various projects the fund supports.

In August, the theme for the M&S Coffee house in Harmony Hall was “Cast your nets on the other Side”. We dramatized the scripture passage where the disciples had been unsuccessfully fishing all night putting their nets on the same side of the boat until Jesus calls from the shore to “Cast your nets on the other side”. Then the nets were full. The earthly story we learn from this parable is that sometimes we need to try something new and different.

Everyone enjoyed fish and cheese in pitas and a variety of other goodies provided by the Mission and Service team of Bev Carson, Laurie Cook, Dyanne Marlock, Maryann Patterson, and Pearce Thomas.

Thank you for support and showing that you care.

Blessings Laurie Cook and the Mission and Service Team.

Noah's Ark Preschool

Noah's Ark is a vibrant outreach program of Sharon-Hope United Church that endeavours to meet the Christian education needs of preschool-aged children in our community. We are now well into our 18th year of operation. Since we began in 1997, Noah's Ark preschool has provided Christian programming for approximately 485 children and contributed $51,200 to Sharon-Hope.

Noah's Ark Preschool is operated by the church and is licensed by the Ministry of Education (previously the Ministry of Community and Social Services). Our intent is to provide a balanced program of creative play, music and learning designed around seasonal themes with a biblical element. We also prepare the children for the school environment by providing opportunities to promote positive self-esteem and independence.

In 2011-2012, we reduced our program to 2 mornings per week. Noah's Ark was providing 2 separate groups with 16 spaces available two mornings per week. We were operating well below capacity at 20 children registered, with a capacity for 32. Low enrollment does not provide the children with optimal developmental opportunities so we decided to fill one program completely with 16 children. This approach reduced our operating costs significantly but we were unable to make a financial contribution to the church this year. We plan to provide one program 2 mornings per week in 2015-2016.

This Christmas, we celebrated the birth of Jesus with our annual Hark…Christmas Comes to the Ark! The sanctuary was filled with family and friends as the children presented a heart-warming concert of seasonal songs and chants. As well, our Noah's Ark families made very generous contributions of mittens, hats and scarves to our mitten tree in Harmony Hall.

We continue to receive tremendous support from the Sharon-Hope congregation. This year we want to extend a special thank you to Lori Fisher and Tracey Doncses for sharing their valuable expertise with our program. We would also like to thank Rev. Kathi Phillips, Margaret Shropshire, Gay Van Caeyzeele and the Property Committee for their continued contribution to our preschool program.

We are now taking registration for September 2015 for children 3 years old by December 31st. Please call us at the church office 905-478-2231 for more information.

Cheryl Telford & Dale Knight-Mannell, Coordinators: Noah's Ark / Sharon-Hope Preschool

Noah's Ark Preschool
Statement of Income and Expenses
Actual Results for the Year ended December 31, 2014
Budget for the Year ending December 31, 2015

	Budget 2015	Actual 2014	Budget 2014	Actual 2013
Income				
Registration & Program Fees	$24,210	$22,696	$25,760	$22,910
Bank Interest	0	0	1	1
Donations & Grants*	0	5,737	0	7,936
Total Income	**$24,210**	**$28,433**	**$25,761**	**$30,847**
Expenses				
Contract Labour	$22,750	$25,994	$22,205	$24,817
Program Supplies & Equipment	500	459	300	3,863
Office Expense & Bank Fees	150	146	100	198
Marketing & Promotion	0	610	0	50
Licenses & Inspections – Playground, Water/Lead, Ministry of Education	600		400	389
Repairs & Maintenance – Playground Resurfacing	0		550	0
Bad Debts	160	0	156	0
GST/HST	50	117	50	67
Total Expenses	**$24,210**	**$27,326**	**$23,761**	**$29,384**
Net income before transfers to SHUC	**0**	**$1,107**	**2,000**	**$1,463**
Transfers to SHUC	0	0	2,000	2,000
Excess (shortfall)	**$0**	**$1,107**	**$0**	**($853)**

Cash Balance as at December 31, 2013	3,142
Reconciled Bank Balance as at December 31, 2014	**$4,249**

*In 2014 we received 2 Government Grants totaling $5,737:

1. York Region Wage Subsidy grant of $4,422 to supplement staff wages. This non-discretionary grant is pending for 2015.
2. Kinark Family & Children's Services grant January 2014 - June 2014 to provide one-on-one staff support for child attending Noah's Ark. $1,315 received.

Rainbows

Several years ago the church became a Rainbows site. Rainbows is a program that assists young persons who have had a loss (separation/divorce of a parent or the death of a parent). A trained facilitator assists the young persons to share their feelings about the loss.

In the fall of 2013, we began a Rainbows program that ran for 12 weeks and ended in early 2014. There were 2 groups of young persons and I met with the custodial parents in a group.

In the fall of 2014, I tried to start another group at the church but, unfortunately, I was unable to find facilitators to assist with the program. I hope to train volunteer facilitators from the church and begin another Rainbows program before the end of 2015.

Submitted by:

Pearce Thomas, Rainbows Registered Director

Communications

Most weeks I have sent out an email with information about what will be happening the following week or two at the church. Back in January, I also sent out an email and put a notice in the church Bulletin in order to obtain permission from all churchgoers to send them emails. This was in accordance with a new law that said that all companies must obtain this permission or stop sending emails to those who do not agree. I am happy to say that almost all of our church agreed to continue getting the emails. The few that did not reply are no longer receiving emails from the church.

I have been thankful that I hear from one or two persons when I make a mistake in my emails or if a member can add something to an item that I emailed. Emails from the church members (either praise or criticism) mean that the emails are being read.

I also learned that not all couples speak to each other all of the time. With everyone being very busy one spouse might not tell the other about what is happening in the church. I have had several requests to send my emails to both spouses. The only way to do this was to add each person as an individual (no longer a couple) – in other words I separated them. Hopefully, I have only separated them for email and not in real life.

As I was sending emails weekly I no longer saw the importance in creating the church Newsletter (The Delivery). One of the church members (Thanks) took me aside and reminded me that several of our members do not have email. I believe I created 2 Delivery Newsletters in 2014.

Submitted by:

Pearce Thomas, Communications

Outreach

The Outreach Committee was created in 2014 as an extension of Mission and Service. While leadership is provided by Dyanne Marlok, Outreach strongly overlaps with Mission and Service. People playing a key role include all members of the congregation through their donations of money, clothing, time, food, small household items, etc.

During 2014, our congregation was very generous. Organizations we support include: Street Outreach Van (LOFT/Crosslinks Street Outreach and Services Network), Blue Door Shelters – Leeder Place (families), Porter Place (men), York Region Youth Shelter for young men, East

Gwillimbury Christmas Food and Toy Drive, Newmarket Food Bank, Clothes Closet at St. James Anglican Church, and Sandgate Women's Shelter (a donation of barbecues and children's clothing)

In April, several new running shoes (donated anonymously), new socks, and a monetary donation were given to the Street Outreach Van. In November and December, toys donated went to East Gwillimbury Toy Drive and Leeder Place. In December, our Warming Tree was decorated with scarves, mitts, gloves, and hats for all ages which were then donated to the Street Outreach Van and Blue Door Shelters.

Throughout the year, there is a tote box by the side entrance for Food Bank donations. Used clothing is also donated by members throughout the year and is given to the Street Outreach Van, Blue Door Shelters, and Clothes Closet at St. James Anglican Church.

Submitted by Dyanne Marlok on behalf of Bev Carson, Pearce Thomas, Maryann Patterson, and Laurie Cook

Fundraisers

Sharon-Hope was very busy in 2014 with a diverse variety of fund raising events. The church has provided a welcome and accessible venue for many different groups. The building was "Alive with the Sound of Music" with recitals, concerts, cantatas, and choirs.

The Auction and Community Dinners are Fun Fund Raisers. Many thanks to all who co-ordinate and co-operate by donating their time, talents, food and funds. These events are a vital and vibrant part of ministry when we as a faith community share with the community around us.

All three dinners, Pancake Supper, Strawberry Supper and Beef Dinner, were deliciously enjoyed by many people. The financial results are in the finance & stewardship report; the social enjoyment is verbally measured (or immeasurable). The Beef dinner report follows.

ANNUAL BEEF DINNER – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2014

Everyone needs to run an event for two years at least. My first year was spent studying the binder put together by previous co-ordinators and tackling the tasks ahead of me. My second year was smooth sailing.

What makes a co-ordinator's job so easy? YOU, THE CONGREGATION!!! Our congregation made this event a well-functioning event. The binder holds the information needed to assist the co-ordinator with advertising, tickets, donation letters, sign-up sheets for food donations and volunteer scheduling, and ordering the beef. Set the date and carry on.

Again this year, Vince's Market provided us with the produce for the coleslaw. The Metro Store at the 404 Plaza and No Frills on Leslie Street provided us with gift cards which were used to purchase food items for the dinner. Donations were also received by congregation members, friends and individuals purchasing tickets who were not members of our congregation. Also, potatoes were donated by Terry Evans.

I thank all my ticket sellers, and those of you who took brochures to hang up around town and in condo buildings, for bringing in family and friends and making it a successful community event. I thank all of you who graciously donated food and your time for this event.

A special thanks to Laurie for her expertise in setting up the tables and her beautiful flower arrangements.

Also, a big thanks to Mary and her lovely pathfinder ladies. We were told by several people what a great bunch of ladies we had helping and how helpful they were bringing tea and coffee to the table and cleaning off the tables. Also, thanks to their parents who also enjoyed helping out that evening.

This year we sold 250 tickets. Up until the evening of the dinner we had only sold 121 tickets and thanks to the community arriving throughout the evening, we sold another 129 tickets at the door. We raised $3,510.00 this year for our church. We actually had groups using the lounge and classroom for their friends/family dinner.

In closing, I did announce that I would not be running the Beef Dinner in 2015. I will, however, assist whoever would like to take it on. It is all on the computer and very easy to work through. The big thing is, you need to start preparations in September to meet advertising deadlines. I thank you all for your help and co-operation throughout my two years of running the Beef Dinner.

Your co-ordinator, Dianne Pegg

Spiritual Ministry

Spiritual ministry encompasses all aspects of worshipping, Christian education, and the life and health of our church community.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee members this year were Rev. Kathi, Bob Leonard and co-chairs Steve Robertson and Phil Mannell. Many hands however went into making the worship services successful this year.

Bob Patterson again led the Holy Humour Sunday. Laurie Cook, Pearce Thomas, Dyanne Marlok and Maryann Patterson ran the M&S service. We again had the “Bless the Animals” service and for the Anniversary service we had Rev. Ambury Stuart as our guest speaker.

Summer services during Rev. Kathi’s vacation were once again conducted by very able talent. Thanks to Laurie Cook, Maryann Patterson, Pearce Thomas, Steve Robertson, Dyanne Marlok and Phil Mannell.

The Christmas services were well attended. The Longest Night service was held again. The early Family service included a pageant led by Lynn Jewell and Rev. Kathi as well as candle lighting at the end of the service. At the late service, communion was celebrated and candle lighting finished the service.

The Worship Committee, working in conjunction with the Board, developed and approved the Same Sex Marriage policy for Sharon-Hope and had it supported by the congregation. Thanks to all for their support.

The Committee documented the Communion process and instituted a choice of bread for people to celebrate communion. We now offer gluten free, cut bread and bread in a loaf, to be broken at the time, depending on people’s preference.

For the month of February, Rev. Kathi went off lectionary and took requests from the congregation to preach on specific scriptures or topics of interest.

We worked on a Worship Strategy for 2014/15 and it is written as follows:

- We will use a Blended Worship approach of both traditional and new to create a safe and hospitable and welcoming environment where light and love are seen in the action of all people. This blended worship could include different styles such as using world religion practice to help learn and understand. This would include involving children on a regular basis, using positive language, and having the flexibility to be creative. A risk-taking approach will become more of the norm.
- Expectations will be set for behaviour in order to create an atmosphere of inclusivity and teaching where faith in action is seen regularly and a warm feeling of spirituality is prevalent.

People will be allowed to think differently and know they are safe and still respected for having alternate thoughts.

- Music at Sharon-Hope will be open to anyone who has a love for singing and wants to further develop their skills. There will be no auditions. All voice types (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass) and ages will be welcome. Anthems and other special music will be presented in the Worship Services and at other Special Events. Traditional and Contemporary Music will be selected to support the message of the sermon. Instrumentalists will be encouraged to share their “gift of music."

The Sexton position was officially recognized by Worship and many thanks to Roger Fox for arranging greeters, offering helpers and generally looking after the sanctuary prior to and after the service. Thanks to Ed Coyle for his regular greeting at the side door and all those who chip in to help with offering and greeting.

Thanks to Laurie Cook for the great decorating of the sanctuary and to Caleb Therrien for monitoring the sound system and recording services.

Phil Mannell, Vice-Chair Spiritual Ministry

Congregational Life Committee

This committee had a quiet year with only 2 major events that we were asked to cater. These were for Don Mitanoff’s mother’s funeral in May and for the Presbytery dinner in April. As usual, we were responsible for fellowship coffee hour. We appreciate all those who signed up to participate and take a turn bringing “goodies” to share with coffee and tea. Please keep up the good work! It is well worth it as the time is enjoyed by all. Thanks to those who make monetary donations for Sunday morning supplies e.g. tea, coffee and serviettes. This year, our kitchen got a much needed face-lift: a paint job and new lighting. Many thanks to Jim and Carolyn Greig, Hugh Tupker and Greg Gourlie for a job well done! Thanks again to all who help with food donations and provide helping hands when called upon.

Linda Coyle, Chairperson

Sunday School

The Sunday School was operating quite ably in the spring. Many thanks to Wendy MacEachern for her years of service as teacher. Wendy decided to step down from that role. Fall start-up did not do so well as there have not been enough children coming out to conduct classes. Many thanks to Maryann Patterson and Grace Vieira-Peacock for being ready to conduct classes. Thanks to Gail Therrien for being on-call for the nursery.

We are having discussions about what we should do about Sunday school. This discussion will need to go to a broader audience to figure out what we should do.

Pastoral Care

Many thanks to the unofficial Pastoral Care committee – Katie Russell, Jane Vale, Lynn Jewell, Keith Carson, Cathy Sweezie to name a few as I'm sure I've missed a few. More work is being done with the health committee to integrate both pastoral care and health into a proactive and planned program.

Membership & Statistics

Five children were presented for baptism in 2014. The children baptized were as follows:

- Evan Michael Ramsay and Emmett Myles Pirroncello on June 1, 2014
- Kaylie Camryn Dafoe on June 29, 2014
- Mackenna Grace Buckle and Hayden Austin Lundy on October 19, 2014

Six new members were received by Transfer and Profession of Faith.
Profession of Faith:

- Paula Elliott, Susanne Lauten and Leah Earle on February 23, 2014
- Fiona Stevenson and Percy Baxter on March 16, 2014

Transfer:

- Bill Bell by transfer from Aurora United Church on February 23, 2014

Recent newcomers and adherents in 2014 include Audrey Morrow, Betty Trach, (Bob) Robert and Floris Sparling, Daryle, Christine, Emily, Lauren and Kaylie Dafoe.

We were saddened by the death of a faithful member, Doreen Howard, on December 12, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sweezie

Congregational Statistics

MEMBERS	2014	2013	2012	2011
Active Resident Members:				
Added to the historic roll by:				
Confirmation	0	4	0	4
Transfer in	1	2	0	5
Profession of faith & adult baptism	5	4	7	5
Returning from inactive status	0	0	0	0
Total added to the historic roll	6	10	7	14
Removed from the historic roll by:				
Transfer out or relocation	2	2	4	0
Death	1	8	1	2
By request	0	3	0	0
Becoming inactive and/or non-resident	1	3	9	8
Total removed from the Active Roll	4	16	14	10
Total added less total removed	2	-6	-7	4
Active Resident Members, beginning of year	154	149	156	152
2012 error correction		11		
Active Resident Members, end of year	156	154	149	156
Dues rate per Active Resident Member			$31.50	$31.50
Presbytery dues for the year	$5,552.00	$5,552.00	$5,200.00	$5,200.00
Inactive/Non-Resident Members:				
Added to the historic roll by:				
Becoming an inactive member or non-resident	0	3	9	6
Relocating without transfer of membership	0	0	0	2
Total added to the historic roll	0	3	9	8
Removed from the historic roll by:				
Transfer to another church	0	0	0	0
Death	0	0	0	1
By Request	0	0	0	0
Becoming an inactive member	2	0	0	0
Total removed from the historic roll	2	0	0	1
Total added less total removed	2	3	9	7
Inactive/Non-Resident Members, beginning of year	53	59	50	43
2012 error correction		-9		
Inactive/Non-Resident Members, end of year	51	53	59	50

ADHERENTS

Added to Adherents roll as a new worshipper	6	9	15	10
Removed from Adherents roll by becoming a member	-6	8	0	0
Removed from Adherents roll by moving elsewhere	0	2	3	0
Total added less total removed	0	-1	12	10
Adherents, beginning of year	129	95	83	73
2012 error correction		35		
Adherents, end of year	129	129	95	83

OTHER DATA

Sunday School attenders	4	4		
Baptisms - children	5	11	9	13
- adult		1		
Church weddings	0	3	4	6
Church funerals	1	7	9	13
Identifiable givers - Local	100	99	105	113
- Mission & Service fund	52	55	--------- not	tracked ----
Total Membership in Christian Education Groups				
- Youth Group	9	9		
- Living the Lectionary	6	10		
- Lenten Film Study	16	20		
- Monday Night Bible Study	7			
Total Membership in Men's Group	6	5 - 10		
Average Monthly Attendance at Messy Church	25	35		
Average Weekly Attendance at Sunday Worship	80	80		

Health

Luke 9:2: "and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal"

2014 was a productive and successful year for the SHUC Health Committee. The ten committed members meet the first Sunday of every month after Church service. Standing on the shoulders of 2013, our inaugural year in which we developed our purpose: "*To advocate for the health & wellness needs of the SHUC congregation, and be a source of guidance & support for the Parish Nurse Ministry and its' Parish Nurse",* and our vision *" A Church that journeys together in faith and wellness through all stages and ages of the life journey; a church where no one stands alone; a church that nourishes the whole person so each can live an abundant life in mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health"*, we sent out our 2014 Health Ministry survey, asking the congregation to help us with their needs assessment.

The congregational survey identified key areas of concern/interest and guided our path for 2014. Our Parish Nurse delivered a PowerPoint presentation of the findings of the survey to the congregation at a coffee hour and then the Team got into action. We started organizing a Bereavement Seminar; we inquired about a Healthy Steps Program referred to us by a congregational member; we started research on an AED, (automated external defibrillator) for our Church and how to possibly fund it through the town of East Gwillimbury. One of the members of the Team, with much thoughtfulness, took on the development of a logo for our Health Ministry and various other tools for us to use ongoing in our good works. Another Team member joined SHUC's Accessibility Committee.

The Parish Nurse and members of the Health Committee got together at the Church a couple of times over the year to participate in ICHM's (Interchurch Health Ministries [Canada]) educational webinars and we have been honoured with an invitation to be a part of an upcoming webinar as an example of a thriving Health Committee. The Bereavement Seminar, entitled "Well Intentioned People Sometimes Say Dumb Things", took place on September 13th with over 55 attendees. We reached out into the community through other Churches, Senior Centres, Funeral Homes in East & West Gwillimbury and had many community participants as well as members of our congregation. We considered it a successful outreach program, outreach being part of our mission. The participants requested a follow up to delve deeper in the subject, so we followed up with that in November and had over 25 attendees. An honorarium was given to the Seminar Leader from the Health Committee budget. Participants also had the opportunity to give a donation and we were able to give those funds to the Church as a fund raiser. From the theme of the closing story of the Seminar, Beth Cowieson created starfish gift cards which also contributed over $150 as a fund raiser.

At year end, we have a date in February to meet again with the person who runs the "Healthy Steps Program" with the intent of starting it in the spring of 2015 when we can safely get outside and walk. The AED project is still in progress as we research what best suits SHUC's needs, including training and funding. There are health topics identified on the survey that point us in the direction of more seminar/workshops and guest speakers. We will be working on more projects on the congregation's behalf during 2015 and beyond.

And finally, since our Parish Nurse Candidate graduated from the ICHM three year program at Emmanual College, U of T, a budget proposal has been submitted on her behalf by the Health Committee to contract Donna Corbett as SHUC's official Parish Nurse Minister (part-time).

In the name of *Jesus The Healer,* we pray blessings of health and wellness for all!

Respectfully submitted by your Health Committee – Lynn Mitanoff (Chair), Gail Therrien (Secretary), Beth Cowieson, Cathy Sweezie, Ruth Leeson, Ets Irizawa, Joanne Kelly, Joan Nichols, Paula Elliott & Donna Corbett, RN

Parish Nurse

In November 2014, Donna Corbett graduated as a Parish Nurse from Interchurch Health Ministries Canada (ICHM) at Emmanuel College at U of T.

Lynn Mitanoff, Health Committee Chair, also graduated. We were pleased that Gail Therrien, Health Committee Secretary, showed great dedication in attending every second class as her work schedule allowed. Joanne Kelly was able to join us for a special class as well.

At the graduation service on November 8, 2014, Rev. Kathi Phillips offered the message and participated in leading the graduation service. After graduation, the Health Committee celebrated with Donna at a dinner.

It was a moment of great meaning for Donna when she wore her Parish Nurse stole for the first time assisting Rev. Kathi at the Longest Night service at Sharon-Hope in December.

Parish nurse activities through 2014 included:

- Approximately 200 logged hours of Parish Nursing
- Health promotion activities such as:
    - 1:1 sessions;
    - offering and researching health advice;
    - information bulletin board;
    - therapeutic listening;
    - regular BP checks;
    - referrals and guidance thru healthcare system;
    - hospital visits;
    - active participation in worship;
    - active participation in the Health Committee (see Lynn's report).
- Involvement in congregational life: Health Committee; Vision "Dream Team" (to July 2014); Ministry of Music as invited
- Involvement in professional activities: co-chair of the York Region Parish Nurse Professional Practice Group (monthly meetings); attendance at ICHM webinars and AGM; Regional representative on RNAO (Registered Nurse Association of Ontario) Parish Nurse Interest Group

I would sincerely like to thank Rev. Kathi, the entire congregation, the Health Committee and the Board for the opportunity to serve Sharon-Hope as the Parish Nurse. With the active and dedicated health committee, we have great plans for 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Corbett, RN (Parish Nurse)

Music Director's Report

Here we are at the end of another wonderful year of music making at Sharon-Hope. Each year seems to get more exciting as God opens up new possibilities in our musical journey together. For example, when I look at all the anthems the Choir has presented with themes such as "thankfulness, patience, praise, confession, assurance, healing, the earth, worship, love, justice", I am reminded about just how powerful music along with words, that are firmly rooted in Biblical truths, can provide hope and encourage us to move forward confidently with our lives. It is great

that music is global and that we can explore and learn from other cultures about God. This year we learned music from Africa and Latin America and embraced different styles of music such as Jazz, Gospel, Rock, and Contemporary. I am also thankful for the message of our tried and true hymns, which I remember from my Sunday school days, which still continue to resonate even today.

Here are some of the musical highlights of 2014:

April 13th – Easter Cantata Celebration Choir "Christ Above All" by Mark Brymer
Guest soloists: Manuele Mizzi and Sarah Patterson
Piano Accompanist: Donna Corbett
Bass: Adam Allen (from "Kid Mitchell Band" fame!)
Narrator: Roger Fox

Summer Music – Thanks to Donna Corbett (our official resident accompanist) for setting up and coordinating the music for the worship service and arranging for guest performers.

September 7th – Sarah Parkin "kicked off the year" with her beautiful inspirational voice.

December Advent – Pre-service Carol Sing-a-long with the congregation to bring on the "Christmas Spirit"

December 21st – Christmas Cantata "All Is Well" by Michael Barrett and David Angerman
Soloist: Sarah Patterson
Piano Accompanist: Donna Corbett
Bass: Adam Allen
Drums: Bob Leonard
Narrator: Roger Fox

I am pleased to report that we have continued to grow in numbers in the Choir. This year, we welcomed Bob Sparling to our bass section as well as Geneviere and Terressa Beadle who joined the alto and tenor sections, respectively. As always, I encourage anyone, who loves to sing and wants to be a part of this dynamic and enthusiastic ensemble, to speak to me or a member of the choir about how you can be involved! Instrumentalists are also welcome to participate and share their talent.

Thanks to the other members of Sharon-Hope "team":

- Reverend Kathi Phillips who is a joy to work with! Your organization, encouragement, support, and leadership make my job so much easier! Thanks for stepping in to conduct the Celebration Choir on a few numbers during the Christmas Cantata! I finally was able to play some drums for the first time.
- Margaret Shropshire: Thanks for keeping me on track and for the friendly reminders when I forget!

Thanks to the congregation for their encouraging words when we hit the mark musically as well as some helpful suggestions.

Lastly, I am so grateful to have such a terrific Choir! I couldn't do what I do without your support and dedication each week.

Bob Leonard, Director of Music

Messy Church

Messy Church is a program of casual, family-friendly worship experience that originated in Great Britain over 10 years ago and came to Canada about 5 years ago.

At Sharon-Hope, we meet on the 3rd Friday evening, 9 months of the year. Each month, we choose a scripture theme and prepare crafts, decorations, a meal, and a short worship service.

2014, our first full year, was a smashing success - thanks to our tireless volunteers! Wendy MacEachern plans and prepares the meal and, until the fall, ran the kitchen. Gay Van Caeyzeele has been Wendy's right hand and has stepped up to look after the kitchen since September. Heather Vaz and Shannon Diamond Hardman, with Gay's able assistance, have been the creative minds behind the beautiful crafts. Alex Van Caeyzeele is always ready to help with a smile and Rev. Kathi looks after the music and worship.

We are welcoming upwards of 25 people of all ages each month, many of them not currently attending Sunday worship. With Wendy and Heather now busy with family obligations, we could use some more help. Please talk to any of the team if you want to be part of a great group doing amazing outreach ministry.

Adult Leaning

There are now 2 opportunities for study and discussion. Living the Lectionary is the name of the group that meets in the lounge at 10am Thursdays to read and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. The conversation is always lively as we share the ways the scripture impacts with 21st Century living. Currently, we have 12 members but there is always room in the circle for more voices.

Since September, the "Study Group" (we're looking for a catchy name!) has met Monday evenings at 7:30 to look at current events and topics of interest from a faith perspective. The topics are decided on by the group and vary from week to week as does the format: films, magazines, books and the evening news have all been sources for rich conversation. We are aiming to put our schedule in the bulletin a week ahead so that anyone can drop in and join us for a topic that is of interest.

Youth Group

There is always a lot of laughter, fun, food and conversation when the Sharon-Hope Youth Group gets together. This year, 8 teens (and one minister who wishes she was still a teen) met on the first Friday evening of the month - February to June and October to December.

We had a movie night and games nights; went bowling and learned to juggle.

In November we walked to the cenotaph and talked about the importance of remembering.

We had a lot of fun baking goodies for a Sunday coffee time and to send to some of our seniors at Christmas.

We led worship on Pentecost Sunday in June.

We love having new members - anyone in grade 7 to grade 12 is welcome to join us.

Cooperative Church Camp (CCC) – Son Treasure Island 2014

Welcome to Son Treasure Island 2014! Who wouldn't want to explore a Caribbean island with its glittering turquoise waters, warm white sands and cool breezes? But this is no ordinary tropical escape! There is treasure to be found here. More precious than gold, more lasting than diamonds, it is the greatest treasurer of all-God's love. There'll be food, games, music and a whole lot of crafts. The audience will laugh and at times be on the edge of their seats watching as the day's activities connect to the skit. The theme characters develop and become favourites as they unfold the story. Two weeks prior to the event, Sharon-Hope was transformed into an adventurist wild, wild Caribbean beach scene.

As we entered Sharon-Hope, we were mesmerized by a spectacular water fall scene which was utilized for our individual photographs. In the hallway, each child was furnished with a "Dixie cup and a straw (their readymade breathing apparatus) for travelling on the sea bed. As children traveled on the bottom of the sea and looked up and around to see the plants on the sea bed, the "ginormous" clown and sea horse fish with frogs and lizards looking right at you up-side down, with the aqua marine water and the stars that lit the night sky; to discover the abundant and richness of the sea. Son Treasure beach was far from ordinary. We transformed the sanctuary into a vibrant and dynamic place filled with a "ginormous" beach and sea dock that seem to go on endlessly forever with sounds that echoed in the day with lively birds at CoCo Bananas!

The skit was designed to be fun and is an excellent device for building excitement and encouraging participation during the week. Once the children met Captain Cooky, Brad Krumbs, Pearl Shellfish and Coco Bananas, they couldn't wait to see them again!

This year, we had new actors that will be seasoned veteran actors for next year! There is always a point of eventuality as our teenagers move on to University and the challenges are always to have new actors for transitioning. We thank the seasoned veterans for their enthusiasm and providing leadership for the new actors as well as providing the enthusiasm for others that would like to be in the play next year. This year, we would like to thank Kaitlyn Beattie, Emma Mably, Alex Van

Caeyzeele, Maya Morris, Stephanie & Nicole Franko, Eric Diamond-Hardman, Miranda Marlok, Lauren Shields and Grace Laceby. The play was a tremendous success with all your help!

Everyone enjoyed themselves through singing, creating adventure crafts, participating in exciting games and eating adventure snacks as we all journeyed to know God through prayer. More than 60 children aged 4 to 11, 8 adult volunteers, and 15 youth helped to run the many activities and ensured a wonderful adventure for the week! This year, we had more youth than adults and thank them for their continued support. I can't say enough how much fun they had and they indicated their continued support after their 40 hours have been achieved!

We thank the Beattie's, Shropshire's, Van Caeyzeele's, Vieira-Peacock's (especially Corissa), Franko's, Therrien's, and Theresa and Gen Beadle for the Pirate ship that was a focal point of the week. Our set up crews for decorations were Maryann and Bob Patterson, and others. A special mention goes to Bob Patterson for his "ballooning of the daily reminders" and Margaret, Gay and Kathi for their tremendous amount of hours of dedication.

A special mention also goes out to Cynthia Franko, Susanne Lauten, and Grace Laceby for the tremendous job with the music program which is always the highlight of the week. It is the first time in the history of CCC that we had "live musical chairs" on the piano (with thanks, Susanne).

We also would like to thank the donation of the back ground "beach scene "and some props from Mountain View Christian Reformed Church in Grimsby. We also thank Caleb Therrien for his leadership role in the technical side of the program, with photography, and the always so important video at the end of the week. Thanks to James Roberson for his tremendous help back stage.

I have always looked towards the funds raised from our church camp to pay for the programs at Sharon-Hope, including our Youth and Sunday school program as well as the CCC program. The 'free will donation' offers a summer venue for some and an outreach program for others. It appears it was a difficult year for raising funds and, when this happens, it comes to light that the program offered is so important as a Community outreach program. We will never turn away a family that can't afford to send their children to this program and we should be proud that the program is a tremendous community outreach program.

We always look for continued support from the congregation and I can't stress enough our thanks from the committee. When we needed your support for donations to purchase items like vegetable snacks, chips and juices for our last day of the program, you helped us tremendously. Thanks go to Lynn Mitanoff and Karen Armstrong for their support in helping us make the last moments at the camp a memorable one. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the Congregation's continued support, without your support we wouldn't be able to invite the community in to "show them the who in how things work in the community of Sharon-Hope". I hope, with your continued support, guidance and prayers, we can still facilitate a program that we can be proud of and bring in the community to view our lovely church. More importantly, that we have a venue for our children to talk about and grow with us as we get older and reminisce about the years gone past, during the best of times, and during our next Anniversary milestone.

We hope to see everyone once again during our CCC on a date yet to be confirmed in August!

Jerry Therrien / Margaret Shropshire / Gay Van Caeyzeele / Rev. Kathi Philips (Coordinators)

United Church Women

United Church Women (U.C.W.) is under the umbrella of Women's Ministries and is the main organized group of Women in the United Church. We did not hold any formal meetings at Sharon-Hope this year but Gay Van Caeyzeele and Laurie Cook are on the executive of Living Waters Presbyterial and, with others, attended Presbyterial meetings and the Annual Meeting of Toronto Conference U.C.W. The financial results for the year were:

Revenue	
Funeral Receptions	$ 500.00
Presbytery dinner	1,000.00
Bank Interest	.18
Total revenue	**1,500.18**
Expenses	
Kitchen ceiling drywall & painting	2,277.46
Coffee urn & dishwasher detergent	268.94
Cutlery	159.90
Coffee mugs	139.53
Presbyterial Fees	27.50
Plastic bins	28.50
Presbytery dinner supplies	65.00
Bank maintenance fee	10.00
Total expenses	**2,976.83**
Deficit	**(1,476.65)**
Bank balance, December 31, 2013	**5,428.91**
Bank balance, December 31, 2014	**$ 3,952.26**

Submitted by,

Gwen Pottage

Trustees' Report

The Board of Trustees (Kent Beattie, Terry Evans, Jim Greig and John Parkin) is responsible for managing the assets of the congregation. We ensure the Church buildings, property and contents are adequately insured and financial assets are invested in the best interest of the Church. Other than casual conversations, the board would only meet when there is an issue to be dealt with in accordance with the United Church manual.

The property, contents and Hope House insurance seem to be in order.

The congregation approved the policy to maintain existing Memorial Funds at no less than $20,000 to cover any contingencies. A GIC for $20,000 was purchased to hold the funds. Any funds in the

bank account from the existing Memorial Funds may be transferred to the Repairs & Maintenance Fund at a maximum of $2,500 each year.

50% of the Hope House rental revenue has been transferred back to the Memorial Fund to be applied against the Hope House Renovation loan. This process will continue for 3-4 years until all $28,253.39 has been repaid.

The “Annual Deficit” loan from the Memorial Fund continues to be paid back at $1,000 plus interest per year as reflected in the financial report.

Capital Campaign funds of $70,000 were invested in January 2014.

Submitted on behalf of the Trustees by Jim Greig

Living Waters Presbytery Report

From February 2014 until January 2015, Living Waters Presbytery met on six occasions: February 14th, March 11th, June 10th, September 9th, October 14th, and November 18th (rescheduled to November 25th). The host churches included Grace United Church in Barrie, Bracebridge United Church, and Sharon-Hope United Church.

In addition, at York Pines United Church, at an open to the public meeting on April 8th, we had the opportunity to share worship and discussion about “Singing in Exile” with the Rt. Rev. Gary Paterson, our current moderator.

In February, we welcomed the Rev. Jane Sullivan to the position of Minister of Congregational Support for Living Waters Presbytery.

At the March meeting held at Sharon-Hope, the first phase of the Effective Leadership Programme was announced. One of the requirements of this programme, being piloted in Living Waters, is that each congregation create eight Missional Goals during the next year. We went through this process in our church in recent months.

In May, some of Sharon-Hope's Presbytery Committee attended the Toronto Conference meeting. One of the Conference highlights was the opportunity to attend the speeches and discussions led by the eloquent and inspirational Rt. Rev. Gary Patterson. Rev. Kathi, Gay Van Caeyzeele, Laurie Cook, Mary Belyea and our youth representative, Alex Van Caeyzeele attended.

At the June meeting held at Bracebridge United Church, a new program, blending with EDGE, was announced. The Identity, Mission and Needs Analysis had been piloted with York Pines and Richmond Hill United Churches and later eight other churches also started working on the program. The program, at least at the beginning, is administered via an on-line survey for individuals in the congregation to complete. Also introduced at the June meeting was a discussion of proposed changes in the role of Presbytery in the Comprehensive Review developed by the United Church of Canada.

Further, at the June meeting, we had two presentations from guests. Joy Kennedy spoke eloquently about eco-justice, while the Open Hand Nicaragua youth mission trip reported on the results of their mission and thanked Living Waters for their support.

In September, held at Grace United Church in Barrie, we had a musical treat. For fifty minutes before the worship service, we enjoyed classical piano music played by Dr. Oleg Samokhin on Grace United's lovely grand piano. Dr. Samokhim also accompanied the hymns during the service.

The November meeting was originally scheduled for the 18th of the month, but due to poor driving conditions, the meeting was postponed until November 25th. The weather conditions were still poor at the second date, so attendance was also poor. It was a struggle to attend to business as presbyters were forced to be late or leave early because of weather concerns and illness. We did achieve quorum briefly, and were able to go through essential business before our numbers were again reduced. One notable announcement was made. Living Waters Presbytery has decided it wants to be a member of Affirm United, and has started the process, which will be continued at the next three Living Waters Presbytery meetings.

The composition of Sharon-Hope United Church's Presbytery Committee for 2014 was Rev. Kathi, Laurie Cook, Mary Belyea, Gay Van Caeyzeele, and Keith Carson. Rev. Kathi was very busy this year chairing the Presbytery and Executive meetings. Laurie is a member of the Vision and Church Development Commission. She attends monthly meetings of her commission as well as regular Presbytery meetings, where she is a member of the Worship Team. Mary also attends both Presbytery meetings and those of her commission, the Community Connections and Right Relations Commission. Gay, an alternate Presbyter, is a member of the Spiritual Development Commission. Keith Carson is a Life Presbyter. He and Gay attend when able.

Commission Reports:

- Community Connections and Right Relations Commission is charged with informing people both within and outside the United Church about social justice and environmental issues. Currently, using petitions, letters to government officials, and workshops, we are attempting to address a number of issues such as land ownership, housing and homelessness, prison reform, treatment of the mentally ill, missing first Nations women, climate change, the environmental dangers of our current dependence on petroleum products and degradation of naturally significant land.
- Vision and Church Development Commission has assisted several churches in our Presbytery, giving support, suggesting programmes and alternatives to help strengthen their ministries.

Future announcements:

- The first meeting of Presbytery in the new-year will be on March 10, 2015 at Midhurst United Church.
- Toronto Conference Annual Meeting will be held from June 5 to June 7, 2015.
- The 2015 Inter-Presbytery Confirmation Retreat is April 23 – 25, 2015 at YMCA Cedar Glen.
    - Early registration deadline is February 20/15 and final deadline is March 20/15.

2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes – March 2, 2014

In Attendance: Cathleen Carrel, Gay Van Caeyzeele, attached list of attendees

Meeting led by: Cathleen Carrel, Chair Triune Board

Minutes Prepared by: Gay Van Caeyzeele

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Kathi Phillips

Agenda:

1. **Motion 1 –** Members and Adherents
2. **Motion 2 –** Approval of Agenda
3. **Motion 3 –** Accept the Minutes from Annual General Meeting March 3, 2013
4. **Motion 4 –** Annual Report Acceptance – by subcommittee
5. **Motion 5 –** Accept the Statement of Income & Expenses in the 2013 report
6. **Motion 6 –** Acceptance of 2014 Budget
7. **Motion 7 –** Acceptance of Nominees and Incumbents for Triune Board
8. **New business –** Memorial Fund

   Motion 8 – Memorial Fund Policy Approval
9. **Motion 9 –** Motion of Adjournment – 2014 AGM Sunday, March 1, 2015

Agenda Item 1 – Motion 1 – Members and Adherents

Motion – All members and adherents present have the right to vote at today's meeting.

Motion made by: Ruth Leeson

Seconded by: Ray Mark

Discussion: that everyone present today is allowed to vote

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 2 – Motion 2 – Approval of Agenda

Motion – To approve the agenda as read by Cathleen Carrel, with additions

Motion made by: Donna Corbett

Seconded by: Marg Fox

Discussion: as presented with addition of Health Committee Survey

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 3 – Motion 3 – Accept the Minutes from Annual General Meeting March 3, 2013

Motion – To accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held March 3, 2013

Motion made by: Rod Fullerton

Seconded by: Linda Coyle

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 4 – Motion 4 – Annual Report Acceptance by Sub-Committee

Motion 4(a) – That the Mission Section of the 2013 Annual Report for Sharon-Hope United Church be accepted.

Motion made by: Laurie Cook

Seconded by: Mary Belyea

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Motion 4(b) – That the Spiritual Ministry Section of the Annual Report for Sharon-Hope United Church be accepted with the inclusion of the Parish Nurse Report

Motion made by: Margaret Fox

Seconded by: Lynn Mitanoff

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Motion 4(c) – That the Business Operations Section of the 2013 Annual Report for Sharon-Hope United Church be accepted with the inclusion of the Property Committee Report and the exception of the 2013 Statement of Income and Expenses as well as the 2014 Budget as printed in the 2013 Annual Report.

Motion made by: Rod Fullerton

Seconded by: Anna Parkin

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 5 – Motion 5 – Accept the Statement of Income & Expenses in the 2013 report

Motion 5 – That the 2013 Statement of Income and Expenses be accepted as printed in the 2013 Annual Report for Sharon-Hope United Church. With addition of action item to have a format to publish a reconciled bank balance

Motion made by: Rod Fullerton

Seconded by: Mike Kelly

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 6 – Motion 6 – Acceptance of 2014 Budget

Motion 6 – That the 2014 Budget be accepted as printed in the 2013 Annual Report for Sharon Hope United Church with the addition to the Revenue section of GST Rebate, and updated information re: staff salaries

Motion made by: Rod Fullerton

Seconded by: Marg Fox

Discussion:

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 7 – Motion 7 – Acceptance of Nominees and incumbents to the Board

Motion 7 – To accept names brought forward to accept positions on the Triune Board as well as the incumbents on the Triune Board.

Motion made by: Ron Pottage

Seconded by: Linda Morby

Triune Executive Board Members for 2014:

Chair:	Cathleen Carrel
Vice Chair Business Operations:	Todd Telford
Vice Chair Mission:	Laurie Cook
Vice Chair Spiritual:	Phil Mannell
Treasurer:	Anna Parkin
Trustees:	Kent Beattie, Jim Greig, Terry Evans, John Parkin
Member at Large:	Bob Patterson
Presbytery Reps:	Laurie Cook, Mary Belyea, Gay Van Caeyzeele (alternate), Keith Carson (lifetime)
Secretary:	Gay Van Caeyzeele

Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 8 — New Business

Motion 8a: That the Memorial Fund Policy for New Contributions is accepted.

Motion made by: Lynn Jewell

Seconded by: Jane Vale

Discussion: Information was displayed on PowerPoint Screen giving everyone time to read over and discuss prior to the decision being made.

Motion Carried

Motion 8b: That the Memorial Fund Policy for Existing Contributions be accepted.

Motion made by: Lynn Jewell

Seconded by: Dianne Pegg

Discussion: Memorial Fund information was again posted on the Power Point Screen for everyone to read over and discuss prior to decision being made

Motion Carried

Motion 8c: That a Health Policy survey be offered to the congregation at the end of the meeting.

Agenda Item 9 — Motion 9 – Motion of Adjournment

Motion 9 – to adjourn. Next meeting AGM will be held on Sunday, March 1, 2015

Motion made by Ruth Leeson

Seconded by: Ron Morby

Motion Carried.

Rev. Kathi Phillips closed the 2013 Annual General Meeting with a prayer.

Members of the Congregation present:

Jerry and Gail Therrien, Cathy Sweezie, Rose Cooper, Jill Southwell-Brennagh, Karen Mark, Joan Nichols, Ed Coyle, Linda Coyle, Kent Beattie, Evelyn Simpson Beattie, Cathleen Carrel, Ron and Gwen Pottage, Melanie Pilkington, Tom Pilkington, Raymond Mark, Rev. Kathi Phillips, Marg Fox, Keith Carson, Steven Robertson, Tammy Fergusson, Kim Pettit, Dale Pettit, Suzanne Anderson, Greg Phillips, Angus Fergusson, Cheryl Telford, Todd Telford, Terry Evans, Bloise Thompson, Ron Morby, Linda Morby, Gay Van Caeyzeele, Ruth Leeson, Donna Corbett, Mary Belyea, Laurie Cook, Rod Fullerton, Dianne Pegg, Lynn Jewell, Jane Vale, Bob Patterson, Mary Ann Patterson, Phil Mannell, Dale Knight Mannell, Anna Parkin , John Parkin, Terry Evans

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Next Annual General Meeting: Sunday, March 1st, 2015