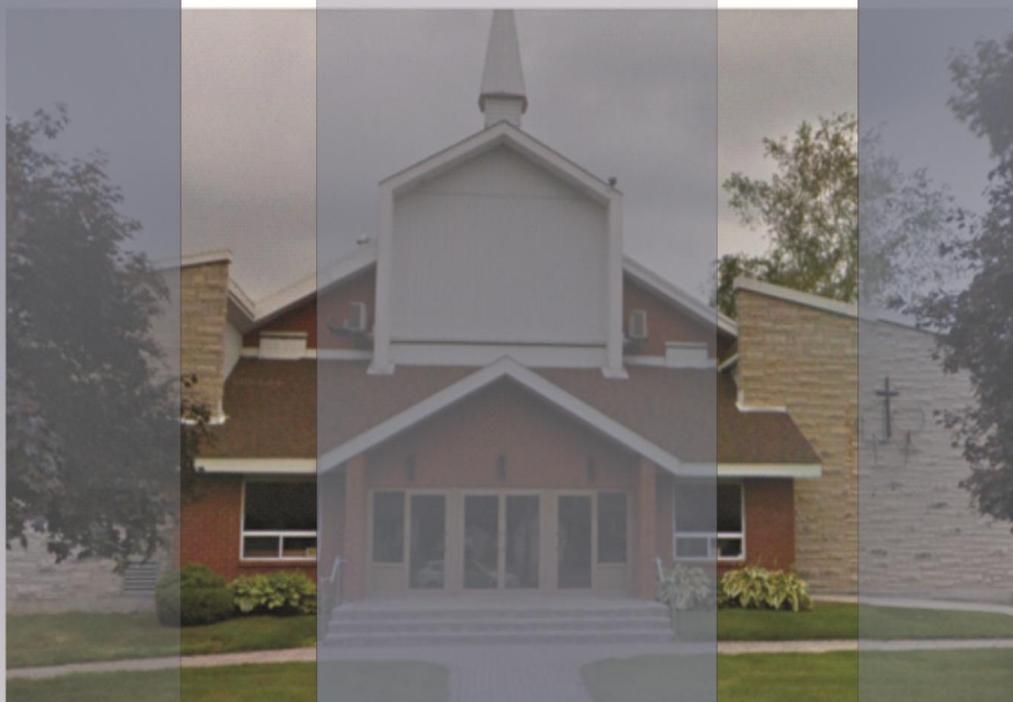


# Owen Sound Alliance Church



## **2018**

# Annual Report

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## AGENDA

**Annual Business Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @ 7:00pm  
Owen Sound Alliance Church

1. Welcome & Prayer
2. Adoption of the Agenda and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, April 10, 2018
3. Adoption of Tellers
4. Adoption of Reports
  - Financial Reports
  - Nominating Committee
  - All Other Reports
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Time of Prayer
7. Election of New Elders
8. Election of Nominating Committee Members for 2020
9. Break
10. Report of the Tellers
11. Prayer and Adjournment

**MINUTES**  
of  
OWEN SOUND ALLIANCE CHURCH  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
Held on  
Tuesday, April 10, 2018  
7:00 pm

1. **Welcome & Prayer**

Pastor Lise Mitchell opened the meeting with a welcome and prayer, followed by a time of worship with Pastor Joel McCallum, and a devotion led by Fiona Sensenstein.

The meeting was duly called to order at 7:00pm by Chair, Al Neerhof, with a quorum of 52 members present. The meeting was declared properly constituted.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**Moved** to adopt the Agenda.  
Seconded and Carried

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved** to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2017 Annual Meeting.  
Seconded and Carried

4. **Appointment of Tellers**

**Moved** to appoint Martha Carroll, Liz Shantz and Jamie Lyman as Tellers for meeting.  
Seconded and Carried

5. **Reports**

**Moved** to receive all reports.  
There was some discussion of the Finance Report.  
Seconded and Carried

6. **Appointment of Auditor**

**Moved** that Martin Clark Chartered Accountant & Bookkeeping Services be appointed as auditor until the next Annual Meeting.  
Seconded and Carried

7. **A Time of Prayer**

Led by Pastor Jeff Sensenstein in advance of Elections.

8. **Election of New Elders**

Ballots were distributed with names of the nominees: Tamara Schmitke, Al Smiley, and Brian Hewgill. A required 50% plus 1 of votes cast must be received to be elected.

9. **Election of Two members to the 2019 Nominating Committee**

Nominations from the floor were: Jim Bullock and Matt Bittel  
**Moved** to close elections.  
Seconded and Carried

10. **Supplementary Finance Report Discussion**

**Moved** to reconsider the financial report.

Seconded and Carried

- A discussion followed regarding the amount of monies in the surplus reported.
- Comment and clarification was given regarding the Canada Summer Jobs program and why the church is unable to apply for the grant monies to help with summer student hiring.
- Also noted that the Global Advance giving had dropped by 39% over the previous year.
- Question arose regarding the benefit increase related to 2 new staff hires, and funds for General Assembly for delegates attending.
- Mike Seaman and John Davis were thanked.

11. **Break**

12. **Report of the Tellers regarding Election Results**

The following were elected by majority votes, to serve a 3 year term (2018 - 2021):

Tamara Schmitke, Al Smiley, and Brian Hewgill.

The following were elected by majority votes to serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee:

Jim Bullock and Matt Bittell

**Moved** to destroy the ballots.

Seconded and Carried

10. **Prayer and Adjournment**

Pastor Jeff closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Cunningham,  
Secretary  
Board of Elders

Written by: Rev. Jeff Sensenstein

2018 was, like many years busy, but filled with lots of good things. As a church we have a number of things that are part of our rhythm. Rhythms and routines are important; and the way we master them with repetition builds something good. We can speak of a Daniel who records the routine of prayer (Dan 6:10) or Paul entering the synagogue (Acts 17:2), and even in the rebuke that Jesus gives to crowds, *"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others."* It's not the practices of righteousness that is frowned upon, in fact it is assumed. The concern is doing such things to be noticed by others.

As a church our routines involve Sunday mornings, which we have been working on both in terms of worship ministries, technology, and even the length of the service - most of the time. The appointment of Joel McCallum as Worship Arts and Adult Ministries Pastor has already found traction.

Each year in June, we take our Sunday morning off-site for our outdoor service, baptisms and picnic. We've been doing these now for many years and last year we upped our game a bit. The Saturday - Sunday event included a golf tournament, baseball game, and evening campfire before some of our folk settled into campsites and motel rooms. Sunday was a service for everyone at Chesley Lake Camp, and our baptismal service was witnessed by those at the camp as well. What a great day of testimony that demonstrated God's activity among us. The family picnic is a great time for our church family to come together. I encourage you to make the trip and enjoy Sunday or the whole weekend. It's an event worth repeating.

Our Thursday night Bible Study had 12-20 people out for discussion and searching the scripture as we studied 1+2 Kings. There are other groups that meet routinely in the church: Jim Wilson's men's group, Friday morning men's group here at the church, Monday and Tuesday am are ladies groups and another will be starting by Fiona. Small groups that are not gender specific also meet with leaders Eric and Jill Bartley, Perry and Elizabeth Lochbihler, Brad and Angela Torrie, Ron and Kathy Kellendonk, Alex and Holli Torrie, Blaine and Jody Cressman, Tim and Deb Wood, as well as Terry and Jackie Myland and Ross and Merrin Thomson that lead together.

As the Elders have met and chatted about a variety of things, Small Groups have made their way forward as a big topic of discussion. We are hoping to ramp up our effort in providing an opportunity for everyone to build into their life the routine of Acts 2:42 where *"they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer"*.

We had two men's breakfasts during the year: Kevin Usher and Mark Harris invited a prison ministry to come and share with us about their activity, which was truly inspirational; and at the second we had Jim Nolson come and speak on his Waters Edge ministry at the old doctor's inn. Once again, a good challenge regarding our "stance". It would be a delight if one of the men in our church would be willing to take on men's ministry and organize not only the breakfasts but other men's events we could connect to.

I continue to be part of the Property Committee and enjoy working with some fine men in our church on a variety of projects. This year we hired Ron Kellendonk to do both our sidewalk repairs and the driveway around the drains. Other projects have included quotes on downspouts to cure significant water issues in the lower bathrooms; Jim Cunningham and Terry Myland were able to replace all of the lighting in our gym to LED, thus saving money on our hydro bill, and have since begun work to start the lower classrooms; we began conversation regarding sanctuary lighting; and quotes were received and approved for painting the steeple, which we hope to see done as soon as weather permits. Our snow plow services saw the end of the 2017-2018 flat rate contract with Season's Edge in the spring, and a new contract with Glenn Catto move to a per time contract in the fall of 2018. The snow plowing has become a concern as the cost is getting very high as a flat rate contract is rare at best. We are required to pay per visit and as such the costs rise rapidly. The Property Committee has been graced with: Jamie Lambkin, Gord Toth, Jim Wilson, and John Davis. If your at all handy and would like to help out with such things, lets chat about it. I also wish to thank Terry Myland for many jobs accomplished around the building which he undertakes on our behalf - a blessing indeed.

We were able to send all of our pastoral staff to General Assembly of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Pastors Joel and Lise, as well as two lay delegates went to a second satellite site in Toronto rather than all the way to Calgary, saving our church a considerable expense yet still affording the chance to have our church engaged. We did send Ryan to Calgary along with me. However, my expenses for the trip were covered by the National Board due to my role on that board. At Assembly many conversations arose as we worked through documents on human sexuality, along with marriage and family. These were strong

documents that called the people of the Alliance to a high standard. The marriage document was sent back to committee for refinement. Another big topic was Baptism. In the end, each church is required to produce their own policy; however as an Alliance we teach and practise believers baptism only. We will however, permit a church board to receive into membership someone they have discerned to be a follower of Jesus that may have been baptised and confirmed in another tradition. This will be a topic of conversation at many church board meetings across our country.

Another routine of our church ministry is our participation in the Long Term Care and retirement homes within Owen Sound. I'm so grateful for the chance to meet with Helen Kraemer and pray with her as she prepares the services she does. In addition to that, the pastoral staff does hospital visits when we are aware of people in hospital. If you are interested in helping with the Long Term Care services let us know.

On a personal note, I started back on my Doctorate but given the many things on my plate I've chosen to step back from that and will not continue. Having been freed up from that evening research time I've been able to find ways to connect with the unchurched of our community. This is something of a priority for all of us. In my case I've joined a bagpipe band and have already formed good relationships. Some of you know that we have dealt with the loss of both Fiona's father and brother in a short time. We are grateful for God's grace through grief and have appreciated the kind words. Our family continues to be scattered with our oldest, Rebecca, and her husband, Coby, in London, Bethany in Winnipeg teaching, and our youngest Graham in China also teaching. We cherish the Skype visits and electronic chatter but like many of you, there are downsides to being an empty nester.

I urge you to read the reports of our other staff and encourage you to express your appreciation of the work they do in the name of Jesus. Our staff meets weekly and we collaborate on many projects. What you read here and in other reports is the result of that collaboration and the volunteers that truly make OSAC a great church.

The following is also a list of ministries, categorized under the various elements of our vision statement. I realize they do not always fit neatly under various headings but they can help give a sense of the routines that we believe produce good and Godly things in the life of our church. I'd encourage you to think about where you might fit in to help us build the body of Christ here at OSAC and to reach our community for Christ.

**Our Vision: *A Family of Believers, United under Christ, making Christ known***

**Family**

Cafe  
Church Family Picnic  
Daddy Daughter Date Night  
Adult Fellowship  
Seniors Luncheon  
Sunday afternoon road trips  
Newcomers Luncheon  
Chilli Cook-off  
Movie Nights  
Elder Care Groups  
Children in for Communion/ Worship  
Regular events for families with kids  
Small Groups  
Women's Ministries

**Making Christ Known**

ESL (English as a Second Language)  
Harvest for Hunger  
Celebrate Recovery  
Baby Love Baskets  
Prayer Quilts and Knit For Warmth  
Alpha  
TheXchange – *more so as it is a ministry of OSAC*  
CWW – *more so as it becomes a ministry of OSAC*  
SOAR youth training and mission trip

**Under Christ**

Prayer Bowl - *requests prayed for weekly by staff and laity who come in and pray*  
Worship Service – *prayer and scripture*  
Preaching – *biblical as is our CE program, Youth pre-service Sunday School, Small Group curriculum*  
Worship and Prayer Nights – *both hymn sings and other*  
Sacred Assemblies  
Sunday School  
Deeper Life North – *done with Sr. Highs; starting on Young Adults*

Missions Committee and sponsored missions trips  
GB Net - *Church planting, leader development, and church health*

## **OPERATIONS**

## **BOARD OF ELDERS**

*Written by: Larry Bryans, Chair*

Looking back on 2018 and forward to 2019 the Board of Elders has been evaluating our role in light of the spiritual welfare of our church.

In 2018 as a Board we put a stronger focus on the Elder's Care Group that was in place. Our goal was to strengthen the connection to each other in the church, to be an encouragement and to build up spiritual awareness in each other. Prayerfully this has been a positive experience. I know for myself and the other Elders we have felt it has been a positive stepping stone to becoming better connected.

Lately as a Board of Elders we have been discerning the role the Board plays in the spiritual welfare of our church. What level of focus do we place on the on-going business related to the everyday function of the church, compared to discerning the spiritual welfare of the church as we look forward? What is in place to better equip each one of us, no matter where we are spiritually, to be that light to those around us, within our family, our community, our work place and our church?

As Elders we ask for your continual prayers, that we would always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's direction as we prayerfully move forward in 2019.

On behalf of the Board of Elders I want to say thank you to each one of you for your involvement in the important roles that you play. Thank you to the staff, to our support staff, to those who clean the church and to each volunteer. Each one of you acting out Christ love in what you do. Thank you again.

## OPERATIONS

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Board of Elders is comprised of nine members in addition to the Senior Pastor who is a member ex-officio. Elders serve for a three (3) year term with three (3) Board Members elected annually. A maximum of two (2) full consecutive three (3) year terms of office may be served by an Elder and, upon the expiration of which, the Elder shall not be eligible for re-election until he or she has been absent from the Board for one (1) year.

The process in seeking God's chosen leaders for Owen Sound Alliance Church requires earnest prayer, spiritual discernment, and dialogue with the nominees.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of two elected members at the Annual Meeting held on April 10, 2018 and two members of the Board of Elders, has finalized its selection of nominees to fill three (3) vacancies on the Board of Elders.

We are pleased to report the following:

### **NEW ELDER NOMINEES:**

Matt Bittel  
Terry Bartley  
Angela Torrie  
Alex Torrie

### **Continuing Elders:**

John Brookham	(2017 – 2020)	Brian Hewgill	(2018 – 2021)
John Davis	(2017 – 2020)	Tamara Schmitke	(2018 – 2021)
		Al Smiley	(2018 – 2021)

Pastor Jeff Sensenstein (Ex-Officio)

### **Elders Concluding Service:**

Larry Bryans (2016 – 2019)  
Cindie Holm (2016 – 2019)  
Jim Cunningham (2016 – 2019)  
Jackie Myland (2017 - 2019)

According to our Constitution, new elder nominees shall be elected by the Voting Membership of the church by ballot vote at the Annual Meeting of members to be held on April 9, 2019. In order to be elected to the Board, nominees must receive at least a majority of the ballots cast.

A summary of the role and Biblical qualifications of Elders is available at the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

### **The Nominating Committee**

Pastor Jeff Sensenstein (Chair)  
Jim Cunningham  
John Brookham  
Jim Bullock  
Mat Bittel

## OPERATIONS

## RESOURCE LIBRARY

*Written by: Diana Caldwell, Librarian*

Although readership continues to decline (only 600 items checked out in 2018, compared to twice that number a few years ago), we are encouraged that our faithful readers continue to make good use of our resources.

Last year we added 12 books to our Large Print section, as well as a number of other books and DVDs. Carol Seaman purchases the additions to the fiction section, and Gloria Harrison knows just which ones will suit our regular readers. Thanks also to those who have donated items to the collection, some of which we kept and some were passed on to the Christian Salvage Mission, while also keeping doubles of certain titles that we can give away.

The library is also a great space in which to chat and share and pray for each other. As a ministry under the umbrella of OSAC, it fulfills a fruitful purpose, along with all other areas of service for the Lord Jesus. It is a joy and a privilege to be involved in this work. Carol is a faithful partner, and is always willing to fill in for me when I can't be there on a Sunday morning. Gloria works a lot behind the scenes in preparing books for the shelves. Thank you both! Besides, it's such fun to work with you!

Thanks also to Allyson who keeps our computer going, and keeps an eye on our budget - and to all of the OSAC family for supporting this ministry.

## OPERATIONS

## BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

*Written by: Ian Mitchell, Chair*

God's people are commanded to care for each other, "*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*" (Galatians 6:2), and to give to people in need (1 John 3:17).

The Benevolent Committee is an integral part of the ministry of our church by providing assistance to individuals or families who are experiencing financial need. Nobody who is willing to receive help in Christ's name should be without food, shelter and other basic needs.

OSAC provides assistance to people from the church and from the community through the Benevolent Fund, often to those with no church affiliation. We do not give out cash and usually help with outstanding bills of many varieties. Our motto is to provide a hand up, not a hand out.

When a request for assistance is submitted, one or more of the Committee contacts the applicant. Committee members prayerfully consider the request and then a decision is made on how we can help. Depending on the need, encouragement and prayer help is often provided to the person and financial help is given as appropriate. All requests are held in strictest confidence.

In 2018 OSAC gave out over \$14,700 in assistance for specific requests. We were able to help with a wide variety of requests including rent, dental and medical. We also gave out \$475 in grocery cards to 8 individuals/families in differing amounts depending on the need. During Christmas we gave another \$2,500 worth of grocery cards to 18 families. We also give \$300 per month to both the Salvation Army Food Bank and OSHaRE for a total of \$7,200.

I would like to thank Jill Bartley, Lisa Lambkin, and Cheryl Davis for their work serving faithfully on this committee.

Thank you OSAC for your generosity in supporting the ministry

**OPERATIONS****TREASURER**

*Written by: John Davis, Treasurer*

Thank you to each one of our church family for their continued prayers and financial support. The financial support from tithes and offerings funds the pastoral staff, ministries, operation of the church building, global ministries and designated specials.

The work of the Treasurer is really a team effort from a lot of people. First I would like to thank the Board of Elders for their prayers and support over the last year. I would like to extend my thanks to the volunteers who serve with me on the Finance Committee: Eric Bartley, Mike Seaman and Audrey Unger. Mike Seaman takes care of financial statements and other financial documents, and Audrey Unger the offering envelopes. Each week we also have a team of tellers behind the scenes which is coordinated by Gord Unger. Allyson Adams supports the financial work taking care of the bills and expenses to ensure that they are paid on time. We would also like to extend our thanks to Martin Clark for completing a full review of the church records again this year.

2018 was a year with many challenges for the budget and at the end of the year we had a deficit of \$35,928.00. This deficit deserves an explanation. Throughout 2018 money was used for additional work and programs which were approved by the Board of Elders and covered by the previous year's surplus. The work and programs were curbs, sidewalks, parking lot repairs, office photocopier, and the Children Ministry's summer student which totalled \$26,832. In order to follow proper accounting protocols this amount was expensed and paid out of the General Fund causing the deficit to appear larger than it actually was.

We thank God for all He is doing in our church family and we look forward to the ways we can serve Him. May He continue to give us wisdom and guidance to be good stewards of the finances He has blessed us with.

You will find, on the following pages, the Financial Review, prepared by Martin T. Clark, CA.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Christian and Missionary Alliance Church**  
**Owen Sound**  
**Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited – See Notice to Reader)

## Owen Sound Alliance Church

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(unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

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**Martin T. Clark**

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**Notice to Reader**

On the basis of information provided by management I have compiled the Balance Sheet of the Owen Sound Alliance Church as at December 31, 2018 and the General Fund Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Statement of Surplus for the year then ended. I have not performed an audit or a reviewed engagement in respect of these financial statements, accordingly, I express no opinion thereon. Readers are cautioned that these financial statements may not appropriate for their purposes.

Owen Sound, Ontario  
January 29, 2019



Chartered Professional Accountant

## Owen Sound Alliance Church

## Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2018

(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	114,667	157,640
Royal Bank GIC's	50,000	325,800
Investment at Investor's Group	10,000	5,000
Promissory Note with CCD of C&MA	280,000	
HST Receivable	7,572	9,686
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>462,239</u>	<u>498,126</u>
<b>Capital Assets</b>		
Land	73,383	73,383
Building (note 1)	1,083,736	1,083,736
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	<u>1,157,119</u>	<u>1,157,119</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,619,358</u>	<u>1,655,245</u>
<b>Liabilities and Surplus</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Liabilities	1,000	1,600
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,600</u>
<b>Surplus</b>		
Designated	188,011	187,370
General	1,430,347	1,466,275
	<u>1,618,358</u>	<u>1,653,645</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<u>1,619,358</u>	<u>1,655,245</u>

Owen Sound Alliance Church  
Statement of General Surplus  
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Opening, January 1	1,466,275	1,421,769
Net increase (decrease) in General Surplus	(35,928)	44,506
Closing Balance General Surplus December 31	<u>1,430,347</u>	<u>1,466,275</u>

Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Owen Sound  
Statement of Designated Surplus  
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

Designated Surplus	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Benevolent	14,586	17,882
Building Fund	31,642	26,921
Anna Pyles Scholarship Fund	48,138	47,101
Short Term Missions	1,825	14
Churches Without Walls	27,492	(5,886)
Food Grains Bank	31,870	29,330
Kim Lobbezoo YWAM		6,941
STM Jeff Sensenstein		832
Collingwood Church Plant		16,095
Celebrate Recovery	2,117	5,506
Prayer Quilt Ministry		1,900
Refugee Family		18,602
ESL Operations	20,296	22,132
Xchange Building	11,475	
Xchange Ministry	(1,430)	
Closing Balance, December 31	<u>188,011</u>	<u>187,370</u>

Owen Sound Alliance Church  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - General Fund  
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	<u>Budget 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2018</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>
Receipts			
Offerings	534,589	485,968	482,665
Bank Interest	1,000	3,846	2,772
Facility Rental	600	1,623	618
Bequests	-	-	-
Total Receipts	536,189	491,437	486,055
Expenses by Ministry Team			
Operations			
Personnel	392,674	390,870	332,726
Admin & Office	39,375	45,066	37,185
Property	39,300	53,491	36,694
Lay Leadership	4,450	2,228	883
Kingdom Partnerships	12,235	5,190	9,275
Library	800	956	319
Field Missions Local	1,380	1,055	714
Children & Family Ministry	12,220	8,994	9,296
Student Ministry	5,690	2,610	3,526
Adult Ministry	2,400	928	
Gathering Ministry	15,895	11,107	6,392
Community Connections	1,370	1,365	1,058
Visitation Ministry	-	-	(64)
Teaching/Training Ministry	6,050	3,505	3,203
Home Groups	2,350	-	342
Total Expenses	536,189	527,365	441,549
Net Income (Deficit)	-	(35,928)	44,506

Owen Sound Alliance Church  
 Designated Offerings  
 For the year ended December 31, 2018  
 (Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

Designated Offerings	Opening Balance	Receipts	Payments	Closing Balance
Missions	-	124,650	124,650	-
Canadian Ministries	-	18,635	18,635	-
Building Fund	26,921	4,721	-	<b>31,642</b>
Benevolent Fund	17,882	11,450	14,745	<b>14,587</b>
Anna Pyles Scholarship	47,101	1,037	-	<b>48,138</b>
ESL Operations	22,132	81,319	83,155	<b>20,296</b>
ESL Support	-	3,052	3,052	-
Ambrose University Support	-	4,534	4,534	-
Short Term Missions	14	1,811	-	<b>1,825</b>
Kim Lobbezoo YWAM	6,941.00	250	7,191	-
Refugee Family	18,602	5,940	24,542	-
Pioneers Canada Foster's	-	13,157	13,157	-
Youth Training Montreal	-	3,620	3,620	-
Xchange Building	-	11,475	-	<b>11,475</b>
Xchange Ministry	-	29,809	31,239	<b>(1,430)</b>
STM Jeff Sensenstein	832	-	832	-
STM Schantz and Myland	-	1,062	1,062	-
STM Janet Gibson	-	1,192	1,192	-
Food Grains Bank	29,330	33,792	31,252	<b>31,870</b>
Churches Without Walls	(5,887)	38,418	5,040	<b>27,491</b>
Collingwood Church Plant	16,095	-	16,095	-
Celebrate Recovery	5,506	4,542	7,931	<b>2,117</b>
Empower	-	10	10	-
Prayer Quilt Ministry	1,900	100	2,000	-
Camp Scholarship	-	6,971	6,971	-
	<b>187,369</b>	<b>401,547</b>	<b>400,905</b>	<b>188,011</b>

Owen Sound Alliance Church  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements - Missions  
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Receipts	124,650	98,532
Disbursements		
Global Advance & Jaffray	101,014	73,207
Work of the Howell's	5,023	4,390
Howell's Vehicle	-	2,972
Work of the Lobbezoo's	6,849	3,771
Women's Project Iraq	2,810	-
Lobbezoo's Vehicle	-	5,411
Work of Lois Belsey	1,105	1,420
Work of Liz Lavoie	895	3,000
Kid's In Crisis	6,834	4,241
Work of John Cook	120	120
Total Disbursements	<u>124,650</u>	<u>98,532</u>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Owen Sound Alliance Church  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended December 31, 2018  
(Unaudited - See Notice to Reader)

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Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are reported in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for non profit organizations.

Accrual Accounting

The receipts and disbursements of the organization are recorded when they are incurred rather than when they are received or paid.

Capital Assets

The capital assets are recorded at cost.

## Owen Sound Alliance Church APPROVED Operating Budget 2019 with 2018 comparative

	Budget 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018	Actual 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018	BUDGET 2019 APPROVED	2019 Budget vs 2018 Budget variances
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Revenue				
General Fund Donations	534,589.00	485,967.94	523,071.00	(11,518)
Interest	1,000.00	3,845.67	1,000.00	-
Facility Rental	600.00	1,623.40	600.00	-
Bequests	0.00		0.00	-
Miscellaneous	0.00		0.00	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>536,189.00</b>	<b>491,437.01</b>	<b>524,671.00</b>	<b>(11,518)</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>Operations</b>				
<b>PERSONNEL</b>				
Pastor's Salaries	212,641.00	212,640.35	212,641.00	-
Support Staff Salaries	79,383.00	79,360.00	81,240.00	1,857
Support Contracts	14,950.00	22,578.08	21,900.00	6,950
Staff Benefits	59,000.00	56,321.73	57,000.00	(2,000)
Ministry Exp. (Sr. Pastor)	1,000.00	1,260.27	1,000.00	-
Ministry Exp. (Child./Fam. Pastor)	300.00	130.42	500.00	200
Ministry Exp. (Student Pastor)	1,000.00	383.31	500.00	(500)
Ministry Exp. (Worship Arts Director)	1,000.00	152.50	500.00	(500)
Ministry Exp. (Small Group Coord)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Edu. & Training (Sr. Pastor)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Edu. & Training (Child/Fam. Pastor)	1,000.00	923.82	1,000.00	-
Edu. & Training (Student Pastor)	1,000.00	168.09	1,000.00	-
Edu. & Training (Worship Arts Director)	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	-
Edu. & Training (Small Group Coord)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Mileage (Sr. Pastor)	500.00	0.00	500.00	-
Mileage (Child./Fam. Pastor)	1,000.00	1,282.00	1,000.00	-
Mileage (Student Pastor)	1,000.00	985.50	1,000.00	-
Mileage (Worship Arts Director)	1,000.00	526.45	1,000.00	-
Mileage (Small Group Coord)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Subscriptions	200.00	0.00	200.00	-
C&MA Conferences	10,400.00	11,117.78	6,300.00	(4,100)
Misc. Staff Expenses	300.00	615.73	300.00	-
Candidating	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Interns/Assistants Positions	5,000.00	1,423.49	5,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL PERSONNEL</b>	<b>392,674.00</b>	<b>390,869.52</b>	<b>394,581.00</b>	<b>1,907</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION &amp; OFFICE</b>				
Finance & Contingency	21,800.00	24,330.22	20,450.00	(1,350)
1% District Op Budget	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Office Supplies	9,800.00	9,173.08	9,660.00	(140)
Office Equipment minor	2,450.00	7,785.37	2,450.00	-
Office Equipment Maintenance	4,200.00	2,999.65	4,100.00	(100)
Advertising	1,125.00	777.85	1,000.00	(125)
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION &amp; OFFICE</b>	<b>39,375.00</b>	<b>45,066.17</b>	<b>37,660.00</b>	<b>(1,715)</b>
<b>PROPERTY</b>				
Custodial Supplies	4,000.00	4,068.68	3,500.00	(500)
Extra Custodial Services	300.00	285.00	300.00	-
Kitchen Equipment	600.00	709.34	600.00	-
Utilities	14,500.00	14,842.78	14,500.00	-
General Repairs & Maintenance	19,900.00	33,585.05	21,800.00	1,900
Property Team Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY</b>	<b>39,300.00</b>	<b>53,490.85</b>	<b>40,700.00</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Lay Leadership	4,450.00	2,228.32	3,050.00	(1,400)
Kingdom Partnerships	12,235.00	5,190.00	1,275.00	(10,960)
Resource Centre/Library	800.00	956.42	500.00	(300)
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>488,834.00</b>	<b>497,801.28</b>	<b>477,766.00</b>	<b>(11,068)</b>
<b>Children &amp; Family Ministries</b>				
Sunday Ministry	4,770.00	4,195.19	4,800.00	30
Children's Outreach/Seasonal	4,100.00	3,303.73	4,450.00	350
Children's Library	400.00	276.61	500.00	100

Family Ministries	1,000.00	460.90	1,000.00	-
Team Development	1,950.00	757.31	1,050.00	(900)
<b>Total Children &amp; Family Ministries</b>	<b>12,220.00</b>	<b>8,993.74</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>(420)</b>
<b>Student Ministries</b>				
Jr. Youth	2,065.00	1,755.29	2,845.00	780
Sr. Youth	1,975.00	107.39	3,800.00	1,825
Sr/Jr Joint Events	500.00	392.84	480.00	(20)
Equipment	400.00	19.63	510.00	110
Team Development	750.00	334.73	950.00	200
<b>Total Student Ministries</b>	<b>5,690.00</b>	<b>2,609.88</b>	<b>8,585.00</b>	<b>2,895</b>
<b>Gathering Ministries</b>				
Audio/Media	2,565.00	2,416.84	2,115.00	(450)
Music	5,030.00	3,504.89	2,945.00	(2,085)
Services/Special Events	3,450.00	2,399.31	3,450.00	-
Hospitality	3,700.00	2,053.10	3,000.00	(700)
Prayer	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Team Development	1,150.00	732.39	1,650.00	500
<b>Total Gathering Ministries</b>	<b>15,895.00</b>	<b>11,106.53</b>	<b>13,160.00</b>	<b>(2,735)</b>
<b>Teaching &amp; Training</b>				
Resources	500.00	0.00	500.00	-
Women's Ministries	500.00	0.00	500.00	-
Men's Ministries	350.00	(90.20)	350.00	-
Marriage Ministries	600.00	77.63	600.00	-
Alpha	4,100.00	3,518.02	4,100.00	-
Leadership Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Teaching &amp; Training</b>	<b>6,050.00</b>	<b>3,505.45</b>	<b>6,050.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Adult Ministries **NEW**</b>				
Young Adults	350.00	315.23	780.00	430
Prime Timers	400.00	36.25	400.00	-
Seniors	400.00	488.49	400.00	-
Visitation	950.00	88.07	950.00	-
Team Development	300.00	0.00	300.00	-
<b>Total Adult Ministries</b>	<b>2,400.00</b>	<b>928.04</b>	<b>2,830.00</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>Community Connections</b>				
Community Connections	400.00	(3.31)	400.00	-
Baby Love Baskets	500.00	479.18	750.00	250
Prayers & Squares	0.00	531.94	900.00	900
Student Care Packages	470.00	357.37	450.00	(20)
<b>Total Community Connections</b>	<b>1,370.00</b>	<b>1,365.18</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>1,130</b>
<b>HomeGroups</b>				
HG Resources	2,350.00	0.00	600.00	(1,750)
<b>Total HomeGroups</b>	<b>2,350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>600.00</b>	<b>(1,750)</b>
<b>Field Team</b>				
Missions (Admin)	1,380.00	1,054.94	1,380.00	-
<b>Total Field Team</b>	<b>1,380.00</b>	<b>1,054.94</b>	<b>1,380.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>536,189.00</b>	<b>527,365.04</b>	<b>524,671.00</b>	<b>-11,518.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(35,928.03)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-</b>

## CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

*Written by: Pastor Lise Mitchell*

In 2018 we had 95 kids registered in our programs (from Infants to Grade 6) with an average attendance of 56. We had 3 new babies born in 2018. There are approximately 56 people who volunteer each month to keep our year round Sunday morning ministries running smoothly. I invite you to come downstairs some Sunday to witness the excitement firsthand. Perhaps I can convince you to join our team of volunteers who love and teach our kids 😊

Plan to Protect training is offered 9 times a year. This mandatory training must be taken once a year by all who work with children, youth, and newcomers to Canada. All staff and elders must also take this training. I offer it right after the service but am willing to meet with individuals privately if they can't make this training. Thank you to Allyson Adams who helps me with this.

The children's ministry team meets 9 times a year as well. From January to June, the team consisted of: Kristen Turner, Janine Stewart, Lori Wilson, Brenda Atkins and Heidi Marshall. Brenda and Janine stepped down, after many years of faithful service to children's ministries, in June. Thank you for serving with me for such a long season. You can still find both ladies kicking around downstairs. Josie McCallum and Jessica Richardson have now joined us. This group of ladies volunteers in various capacities in Children's Ministries and I see them as an advisory council of sorts. They take my ideas and give me productive feedback. They give me new ideas and a fresh outlook. They are trying really hard to get me to be more hip and techie (I am a work in progress).

After the service on Sunday mornings I am rarely seen outside my office. That is because the kids come to see me to either get a sticker, if they are a preschooler or check their pew points, which they earn for attendance and bringing their Bibles! It is a special time for me as I chat and visit with your awesome kids.

Josie McCallum was my summer student for 2018 (3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row). Together we tried a new way of doing VBS. We called it Adventure Camp and ran two camps in July (JK-Grade 2) and August (Grade 3-Grade6). We really liked it and felt like we tailored it to our own strengths and abilities. The kids loved it because I think it was more natural for us to lead our own curriculum and adventures instead of using a bought one. So they tracked with us easily. Our camps were almost full and we had the best volunteers. The kids learned about Jesus and had fun!

In September, Josie started her journey as a Pathways student specializing in Children's Ministries. She will be interning/ working with us until December 2019. In the fall, her big project was to coordinate and plan the children's portion of the Christmas program. She did everything from choosing the songs and communicating to the parents and getting the costumes ready. She did a great job.

56ers is a program we run once a month for our Grade 5 and 6 kids. Josie and I (along with our very dedicated husbands) run this program each month with various awesome parents helping out at each event. In the fall of 2018 we started getting close to 30 kids coming out. Our 56er activities for 2018 included: swimming, skating/sledding, movie night, duck tape Olympics, games night, Christmas party, slime night, harvest party, photo scavenger hunt and a yearend Adventure Night. This ministry helps the kids form relationships which is then a bridge to Junior High.

In 2018 we raised, through donations, \$3,795.50 to assist kids and families attend Christian camps. We were able to help send 9 kids to camp for a total cost of \$2,210.00. It was also great to be able to assist 4 families to camp for a total cost of 1,555.00. Any unused money at the end of 2018 goes into our General Fund. We are looking forward to helping kids and families in 2019 as well. Donations can be made to the Camp Assistance Fund.

### **Children's Library**

The Children's Library continues to operate every Sunday after service thanks to our faithful volunteers, Heather Parkin and Patti Ottewell, & co-leaders Janine Stewart and Gail Wood. We continue to serve a core group of parents and children by providing a selection of Christian and family focused material. We add new items a couple of times each year with a focus on DVDs, audio CDs and primary and pre-school books.

In June we teamed up with the Resource (Adult) Library and held a very successful book giveaway. Many members from our church congregation, both young and old, picked up reading material for their personal libraries. Although we do not have a large group of patrons we still believe this ministry is valuable as we seek to help our children understand the character of Jesus as they grow and mature in their faith.

### **On A Personal Note**

2018 added another grandson to our family, Myles John Neerhof, born to our daughter Erica and son-in-law Joel, and our son Mark started his last year of Chemical Engineering. Next fall he will be heading to teachers college.

In the fall of 2018 I started to suffer with a frozen shoulder and would appreciate your prayers as I continue to struggle daily with my arm; it is causing me significant pain which is proving to be an annoyance.

The Elders agreed in the fall that I could take an unpaid leave of absence from June 1- August 31, 2019. After 13 years of serving here at OSAC I feel like it would be healthy for me to take a break. I plan to spend lots of time with my family and maybe organize my house. Josie McCallum will be covering for me so it will be business as usual in Children's Ministries.

If you ever have a concern, idea or suggestion for Children's Ministries please feel free to contact me as I would love to talk with you.

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve alongside you all in 2018. What a great privilege to be able to work with all of you to further God's kingdom here on earth. I am looking forward to 2019 and all that God has for the people of OSAC.

***"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-8***

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Written by: Pastor Ryan Tudor

The 2018 student ministry year was a full one. Two things remain constant: God's faithfulness and the pressing need to disciple the next generation. The intention of this report is to provide a snapshot of some key events from the past year and to acknowledge the leaders and contributors who made it happen.

A memorable event which combined the Jr. and Sr. High groups was our Spring Retreat held at Riverview Bible Camp. We joined forces with the youth group from Gentle Shepherd Church and it was edifying to hear Pastor Paul Lucas teach us and inspire us on the theme "GO!" A big "thank you" to Pastor Joel for leading worship, and special thanks to Sarah Bittel and Lauren Schmitke for rushing home from university in order to serve as cabin leaders. Julia MacDonald and Lisa Lambkin smashed every culinary expectation we had and door-to-door chauffeur services were provided by the extraordinary Michelle Neerhof.

We joined forces again over the summer to participate at the mud volleyball tournament in Eugenia – the event's 30<sup>th</sup> edition. The Sr. Youth brought home the trophy for their age group, while the Jr. Youth were runners-up. The event would not have happened without the leadership of Jim Wilson and Jamie Lyman.

The Jr. Youth returned to Muskoka Woods in October for the "Bedlam" event hosted by the Central Canadian District. Our dodge ball team had an undefeated tournament record. Bobbi McArthur got us to and from, and also served as cabin leader and designated "Retreat Mom." Many of these students were part of the Grade 7&8 "drime" on Resurrection Sunday, directed by Bernice Tudor.

Perhaps the "high point" of the Sr. Youth ministry calendar was the 2-day Change Conference in Toronto. Tonnes of teaching, worship, workshops, trips to IKEA, and an unforgettable performance by KB. Neerhof limousine provided the transportation and Bernice catered.

On a smaller scale, a handful of students travelled to 3 Crosses in Huntsville for a weekend retreat (ESTABLISHED) with other youth in the Georgian Bay network of churches, namely Midland Alliance and Vox Alliance. Another memorable road trip was to Barrie to interact with dozens of representatives at the Christian College and University Fair in October.

We did lots of learning throughout the year, including studying two books: *Can I Ask That (Vol. 2)* in the spring, and *This Changes Everything: How the Gospel Transforms the Teen Years* in the summer. Our Sunday morning Bible study read through 1 Samuel (spring) and Hebrews (fall).

We did some partying too, including: Fake Valentine's, Not-Halloween, and Christmas. Gregg and Martha Carroll opened their home for our School's Out finale.

Serving was part of our year, including more than 600 lbs of food, collected in the neighbourhood around the church, for the Salvation Army in December. Also, more than a dozen students assisted at the Mental Health Association Dinner at the Bayshore. A number of students regularly serve in other church ministries, including worship teams, ushering, student ministries, and Young at Heart (seniors) lunches.

Finally, two "new" events were especially memorable: The first Daddy Daughter Date Night in February, where we basically provided an environment – and chocolate and flowers – for a date night. Pastor Lise was responsible for the majority of the planning and marketing, alongside Ian Mitchell, John and Cheryl Davis, and Brian Hewgill. The brains, energy and skill behind the event were supplied by world-class event planner, and really nice lady, Colleen Hewgill, who oversaw every detail.

The other event was SOAR which took place in Montreal, July 3-12. Olivia Torrie, Jake MacDonald, Jillian Lyman and Jenelle Lyman participated in this experience which was part missions training and part missions trip. The group exceeded fundraising targets and, unquestionably, these were 10 transformative days.

Thank you to Pastor Jeff for eagerly and courageously green-lighting many of these adventures. Also, a hearty "Muchas Gracias" to our source of administrative horsepower – Allyson Adams. The impact of her brilliant behind-the-scenes makes these activities, and is exceeded only by her faith-filled prayers for our students.

While these events serve to document the year and hopefully capture some of the joy and noise of this ministry, two groups of heroes are most responsible for the success of this ministry; and, in each case, demonstrated weekly in countless, under-the-radar ways. First, the parents: Names too many to list; deeds of service too many to list; and grace and enthusiasm too much to measure. Second, the backbone of these ministries include Mark Bartley, Jason Bobbette, Bryanna Bryans, and Jessica Cook for our Sr. High; and Hannah Carroll, Allan Bittorf, and Andrew Playford (intern) for our Jr. High.

As we look ahead to 2019, we are confident that the Lord will be with us, His hand will be upon our gatherings, and that He has a plan for every student. Would you pray that we make an impact in the year ahead – an eternal impact. We want to see students meet Jesus and make Him known in our city!

## WORSHIP ARTS & ADULT MINISTRIES

*Written by: Pastor Joel McCallum*

### **Worship Arts**

This year has been a great year for growth in our Worship Arts Ministry. We started off 2018 with training from Jody Cross, which was an incredible blessing to our ministry. He taught on the importance of our heart in worship, the meaning behind the songs we choose and why we sing them, and also had a time where he critiqued (in a good way!) our worship band and what could be done to have a better impact through our worship. This was a great blessing, and has stirred the hearts of our worship members to go deeper into Jesus as we seek to publicly express our worship through song.

We also have tried some new things regarding our worship team structures this year. We have a wealth of singers, but I noticed our musicians were overlapping on several different teams. So, we went down from four different worship teams to two bands with four vocal groups. The worship bands are on a two week rotation, so they will be up together two weeks in a row and then will have a two week break. This has several benefits: 1) The musicians get an opportunity to work with their band two weeks in a row and really solidify what they learn as a group, and 2) this prevents musicians from being up every week and allowing them to have a break, and from having others that are scarcely playing if the worship team rotation is changed by leaders being missing. I have seen great progress with this structure so far because the bands form a bond and have the chance to really get to know each other as they play together. This gives way to stronger understanding of musical styles and how to mesh as a team.

Two of our faithful leaders made the choice to step down this year: Mailon Marshall and Cindie Holm have led worship in our church for many years, and did so faithfully and diligently. I want to express my thanks to them for their service, as I know our congregation has been blessed by their leadership as well.

For 2019, we look forward to more new things. We are upgrading our sound system for better efficiency and ease of use for volunteers. We are also upgrading and adding speakers to our sanctuary (under balcony and on the balcony) to ensure our sound is projected as effectively as possible. This will require in-depth training, but we look forward to moving ahead as technology advances and makes sound engineering easier. We are excited to try new presentation software that makes events and Sunday morning Scriptures more accessible to our congregation; and we also look forward to having Jody Cross come and do follow-up teaching for our worship ministry.

### **Adult Ministries**

Adult ministries have three components: Young Adults, Adult Social Events, and Seniors.

Revive Young Adults has had a great year of exploring what God has for us as 20-30 year olds in the church. 2018 consisted of a lot of trial and error. We have such a diverse group that is excited to gather together, and we are continually trying to figure out what works best for our group to grow closer to Jesus and to each other. We continued to serve at Good Sam's Coffee House, a free coffee house that provides food, live music, and a safe space. We regularly studied the Bible as a group, exploring themes like spiritual gifts, God's plan for our lives, and much more. We also attended Fluid Gathering, a young adult's conference in Oakville with teaching, worship, and workshops. All of our events focus on community and going deeper in our faith, and we continue to see God working in our midst and we seek to serve Him.

In 2019, we look forward to something new called Home Church which will allow us time to worship and have teaching, but also pray for one another and minister in a much more intimate space. We are also starting a new once a month Saturday Night Church for all of the young adults groups in our area. This will be at TheXchange Centre downtown, with worship and speaking from area pastors. We look forward to all God will do in 2019!

Adult Ministries have a lot of potential and I know our adults love the opportunity to build community with one another. This year we had a car rally that was a huge success! It involved taking pictures with strangers, getting receipts for .57 cents, and even going up to your neck in the bay (either by dunking your head like Tamara Schmitke or going fully in like Gregg Carroll!). After the event we all went to Montanas and you could tell the people who came were so excited just to spend time together. We look forward to more events in 2019 such as a skating night, pick-up baseball games, and more fun events.

Our Seniors group had a name change, from North of 55 to Young at Heart, but still continues to be a great ministry. In 2018, we had themed lunch events, organized by the Staff, for Valentine's Day, spring, and a "Hawaiian Christmas." We enjoyed hearing testimony from Pastor Ryan, Greg Musselman, and had special guests like Gregg Carroll who did a pineapple cutting demonstration (I was crowned the champion after following Gregg's instruction). Thanks to Kevin Usher and Herbert Pryke for the amazing lunches that were prepared! We will continue to do more bi-monthly events in 2019 that gather our older generations together around food, games, and fellowship.

Written by: Carol Seaman, Coordinator

Our Prayers & Squares Ministry continues to promote prayer through the use of the quilt. We thank our church family for their support in tying the knots and praying for each person who receives a quilt. The quilts become a gift of love and encouragement for someone in need. Our motto continues to be *"It's not about the quilt; it's all about the prayers"*. God has answered those prayers. Check out the bulletin board outside the Resource Library to read the many notes that are sent to us – they will encourage you to continue to pray.

We are thankful for our group of volunteers who meet the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons to layer quilts, put in the ties, to pray for those receiving the quilt, and for fellowship. Our volunteers are: Bev Brown, Norma Byers, Sandra Cruickshank, Barb Fitzsimmons, Edie Iles, Elaine Kerr, Elizabeth Lochbihler, Pat McAllister, Andrea O'Donoghue, Heather Parkin, Nikki Pointon, Carol Seaman, Fiona Sensenstein, and Liz Shantz.

During 2018 we delivered 58 prayer quilts and sent 5 quilts with the Nicaragua Missions trip in February. We also continue to make baby quilts for the Baby Love Baskets.

In the spring, we hosted a mini conference for Prayers & Squares. We did a power point presentation on the program for about 50 ladies from the area. We had a luncheon with the ladies and had decorated the gym with many of the quilts we had made for the coming year. Care of your sewing machine, machine binding, and some new quilt patterns for quick & easy quilts were some of the options for the afternoon. Our guest speaker for the morning event was Gayle Larmond, a quilter from the Gentle Shepherd Community Church in Flesherton. She inspired many of us with her beautiful quilts. She returned to provide a workshop for anyone interested and it was enjoyed by many of our members and some from St. Mary's church in Owen Sound.

One of the blessings from the mini-conference was seeing Crossroads Alliance Church, in Ingersoll, begin their own chapter of Prayers & Squares and we look forward to hearing more of their ministry in the years ahead. Please pray with us that other chapters will be started and that the new chapters will be an encouragement in their own communities.

We continue to have a Sew Day (or two) during the year with the chapters from St. Mary's in Owen Sound and the Owen Sound Lutheran church. It is so encouraging for all of us to work together and compare stories of those who have received quilts.

If you know of someone in need of prayer and the gift of a quilt, please contact any of our members or pick up a request form from the Welcome Desk. We could not continue this ministry without your involvement, so please continue to tie the knots and pray for those receiving the quilts.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## KNIT FOR WARMTH

*Written by: Liz Shantz, Coordinator*

The Knit for Warmth ministry began in the fall of 2017. We meet the first and third Wednesday afternoon for "Knit & Chat". This gives us a chance to plan out the blankets, organize the squares and learn more about each other. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us.

In 2018 we delivered 19 blankets. They were donated to Safe and Sound, the Women's Shelter, St Mary's High School, Victim's Services, a Northern Ontario Reserve, Veterans and a single mom. Our desire is to bless others with a warm knitted blanket.

Our blanket label reads:

*"Blanket of Blessing"  
Knit for YOU with love, hope & prayers.  
O.S. Alliance Church.*

Thank you to all who have donated yarn. Thank you to all who knit 8" squares and to those who crochet them together to make a colourful, warm blanket. Women from our church family and many from our community and beyond are knitting squares. Every square is important and will find a home in a blanket. Funding has been unnecessary as a result of all the donations of yarn and knitted squares. Thank you to all our knitters. We pray that the blankets warm both body and soul.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## BABY LOVE BASKETS

*Written by: Heidi Marshall, Coordinator*

Members of the Children's Ministry Team were kept busy in 2018 putting together the baskets which go to moms in need in the community. Requests come through public health nurses for the baskets. We were able to provide 44 families with Baby Love Baskets, of which 5 baskets were for families with twins. We were also able to provide some of our ESL families with baskets.

The baskets contain everything a new born baby needs such as: sleepers, onesies, diapers and diaper cream, wash cloths and baby wash, receiving and knitted blankets, toys/books (when available) and bibs.

We had a very successful *Fill the Playpen Challenge* in February, and we even got the children involved. They asked friends and family members for loose change to go towards buying much needed supplies for the baskets, and together they raised \$325. We are looking forward to getting the church involved in more challenges to help keep our playpen full.

We would like to thank everyone at Owen Sound Alliance Church, as well as Prayers and Squares and the members of the Bluewater Quilters Guild for all their generous donations of quilts.

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## HARVEST FOR HUNGER

*Written by: Larry & Heather Parkin, Coordinator*

We are pleased to report on our fourth year for Owen Sound Harvest for Hunger, a project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and a ministry of Owen Sound Alliance Church. Fun Day at the Farm, an event to promote awareness of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada, was held on a beautiful, sunny August 11.

We had record attendance at Fun Day at the Farm, keeping the parking attendants very busy. This year, we were able to partner with the Chatsworth Agricultural Society, which provided a very interesting antique display; as well as the OS Poultry, Pigeon & Pet Stock Organization that provided an excellent poultry display. Also new this year, was a display by the Bluewater Quilters Guild and a square dancing demonstration. The silent auction, with many unique items, brought in over \$2,200. There was no charge for any of this, other than for the homemade pies and drinks. This booth was very busy, bringing in over \$1,100. People were greeted at a welcome centre where they could make donations and gather more information.

We were extremely blessed in having more than 90 volunteers willingly come forward to help put this day on, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Thank you to the men's group that looked after the barbequing for us. The event attracted over 1000 people and fed about 450. People in attendance were so appreciative of all of the activities at no charge and were most generous in their donations. **Over \$12,600 was raised that day.** We would like to thank the many sponsors for the day. Sponsorship donations this year totalled \$5,850, which more than covered the expenses for the day.

Cropping this year was somewhat challenging, with the early part of the summer being extremely dry, and then late summer and fall was extremely wet. We again had over 30 acres of soybeans and corn grown by Ford & Jessica Cook, Brad & Angie Torrie and Larry & Heather Parkin. Many of the crop inputs were covered by agricultural businesses, and we thank them for their generosity. The income from the crops was \$10,200. Al & Michelle Neerhof again grew the pumpkin patch, with income of about \$725 from donations. When expenses were paid, we were able to send a cheque for **\$29,370.17** to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The funds will be used again in Niger, on the multi-year agricultural and livelihood project headed up by Alliance Justice and Compassion. In our first four years, we have been able to send over **\$111,000 to Canadian Foodgrains** to assist those in need.

We still feel that we are meeting our goals that we set out, which was to help provide food for people in need; to increase visibility for the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank; to build community in our rural neighbourhood by working together; to host an event that entertains and educates; to provide outreach to our community; to work collectively on a project with people who are not directly involved in primary production; and to give all the glory to God.

We look forward to our fifth event on Saturday, August 10, 2019 and a fifth year of cropping for this project. Seed has already been donated, and we would be happy to have more people willing to donate land to grow a crop for us. We are thrilled with the response and support of this project and hope to continue building on and growing this support. The Lord has once again blessed us with a good yield of soybeans and corn, as well as a great yield of supporters. May the Lord also bless those who deliver and receive the gift of food and education provided by this project.

We thank each and every one of you who helped with the project, as well as all of those who made donations. *Once I was young, and now I am old. Yet I have never seen the godly abandoned or their children begging for bread. Psalm 37:25*

**FIELD****MISSIONS COMMITTEE***Written by: Cindie Holm, Chair*

The following are the members of our Mission Committee: Dave and Darlene Forest, Bobbi McArthur, Julia Bittorf and Cindie Holm. I would like to thank the members for their ongoing commitment to the committee.

#### Highlights of 2018

\*Kim Lobbezoo was able to go with YWAM and their outreach ministry to Nepal and Philippines. Kim was involved with different presentations of the gospel, which included open air performances, dramas and testimonies.

\*Janet Gibson went on a STM trip to Guatemala in January, with Chesley Community Church. The team helped in an orphanage, ministered at the House of Refuge for prostitutes, and delivered gift and food baskets to widows and families in need.

\*Terry Myland and Roger Shantz went to Nicaragua with Water Ambassadors in February.

\* Gary and Sharon Howell were home until January 14, 2018 and returned in May, with plans to stay until January 2019.

\* Fiona Sensenstein took on the leadership of the Central District Women's Ministry, and has been working with the National District of the C&MA Canada on Project Hope for the Broken Hearted. The goal was to raise \$150,000 to support a team of International Workers to help the local church minister with traumatized Yazidi women.

\*Montreal SOAR-Pastor Ryan took a team of young people to Montreal. It was a good opportunity for the youth to be exposed to a different culture, and to introduce kids to the short term mission experience.

\*Allan Bittorf started his internship at Word of Life Camp. This opportunity has given Allan the ability to develop a variety of leadership roles, developing practical, hands-on skills, and further opportunity to develop his talents and gifts for Christ.

\*Missions Weekend was held October 13+14, 2019, with Gary & Sharon and Mike & Nikki Howell speaking and sharing. A major part of the dinner was fund-raising for the Global Advance Fund. The weekend was well attended and plans are for another weekend in 2019. The total offerings for GAF were \$13,316 greatly surpassing our goal of \$5000.

Mark 16:15

*He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach good news to all creation."*

I want to thank the congregation for your prayers and financial support to our outreach trips. I know that all who are part of short term mission trips take the opportunity to preach good news, and we are thankful that the Lord has provided these opportunities.

**FIELD****INTERNATIONAL STAFF**

Written by: Gary & Sharon Howell – serving in *Senegal*

TEAM

Our team is growing! This last year we doubled in size! Katie Bowler joined our team last January and we are so thankful that God has led her to us here in Senegal. She uses her gifts in prayer and faith to challenge us and to encourage us in the ministry here. She's also been putting in some good work in language learning and after 6 months of Wolof studies switched over to a Fulani dialect spoken in Northern Senegal. It's a language we believe is strategic for future church growth among the Fulani.

Jerry and Lois Dorn joined us in May, just 2 weeks before we left for our home assignment. They have come with many years of international church experience to take the lead pastor position of the growing International Church Fellowship here in Dakar. It's a growing multi-national body of believers whose heart passion is to be a witness and blessing here in Dakar and in Senegal.

*We are still praying and trusting that God will bring us more members for our team. As we write this update, we're getting ready to host a very special and dear couple who are praying and discerning the possibility of future ministry here in Senegal. Continue to pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest would send more workers to this harvest field.*

Networking with other organizations

We strongly believe in the core value of partnership with others. We cannot accomplish this vision on our own and we recognize the diverse giftings God has placed here in Senegal through many different, but like-minded missions and agencies. We also recognize that the fruit we are seeing is the result of seed that was planted many years ago and nourished along by many others.

God is allowing us to use some of our giftings to bring together some new partnerships and to encourage and empower others in ministry, some who are in areas we could never reach. This last year we helped to facilitate several workshops to help others develop skills in the areas of orality (telling God's story in oral ways to better reach an oral-based culture), interpersonal skills (how to better work together in teams and community), and trauma healing (how to help others who have gone through traumatic and difficult experiences). By serving the extended international worker community we are finding that we are building trust and that is leading to deeper partnerships and collaboration as we seek to bring access to Jesus in remote areas and help to build His Church.

*As we write this update we are actively seeking out some new partnerships with other organizations, particularly to help with the translation project of the Bible into the northern Fulani dialect. They would love to see the Old Testament completed this year – and so would we!*

Fulani Ministry Initiative

The Fulani Ministry Initiative is one example of a new partnership whose vision is to see "a movement of mature, reproducing communities of Christ among the Fulani in Senegal, prepared to impact the rest of West Africa". This partnership has two different C&MA sending organizations as well as a family sent by WEC –and we're exploring partnership ideas with a Senegalese Fulani association as well as other mission agencies. Missions are changing. We're excited about these open doors for us as well as the testimony of unity in the body of Christ that this represents.

Home Assignment:

A large part of our year was spent on Canadian soil for our home assignment. Time went by so quickly – but full of good connections and good memories. We are so thankful for your love and friendship and support. We came back with full hearts knowing that we are well loved – and for that we thank you.

Blessings to you.

**FIELD****INTERNATIONAL STAFF**

*Written by: Bill & Illana Lobbezoo – serving in Cambodia*

Greetings from Cambodia! As we sit and contemplate the year behind us we are grateful for God's faithfulness and grace in carrying us through a busy and challenging year in many respects. We also felt the support of our Canadian church partners both in your prayers for our ministry and health, as well as your financial support and hands-on, in the flesh support on the ground. We continue to straddle 2 broader areas of ministry: 1) Our partnership with the church groups who have a vision to reach their communities through language and skills training. These are supported by the Teaching For Freedom Projects. 2) Our leadership responsibility for the Canadian IWs working here in Cambodia.

This past year brought us several special visitors. We were privileged to host a large group of visitors in January, just prior to our Regional Gathering in Thailand, from Gateway, National Ministry Centre (Envision), and an IW candidate couple to see and engage with a variety of our ministry locations especially in the Northwest region of our country. This visit resulted in ongoing partnerships throughout the year, and the addition of the Nguyen family to our IW team. In March and April we hosted both David and Agnes Hearn and Brem and Donna Frentz who stopped in to see our ministries and meet with our workers as part of broader trips in the region. Both visits provided timely and encouraging support especially as it related to our leadership support of the Vietnamese ministry in Siem Reap. Of course we won't fail to include the 25 short term ministry visitors we hosted in July and August for Language Exchange Camps. Thanks to the support of teammates Mike and Cindy Schmidt, who stepped up when Bill was recovering.

The Language Exchange camps served as opportunity to strengthen our partnership with the various individuals and churches in the Northwest who are impacting their communities through language and skills training centres. Our visiting teams from Kitchener, Caledonia, Lake Placid, and Pennsylvania, totalling 25 individuals, provided impactful encouragement to those attending the camps in Poipet, Svay Sisophon, Thmorkol, Battambang, Kamping Puoy and Siem Reap. Approximately 200 students were exposed to the love of Jesus through their interaction with the visitors, conversations in English and Khmer with other believers, learning songs and listening to testimonies that were shared each day. Many who are not yet believers in Jesus were carried along in their spiritual journey, some made decisions to follow Jesus, and believers were definitely encouraged in their faith. Intentional and ongoing partnerships between Canadian church groups and these schools provide accountability and support as these Cambodian leaders continue to run their teaching programs. We finished the year with formal partnerships with Kamping Puoy, Poipet and Battambang schools, though we struggled to support them financially to the degree we had hoped.

Many are aware and have been praying for Bill as we were surprised by his admittance to hospital with Legionnaires Disease while on vacation in Australia in July. His hospital stay and subsequent recovery time extended his stay in Perth by an extra 2 weeks beyond what was planned. Illana's Perth visit was also extended by 10 days. We are grateful for God's healing touch at that time and rapid initial recovery. However, Bill continues to face physical and mental challenges as he continues to recover from the impact of this disease on the health of his lungs and body. His daily struggle with fatigue and inability to carry a full workload has resulted in his need to pull back on ministry and leadership responsibilities and activities. He was able to return to the English teaching classroom in the fall but this left Illana to pick up the slack especially as it relates to our Team Leader role as Bill.

Our IW team grew by two families at the beginning of August, bringing our team total to 13 adults and 5 children and 2 adult volunteers. The Nguyens and the Lims have come to Cambodia to work among the Vietnamese in Siem Reap but are spending this first year in Phnom Penh in order to study the Khmer language, learn about Cambodia, prepare for future ministry and build team with the rest of our workers here. Much of our leadership attention and energy was spent in the earlier months of the year providing support to ministries in Siem Reap and especially the one focussing on the Vietnamese. We are grateful for the support and investments made by our Khmer church partners and C&MA Canada leadership to usher this ministry into a fruitful future. It has been exciting to see spiritual growth within the Vietnamese community and we look forward to witness how God will continue to use our growing team. Before the year ended Mike and Cindy Schmidt transitioned from language study in Phnom Penh to ministry in Siem Reap. They finished up the year busily continuing to build relationships with Khmer brothers and sisters in that part of the country, and it continues to be our hope that together we can be a light within this country of Cambodia.

## SPONSORED MINISTRIES

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Our church currently provides oversight for three ministries that operate independently from OSAC, but are financially accountable to the Board of Elders.

Church Without Walls was birthed through Owen Sound Alliance Church and now hold a 'developing church' status with the Central Canadian District of the C&MA, according to the C&MA Constitution. Practically, that means CWW's governance is mandated by the District and financial accountability is through Owen Sound Alliance. Celebrate Recovery and ESL were also approved by the Board of Elders. All of these ministries are approved designated special funds, meaning if you wish to direct donations to these other ministries you may do so by marking your offering envelope either CWW, Celebrate Recovery, or Dave/Andy Foster (for ESL).

You can read about these ministries in the following pages.

Written by: Cliff Moody and Pastor Greg Musselman

The year had begun, just as the previous year had ended. CWW had some challenges ahead of it, both financially and spiritually. We began the year with a deficit, and we were still in the early stages of looking for a new pastor.

In January Steve Harbridge (Central Canadian District Superintendent) proposed an alliance with a new venture called TheXchange. CWW would have a part time pastor who would also lead TheXchange. After much prayer in February we voted to join in this new venture. In late spring we spent some time praying and getting to know Greg Musselman, who would go on to lead TheXchange, and be the new CWW pastor. We had a great advisory team that used their spiritual gifts and good wisdom to come to this decision.

In the first half of 2018 we were saddened by the moving on of some great leaders who were called by God to new areas of ministry. Thank you for your service Murray and Donna Jansen, and Derek and Wendy Stanley. We also went from 3 Owen Sound groups to 2. This meant some shuffling around, but it also forged new friendships.

We had a couple of new believers join the family of God in 2018, and some baptisms to follow. We joined the big church for the Good Friday service and baptism in June, plus we had a great outreach at Sauble in August, where some CWW'ers got to meet Greg for the first time.

We did accomplish many great things in 2018 through God's grace, and the leadership of some great men and women of God. Paul and Julia Macdonald, Jim and Maria Bullock, Cindy and Jason McNamara, Peter Allemang, Erin Gundy, Kevin and Rachel Howell, Greg Farrow, Mark and Ruth Harris, Kendall and Tamara Schmitke, and Julie Moody. Again, thanks to all of you for a great first half of 2018.

Following Jesus can take you many places and sometimes, with Joy, He brings you back to the place you have left. Although unexpected, this has been our story.

I am grateful for the privilege of following God's call back to Owen Sound; to continue to build upon the foundation Christ began through the Schmitkes and the CWW leadership. It has been a blessing to join the community of CWW and rejoin the larger community of OSAC. Julie and I have been affirmed and welcomed warmly by our new CWW family. My main leadership role in the fall of 2018 was to listen and facilitate unity around God's unique call for CWW in this new season.

From September to November, we studied Ephesians 4:11-16 in our monthly Corporate Gathering, discovering God's vision for His Church to be the maturing body of Christ and defining what maturity looks like in us. Christ-like maturity in our leadership is evident in their servant hearts and compassion for the lost. For our December Gathering we met downtown, toured the lights, ate and played board games together. I enjoyed visiting our CWW Groups meeting in Wiarton, Gould Lake and Owen Sound. Each group has a different culture and a different region of mission.

As we move into the New Year I look forward to practically equipping our leaders in Jesus' disciple making way, to see God move us to increased maturity in Him, to see many to come to know, become like and join Jesus in making disciples with Him.

*Ephesians 4:12-13 "to equip His people for the works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ"*

## SPONSORED MINISTRIES

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Written by: Wendy Stanley*

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is for anyone 18+ who wishes to gain recovery and healing of their hurts, habits and hang-ups. A "hurt" is a physical pain caused by yourself or another or a life experience that can damage a person's emotional health (eg. abuse, betrayal, rejection, or abandonment). A "habit" is a repeated behaviour pattern, which can include addictions (eg. drugs, alcohol, smoking, or pornography), or other unhealthy patterns (eg. gossip, lying, or overeating). A "hang up" is a psychological or emotional problem or fixation about something, or a road block that keeps a person progressing further into God's plan for their life (eg. anger, anxiety, fear, co-dependency, control, shame, and various forms of mental illness).

Unlike secular recovery programs, Celebrate Recovery is based on God's Word, uses recovery principles based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5, and emphasizes spiritual commitment to Jesus Christ, the one and only Higher Power.

On Thursday nights, the Large Group time (7-8pm) consists of worship, followed by a teaching or testimony, followed by a small group time (8-9pm) where men meet with men, and women with women. We cycle through 25 recovery lessons, and will complete our third cycle by the end of January 2019. The fourth cycle begins with a committed group of participants who have been attending two or more years, new participants of six months or more, and many newcomers.

This is a real "front lines" ministry where hurting and broken people receive the love and care of Jesus and where they learn to trust others with their deepest secrets. We are a family who cares, supports, and encourages one another. We celebrate victories (we call them miracles) in people's lives, including freedom over addictions to sex, drugs, alcohol, smoking, and pornography. We witness the peace and joy that comes from forgiving others and celebrate many restored family relationships and rescued marriages. Many are claiming victory over uncontrolled anger, worry, lack of trust, and improvements in mental illness. But each one admits he/she is a work in progress and God's not finished yet.

CR Owen Sound is a joint ministry of several churches in the community including Calvary EMC who hosts CR and the Owen Sound Alliance Church (OSAC) who provides financial accountability. In 2018, for our deeper healing studies held separately from Thursday nights, we met at Calvary and OSAC, and in February 2019, the men will start meeting at TheXchange Centre. In addition to our weekly Thursday night meetings, 7 men completed a 25 week intensive step study, 8 men completed the 8 week Life's Healing Choices study, and 14 women completed the 8 week Life's Healing Choices study. In 2019, a men's step study and two women's step studies are planned.

We have a committed leadership team of 5, headed by Terry Bartley who is the Ministry Leader. There also numerous participant volunteers weekly who help with set up and clean up. Serving is a very positive sign of recovery. For 2019, we will focus on leadership development through mentoring and monthly training. We are seeing a number of people taking on various leadership roles.

## SPONSORED MINISTRIES

## ESL (English as a Second Language)

*Written by: Dave & Andy Foster, Coordinators*

Arden Language Centre has completed its third year. We are so thankful to God for so many things.

Dave and Andy Foster oversaw the program with the wonderful addition of Christeena Nienhuis joining them this past fall. This has been a HUGE answer to prayer. Ewan Porter, Martha Carroll, and Diana Caldwell serve on the Advisory Board.

In 2018 the Centre ran a full-time ESL (English as a Second Language) program, consisting of 9 classes running simultaneously, with the help of over 50 incredible volunteers. Students came from a range of backgrounds including; Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, China, Japan, Burundi, Eritrea and Somalia.

There have been a number of HUGE answers to prayer this past year including; families being reunited, Canadian citizenship tests being passed and God providing all the finances to run an incredible full-time ESL summer camp for over 40 kids.

We are so grateful for the congregation who continues to support the Centre through prayer, volunteering and financially supporting us (Dave and Andy) through this past year.

Teaching English is only one part of what happens here and we are excited to see the work God is doing in the lives of our students. The Nations are truly arriving here in Owen Sound.

Plans for 2019 include; many more new students starting and graduating from the program, teaching of a pre-college level of ESL, professional development for all three of us as we continue to strive to improve the centre, and sharing this program with others who look to do similar work.

We are always excited to show people our program and to answer any questions. Please feel free to talk to us directly!

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**STATISTICS**


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<b>Average Attendance -</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Worship Services (Nursery – Adult):	332	324	305	320
Sunday School (Nursery - Gr. 8):	74	65	69	69

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**Membership**

Membership for 2018 (*includes active and non-active*):.... 331

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**New Members**

Kurtis Mink	Christine Mink	William Strutton	Leigh Strutton
David Barkey	Joanne Barkey	Joel McCallum	Josie McCallum
Brendan Blokzyl	Holly Blokzyl	Kevin Usher	Marilyn Spere

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**Deaths** \* *Denotes members*

Phyllis Walker	Kay Summers*	Marea Nicholls*	Doug Hayward
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**Baptisms**

Brad Parkin	Stacey Parkin	Heather Parkin	Larry Parkin
Devin Stewart	Jacob MacDonald	Sophia Foster	Dylan O'Donoghue
Herbert Pryke			

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**Elders and Terms**

<i>2016 – 2019</i>	<i>2017 – 2020</i>	<i>2018 - 2021</i>
Larry Bryans	John Brookham	Tamara Schmitke
Cindie Holm	Jackie Myland	Brian Hewgill
Jim Cunningham	John Davis	Al Smiley