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## **Mount Royal United Church**

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

February 2, 2020

## **Annual Meeting/Worship Service**

- 1. Call to Order/Nomination of Chairperson & Secretary
- Motion re: Bylaws Section B.3.7.2, page 60, United Church Manual Minutes, Annual Congregational meeting held February 10, 2019 Minutes of June 16, 2019 Special Community of Faith Profile Meeting Minutes of Nov 17, 2019 Community of Faith/Search Comm meeting
- 3. Business arising from these minutes
- 4. Correspondence
- 5. New Business
  - a. Presentation and adoption of Annual Reports
  - b. Report of Church Council Nominating Committee
  - c. Presentation and adoption of Financial Reports
- 6. Further Business
- 7. Adjournment

#### **Minutes**

## **Mount Royal United Church**

## **Annual Congregational Meeting**

## February 10, 2019, 10:30am

The Annual Congregational Meeting for Mount Royal United Church for the year 2018 was held in the form of a worship service and brown bag luncheon on February 10, 2019. There were 46 persons in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:30am.

## Prelude, Greeting, Introit, Lighting of the Christ Candle

## **Call to Order of Annual Meeting**

The work and worship of the church are intertwined. When we work for God it is a form of worship. Our Council meetings are a form of worship dedicated to God and the work of the church. Today, in this service we will visibly combine the work and worship of this Church. Jim Morris called the Annual Meeting to Order.

## Nomination of Chairperson and Secretary for Meeting

Joe Robinson nominated Jim Morris as Chair for the Annual Meeting, seconded by Ron Roper.

## Motion Carried

Jennifer Aikman-Smith nominated Tracy Parrott as Secretary for the Annual Meeting. The nomination was seconded by Joyce Bremner.

## Motion Carried

## Opening Hymn, Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, the Lord's Prayer

## Motion to extend vote to adherents (Section B.3.7.2, page 60, 2019 United Church Manual)

Susan Fowler moved that, as stated in B.3.7.2, on page 60 of the UCC Manual, the "*Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if (a) the full members decide to allow adherents to vote; and (b) the vote is on a financial or administrative matter."* The motion was seconded by Nick Smith.

#### Motion Carried

## Children's Hymn, Adoption of Minutes from the February 11, 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Ron Roper moved that the minutes from the February 11, 2018 meeting be adopted as circulated. Joyce Bremner seconded the motion.

## Motion Carried

## Business arising from the Minutes – None

## Correspondence - None

## Scripture Reading from Isaiah 6:1-13, Reflection, Scripture Reading from Luke 5:1-11, Hymn, Affirmation of Faith, Invitation, Offertory,

## **Dedication of Committee Reports**

All authors of Annual reports were asked to stand and repeat the following: We dedicate our reports to the Glory of God.

## Presentation of Gifts, Prayers of the Congregation, The Life and Work of the Community, Hymn, Grace

Move downstairs to share lunch.

## **Discussion of Reports, New Business**

## **Presentation and adoption of Annual Reports**

A motion to adopt all the annual reports with noted amendments was made by Ron Roper and seconded by David Close. It was noted that on page 24 of the Choir report Jack Patriquin should have been noted to have passed away and that the choir sang a beautiful anthem at his funeral and on page 17 of the Pastoral Care report Joyce Parsons has resigned from the committee rather than is taking a period of absence.

## Motion Carried

## **Presentation and adoption of Financial Reports**

David Close presented the Financial Report. Total revenue for the year was \$265,135. Of this amount \$15,000 was from the Estate of Helen Gibson and \$17,332 was transferred from the Memorial Fund for washroom renovations and stained-glass windows. Total expenses for the year were \$257,829 for a net current year surplus of \$7,306. This was added to the surplus from prior years for an accumulated surplus of \$23,459. Envelope givings were up by \$9,103 over last year and M&S offerings were down by \$2,818. We received a recovery of disability insurance of \$12,113 during Rev Daley's leave of absence which has reduced salary expense for the year.

The manse fund investments were discussed. David Close reported that it is presently invested in the CIBC Monthly Income Fund. It was agreed that the Finance Committee review this investment to ensure that it is a "green" investment, both ethically and environmentally friendly.

David Close made the motion to approve the Financial Reports for 2018, listed on pages 39-42 of the Annual Report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Roper.

## Motion Carried

David Close presented the 2019 Budget. Envelope givings are budgeted at \$156,000 with total revenue and expenses of \$239,000 for a breakeven budget. Salary increases are budgeted at 1.6% increase over the 2018 year as recommended by the United Church.

David Close moved that the 2019 Budget be approved as presented on page 43 of the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Joe Robinson.

## Motion Carried

#### **New Business**

Susan Fowler read the Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers of the church. The intent, when it was created in 2011, was to read and reconfirm our commitment to it each year. All staff and volunteers dealing with vulnerable populations (children, youth, and the elderly) will be required to get a police check done every 3 years. It is the commitment of the church to provide a safe environment for all persons.

Susan Fowler moved that the congregation agree to support the code of conduct and its enforcement. The motion was seconded by Kim Gallant.

Motion Carried

Jim Morris thanked all who contribute to the work of the church.

Jim Morris was thanked for his dedication and commitment to our congregation and received a standing ovation in response to this.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

## **Closing Prayer**

Jim Morris Chair of Council Tracy Parrott Recording Secretary

#### Minutes

## **Mount Royal United Church**

## **Community of Faith Profile Meeting**

## June 16, 2019, 11:30am

The Community of Faith Profile Meeting for Mount Royal United Church was held in the form of a Meeting following the worship service on June 16, 2019. There was a quorum present. The meeting was called to order at 11:30am.

## Call to Order of the Community of Faith Profile Meeting

Susan Fowler called the Community of Faith Profile Meeting to Order.

## Nomination of Chairperson and Secretary for Meeting

Caroline Gingles nominated Susan Fowler as Chair for the Community of Faith Meeting, seconded by Ron Roper.

## Motion Carried

Jill MacArthur-Guy nominated Tracy Parrott as Secretary for the Community of Faith Meeting. The nomination was seconded by Jane Donovan.

## Motion Carried

## Motion to extend vote to adherents

Lee Wilson moved that, as stated in B.3.7.2, on page 60 of the UCC Manual, the "*Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if the full members decide to allow adherents to vote."* The motion was seconded by Jane Donovan.

## Motion Carried

## **Introduction and Presentation of Profile**

Co-chairs Caroline Gingles and Valerie Tremble were delighted to present the profile. Valerie stated that the profile preparation is really the task of telling people who we are, what we do, what we're good at, where we want to go and how we want to be guided. The committee developed the questionnaire to allow the congregation to be able to provide their input. 77 responses were received providing very thoughtful and sometimes surprising answers. The wishes of the majority of the congregation are reflected in the Community of Faith profile. The committee included Caroline Gingles, Valerie Tremble (co-chairs), Marlene MacLeod (secretary), Nancy Brown, Jane Donovan, Susan Fowler, Faye Germon, Karyn Hebert, Esther Mah, Don Matheson, Stephanie Stoneleigh, Lynne Townsend, Stephen Townsend. Our regional liaison was Rev. Charlotte Youland.

The motion to approve the Community of Faith profile content and forward it to Region 14 for their approval was made by Valerie Tremble and seconded by Karen Hudson.

## **Motion Carried**

The next steps in the community of faith profile process are to have it approved by the Region, and finally posted on ChurchHub.

The Search Committee was meeting with Rev. Charlotte Youland at 12 noon following the profile meeting to start the process of preparing for the interview process.

Ron Roper moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45am.

## Minutes Mount Royal United Church Community of Faith Search Committee Report November 17, 2019

Ron Roper, past chair of council, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:30am. Rev. Charlotte Youland, our Region 14 liaison, was asked to lead the congregation in an opening prayer.

Ron Roper introduced our Region 14 Liaison, Rev. Charlotte Youland and the search committee members: Deborah Maund, Chair, Howard Easton, Erik Gingles, Sarah Gingles, Robert Pickett, Doreen Lane, Jean Lawlor, Jill MacArthur-Guy and Ilene Maund. The members were asked to stand as their names were called.

Ron Roper asked if Tracy Parrott would be willing to act as recording Secretary which she agreed to.

## Motion to permit Adherents to vote:

As a result of changes to the United Church organizational structure effective January 1, 2019, adherents are now permitted to vote on a change in pastoral relationships. Pastoral Relations: Community of Faith Reference: "Full members in the community of faith are eligible to vote on pastoral relations matters, including calls and appointments, and may extend voting privileges to adherents of the community of faith." United Church Manual Reference: B.3.7.2 – "Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if the full members decide to allow adherents to vote."

Jill MacArthur-Guy made a motion to allow adherents to vote. Charlie Munroe seconded the motion.

## **Overview of Process**

Debbie Maund stated that the Search Committee members were appointed at the Community of Faith meeting on April 28, 2019. Detailed training on the Search process was then provided by the Region 14 liaison, Rev. Charlotte Youland. The vacancy was then posted on Church Hub on June 25, 2019. There were three steps to the interview process: first was a Skype interview, second was for the candidates to provide a 5-7 minute mini sermon and third was a face to face interview. The references for the preferred candidate were checked. There was a second interview with the preferred candidate.

## The Candidate

The name of the preferred candidate is the Rev Capt Scott Stuart. He has worked in rural and urban settings. He has worked with all ages. He has served in a military context in the reserve forces as a Captain in the Canadian military. He has training in conflict resolution and pastoral care experience. He likes to work as part of a team.

The terms of his employment will be a salary of \$53,830 (the standard for his level of education and years of experience) with reimbursements for cell phone, travel, continuing education, provisions for study leaves and annual vacations.

The mandatory documentation for his police record check, racial justice training and boundaries training have all been confirmed as being current.

Debbie Maund moved that the Community of Faith receive the name of Rev Capt Scott Stuart to be called by Mount Royal Pastoral Charge effective <u>January 13, 2020</u> with the Terms of Employment consistent the United Church of Canada Minimum Salaries & Reimbursements for Ministry Personnel (2020) and with the position description delineated in the Community of Faith Profile. The motion was seconded by Jill MacArthur-Guy.

#### Motion Carried.

Rev Charlotte Youland gave a closing prayer and Esther Mah moved that the search committee be dismissed with thanks. Joe Robinson seconded the motion.

## Motion carried.

# **2019 Annual Reports**

## **Minister's Report**

God whose glory past and present lights us on our future way, now baptize us with your spirit, build tomorrow's church today. More Voices #53 v.4

**Congratulations** on 60 years as a congregation in the United Church of Canada! Thank you to all who planned and participated in the monthly celebrations that marked this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As I look back over my last year of ministry with the people of Mount Royal United Church, I feel grateful to have been a part of the life and work of this community. 2019 has been a time of joy and sorrow. It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of Jim Morris, our Chair of Council. We were blessed to have Susan Fowler willing to step in and capably fill the void left by Jim's death. It was a joy to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to work toward a new vision as you begin your next decade.

In a time of change you are fortunate to have a fairly stable community. It was a privilege to serve my last six months of ministry with you prior to my retirement in June. I was happy to return for the last three months of the year to help you through your time of transition as you have continued to faithfully work and worship through the many changes. The Council and committees have worked diligently to carry out the work necessary to maintain a thriving family of faith. It was a pleasure to work with people so willing to give of their time and talents in service to the mission of the church.

You are blessed by the presence of young people in your church family and it is a joy to worship with them. I am grateful for the leadership of Katelyn Montgomery and Caroline Gingles, as well as the folks who volunteer to help with the BLAST program.

Worship is an essential part of Christian practice and music is an important part of the worship experience. You are fortunate to have very talented musicians and singers under the musical leadership of France Henriques. Their contribution is a significant part of your worship.

As you continue your journey of faith together, I pray you look forward to the coming year with excitement as you welcome your new minister, The Rev. Scott Stuart, with a renewed vision as people of God. You walk into your future together knowing who you are and whose you are. May joy and harmony be your companions on the journey.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley

## **Mount Royal United Church 2019 Statistics**

	2019	2018	2017
Total Number of Households	310	315	321
Persons	779	788	798
Non Resident	210	212	212
Inactive	150	154	154
Active	340	349	359
Persons under Pastoral Care	472	481	491
Total Membership Year Ending	472	481	485
Members received by profession of faith	0	7	0
Members received by transfer	1	5	39
Members removed by transfer	0	0	0
Removed by request	0	0	0
Members removed by death	9	10	18
Baptisms	0	6	1
Marriages	3	0	1
Funerals	7	8	18

## Transfers

## In:

## From:

Eleanor McCallum

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Thorold, ON.

## Out:

None

To:

## **Deaths in the Mount Royal Church Community in 2019**

March	Jim Morris	
Мау	Stewart Hudson	
June	June Gauvin	
July	Brian MacLeod	
August	Eleanor Ferguson	
September	Janet Skinner	
	Walter McQuinn	
	Theresa Prosser	
December	Douglas Barclay	

## Weddings

Groom & Bride	Date
Gregory Albert & Nancy Frost	June 15, 2019
Jonathan Angel & Amanda Nicol	September 13, 2019
James Ayles & Mary Beers	November 29, 2019

## Baptisms

Child	Parents	Birth Date	Baptism Date

## **Received by Confirmation**

None

# **Council Reports**

## **Chair of Council Report 2019**

I could sum up the 12 months of 2019 in one sentence - it was another busy year. We celebrated our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with special events nearly every month; we acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries, graduations and other highlights; and we prayed for those in need - in our church, our community, our country and around the world. Our BLAST children learned Bible lessons through fun activities and hopefully, felt very much a part of our church family.

Over the year we sadly bid goodbye to some dear long-standing friends of Mount Royal. We are thankful for their contributions to the life of our church. Among those who passed away was our much-respected Chair of Council, Jim Morris. During his years at the helm, we all benefited from his calm demeanor and ability to make things happen. At his request, people were invited to consider donations in his memory be made to a roof fund. As a result, a substantial amount has already been raised towards that future expense.

Some rather significant bequests from estates were gratefully received during 2019. Thanks to our members for remembering us in this way.

In March, after nearly 7 years with us, Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley announced her retirement effective the end of June. After a mandatory break, she came back with us full-time from October through December. We thank her for her many years of service and for ministering to and with us and wish her well in retirement.

In April, we appointed Profile and Search Committees. After much work by many people on both of those Committees, in November, a candidate, the Rev. Scott Stuart, was recommended and approved by the Community of Faith. Wow -great work everyone! Thanks too, to Rev. Charlotte Youland for being our Pastoral Relations liaison throughout the process. We spent the rest of the year anxiously awaiting Rev. Stuart's arrival and the chance to welcome him and his partner Catherine and son, Ethan.

As you will see from the Property and Maintenance report, there were a number of big projects undertaken in 2019. Outside the major work was to the bell tower. Two others were more obvious to attendees; the kitchen renovation and the installation of a sound box with much needed sound and IT upgrades in the sanctuary and office.

In the fall we acknowledged the work of Groups and Committees that are active in our Community of Faith. If there is any question about the usage of our facilities, just look at the bulletin or the calendar on our website to see all that goes on here in one month.

I am very appreciative of all the patience shown to me and the help I have been given as your Chair of Council from March onward. We have a dedicated Community of Faith, Energizer Bunny efforts by our UCW, committed members of Council to whom I am immeasurably grateful, wonderful Committee members that make things happen seamlessly and the best staff a church could ask for... Tracy, France and Wayne - you keep our Community of Faith humming with your organization and

facilitation skills, your musical enrichment of our worship services and by keeping our building clean and pleasant to be in all week long.

Please help as you are able; if you don't have hours to give to the choir or to sit on a Committee, maybe you can help with a visit, a meal, a prayer, or a smile; maybe you can greet at the door or hand out bulletins or take a turn as a screen operator; maybe you can serve communion or read scripture, contribute to coffee and conversation or just help clean up in the kitchen or by setting up or putting away tables and chairs. Every single effort is welcomed and appreciated.

In closing, I want to say a sincere thanks to each and every member of our church family for making it a special place to worship and enjoy fellowship. We're not perfect but we are a very caring community and we never stop trying to be more meaningful in your lives.

Let's remember to thank God for the church family we call Mount Royal United.

Susan Fowler Chair, Church Council

## **Trustees Report**

2019 was a relatively quiet year for the trustees. Our only meeting was on Sunday, Dec 14. We reviewed the insurance proposal, received from Sears insurance for 2020. We decided that the modest increase was reasonable, given the level of service we receive.

Ron Roper Jill MacArthur-Guy Ina Freeman Joe Robinson David Close Terry Foreman Regrets - Betty Hudson

Respectfully submitted

Terry Foreman

## Mount Royal United Church - Council Nominations 2020

Chairperson	Susan Fowler
Vice-Chair	(open)
Past Chair	Ron Roper
Recording Secretary	Tracy Parrott
Treasurer – Church, M&S Fund	David Close
Finance Committee	Terry Foreman, David Close, Ron Roper
Envelope Secretary	Tracy Parrott
Chief Teller	Terry Foreman
Chief Usher	John Brown
Property Maintenance	Ensor Nicholson
BLAST Superintendent	Caroline Gingles
Music Representative	(tba)
Worship Committee Chair	Ilene Maund
Sacraments	Joyce Bremner, Sandra Foreman-Webb
UCW Representative	Joyce Bremner
Trustee Committee	Terry Foreman
Christian Development	(open)
Ministry & Personnel	Marlene MacLeod
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (3	)Marlene MacLeod; Ilene Maund
Pastoral Care Committee	Valerie Tremble
Communications	Kim Christie-Gallant
Nominations Committee	Ron Roper
Members at Large (2)	Boyce Ward; Sandra Foreman-Webb
Ex-Offico	Rev. Captain Scott Stuart
Nursery Co-Ordinator	(open)
Broadview Representative	(open)
Historian	(open)

Respectively submitted,

Ron Roper, Susan Fowler

## **Worship Committee 2019**

The year 2019 was a year of celebration—**60 years** Mount Royal United has held worship services on the corner of Mount Royal and Bessborough Ave. The Worship Committee this past year worked not only to provide meaningful worship but to also support a number of special events celebrating our milestone.

Members of the committee for 2019 were Sandra Foreman-Webb, Chair; Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley (until June), France Henriques, organist & choir director; Rev. Jane Aikman (for half year then retired), Joyce Bremner, Esther Mah, Valerie Tremble, Cathy Elderkin, recording secretary and Rev. Carol Mullin (joined committee in September). We held eleven (11) meetings this past year, in an attempt to identify pulpit supply and to explore appropriate 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. On anniversary Sunday, May 5, we were pleased to again welcome Mr. Rick Gunn, and the ReGenesis Group from Bedford United Church. Following the service the celebration continued with a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake and light luncheon.

Our responsibilities and resources were stretched to the limit in 2019 as there was a need for pulpit supply 14 Sundays partially due to Rev. Beverly Daley's retirement in June as well as holidays in January and May. Again, in an answer to prayer we were fortunate to have a number of our parishioners step up together with Rev. Jane Aikman, Rev. Dr. Hugh Farquhar and Rev. Carol Mullin to lead us in most inspiring services in June, July and September as well as other times throughout the year. It had been decided by Mount Royal Church Council to have holidays for the month of August. This was well received by the congregation as we had not had any break for at least three years and everyone needed to be re-energized. Fortunately, Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley was able to return to Mount Royal United as pulpit supply for October through December as outlined in the United Church Handbook.

We continue to identify appropriate Communion dates and Sacrament delivery (intinction versus being served) throughout the Church year and co-ordinate the participation of children, youth and you the congregation in worship services. We welcome feedback re music and format of our services and discuss any other matters that are forwarded to the committee by the congregation. Thank you also for the video operators who are a committed and through their efforts our Sunday services have become more responsive. We appreciate those who assist with our regular Sunday services in any way throughout the year.

Musical leadership continues to be provided by France Henriques and our dedicated choir who provide the gift of music. We are blessed to have talented musicians plus two international students this past year who have shared their talents through voice and instrumental music. A special thanks is extended to the choir for a most beautiful and meaningful Christmas service.

In December good news arrived for 2020, with the announcement that Rev. Capt. Scott Stuart will be our new Minister, beginning January 13, 2020. We welcome him and encourage everyone to wear their nametags in a quest to share and learn each other's name. We seek feedback and suggestions so please share your views, ideas and reactions with us so that we can discuss them further and determine the direction for meaningful worship in 2020.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Foreman-Webb Chairperson, Worship Committee

## 2019 Annual Report – Ministry & Personnel Committee

The purpose of the Ministry & Personnel Committee is to provide resources and support to the staff, the ministry personnel, and the community of faith to build and ensure a positive and trusting relationship among all. All are welcome to submit in writing any praise or concerns they may have and they will be considered confidentially by the committee. The Committee has met seven times over the past year which saw completion of the following activities: appointed staff liaisons; reviewed and revised all position descriptions; conducted annual performance reviews; recommended salary adjustments; recommended schedule of holiday/summer church office hours; and regularly met with staff to ensure their needs were being met. The Committee recognizes our staff – Tracy Parrott, Wayne Surrette, and France Henriques – we are blessed to have their commitment to Mount Royal United Church and are thankful for their work among us. We are also thankful for the work of our minister, Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley, not only for her time with us prior to her retirement in June, but also for her willingness to return during October, November, and December while the Search process was ongoing. We wish her well in her now permanent retirement and look forward to our new relationship with Rev. Capt. Scott Stuart who has accepted a call to Mount Royal beginning in the new year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene MacLeod, Chair Phyllis Perry Ron Roper Stephen Townsend

## **Report of the Pastoral Care Committee for 2019**

2019 was a busy year for Mount Royal Pastoral Care visitors and other caring members of our church family. The craft group continued to make and distribute prayer shawls, the UCW provided cards and tins of Christmas sweets for people who cannot actively attend church; cards and bulletins were delivered to residents of senior's homes, messages went out to students living away from home, drives and prayers were offered and phone calls were made and Lunch with Friends continued to be popular. This only begins to touch on the ways we reach out to others. Many of these kind gestures are done by people who are not members of the Pastoral Care Committee but show the compassion we have for others. Thank you to everyone for your thoughtfulness.

Rev. Dr. Daley was again a regular visitor at the hospital and in homes and her check ins and sharing of communion were again appreciated. We have been fortunate that visitation was such an important part of her ministry.

Thanks to Committee members: Eleanor Nicholson, Lois Arnold, Valerie Berry, Nancy Brown, Faye Germon and Susan Fowler and to our "associate" members: Ina Freeman, Mildred Underhill, Ensor Nicholson and Rev. Carol Mullin who assisted Rev. Dr. Daley in meeting the Pastoral Care needs of the congregation during 2019. To all the others who also make calls and visit - we appreciate all you do. We are particularly grateful to those people who made extra visits to the hospital and to those with serious illnesses while we were without a fulltime minister.

Pastoral Care Committee members or associates are happy to contact any member or adherent of Mount Royal. If you or a family member would like to have a call or a visit on behalf of the church, please contact the church office. Prayers are offered when requests are made. For confidentiality reasons, please be sure you have the permission of the person or an immediate family member before mentioning names or illnesses in church. Thanks to the screen operators for posting the Sunday services to the church website. It is possible to request a DVD copy of a posted service by contacting the church office.

In 2019, the Pastoral Care Committee met in January, March, May, September and November. We provided updates of visits and passed along any information helpful to the minister or fellow visitors and acknowledged those members who died and are missed by our church family.

Thanks to Eleanor Nicholson for preparing meeting summaries for the Committee and periodically acting as Committee chair and to Tracy Parrott for passing along information on pastoral care needs, updating the visitation lists and copying the agendas and minutes to facilitate the work of the Pastoral Care Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fowler on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee Mount Royal United Church 2019 Annual Report Page 20

## **2019 Property Maintenance Committee**

This committee oversees maintenance of the church property including the adjoining parking lots. Requests for maintenance generally come from periodic inspections of the building and grounds as well as requests through the church office. The committee oversees summer and winter maintenance contracts which consist mainly of lawn care and snow and ice control.

This year, Repairs Plus Property Services (Peter Wilson) conducted the summer and winter contract maintenance. They did a good job keeping the grounds safe and looking nice and have been responsive to any committee requests. Repairs Plus has been retained for 2020. Thanks to the efforts of many, the building and grounds are well maintained and in relatively good condition.

2019 was a very busy year for property maintenance with several projects completed totaling close to \$50,000 in improvements.

In Winter, 2019 the kitchen received a much-needed facelift with new countertops, paint and hardware. A big thank you to the UCW for their patience and assistance during this upgrade.

During August 2019, the second phase of the bell tower masonry work was completed. The work included brick replacement, mortar re-pointing and cleaning and sealing of the entire brick structure.

In October 2019, the church office, minister's study and the Mount Royal entrance hallways were repainted including new window blinds, etc. Thank you to Marlene McLeod and Susan Fowler for their assistance with this project.

In November 2019, church council approved a technology and sound system upgrade. This project includes replacement of office computers and a new sound booth at the back of the sanctuary that will permit better control of the audio/visual equipment.

The maintenance committee and church council would like to acknowledge several generous bequests and donations from individuals and groups that allowed these projects to proceed. The UCW, craft group, art club and bridge groups continue to provide on-going support.

I would like to thank committee members Harold Robinson, Charles Munroe, Randy Scott and John Brown for their continued involvement with the maintenance committee as well as Wayne Surrette for his efforts to keep the church as clean as possible.

In closing, if anyone has a maintenance request or requires any services or facility upgrading please contact the church office and our committee will do our best to accommodate.

Respectively submitted,

Ensor Nicholson

## Communication

Currently, MRUC communicates to their Community of Faith via Weekly Sunday Bulletins, Email, MRUC Website and Facebook.

Did you know that if you miss a service, you can listen to it and read the bulletin via our church website <u>www.mountroyaluc.ca</u>? The password is mruc. Also, our church website is currently being professionally revised and will soon have a new more user-friendly design!

Facebook continues to be updated with messages and pictures of events. We encourage our congregation members to send pictures of events to <u>kchristi@nb.sympatico.ca</u> and they will be added to our Facebook page. Also, if you aren't following our page you are encourage to "like" us at Mount Royal United Church.

Above all, each and everyone of us are encouraged to tell our friends and neighbours what a great community of faith we have, and welcome them to join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Gallant

## Mount Royal UCW Annual Report 2019

Our monthly meetings, on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30, have a devotional time, Moment for Missions, various programs and business discussions. Responsibilities for devotions and program are shared by all as listed in our annual roster. Our average attendance is 16.

We begin each meeting with a Gathering Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer and the UCW Purpose.

Following are some of the events of the year:

#### Life Memberships

Thelma Barclay, Valerie Berry

#### Mourn the Loss

The Mount Royal members who passed away this past year are Eleanor Ferguson and Janet Skinner as well as Theresa Prosser who attended Wesley Memorial UCW.

## **Memorial Donations to Mount Royal**

Memorial donations were made for Norma Kelly, Heather Dutcher, Stewart Hudson, Arthur Hurley, Eleanor Ferguson, Janet Skinner, Doug Barclay, Judith Marsh.

#### **Cards and Flowers**

Given to those who enjoy a cheerful visit.

#### **Social Gatherings**

December 13, Afternoon Tea at Camden Tea Room

**<u>Coffee and Conversation</u>** - Thank you to all those who continue to help with serving and providing food for the fellowship time after Sunday services.

#### Marathon Bridge

18 tables of Bridge players gather 13 times from September to April to enjoy the bi-monthly treats and April closing luncheon, while enjoying the pleasant atmosphere of a good bridge afternoon.

## Camp Ta Wa Si

Sponsored a camper and made a donation toward hurricane repairs.

## **Celebrated Rev Dr Beverly Daley's Retirement**

Presented a fun skit on June 23 titled "Baldernaut Barber Shop" written by Thelma Barclay. We gave Beverly a quilt, made and hand quilted by Peggy Robinson.

#### **Crossroads for Women**

Delivered 6 pails of cleaning supplies in April.

## Layette

Items were delivered to the nursery and pediatrics at the Moncton Hospital

## **Catered**

Funeral Receptions for Stewart Hudson, Walter McQuinn, Jim Morris as well as supporting the family of Harvey Robinson Hallowe'en Coffee and Muffin Party

#### **Collected**

- pop tabs were taken to Sunny Brae Legion
- 66 pairs eye glasses plus lenses were delivered to FYI Doctors
- milk bags were forwarded to make mats
- stamps were sent to Oxfam, Ottawa

## Attended Chignecto UCW events -

March 23 Annual Meeting at St. Paul's United Church, Riverview

Theme – "Times – they are a changing", we supplied the name tags

September Retreat at Camp Ta Wa Si – cancelled due to storm damage at the camp

October 26 Executive Meeting at Trinity-St Stephen's United Church, Amherst

#### 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Communion Service

December 4, Wednesday at 7 pm

Theme "Let the Angels Sing" – an adaptation of the 2012 CGIT Vesper service, led by members of UCW and the congregation. A Special **Thank You** to all, especially Esther Mah for her work in preparing this service. Non-perishable food items collected at the door were given to families at Christmas. Communion was served by Rev Dr Beverly Daley and Rev Carol Mullin.

#### **Christmas Cookies and Cards**

December 15 - 30 tins of cookies were taken to some of our seniors and shut ins, cards were sent to others.

#### **Hot Cider and Sweets**

Served after the service on December 22.

## Thank You to Wayne Surrette and Tracy Parrott, our constant supporters, as well as to you, the Congregation!!

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Close for all of the ladies

UCW Financial Statement 2019		
Balance forward	<u>\$6,357.23</u>	
Receipts		
Offerings, Donations, Booklets	1,318.50	
Art Club	337.00	
Marathon Bridge (18 tables, includes April lunch 2020)	4,640.00	
Catering - Funeral receptions	875.00	
Coffee & Muffin Party	500.50	
Jewelry Sale	50.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 7,721.00</u>	
Disbursements		
Mount Royal United Church -		
Kitchen	\$3,000.00	
General Fund	1,500.00	
Bell Tower Repairs	1,000.00	
Mission and Service	, 500.00	
Camp Ta Wa Si -		
to help a camper attend camp	300.00	
hurricane repairs	500.00	
Gifts, Gratuities, Bridge Prizes	1,118.23	
Memorials (8 x \$ 20.00)	160.00	
Chignecto UCW Dues (24 \$ 5.00)	120.00	
Kitchen Supplies and Catering expenses	1,595.58	
Candlelight Communion Service	152.23	
Christmas Tea at Camden	173.46	
Bank fees	48.00	
Total Disbursements	\$ 10,167.50	
Balance January 14, 2020	<u>\$3,910.73</u>	

## **Choir Report 2019**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, (Psalm 98:4-5)

The Mount Royal choir is a small but dedicated and enthusiastic group, led by France Henriques and supported by musicians Valerie Tremble, Lee Wilson, Charlie Munroe and Candace Scott. We welcome new members at any time and reading music is not a requirement. We usually meet on Wednesday evenings.

The anniversary year started with a performance by Virtuosi orchestra, which included France's international students, Leoni Praschek from Germany and Tamae Konishi, who returned to Japan later that week. Choir members participated in the fun music night and the memorial hymn sing evening, supporting featured performers, Men In Black. We were joined by a surprise guest, France's former international student, Paula Seemuller, all the way from Germany, for both Palm Sunday and Easter. What a joy to have her with us again. In June we tearfully said good-bye as Leoni Praschek and her cello returned to Germany. Her sweet heart and mellow tones are greatly missed.

Fall was upon us before we knew it and preparations for Christmas began. France introduced a new Advent candle-lighting piece, Of the Father's Love, for choir and congregation and we presented a Sunday of Christmas music on December 22.

Through the year the choir joined the minister for services at Camden Court and provided musical leadership at funerals, including those for our own long-time choir members, Stewart Hudson, Walter McQuinn and Janet Skinner. They will sing on in our hearts.

We give thanks for the people who have shared their musical talent with us, especially our director, France.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy E. Elderkin

## **Chief Usher**

Thank you to all those who provided stewardship at Mount Royal United Church through ushering in 2019. The time committed to being an usher is appreciated and contributes to the fellowship and outreach of Mount Royal United Church.

A schedule of Usher Teams and Dates for February 2020 to January 2021 is provided but remains flexible for rescheduling as necessary to meet people's commitments. There are some gaps in the schedule so anyone willing to be added to the usher list as a regular or spare can contact the Chief Usher. We encourage all ushers to check the schedule to note their assinged Sundays. Also, a listing of usher teams for upcoming Sundays is posted in the bulletin each week. If an usher cannot be present for an assinged Sunday they can contact the Chief Usher so that a spare can be arranged to take your place.

#### The following are Usher Responsibilities:

- 1. Be at Mount Royal United Church a half hour before the service.
- 2. Give out bulletins and greet people.
- 3. One usher (usually designated in brackets on the schedule) is to be the chair lift operator.

4. For security reasons, one usher is to go downstairs before the children leave for BLAST to check the rooms to ensure no one is there that shouldn't be there.

5. At end of service, straighten up the pews and collect any bulletins left behind.

6. Count those in attendance, including the choir, and record in the Attendance Record sheet located in the binder at back of church.

In 2019 the average Sunday attendance was 81 ranging from low of 21 on July 7 to a high of around 176 on November 10th.

Again, Mount Royal United Church appreciates the efforts of everyone who support the church community through ushering.

Thank you,

John Brown Chief Usher Tel: 389-9816 Mobile: 232-5590 E-mail: jabrown.sussex@gmail.com

#### Usher Teams and Dates for February 2020 - January 2021

(Brackets indicate the chair lift operator)

#### February 2020

- Feb 2 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (Hinson Calkin)
- Feb 9 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Kim & Kevin Gallant
- Feb 16 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown
- Feb 23 (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet, Colin Montgomery

#### March 2020

- Mar 1 Mildred Underhill, Ellen Close, Eileen & (Byron Beaman)
- Mar 8 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)
- Mar 15 Susan Fowler, Danny Reicker, Bill Reicker
- Mar 22 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown
- Mar 29 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman

## April 2020

- Apr 5 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)
- Apr 12 Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher, Annie Thomas
- Apr 19 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown
- Apr 26 Colin & Katelyn Montgomery

## May 2020

- May 3 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)
- May 10 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (John Brown)
- May 17 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Kim & Kevin Gallant
- May 24 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown
- May 31 (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet, Colin Montgomery

## June 2020

- Jun 7 Mildred Underhill, Ellen Close, Eileen & Byron Beaman
- Jun 14 BLAST Closing Youth ushers
- Jun 21 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)
- Jun 28 Susan Fowler, Danny Reicker, Bill Reicker

## July 2020

- Jul 5 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown
- Jul 12 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman
- Jul 19 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)
- Jul 26 Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher, Annie Thomas

## August 2020

- Aug 2 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown
- Aug 9Colin & Katelyn Montgomery
- Aug 16 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)

#### Usher Teams and Dates for February 2020 - January 2021

(Brackets indicate the chair lift operator)

## August 2020 continued

- Aug 23Mike & Penny McIntyre, (Stephen Townsend)
- Aug 30 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Kim & Kevin Gallant

#### September 2020

- Sep 6 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown
- Sep 13 (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet, Colin Montgomery
- Sep 20 Mildred Underhill, Ellen Close, Eileen & (Byron Beaman)
- Sep 27 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)

#### October 2020

- Oct 4 Susan Fowler, (Hinson Calkin), Danny Reicker, Bill Reicker
- Oct 11 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown
- Oct 18 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman
- Oct 25 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)

## November 2020

- Nov 1 Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher, Annie Thomas
- Nov 8 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown
- Nov 15 Colin & Katelyn Montgomery
- Nov 22 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)
- Nov 29 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (John Brown)

## December 2020

- Dec 6 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Kim and Kevin Gallant
- Dec 13 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown
- Dec 20 (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet, Colin Montcomery
- Dec 24 4pm service: Colin & Katelyn Montgomery Family; 7pm service: Nick & Jennifer Smith Family
- Dec 27 Mildred Underhill, Ellen Close, Eileen & (Byron Beaman)

## January 2021

- Jan 3 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)
- Jan 10 Susan Fowler, (Hinslon Calkin), Danny Reicker, Bill Reicker
- Jan 17 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown
- Jan 24 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seamam
- Jan 31 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)

## **Chief Teller Report**

2019 was consistent with the last few years. Monthly bank account remittances, or PAR, has accounted for about 50% of our givings. This provides a consistent and convenient method of giving. It can be increased, decreased, or stopped at any time. The two positives for the church are, consistent givings and much less work for tellers. As always, we are looking for more tellers, especially from May to August. It usually takes twenty-five to fifty minutes. Please put a note in my mailbox, the collection plate or contact Tracy at the office if you would be interested.

January	Kim Gallant & Jean Lawlor
February	Joan Rogers & Terry Foreman
March	John & Nancy Brown & Ray Gingles
April	Cathy Elderkin & Don Matheson
May - Aug	Terry & Brittany Foreman
September	Ron Roper & Charlie Munroe
October	Colin Montgomery & Penny & Mike McIntyre
November	Ron Berry & Ensor Nicholson
December	John & Nancy Brown & Ray Gingles

Respectfully Submitted, Terry Foreman

## Lunch with Friends Annual Report 2019

On the third Thursday of the month (excluding December, June, July, and August) we offer, for a "cover expenses only" cost of \$7, a community outreach program. Our group enjoys food, fellowship, and an eclectic short program from "show and tell" to guest speakers about activities and projects in and around Moncton.

Menus ranged from Potato Bacon Soup, Biscuits, fruit and cookies to a full Ham and Potato Scallop dinner. These meals are all catered by the wonderful staff at the Deli in Sobey's Vaughn Harvey Blvd. They are served... and cleaned up by a super dedicated staff of Mount Royal volunteers, without whom this event could not happen. I thank Betsy Innes, Betty Percy, Karen Foreman, Karen Hudson, Jean Lawlor, and Melanie and John Fleming. They are a hard-working group! At this point, I would ask if anyone feels that he or she can spare time around noon hour on these Thursdays, we would appreciate extra help and fill in when some of our volunteers are not available.

An average of 34 people from all areas of Moncton and Riverview have supported and enjoyed this endeavour this year. Our numbers are down this year as a significant number of our seniors have passed away. Nevertheless, it is always wonderful to watch new friendships being formed and old acquaintances renewed and strengthened.

We welcome you to Lunch with Friends!

Respectfully submitted

Valerie Tremble

## Tai Chi 2019

Tai Chi Yang Style

An enthusiastic group of 24 registered participants enjoyed relaxing and stretching three times weekly from September through June. Beginners start out on Mondays and then very quickly feel comfortable merging with the Wednesday and Friday group.

This form of Tai Chi allows for participation at all ages and skill levels. The movements are slow and coordinated to promote energy flow, gentle stretching, balance, and memory.

This long-time fundraiser for Mount Royal costs only \$4 per class on a pay when you come basis. Come and join in. We would love to welcome you!

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Tremble

## Sanctuary Committee 2019



Our Committee consists of a faithful group of volunteers who work to enhance the worship experience at Mount Royal. We try to make our Sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the seasons, and relevant as we acknowledge the Liturgical calendar and the Sacraments of the United Church.

Some duties include hanging the proper paraments, taking care of the candelabra, decorating the communion table, supplying props for special presentations, and caring for any live plants.

We especially thank those "extra volunteers" who help us at Christmas and Easter, when we need many hands!

Respectfully submitted Valerie Tremble



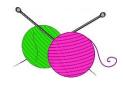
## The Writer's Circle 2019

The Writers Circle continue to meet the first Monday of the month at 10am. We welcome new people. If you are curious, join us. This may be a hobby you will enjoy. No cost or no pressure to write a sonnet or a great Canadian novel.

On behalf of the group,

June Horsman

## 2019 Report from the Craft Group



Well, as usual, the Craft Group enjoyed their weekly meetings in the kitchen... where else could they have their coffee, treats, and laughs? (Actually, we do take care of the non-coffee drinkers as well.) It's a special group where we are free to talk about our ups and downs knowing that what is said will not leave the room.

We also provided funds towards the "new" kitchen. In addition, the Craft Group made \$1,000.00 from their sale that was held during the UCW Muffin party. We are a separate group but work well together.

Respectively submitted, the Craft Group



## Book Club 2019



Mount Royal's Book Club members have been meeting once a month faithfully for 15 plus years. Over that time the membership has changed for various reasons but at present we have 10 active members. We meet on the last Tuesday of every month, except July and August, at 11:30am in the boardroom for about an hour. The members take turns suggesting book titles to read resulting in a wide variety of interesting books for us to read and discuss. New members always welcome.

Respectfully submitted by book club member, Ilene Maund

# **Christian Education**

## **BLAST Report**

Greetings from BLAST!

Katelyn Montgomery stepped down June 2019 after her long and very successful tenure as BLAST Coordinator. Many thanks to her as she did a fantastic job with the children at Mount Royal. She leaves big shoes to fill.

We started BLAST up again in October of 2019. Programming was prepared weekly with sporadic attendance. Children range in age from 3 to 13 years-old. We tried to coordinate the activities and crafts with the lectionary and seasons. Thank you to those who volunteered, and we could really use more people going forward to help out. It would be greatly appreciated ...and it's a lot of fun!

Respectfully Submitted By

**Caroline Gingles** 

## Girl Guides at Mount Royal United Church Fall 2019 Program Report

Guiding at Mount Royal is represented by three Units: The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Sparks, Brownies and Girl Guides.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Sparks has 9 girls. They are the youngest members of the Guiding movement and are girls in kindergarten and Grade 1. The Sparks meet on Monday after school.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Brownies are a unit of 14 girls that meet on Thursday evening. Brownies are girls in Grade 2 and 3.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Girl Guides are a new unit at Mount Royal. We have 21 girls in Grades 4, 5 and 6 that meet on Sunday evening.

These units are supported by a group of 10 adult volunteers.

The Guiding year runs from September to June with weekly meetings where girls earn badges by learning more about themselves, our community and the world around through the "Girls First" program. This new program puts the emphasis on girls defining their Guiding experiences.

Our year started off with a successful fall cookie campaign selling over 2,160 boxes of delicious mint cookies! This is our primary fundraiser and allows us to provide exciting, girl directed activities all year.

Some of the activities enjoyed this fall included participating in the Remembrance Day Sunday service at Mount Royal Church, fall tent camping, hiking, a tour of Codiac Transpo, rock climbing, visiting the Veterans Health Centre, making scarves to be donated to those in need and a book drive to promote literacy. All done with a smile and a song, of course!

We are very thankful to the Mount Royal United Church community for enabling us to keep the Guiding movement alive and well in the West End.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Munro for 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Leadership Team

## 1<sup>st</sup> Jones Lake Scouting 2019 Report Sponsored by Mount Royal Church Program Report January 2020

1st Jones Lake Scouting has boys and girls ages 5-17 years in our Scouting group. The merger of the two groups has proven beneficial and we have experienced steady growth. We currently offer programming for 47 youth with 20 volunteers.

Beavers (5-7 yrs) and Cubs (8-10 yrs) meet weekly in the church basement on Mondays and Tuesdays respectively. However, they are often away from the church on adventures within the community. Scouts (11-13 yrs) and Venturers (14-17 yrs) meet at the Lion's Den in Centennial Park but most of their meetings are held entirely outside. Our group committee meets once a month on Sunday evenings.

Mount Royal is very supportive of scouting and it is our pleasure to be able to participate as a group in the Remembrance Day service. As well, we appreciate the recognition we get during the Scout/Guide Sunday in February. Through permitting us to store our equipment shed behind the church, ours groups have easier access to our gear, and we have maintained low costs for our group. 1st Jones Lake delivers the Scouts Canada Canadian Path program that encourages youth led planning, doing and reviewing of all our activities. In addition, there are quarterly reviews of the activities to ensure the program is meeting the expectations of the youth.

Sections also participate in Area events such as a Beaveree with Les Scoutes, Winter Fun Day, the Great Urban Race, Star Trek, and Baden Powell Camp. We have had linking activities with St. George's, Tantramar and St. Michael's that have proven very successful. This year The Scout age youth are planning to attend the Atlantic Jamboree in Nova Scotia this summer.

Our association with St. Michael's Scouting also includes having their annual apple pie fundraiser using the Mount Royal kitchen. This year, the scouts produced over 900 pies arriving on Friday evening and finishing Saturday afternoon. They appreciate the welcome they receive here at Mount Royal.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mike Munro, Group Commissioner

## Finance

## Finance & Fundraising 2019

Several fundraising events occurred throughout 2019. The wildly popular Smiley Face Pancake Breakfast took place in May and November. The Rummage sale took place in April and October. The Sobeys card sale took place in April and December. A spaghetti supper took place in February in conjunction with our sixtieth anniversary. Tai Chi takes place 4 times a week with all of the proceeds donated back to the church. These combined endeavours realized over \$12,000, but more importantly provided an opportunity for our congregation to come together.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Foreman David Close Ron Roper

## **Envelope Secretary**

During 2019, 72 envelope numbers were issued to members and adherents of Mount Royal United Church. A total of 70 envelope numbers were used during the year. An additional 52 people used Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) for 2019. The following is a breakdown of those givings:

Average weekly givings	#of envelope givers	% of total\$
\$.01-2.00	3	0.11%
2.01-5.00	12	1.15%
5.01-10.00	19	3.96%
10.01-25.00	38	16.53%
25.01-50.00	27	25.22%
50.01-100.00	18	31.98%
100.01-200.00	4	15.13%
>200.01	<u>    1</u>	<u>5.92%</u>
Subtotals	122	100%

Average weekly giving per person \$31.25

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Parrott Envelope Secretary

