

## *U.C.W. Finance and Stewardship*

It has been another busy year for Epworth's U.C.W. Through its many projects the group accumulated \$12,562.83. The U.C.W. members donated \$2,461.00 through their Offering collected at monthly meetings and special Thank Offerings. Projects such as Rummage Sales, and dinner functions raised \$3,063.95. Donations for Funeral Receptions, the Presbyterial Fall Dinner and ACWAM donations amounted to \$6,850.00. This amount is especially high this year due to a large number of funerals and some very generous donations. These funds help the U.C.W. provide valuable service to our church family, our community and our world.

Our church family is an important focus of the U.C.W. Members visit retirement and long term care facilities, provide Funeral Receptions for grieving families and serve various other luncheons. Cards and plants are sent to individuals who are not well, and those who may have suffered a loss. As well, the U.C.W. participated in Epworth's Vacation Bible School by supplying a Hot Dog lunch on the last day for all those who participated. Expenses for such projects came to \$2,011.44. The Church Board received \$2,000.00 from the women. As well, the women supported the church by providing the kitchen phone for the alarm system, and outfitting the kitchen with new tea kettles, and more spoons.

Our community also received support from the U.C.W. Each year the U.C.W. makes donations to the Kingsville Foodbank, the John McGivney Center, the Kids Help Foundation, Hiatus House, the Downtown Mission and Gesstwood Camp. As well, the U.C.W. provided Christmas for a local Family. This year the donations totaled \$2,360.00.

The U.C.W.'s work also goes far beyond our immediate area. Mission and Service received \$900.00 and World Development and Overseas Relief was sent \$400.00. Also, the ladies made special donations to support ACWAM's ventures in Haiti.

It is clear that Epworth's U.C.W. is busy and supports projects near and far. However, these many good deeds and donations could not be achieved without the help of many. The U.C.W. thanks all the women and men of the congregation who help by making sandwiches or sweets for luncheons. There is also a group of faithful helpers who set up and clean up the Rummage Sales. Our thanks are extended to Sandy Smith. As our Treasurer, she works to pay the bills and to keep our financial records up to date and accurate. In addition, the U.C.W. appreciates Debbie Allsop, the Church Secretary, for her support of our projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Reive

EPWORTH UNITED CHURCH WOMEN  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AS AT DECEMBER 31 , 2016

**RECEIPTS**

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance in Bank January 1, 2016 | \$1,246.54                |
| Envelope Givings                | \$2,340.00                |
| Thankoffering                   | \$50.00                   |
| Loose Collection                | \$71.00                   |
| In Memoriums                    | \$125.00                  |
| Projects                        | \$945.00                  |
| Rummage Sales                   | \$2,118.95                |
| Gifts & Donations               | \$6,850.00                |
| Term Deposit Interest           | \$57.67                   |
| Bank Interest                   | \$5.21                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b><u>\$13,809.37</u></b> |

**EXPENDITURES**

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Project Expenses                     | \$1,590.57                |
| Mission & Service                    | \$900.00                  |
| World Development & Overseas Relief  | \$400.00                  |
| Conference & Presbyterial Dues       | \$165.00                  |
| General Fund                         | \$2,000.00                |
| Kitchen/Dining Room/Parlour          | \$661.74                  |
| Telephone                            | \$820.89                  |
| Vacation Bible School                | \$41.20                   |
| Congregational Life                  | \$44.10                   |
| Community Friendship & Visiting      | \$379.67                  |
| Literature & Communication           | \$29.27                   |
| Transfer to Savings Account          | \$0.00                    |
| Donations to UC Projects             | \$660.00                  |
| Donations to Other Appeals           | \$1,860.00                |
| Miscellaneous                        | \$92.85                   |
| <b>SUBTOTAL</b>                      | <b><u>\$9,645.29</u></b>  |
| Bank Balance as of December 31, 2016 | \$4,972.93                |
| Less cheques outstanding             | (\$808.85)                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b><u>\$13,809.37</u></b> |

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Plus High Interest Savings Account  | \$8,120.29 |
| Plus Membership at UCCU   | \$50.00    |
| Plus Profit Share at UCCU   | \$26.00    |
| Plus Term Deposit Aug 2019 @1.65%<br>(can only use interest at end of year) | \$3,067.50 |

**BUDGET - 2017**  
**EPWORTH UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

**RECEIPTS**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Membership Givings         | \$1,600.00 |
| Thankoffering              | \$50.00    |
| Loose Collection           | \$20.00    |
| In Memoriums               | \$0.00     |
| Projects                   | \$300.00   |
| Rummage Sales              | \$2,000.00 |
| Gifts & Donations          | \$3,500.00 |
| Bank/Term Deposit Interest | \$60.00    |

**TOTAL PROJECTED RECEIPTS** **\$7,530.00**

**EXPENDITURES**

|   |  |            |                   |
|---|--|------------|-------------------|
| A | 1 Mission & Service                        | \$300.00   |                   |
|   | 2 World Development & Overseas Relief      | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 3 Conference & Presbyterial Dues           | \$0.00     |                   |
|   | <u>Congregational Purposes</u>             |            |                   |
|   | 4 General Fund                             | \$2,000.00 |                   |
|   | 5 Dining Room/Kitchen/Parlour              | \$300.00   |                   |
|   | 6 Telephone                                | \$820.00   |                   |
|   | 7 Vacation Bible School                    | \$50.00    |                   |
|   | 8 Congregational Life                      | \$50.00    |                   |
|   | <u>Expenses of Local UCW</u>               |            |                   |
|   | 9 Project                                  | \$1,200.00 |                   |
|   | 10 Community Friendship & Visiting         | \$250.00   |                   |
|   | 11 Literature                              | \$30.00    |                   |
|   | 12 Miscellaneous                           | \$100.00   | <b>\$5,200.00</b> |
|   | <u>Donations to United Church Projects</u> |            |                   |
| B | 13 Benevolent Fund                         | \$30.00    |                   |
|   | 14 Downtown Mission                        | \$0.00     |                   |
|   | 15 Gesstwood Operating Account             | \$400.00   |                   |
|   | 16 Medical Elective                        | \$0.00     | <b>\$430.00</b>   |
|   | <u>Donations to Other Appeals</u>          |            |                   |
| C | 17 Kingsville Food Bank                    | \$200.00   |                   |
|   | 18 John McGivney Center                    | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 19 Kids Help Foundation                    | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 20 Hiatus House                            | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 21 Leone House                             | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 22 Hospice of Leamington                   | \$300.00   |                   |
|   | 23 KDHS Breakfast Program                  | \$100.00   |                   |
|   | 24 Local Family (Christmas)                | \$700.00   |                   |
|   | 25 Other Donations                         | \$200.00   | <b>\$1,900.00</b> |

**TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES** **\$7,530.00**

# 2016 Worship Committee

## Budget changes:

Honorarium for musical assistance from \$500.00 to zero as Mrs. Baldwin is not able to play the piano at church.

Choir Music was lowered from \$1,200 to \$1,000

Upper Room/Daily Bread raised from \$310 to \$350

Copyright licence raised from \$215 to \$250

Worship Supplies from \$300 to \$200

Audio Visual from \$1,000 to \$500

Seasonal Sanctuary decorations raised from \$150 to \$200

2017 budget down to \$4,450 from \$5,625 (\$1,175 lower)

## JANUARY

Communion may be served by anyone wishing to do so - elders will be asked first and if there are not enough elders available, other members of the congregation may be asked.

## FEBRUARY

10<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday

14<sup>th</sup> - First Sunday in Lent - traditional Holy Communion service

17<sup>th</sup> - Communion at Southgate, Adele Sims assisted

24<sup>th</sup> - Communion services will be held at Chartwell Kingsville, Adele Sims assisted

## MARCH

24<sup>th</sup> - Maundy Thursday - Seder meal/pot luck 5:00-6:30p.m.

25<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday Service

27<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday - Holy Communion - traditional

Worship recommended that the supply organist fee be raised from \$75.00 to \$100.00 plus travel. Passed.

## APRIL

10<sup>th</sup> - Music Sunday

New hearing system approved - approximately \$2,248.76 - 8 devices and 4 ear buds

Medical protocol for emergency situations was referred to the executive

Worship in charge of coffee for the month of April

## MAY

8<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day - Holy Baptism

15<sup>th</sup> - Pentecost Sunday - Communion by Intinction

Presbytery responsibility will be reshuffled as it has been eliminated. Regional will take over.

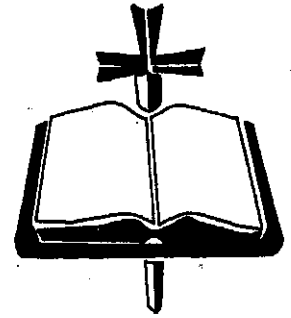
New hearing assist coming - Norm Buchanan in charge of installation and adjustment for those who will be using it.

Still looking for a pianist-guest pianist are paid \$100 per Sunday. Guest organist are paid \$100 a week plus travel expense

Also, looking for a pianist to accompany John at the nursing home services.

Average weekly attendance 90 - 100

There have been 150 funerals since John has joined our congregation in September 2010



**JUNE**

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Church picnic
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Communion at Southgate - Adele Sims assisted
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Father's Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Communion at Chartwell Kingsville - Michelle Bishop assisted
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Communion by Intinction

**JULY & AUGUST**

**Joint Services**

- Epworth, New California (Trinity), and Olinda-Ruthven United Church, will be held at Epworth
- July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> - Joint services at Olinda-Ruthven
- August 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> - Joint services at Trinity

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Joint service at Trinity

**OCTOBER**

- 16<sup>th</sup> - World Day of Prayer
- 30<sup>th</sup> - All Saints Service - 27 names and 11 families were present to participate in the service

**NOVEMBER**

- 6<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Day Service - Ray Allen laid the wreath at church
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Communion at Southgate - Michelle Bishop assisted
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Communion at Kingsville Court - Marie Bailey and Pat Womack assisted
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent - Communion by Intinction
- Attendance is being taken this month - Michelle Bishop and John van Wingerden are in charge

**DECEMBER**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - White Gift
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Music Sunday
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Services at 7:00p.m. and 11:00p.m.
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day Service

*Respectfully submitted by Adele Sims, Worship Chairperson*

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**CHURCH NURSERY**

The nursery was moved this year, up to the corner of the ladies parlour to make it a little more convenient for parents with little ones. A wonderful group of volunteers went through everything and threw away old toys and furniture that did not meet the specifications of a public nursery and then everything was sanitized and/or updated. Since the move, the nursery has been used almost every Sunday. Sarah Stevens continues to make herself available in the nursery in case parents need assistance. A big thank you goes to Arnold and Dorothy Baldwin and Floyd and Dorothy Johnson for donating the rocking chairs for the Nursery.

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Horrocks*

# Property Report

Property has completed several projects over the year which are as follows:

- Improved lighting has been installed for the Choir Loft and the Sanctuary
- As a result of contracted inspections of the fire alarm system and associated equipment, a fire suppression system has been installed on the kitchen stove
- Floor plan fire escape diagrams have been completed. Fire Safety Plan approved and posted in Memorial and Wesley Halls (abbreviated versions given to The Reverend John van Omme, Debbie Allsop and Jim Heath)
- Painting/repair of Sanctuary north and south aisles, of hallway ceiling from Sanctuary to church office and of Small Dining Room has been completed
- Repair of heat pump units in Minister's Office and north Memorial Hall completed
- Locking units for outdoor storage unit and Memorial Hall basement storage closet completed
- Parking Lot lines repainted
- Transition ramp from Memorial Hall to Kitchen completed
- New tap installed on east wall kitchen sink
- '15 Minute Only Parking' sign installed on west street light for cut out parking area

For future consideration, the following projects have been discussed with the Finance Chair, Don Skeates, and Property Members:

- Possible repair/replace furnace which is over twenty years old
- Possible repair/replace Narthex Roof and repair/paint Narthex ceiling
- Possible repair/replace Memorial Hall roof (to be checked out this spring or summer)
- Repair/replace the Reverend John's heat pump unit
- Possible repair/replace church humidifier

Several groups, such as Sparks/Brownies, Kingsville Good Fellows, private individuals (baby showers) and the County Classic Chorale, use our facility on a regular basis.

Property is always open for suggestions from the congregation for the betterment of the church property. If you have a suggestion, please let the office know and Property will accommodate.

Also, I would like to thank Debbie Allsop, Jim Heath and the Reverend John van Omme for keeping Property members apprised of property related problems. I want to express my thanks to all the talented people within the Property Committee and I want to greatly thank all of the volunteers from the church who gave of their time and expertise to trim/plant shrubbery, to install potted flowers, to edge grass from the sidewalks and to spray herbicide.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Barry Pettapiece, Property Chair.*

**Property Members-** Marie Bailey, Sarah Stevens, Ken Womack, Brian Hohner, Bob Newman, Garry Bishop, Barry Pettapiece

## OUTREACH and ACTION COMMITTEE

The year 2016 has been another successful one for the Outreach and Action Committee. It continued to work on projects that help make a difference in our Church, Community and abroad.

Our focus, in the Community, continued with the financial support for the Gesstwood Camp. The Kingsville District High School lunch programme, and the Downtown Mission in Windsor.

Local support endeavours included the purchase of poinsettias and Christmas cacti for those in retirement / rest homes and those confined to their own homes. We are most appreciative to the UCW members and others who helped deliver these plants. We thank them for their assistance in this outreach activity.

The Coats for Kingsville continued this year with great support from the Epworth congregation, the OPP Community Policing Officer Steven Campbell, the Kingsville Goodfellows and Doug Quick and the Kingsville Golf Course Tournament members. We thank these groups for the donations of many coats and financial support.

This year the request for coats was down from last year, but we were able to supply coats, snow pants, mittens, and toques to all who required them for the winter season. This season we supplied the following coats:

|                        |    |              |    |
|------------------------|----|--------------|----|
| Children 1 - 5 years   | 19 | Adult female | 29 |
| Children 6 - 12 years  | 22 | Adult male   | 25 |
| Children 13 - 16 years | 10 |              |    |

The total of 105 coats were given out by a number of volunteers from Epworth, who assisted those who came for the coats. We thank all the volunteers for their time and work in making this project possible.

As part of our world outreach, we continue to give financial support for two foster children, Soleika age three, from Haiti and Antony age four, from Quito-Ecuador. We receive reports and pictures that are posted on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall for all to read.

I thank all the committee members for their ongoing concern, dedication and work in providing assistance for those in our community and abroad.

I also thank, you the members of the congregation, for your continuing support of the Outreach programmes. You are the ones who make it possible for Epworth to provide the assistance for those in need.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Don Coghill, Chair Outreach and Action*

MEMBERS of Outreach and Action: Eleanor Buchanan, Fran Coghill, Janet Jones, Chris Allsop, Don Coghill

## FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

The Christian Development Committee plays a very important role in the work of the Church. The Committee tries to provide events and programmes to help members of the Epworth family develop and grow in their understanding of the Christian faith as well as provide opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of the church family.

One of the first events of 2016 was Stone Soup Sunday. Members of the congregation contributed the ingredients for the nine soups which were served. Donations amounted to four hundred dollars for the Leprosy Mission. The committee thanks Chef Larry for helping the committee prepare the soups.

In June, the C.D. hosted the annual Church Picnic in the backyard behind Memorial Hall. It was a lovely afternoon to enjoy a Hot Dog and Potluck Lunch sitting under the colourful umbrellas. The children were invited to play some fun games while the adults watched and laughed. Steve Whitfield could hardly wait for the water balloons. We all got a little wet. It was a great time!

Unfortunately, Epworth did not have a baseball team this year. Maybe we can round up some ball players for the 2017 season.

A Junior Church programme was offered during the month of July for children who attended church. The children listened to a Bible story and did an activity each Sunday.

With summer, came Vacation Bible School. This year we all took a dive on a Deep Sea Discovery. Approximately 55 children aged 4 to 11 years and leaders learned that "God is with me wherever I go!" through the stories that showed that God Knows Me, God Hears Me, God Strengthens Me, God Loves Me, and God Sends Me. Extra financial support allowed us to lavishly decorate to set the scene, to make fantastic crafts, to try some amazing science activities, to engage in some awesome games, and to have some yummy snacks. Also, the children received a Water Bottle to help them remember the amazing time they had at Epworth. The participants were invited to share their experience with the congregation during the Sunday Service following the week of Vacation Bible School.

The C.D. Committee helped the Sunday School begin their fall session with the Epworth Extravaganza. During church the children were invited to help present the message, Building Church Community. After the Intergenerational worship service, all enjoyed a hotdog barbecue.

Advent Activity Night "kicked off" the Advent activities at Epworth. The evening began with a Stew and Dumpling supper which was enjoyed by about 80 people. After supper, participants could make various Christmas crafts – a sock snowman, a candle holder, an angel, a doorknob decoration, and pipe cleaner and bead Christmas Tree. As the evening continued some enjoyed singing Christmas Carols, and snacking on cookies and hot chocolate. Later in the holiday season, Debbie Baker led a group of carolers to Royal Oak, Southgate, and Kingsville Chartwell residences to share some holiday cheer. Then the group returned to Epworth for a Chili Supper provided by Larry and Debbie Baker. Thanks so much.

The C.D. Committee also leads a Kids' Group. The group enjoyed a number of activities this year. The first event was the showing of the movie ANTZ with a theme of working together. A Mexican Party complete with piñata and tacos was held. At Easter Time, the children hunted for chocolate eggs all over Memorial and Wesley Halls, and played some Easter themed games. In April, we did a Rainbows and Raindrops theme party. A Minute- to- Winit Party kept us all watching the clock. The kids requested to have a Hallowe'en Party complete with Pumpkin Carving and Bobbing for Apples. The attendance at these events varies from 6 to 12 participants, but we always have a great time!



The Committee also appreciated the work of Reverend van Omme who continues to provide excellent Bible Study programmes this year. The groups meet on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Also, thanks to the Nancy Barlow for maintaining The Resource Centre which continues to be an ideal place for study, work and meetings. As well, the committee is lucky to have supporters like Larry and Debbie Baker, and Eric Deluca because they are always willing to lend a helping hand.

This year was a sad year for the Christian Development Committee. The committee lost its most enthusiastic, most dedicated, and hardest worker – Marjorie Reive. Hopefully the committee can live up to her high expectations and continue many of the programmes she initiated as a member and leader of the committee.

Members of the Christian Education Committee are:

Jane Bowen  
Gord Queen

Stephanie Deluca  
Lisa Reive

Anita Nicholson  
Marjorie Reive (Feb.-Oct.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Reive



## Wigle Memorial Resource Fund

There have been no Windsor/Essex County Librarian Association meetings this year. Thank you to the church members who donated their gently used books for the library. This year I purchased some books which deal with Christian development, fiction and personal development using the library budget but did not use any monies from the Wigle Memorial Resource Fund.

The updated card catalogue can help you discover 27 different sections from autobiographies to personal development to world religions and devotionals within our library/conference room. Our library has excellent books to help further your spiritual growth. Please take the time to look around.

Suggestions for future purchases are always welcome or donate a book in memory of a loved one. See our secretary for details.

### 2016 Financial Report

| <u>Receipts</u>   |              | <u>Disbursements</u> |         |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| Balance Jan.01/16 | \$ 8.75      | Books purchased      | \$ 0.00 |
| Interest          | <u>15.75</u> | Balance on Dec.31/16 | \$24.50 |
|                   | \$ 24.50     |                      |         |

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Nancy Barlow*

# ***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Sunday School is an important part of the Christian Development programme at Epworth. Although attendance is not dependable, the children always enjoy our time together. The craft seems to be their favourite part. Before we even get to our room, they ask, "What are we making today?"

The children also participate in various activities throughout the year. In January, the children help with the Stone Soup story by collecting the various ingredients that members of the congregation bring for the delicious soup. The Christian Development Committee makes the soup, and donations support the Leprosy Mission.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School provides palm crosses for everyone attending the church service. The children also process with palm branches up and down the aisles of the Sanctuary in celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Church Picnic day is also special for the children of the Sunday School. This year the picnic was held in the yard behind Memorial Hall. The children had fun playing games and especially enjoyed the water balloons.

After the summer holidays, Sunday School got off to a roaring start with the Epworth Extravaganza. This year the children participated in the Intergenerational Service, "Building Christian Community." Following the service, everyone shared a hotdog lunch.

During the Advent Season, the children helped during the White Gift Service. They pulled and pushed the wagons down the church aisles collecting the White Gifts brought by the congregation. On that same day, the children celebrated Jesus' Birthday. They sang "Happy Birthday, Jesus" and everyone was served cake and ice cream.

Sunday School continues to be held during the morning worship service. It provides programming for the Epworth children through weekly collections and donations given by kind caring people.

We welcome all people who find it in their hearts to be part of our Sunday School and want to worship and learn with us. Thanks to the teachers, the families of the children, friends, and to Reverend van Omme who have helped us in 2016.



Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Reive

# Sunday School Financial Report

## Receipts:

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| balance a of January 1, 2016 | \$ 339.00          |
| Collections                  | \$ 240.10          |
| Mature GIC                   | \$ 4,534.27        |
| Mature GIC(Wigle)            | \$ 2,000.00        |
| Interest in GIC              | \$ 38.75           |
| Interest on GIC(Wigle)       | \$ 18.00           |
| Interest on Account          |                    |
| Transfer - Memorial Fund     |                    |
| Fund raising (Sundae Sunday) |                    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 7,170.12</b> |

## Disbursements:

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Curriculum                      |                    |
| Postage                         | \$ 28.82           |
| Supplies                        |                    |
| Resources/ VBS(CD's & booklets) |                    |
| Christmas                       | \$ 39.98           |
| Mission Fund                    | \$ 100.00          |
| Service Charges                 | \$ 2.00            |
| September Extravaganza          | \$ 49.56           |
| Palms                           | \$ 46.16           |
| Re-invest GIC plus interest     | \$ 4,573.02        |
| Re-invest GIC(Wigle)            | \$ 2,000.00        |
| Balance December 31, 2016       | <u>\$ 330.58</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>\$ 7,170.12</b> |



## Sunday School Memorial Fund

|                                      |             |         |        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Balance January 1, 2016              | \$ 1,739.02 |         |        |
| Interest                             | \$ 0.12     |         |        |
| Transferred to Sunday School Account |             |         |        |
| Balance December 31, 2016            | \$ 1,739.14 |         |        |
| G.I.C.                               | \$ 4,573.02 | Matures | Jun-17 |
| G.I.C.                               | \$ 2,000.00 | Matures | Aug-17 |

*Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Baker*

# ***Benevolent Fund***

## RECEIPTS

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Balance Jan. 1/16  | 3,171.27    |
| December Donations | 70.00       |
| Donation - U.C.W.  | 60.00       |
| Interest           | 0.24        |
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|                    | \$ 3,301.51 |

## DISBURSEMENTS

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| July - gift cards  | 250.00      |
| Service charges    | 2.00        |
| Balance Dec. 31/16 | 3,049.51    |
|                    | <hr/>       |
|                    | \$ 3,301.51 |

As in previous years there was little call for the Benevolent.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Benevolent Fund, an Outreach Ministry of Epworth is asked to indicate this on their regular offering envelope under "*Special Projects*" mark "***Benevolent Fund***". Thank you once again for your support.

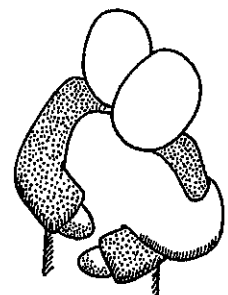
If you become aware of an Individual or Family with a need that might be addressed through the Financial Assistance of the Benevolent Fund, please contact Rev. John van Omme or the church office 519-733-4154.

We would also like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed not only to the Benevolent Fund but also to the Kingsville Food Bank and the Kingsville Goodfellows. All of these provide a great service to those in our community who find themselves in need of support. Because of your support the shelves at the food bank are maintained with the monthly wish list and some donations received through church envelopes; the Goodfellows again packed their hampers with cake mixes and frostings a challenge we took on with gusto by contributing enough money one Sunday to purchase all the Goodfellows needed and then some. We also gave them and the Food Bank additional funds of \$241.43 from our White Gift offerings.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Allsop, Secretary/Treasurer*

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me... 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!'"

(Matthew 25:35-40 Good News Bible paraphrased)



# Breakfast Bunch

Our sincerest thank you to all who helped in the kitchen this past year!! We also wish to extend an open invitation to any man who would enjoy the fellowship had by helping in the kitchen. Remember you don't have to be a professional chef to help, just show up with ready hands!!!!

We have taken a bit of a different direction in that our proceeds this year went to the church's Fund raising efforts.

The first event for 2016 was serving Easter Breakfast, which only a freewill offering is asked for and we were able to give the proceeds of \$204.15 to the fund raising efforts.

In the fall of the year we serve the Migration Brunch in which we charge \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 8 years old and up. This brunch runs in conjunction with the Migration Festival. HOWEVER, this year the Migration Committee did not send out the same flyers as before and we missed some of the advertising therefore we were only able to donate \$410.74.

Our Christmas breakfast was not as well attended as last year. We continue to serve up eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages & toast. We realized a profit of \$77.00 .

We would like to thank the congregation for their support and help in making the Breakfast Bunch such a success.

| <u>RECEIPTS</u>      |                    | <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u> |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Balance January 1/16 | 342.71             | Supplies             | 332.98             |
| Freewill Offerings   | 614.03             | Migration Brunch     | 124.06             |
| Migration Brunch     | 535.00             | To Fund-raising      | 692.09             |
| Interest             | .10                | Equipment            | 135.58             |
|                      | <u>\$ 1,491.84</u> | Balance Dec. 31/16   | <u>207.13</u>      |
|                      |                    |                      | <u>\$ 1,491.84</u> |

*Respectfully submitted, Chris Allsop*



# FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Fundraising Committee has been busy with many events this past year. Our goal was not only to raise funds for the general fund of our church but to raise awareness in the community, that our church is an active member of the community. We have an active community within our church and a very caring and helping family. This has been very evident within the fundraising events. There are more new faces and friends helping one another and working together for the church than ever before, and this has created a wonderful spiritual bonding for one another. Jesus said that we should love thy neighbour as thyself and that we should help everyone who needs help, and at the roast beef dinner we not only provided a wholesome dinner for many to enjoy but there was such an outpouring of caring and help from our church family I was overwhelmed. This was also evident at our second Christmas Craft and Bake Sale where we had so many donations that we raised 4X the amount of money than last year. Thank you to all who assisted in any way it would not have been possible without all of you working together. The BBQ chicken Dinner was successful, the cabbage rolls were wonderful, the migration brunch, The Santa parade hot chocolate and popcorn stand, the auction and pasta dinner. the A-1 Chinese dinner. The community at large has taken notice of what we have to offer. We will continue to offer our services and kindness to the community by involving ourselves in current events. The Goodfellows use our facility for their Christmas campaign with many of them being members of Epworth.

We did not reach our financial goal, only raising \$12,482.68, but we surpassed our goal of community awareness and the spiritual bonding of church members helping and working together is far more valuable than the monetary. We will continue to serve the church with new events such as a, a day trip to a theatre, the strawberry social, a late spring chicken dinner, more mid week pasta dinners, and a quarter auction, where the community at large may join us.

I do not consider it a task to chair this committee but a privilege to work with so many caring and supportive people from our church. Remember if you are a member of Epworth you are a member of a wonderful family, please do not be shy of offering ideas or support of future events the more we share with one another the closer a family we become.

God bless and see you in church! From all the committee members:

Don Coghill vice chair, Chris Allsop, Nancy Barlow, Lisa Reive, Sarah Stevens, Norm Buchanan

*Yours in Christ Larry Baker,  
chair Funding Raising Committee.*

