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## **Mount Royal United Church**

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

February 10, 2019

#### **Annual Meeting/Worship Service**

1. Call to Order/Nomination of Chairperson & Secretary
2. Motion – re: Bylaw 113, Section B.3.7.2, Page 60, United Church Manual
3. Minutes, Annual Congregational meeting held February 11, 2018
4. Business arising from these minutes
5. Correspondence
6. New Business
  - a. Presentation and adoption of Annual Reports
  - b. Report of Church Council Nominating Committee
  - c. Presentation and adoption of Financial Reports
7. Further Business –
8. Adjournment

**Minutes**  
**Mount Royal United Church**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**February 11, 2018, 10:30am**

The Annual Congregational Meeting for Mount Royal United Church for the year 2017 was held in the form of a worship service and soup luncheon on February 11, 2018. There were 55 persons in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 10:30am.

**Prelude, Greeting, Introit, Lighting of the Christ Candle, Opening Hymn**

**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 Terry Foreman.

***Motion Carried***

Karen Hudson nominated Tracy Parrott as Secretary for the Annual Meeting. The nomination was seconded by Joyce Bremner.

***Motion Carried***

**Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, Children's Hymn, Theme Time**

**Motion to extend vote to adherents** (Section B.3.7.2, page 56, United Church Manual)

Ensor Nicholson moved that, as stated in B.3.7.2, 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 Ron Roper.

***Motion Carried***

**Adoption of Minutes from the February 12, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting.**

Terry Foreman moved that the minutes from the February 12, 2017 meeting be adopted as circulated. Joyce Bremner seconded the motion.

***Motion Carried***

**Business arising from the Minutes – None**

**Correspondence - None**

**Dramatic Reading from Mark 9:2-9, Reflection, Affirmation of Faith, Offering 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, Offertory Prayer, Prayer, Hymn, The Life and Work of the Community, Grace**

*Move downstairs to share lunch.*

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

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

A motion to adopt all of the annual reports was made by Ron Roper and seconded by David Close. It was noted that on page 23 of the UCW report that the last paragraph was added in error and on page 15 of the worship committee report France Henriques was omitted from the Worship Committee members.

***Motion Carried***

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

David Close presented the Financial Report. He stated that there is a net surplus for 2017 of \$140 which is extraordinary since they had budgeted for a (\$23,500) deficit. There was a \$9,684 contribution from Steeves Memorial Church in addition to other givings which resulted in an accumulated surplus of \$16,153. Envelope offerings were up by \$8,403 over last year and M&S offerings were up by \$1,000 over last year.

David Close made the motion to adopt the Financial Reports for 2017, listed on pages 40-44 of the Annual Report, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ron Roper.

***Motion Carried***

David Close presented the 2018 Budget. The envelope offerings are budgeted at \$150,000. The expenses are budgeted at a 1.4% increase over last year. The biggest increase is expected to be the bathroom renovation planned for the basement washrooms to make them wheelchair accessible. It is budgeted at \$12,000, \$4,000 of which has already been received from the UCW and Craft Group. The memorial fund and the surplus are available to pay for the rest of the renovation. David Close moved that the 2018 Budget be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Harold Robinson.

***Motion Carried***

### **New Business**

Susan Fowler and Terry Foreman have been working on a new Code of Conduct for staff and volunteers of the church. Our original code of conduct was put in place in 2011 to protect the children and youth in our congregation. This new code also encompasses seniors and the elderly who

are visited as another vulnerable population. We also want to ensure that we are good financial stewards and our insurance reflects proper coverage for any possibilities of theft or fraud. Terry Foreman stated that in this age of litigation that we want our standard of care to be above reproach. The United Church of Canada amended their insurance requirements in July of 2017 to be much more comprehensive and their example was followed. The advice that the code of conduct document gives is that the safeguards that are now in place will protect us all. The hope is that if people sign the document and get the police screen done that they will be held accountable to the standards outlined in the document. Contained in the code of conduct is the Statement of Commitment and Statement of Theology. The church council will sign the code of conduct on behalf of the congregation. 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 should be noted that added to the code was the ability of council to put together an adhoc committee to review any charges brought against a person or allegations of fraud or abuse. Susan Fowler then read the code of conduct in its entirety. It is the commitment of the church to provide a safe environment for all persons.

Susan Fowler moved that the new code of conduct be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen Hudson.

***Motion Carried***

Susan and Terry were thanked for their diligence in researching and completing this document.

Boyce Ward, as the former chair of council at Steeves Memorial, thanked the congregation of Mount Royal for the warm welcome they have all received.

Jim Morris was thanked for his leadership and his commitment to Mount Royal.

Valerie Tremble asked for direction in dealing with the large lit wreath at the back of the sanctuary. It is 20 plus years old and needs to be repaired or replaced. She suggested that a large quilt or banner could be used to replace the wreath. She asked if anyone had something of this nature that could be used while one is being made for the church. Carol Mullin offered one to be borrowed.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

**Closing Prayer, Sharing the Grace**

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Jim Morris  
Chair of Council

Tracy Parrott  
Recording Secretary

# **2018 Annual Reports**

## Minister's Report

*Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own. - More Voices #42 v.3*

It is a new year and a new church structure for the United Church of Canada. It is an exciting and challenging time to be the church as we live into the promise that we are all loved and called God's own!

We prepare our Annual Report to look back at the last calendar year and see what we have accomplished as a community of God's people. Through the changes we continue to thrive. We welcomed new members through baptism and transfer and we said farewell to members due to ill health and death. We are also blessed with faithful adherents and we treasure each and every member of our Mount Royal United Church community. Together, we worship, pray and support each other and the community.

Worship is an essential part of our Christian practice and music is an important part of our worship experience. We are fortunate to have a number of very talented musicians and singers under the musical leadership of France Henriques. Their contribution is a significant part of our worship. The choir is dedicated and faithfully provides musical leadership. We are indebted to them for their diligence and commitment of time and energy.

Members are encouraged to sign up to carry out the various Sunday worship duties. As we work together, the Spirit moves through the people and we evolve as a community of believers who share the Good News. It speaks well to the future of our church when members of the community take responsibility for the various duties.

We are blessed by the presence of young people in our church family and it is a joy to worship with them. I am grateful for the leadership of Katelyn Montgomery and the folks who volunteer to help with the BLAST program. We always appreciate folks willing to help for a Sunday.

Our women's groups, UCW and Craft Group, carry on their diligent work for our congregation. They contributed time, ideas, and funds toward the renovation of the bathrooms in 2018 and their work continues with the renovation of our kitchen that will begin in 2019. Their Prayer Shawls continue to be distributed and appreciated.

Our committees and groups carry out their work to maintain our congregation while our Council keeps us moving forward. It is a privilege to work with people who are so willing to give of their time and talents in service to the mission of the church.

I look forward to the coming year with joy. It is a milestone year as you celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this congregation. May you renew the vision and courage of the founders as you live out your faith as "God's beloved".

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley

## Mount Royal United Church 2018 Statistics

	2018	2017	2016
Total Number of Households	315	321	328
Persons	788	798	816
Non Resident	212	212	214
Inactive	154	154	157
Active	349	359	374
Persons under Pastoral Care	481	491	509
Total Membership Year Ending	481	485	503
Members received by profession of faith	7	0	0
Members received by transfer	5	39	0
Members removed by transfer	0	0	1
Removed by request	0	0	0
Members removed by death	10	18	6
Baptisms	6	1	1
Marriages	0	1	2
Funerals	8	18	8

### Transfers

**In:**

Bruce Nowlan  
 Pearl Nowlan  
 Marilyn Burgess  
 Alyre Gaudet  
 Cheryl Gaudet

**From:**

St James UC in Petitcodiac  
 St James UC in Petitcodiac  
 Steeves Memorial UC  
 Steeves Memorial UC  
 Steeves Memorial UC

**Out:**

None

**To:**



## Deaths in the Mount Royal Church Community in 2018

<b>January</b>	Rev. Ron Maund
<b>February</b>	Jack Patriquin Herb Dixon
<b>March</b>	Blanche Hubbard
<b>April</b>	Herb McCabe Helen Gibson
<b>May</b>	Don Hayward
<b>October</b>	Norman Branch Joe Gauvin
<b>December</b>	Kristy Elliott

### Weddings – None

### Baptisms

Child	Parents	Birth Date	Baptism Date
Blakney, Joel Robert	Troy Blakney & Elizabeth Weis	Oct. 10, 2017	Jan. 28, 2018
Montgomery, Myles Glenford	Colin Montgomery & Katelyn Sweet	Aug. 24, 2011	Apr. 1, 2018
Thorne, Myles Harrison	Matthew Thorne & Rebecca Foreman	July 10, 2018	Nov. 4, 2018
Matheson, Brock Alexander	Eric Matheson & Eryn Creamer	Feb. 13, 2018	Dec. 23, 2018
MacDuff-Yacoub, Eva Emerald	Daniel Yacoub & Kathryn MacDuff	Feb. 2, 2016	Dec. 23, 2018
Clarke, Ellis James	James Clarke & Alison MacDuff	Dec. 7, 2015	Dec. 23, 2018

### Received by Confirmation

Joseph Patrick Avery	Cameron Burns	Cinthia Cameron	Kevin Gallant
Sarah Gingles	Baxter Sweet	Hannah Townsend	

# Council Reports

## Chair of Council Report 2018

Dear Friends and Family of Mount Royal United Church, as always, this past year has come and gone and has probably left many of us questioning what we have accomplished; have we made a positive impact on our lives and lives of others around us? These are certainly good thoughts and, as we reflect back over the past year, I see the many accomplishments we have made to our community through the work of the various programs here at MRUC. I have heard many people from outside our community compliment the work we do, YOU DO, to support the various programs through Outreach, through our BLAST, and other community functions. The wonderful food we prepare and serve, our music programs, and various concerts that are so well attended. For your efforts, and for and on behalf of the MRUC Council I thank you all for your continued support and commitment to your church.

Certainly not to go unmentioned, our dedicated Reverend Bev. Her leadership continues to keep us on a spiritual path full of promise and fellowship. I am sure I can speak on behalf of the Board and the entire Mount Royal United Church community, thank you Reverend Bev for continuing to be our leader. Our committees remain active this past year apart from the Christian Development Committee which is being reconfigured in 2019 (more to follow) Please to all our congregation and extended church families, take the time to read the various reports contained herein. This is what we do as a church behind the scenes, during the weekdays, and the many evenings throughout the year. We are very active as a church and these reports summarize the many accomplishments for which we are all very proud to be a part of. As with all our committees, BLAST, outreach programs, etc., it takes commitment and dedication from our many volunteers to make our programs successful and to bring the services of faith and fellowship to you, our church family. I reach out at this time to invite new members of our congregation to come forward and offer your talents to participate and become volunteers on the various committees. "Many hands make light work". God calls on us in many ways. We are always excited to serve, but also need new volunteers to continue our good work. So please reach out and contact any member of our Board to offer yourself as a volunteer. I would not be doing my job as Council Chair if I didn't comment on our 2018 Financial Report. As you review the report, you will note a surplus which is quite surprising after we just completed one of the most active extraordinary Item /project years, with washroom upgrades, parking lot upgrades, Heating system upgrades, flooring replacement in our basement (main hall), re-pointing brick, and more... As we end the year in a sound financial position I would like to thank all those people who contributed to all these projects, making them possible, and for Ensor's guidance in all cases.

As we begin to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> year at Mount Royal United Church, let us continue a path of faith, fellowship and spiritual enrichment. We at MRUC are so fortunate to have such giving and dedicated members

In closing, I must again say thank you to all the Council members, the committee chairs, the many volunteers, and of course our wonderful staff (Tracy, Wayne & France) here at MRUC. Your efforts are truly remarkable. Thank You All...

Jim Morris, Chairman, MRUC Council

## **Trustees Report**

2018 was a fairly quiet year for the trustees despite all the exciting improvements in the church. The washrooms were redone and brought up to code, the floor in the Hall was refinished, the Bell Tower is being refurbished and the Kitchen is about to undergo a renovation. As reported in last years report, we returned the credit/debit point of sale terminal to global payments in the spring. Although it was handy, rising administration costs made it too expensive to justify. On a good note, our insurance premiums have remained the same for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Foreman

## Mount Royal United Church - Council Nominations 2019

Chairperson	Jim Morris
Vice-Chair	Susan Fowler
Assistant Vice-Chair	Marlene MacLeod
Past Chair	Ron Roper
Recording Secretary	Tracy Parrott
Treasurer	David Close, CA
Finance Committee	Terry Foreman; Ron Roper
Envelope Secretary	Tracy Parrott
Chief Teller	Terry Foreman
Chief Usher	John Brown
Property Maintenance	Ensor Nicholson
BLAST Superintendent	<i>(tba)</i>
Music Representative	<i>(tba)</i>
Worship Committee Chair	Sandra Foreman-Webb
Sacraments, Flowers & Decorations	Joyce Bremner; Sandra Foreman-Webb
UCW Representative	Joyce Bremner
Trustee Committee	Terry Foreman
Christian Development	<i>(open)</i>
Ministry & Personnel	<i>(open)</i>
Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (3)	Marlene MacLeod; <i>(open)</i>
Pastoral Care Committee	Susan Fowler
Communications	Kim Christie-Gallant
Nominations Committee	Ron Roper
Members at Large (2)	Boyce Ward; <i>(open)</i>
Ex-Officio	Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley
Nursery Co-Ordinator	<i>(tba)</i>
Observer Representative	Rev. Jane Aikman
Historian	<i>(open)</i>

Respectively submitted,

Ron Roper

## **Worship Committee 2018**

The Worship Committee continues to work to provide meaningful worship for the Mount Royal United faith community. Members of the committee for 2108 were Sandra Foreman-Webb, Chair; Rev. Beverly Daley, France Henriques, organist; Rev. Jane Aikman (for half year before she retired), Joyce Bremner, Esther Mah, Valerie Tremble. We were fortunate to have Cathy Elderkin now recording secretary, and Rev. Carol Mullin join the Worship committee in September. We held eight (8) meetings this past year and the committee continues to review past worship services, explore suggestions for upcoming events including special services.

Our responsibilities and resources were stretched to the limit when Rev. Beverly had to have knee surgery and would be absent for at least a 16-week time frame. In an answer to prayer we were fortunate to have a number of our parishioners step up and lead us in most inspiring services. In addition to their input Rev. Hugh Farquhar and Rev. Carol Mullin rotated services two Sundays in July and ten services throughout September and October. We extend our heartfelt thanks to these two retired ministers who provided awesome leadership at a time when we needed encouragement. 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 a rest to get re-energized.

We continue to identify appropriate Communion dates throughout the Church year and co-ordinate 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.

The Sanctuary Committee continues to look after changing the paraments for the sacraments and special services for which we are sincerely thankful. We are grateful for Valerie Tremble and her team who work in arranging for the seasonal decorations in the sanctuary. Thank you also for the operators of the video system who are a committed and through their efforts our Sunday services have become more responsive. For all these contributions we appreciate those who assist with our regular Sunday services throughout the year and are always grateful to others who contribute their time and talents from time to time.

Musical leadership continues to be provided by France Henriques and our dedicated choir who provide the gift of music. We are blessed to have several talented musicians in our congregation, two international students this past year who have shared their talents and are grateful for their musical contributions through voice and instrumental music. A special thank you must be extended to the choir for the beautiful Christmas music provided.

In a quest to remain vibrant and sharing in this our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year we welcome and encourage everyone to wear their nametags. Nametags help us to learn each other's names and remind us when we forget. We seek feedback and suggestions so please share your views, ideas and reactions

with us so that we can discuss them at our meetings to further determine the direction for meaningful worship in 2019.

Respectfully submitted, Sandra Foreman-Webb

Chairperson, Worship Committee

# Ministry & Personnel Report 2018



## **Report of the Pastoral Care Committee for 2018**

The congregation of Mount Royal United Church is very blessed to have a caring church family. I am always moved by the many ways in which members of the congregation demonstrate their care and concern. Phone calls, visits, delivery of bulletins, providing transportation to church and other gatherings, Lunch with Friends and by delivering the much-anticipated cards and tins of sweets at Christmas time provided by the UCW are just a few of the ways care is shown. Prayers are offered in church and privately for those who are ill or have special needs. We are a very fortunate congregation.

In addition, we are blessed to have an active Pastoral Care Committee. The members provide human and spiritual support to those who are unable to attend church regularly. This happens through visits and phone calls or social media contacts with students living away from home. If requested by a member of the congregation or family member, arrangements can be made to have a committee member make periodic contact and for the minister to visit. Rev. Dr. Daley is a regular visitor with persons in nursing and special care homes and hospitals. Where appropriate, she is happy to share communion with those persons unable to attend church.

Thanks to the following incredibly dedicated individuals who assisted the Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley in meeting the Pastoral Care needs of the congregation during 2018: Eleanor Nicholson, Lois Arnold, Valerie Berry, Nancy Brown, Mildred Underhill, Faye Germon, Joyce Parsons, Shirley Ritcey, Valerie Tremble and Susan Fowler. Sincere thanks are extended to Valerie Tremble, Shirley, Mildred and Joyce who resigned during the year.

In 2018, the Pastoral Care Committee met in January, March, April, September and November. At each meeting, committee members provide an update of contact with people who are unable to attend church and discuss the best way to meet identified needs. Information provided to this Committee is kept confidential and is shared on a "need to know" basis.

In November, Tracy Parrott joined several members of the Committee in attending an interesting workshop in Sackville and learned some new and alternative ways to provide pastoral care to congregations.

It was another year in which a number of members of the congregation passed away. Each of these people are missed by the church family.

In 2019, it is hoped the Committee can continue to explore ways to provide pastoral care to the congregation. Some ideas include returning to services provided in years gone by such as expanded telephone contact and follow-up with people who have experienced loss. Suggestions from the congregation are welcome and can be passed along through the church office, to Rev Daley or any member of the Pastoral Care Committee.

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

***If anyone has a request for someone to be visited or provided with a copy of a worship service, please contact the office. Requests for a DVD copy of a service should be made in advance.***

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fowler

on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee

## **2018 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 2019. Thanks to the efforts of many, the building and grounds are well maintained and in relatively good condition.

2018 was a very busy year for property maintenance with several projects completed totalling close to \$40,000 in improvements.

In April 2018, the washrooms were renovated with new tile, paint and fixtures. The two small washrooms at the foot of the stairs were combined to create one larger washroom permitting wheelchair access. The other two washrooms received new tile flooring, paint and fixtures.

During August 2018, perimeter border tile was installed in the basement hall and tile replaced in the hallways. Floors were stripped and re-finished producing a very nice upgrade. In addition, the carpet at the front of the sanctuary was steam cleaned.

In late summer 2018, much needed asphalt paving and patching of the parking lots and walkways was completed.

In the fall of 2018 a masonry contractor was hired to remove and replace cracked and broken brick on the bell tower at the Mount Royal entrance. This work was required to stabilize the structure and eliminate a safety hazard going forward. Some additional brick work will be required in 2019.

Other smaller projects included upgrading of several light fixtures, replacement of some missing roof shingles and repairs to the heating system. In December the church chime system was repaired in time for the Christmas season. A request from the Jones Lake Scouting Group to move their storage shed onto the church property was approved and completed.

The maintenance committee and church council would like to acknowledge several generous lump sum donations from individuals and groups that allowed these much-needed projects to proceed. The UCW, craft, art and bridge groups continue to provide on-going support and we look forward to a kitchen upgrade early in 2019.

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 Surette 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 try to accommodate.

Respectively submitted,

Ensor Nicholson, Chair

Harold Robinson

Charles Munroe

Randy Scott

John Brown

## Mount Royal UCW Annual Report 2018

*2018 was a year of change for our UCW. Early in the year it was decided that the Hubbard Unit would join the other units in the fall. In September 2018, the units met together and became Mount Royal UCW. We have new members and we are encouraged by having a great group of ladies who are willing and capable of carrying out our UCW PURPOSE.*

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. Some of the programs over the past year have been a vintage Valentine party, Valentine Quiz, butterflies and Humour Sunday, Mother's Day Quiz, Mothers of the Bible Quiz and a Bring and Buy. Responsibilities for these are shared by all as listed in our annual roster.

Following are some of the events of the year:

**Life Memberships** - Maureen Linney, Eleanor Nicholson, Valerie Berry

**Mourn the Loss** - Two members passed away this past year – Helen Gibson, Blanche Hubbard

**Memorial Donations to Mount Royal** - Rev. Ron Maund, Blanche Hubbard, Helen Gibson, Ivena Briggs, Kathleen Allaby

**Social Gatherings** - June 7, Lunch at Mount Royal, catered by John and Renita Ethelston  
December 13, Afternoon Tea at Camden Tea Room

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

**Marathon Bridge** - 16 tables of Bridge players gather 13 times per session to enjoy the bi-monthly treats and April closing luncheon, plus the pleasant atmosphere of a good bridge afternoon.

**Camp Ta Wa Si** - sponsored a camper

**Tatamagouche Centre** – made a monetary donation toward linens for the Centre.

**Crossroads for Women** – April - delivered 10 pails of cleaning supplies

**Layette** – May - for Nursery, pediatrics at the Moncton Hospital

**Catered** - Funeral Receptions – Jack Patriquin, Herb Dixson, Doug Cameron, Norman Branch  
- Coffee and Muffin Party  
- private bridge party

**Collected** - pop tabs and forwarded them to UCW Presbyterial  
- 151 pairs eye glasses plus lenses and delivered them to Alliance Vision for reuse  
- milk bags and forwarded them to make mats  
- stamps and sent them to Oxfam, Ottawa

**Attended Chignecto Presbyterial UCW events –**

- March 24 Annual Meeting at Maritime Conference Office, Sackville, theme "Food for All"
- May 4 Executive Meeting at Visions United
- June 16 Spring Rally at Rotary Lodge Centennial Park, Moncton, theme "Dusty Memories"
- Sept 15 Retreat at Camp Ta Wa Si – theme "Travelling the Yellow Brick Road"
- October 26 Executive Meeting at Trinity-St Stephen's United Church, Amherst

**44<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Communion Service** - December 5 at 7 pm

Theme "Faces of Joy" – an adaptation of two CGIT Vesper services, led by members of UCW and the congregation. A Special Thank you to all, especially Esther Mah for her work in preparing this service.

**Christmas Cookies and Cards** - December 16 - 30 tins of cookies were taken to some of our seniors and shut ins, cards were sent to others.

**Hot Cider and Sweets** were served after the service on December 16.

**Thank You** as always to **Wayne Surette**, our constant supporter, as well as to you, the **Congregation!!**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Close for all of the ladies

## UCW Financial Statement 2018

<b><u>Balance forward</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,565.82</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Offerings, Donations, Booklets	1,270.00
Art Club	260.00
Marathon Bridge (includes April lunch 2019)	4,120.00
Catering - Bridge Luncheon, Congregational Annual Meeting, Funeral receptions	1,254.00
Coffee & Muffin Party	461.35
Deposit Catered Meals (June, December)	120.00
Bring & Buy	100.00
Hubbard Card Fund	160.00
Gene Stultz Memorial Fund	<u>440.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$8,185.35</u>
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	
Mount Royal United Church	2,500.00
Camp Ta Wa Si	185.00
Tatamagouche Centre – Linens	300.00
Gifts, Gratuities, Bridge Prizes	648.97
Queen Elizabeth School Breakfast Program	200.00
Bridge Card Tables	160.95
Memorials (5 x \$ 20.00)	100.00
Life Memberships	240.00
Chignecto Presbyterial Dues (22 \$ 5.00)	110.00
Kitchen Supplies and Catering expenses	1,230.78
Candlelight Communion Service	35.24
Catered Meals (June, December)	635.00
Bank fees	<u>48.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$6,393.94</u>
<b>Balance January 5, 2019</b>	<b><u>\$6,357.23</u></b>

At the December Tea a motion was passed to designate \$3,000.00 toward the upgrade of the church kitchen. This amount will be paid as work is completed in 2019.

## **Choir Report 2018**

2018 was another exciting year for the choir. We worked diligently at Wednesday night practices to prepare new and familiar music for Sunday mornings. We accompanied Bev and provided music for the services at Peoples Park Tower. The choir led the music at various services including the UCW Candlelight Service in December as well as funerals for Mount Royal members. Our hearts were broken this year when two of our beloved choir members – Jack Patriquin and Norman Branch passed away. Lovely anthems were prepared and sung for both funerals.

We wish to thank all the musicians who enhanced our services. Many thanks to France for her patience, hard work, encouragement, and enthusiasm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Hudson



## Chief Usher

Thank you to all those who provided stewardship at Mount Royal United Church through ushering. 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 2019 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 assigned 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 assigned Sunday this can be addressed by:

1. Contacting the Chief Usher so that a spare can be arranged to take your place.
2. Changing your Sunday Usher Duty with someone else, possibly the next week, or whatever works well for you;
3. Calling an Usher from the list of spares provided by the Chief Usher;
4. Asking someone whose name is not on the list who might enjoy ushering for a Sunday.

### 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 washrooms, furnace room and other rooms to ensure nobody is hiding 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 2018 the average Sunday attendance was 92 ranging from lows between 50 and 60 in July to a high of around 200 at the Remembrance Day service on November 11th.

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  
E-mail: jabrown.sussex@gmail.com

## **Usher Teams and Dates for 2019**

(Brackets indicate the chair lift operator)

### **February 2019**

Feb 3 Joe & June Robinson, Colin & Katelyn Montgomery  
Feb 10 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)  
Feb 17 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (Hinson Calkin)  
Feb 24 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Colin Montgomery

### **March 2019**

Mar 3 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown  
Mar 10 Don Matheson, (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet  
Mar 17 Mildred Underhill, Thelma Barclay, Ellen Close  
Mar 24 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)  
Mar 31 Maureen & (Peter Linney), Susan Fowler

### **April 2019**

Apr 7 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown  
Apr 14 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman  
Apr 21 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)  
Apr 28 Reg Henderson, (Jim Morris), Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher

### **May 2019**

May 5 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown  
May 12 Joe & June Robinson, Colin & Katelyn Montgomery  
May 19 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)  
May 26 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (John Brown)

### **June 2019**

Jun 2 Joyce & (Norman Bremner), Colin Montgomery  
Jun 9 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown  
Jun 16 BLAST closing – youth ushers  
Jun 23 Don Matheson, (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet  
Jun 30 Mildred Underhill, Thelma Barclay, Ellen Close

### **July 2019**

Jul 7 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)  
Jul 14 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown  
Jul 21 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman  
Jul 28 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)

## **Usher Teams and Dates for 2019**

(Brackets indicate the chair lift operator)

### **August 2019**

Aug 4 Reg Henderson, (Jim Morris), Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher  
Aug 11 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown  
Aug 18 Joe & June Robinson, Colin & Katelyn Montgomery  
Aug 25 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)

### **September 2019**

Sep 1 Mike & Penny McIntyre, Stephen Townsend, (Hinson Calkin)  
Sep 8 Joyce & Norman Bremner, Colin Montgomery  
Sep 15 Eleanor & (Ensor Nicholson), John & Nancy Brown  
Sep 22 Don Matheson, (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet  
Sep 29 Mildred Underhill, Thelma Barclay, Ellen Close

### **October 2019**

Oct 6 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)  
Oct 13 Maureen & (Peter Linney), Susan Fowler, Hinson Calkin  
Oct 20 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown  
Oct 27 Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Bill Seaman

### **November 2019**

Nov 3 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)  
Nov 10 Reg Henderson, (Jim Morris), Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher  
Nov 17 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown  
Nov 24 (Ron Roper), Baxter & Pat Sweet

### **December 2019**

Dec 1 Mildred Underhill, Thelma Barclay, Ellen Close  
Dec 8 Erik & Caroline Gingles, (Ray Gingles)  
Dec 15 Maureen & (Peter Linney), Susan Fowler, Hinson Calkin  
Dec 22 (David Close), Ron Berry, Randy Scott, John Brown  
Dec 29 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, (Norman Bremner)

### **January 2020**

Jan 5 Reg Henderson, (Jim Morris), Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher  
Jan 12 (Don Matheson), Terry Foreman, John & Nancy Brown  
Jan 19 Joe & June Robinson, Colin & Katelyn Montgomery  
Jan 26 Jean Cherry, Valerie Berry, Ina Freeman, (Ron Roper)

## Chief Teller Report

A big thank you to all those members of the congregation who volunteered their time and talents as tellers. PAR continues to be a convenient way to maintain consistent giving throughout the year. Changes can be made by contacting Tracy at the church office. We are currently searching for another laptop with Excel on it, to facilitate electronic tabulation of the weekly collection. I am always looking for people to help out as tellers, so if you are able to help out, just drop me a note in my mailbox or in the collection plate.

### 2019 Tellers

January	Joan Rogers, Terry Foreman
February	Sandra Foreman-Webb, Jean Lawlor
March	John & Nancy Brown, Ray Gingles
April	Cathy Elderkin, Don Matheson
May-August	Mildred Underhill, Brittany Foreman
September	Charlie Munroe, Ron Roper
October	Penny & Mike McIntyre, Colin Montgomery
November	Ensor Nicholson, Ron Berry
December	Susan Fowler, Esther Mah, Karen Hudson

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Foreman

## **Lunch with Friends Annual Report 2018**

Lunch with Friends is a monthly outreach program which is enjoyed by a wonderful mix of people from areas of Moncton all around Mount Royal. An average of 38 persons enjoys a social time together, a meal, and a short program on the third Thursday each month from September through May.

The volunteers, including, Karen Hudson, Betsy Innes, Jean Lawlor, Karen Foreman, Betty Percy, Yvette and Len Saunders, Ensor and Eleanor Nicholson and Melanie and John Fleming are absolutely amazing. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication to this effort. They help set up the tables, serve the delicious food that is prepared for us by the staff at Sobeys Vaughn Harvey, and clean up after. This program would simply not happen without their help.

Our program this year has included: Payson and Yvonne Rowell on their travels to Uzbekistan, Cathy from the Magnetic Hill Zoo, Georgina Hubbard about Immunization, Games, Items from home show and tell, and Sylvia Campbell's Maple Sugar Band.

I thank the folks who come out to these lunches each month. They are very faithful as they "sign up" so we know our numbers. At present, we are still able to charge just \$5 for the meal. That is a direct result of ordering exactly the number of servings we need. Just a reminder, if something happens at the last minute, and you cannot attend, perhaps you can invite someone else to take your place. You might be introducing that person to a social time when they might have just stayed alone at home.

We look forward to visiting with you at "Lunch with Friends" in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Tremble

## Tai Chi 2018

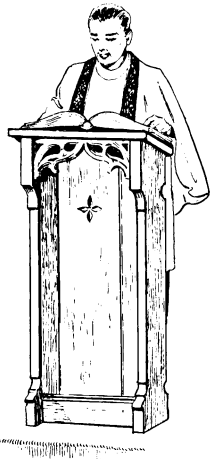


### Tai Chi Yang Style

The Tai Chi Yang Style group met Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the year. Thirty-four ladies are registered with class attendance ranging from 5-18 on any given day. The Beginner session on Monday is popular with those who are experiencing Tai Chi for the first time as well as with those who wish to work on the beginning movements. We have fun and relaxation, and the \$4 per session is a simple fundraising for Mount Royal. If you are interested in joining Tai Chi, just call Valerie Tremble at 852-4677 or the church office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie Tremble

## Sanctuary Committee 2018



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 2018**

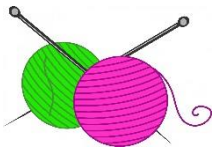
We continue to enjoy the insights and feed back that this group provides when we share our writings.

Our group has an average attendance of 7. We meet every second Monday at 10:00am. We welcome new folks. The only requirement is pen, paper and a sense of humor.

On behalf of the group,

June Horsman

## **2018 Report from the Craft Group**



Our Craft Group loves the weekly get togethers - rain, shine, snow, or not. We do have "crafters", some working at Mount Royal and some at home. We were instrumental in the update of the three bathrooms and we have earned enough money to supply a substantial amount toward the renovation of the kitchen.

Submitted by the Craft Group



## **Book Club 2018**



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**

Blast last year ended in June with a gathering at the rotary club in Centennial park. It was fun, well attended, and I recommend going there again.

This fall, Mount Royal has seen almost a 50% decrease in the number of registered students for Blast program, to 15 students. That is 6 girls and 9 boys, with the majority at the 6-7 year old range. Regular weekly attendance is roughly 5 to 8 children. Curriculum has moved away from nursery and concentrating on exciting bible stories and trying to modernize the message. Finding volunteers has not been a problem. My working relationship with Bev continues to be very strong and healthy, and she is a great support. I plan to step down as superintendent for Fall 2019 and I am currently looking for my replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Katelyn Montgomery

## **Girl Guides at Mount Royal United Church Fall 2018 Program Report**

Guiding at Mount Royal is represented by two Units: The **10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Sparks** and the **10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Brownies**.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Sparks has 18 girls. They are the youngest members of the Guiding movement and are girls in kindergarten and Grade 1. The Sparks meet on Monday afterschool.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Moncton Brownies is a unit of 18 girls that meet on Thursday evening. Brownies are girls in Grade 2 and 3.

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 us. This is the first year of a new Guiding program called "Girls First". This program allows every girl to be everything she wants to be! The heart of Guiding remains the same as we strive to provide a safe, supportive space where girls can explore things that matter to them. Our unit meetings are where this magic happens and those remain true to our promise and law. The new program allows girls to have even more input as they help choose the exciting hands-on activities that interest them most.

Our year started off with a successful cookie campaign selling over 1, 300 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 include participating in the Remembrance Day Sunday service at Mount Royal Church, Brownie fall camp at Camp Beaumont in Memramcook, Jones Lake cleanup, visiting the Veterans home and a Christmas "Drive In" sleepover at the church. 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

Jane Hominick, Wendy Twigge, Amanda Nelson, Laura Leger and Lee Dempsey

# **1<sup>st</sup> Jones Lake Scouting**

## **Sponsored by Mount Royal Church**

Program Report January 2019

1<sup>st</sup> 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. This is our biggest and best year yet!

Beavers (5-7 yrs) and cubs (8-10 yrs) meet weekly in the church basement. 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.

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. This fall, the church allowed our equipment shed to be placed behind the church. This is much appreciated as it allows easier access to gear and reduced costs for our group.

1<sup>st</sup> 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 Powel Camp. We have had linking activities with St. George's, Tantrammar and St. Michael's that have proven very successful. Some of our scouts and venturers biked the Confederation Trail on Prince Edward Island as an end of year adventure. This 6 day trip with St. Michael's Scouting group presented various levels of challenges for all who participated. From long days on the bikes to navigating the dirt roads of PEI, everyone had new experiences and made great memories.

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 1,000 pies arriving on Friday evening and finishing Saturday afternoon. They appreciate the welcome they receive here at Mount Royal.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Stephenson, Group Commissioner

# Finance

## **Finance & Fundraising 2018**

2018 was again a successful year raising funds for our church. We wish to thank one and all for the great efforts at the many functions listed below (and more).

With the many competitors in the fund-raising world it is becoming ever more important to keep our events fresh and enjoyable.

In 2019 we hope to repeat most if not all events and perhaps even adding a few new ones, so if you have any ideas please let us know.

A few examples of past events:

- Pancake breakfasts
- Talent Auctions
- UCW support/events
- Men's Club events
- Roast Beef Dinner
- Rummage sales
- Smelt Fry
- Tai Chi
- Bridge marathons
- Building Rentals
- Grocery card sales

On behalf of our entire Mount Royal family I wish to thank one and all for their continued efforts to raise funds for our church. With the changing trends in all churches never has it been more important to raise funds in various ways to assist in the financial health of our church, we look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

- Jim Morris
- David Close
- Ron Roper
- Terry Foreman

## Envelope Secretary

During 2018, 72 envelopes were issued to members and adherents of Mount Royal United Church. A total of 68 envelopes were used during the year. An additional 55 people used Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) for 2018. The following is a breakdown of those givings:

<b>Average weekly givings</b>	<b>#of envelope givers</b>	<b>% of total\$</b>
\$.01-2.00	37	0.68%
2.01-5.00	19	1.36%
5.01-10.00	28	4.21%
10.01-25.00	42	14.92%
25.01-50.00	35	25.56%
50.01-100.00	13	19.05%
100.01-200.00	3	7.27%
>200.01	<u>4</u>	<u>26.95%</u>
Subtotals	181	100%

Average weekly giving per person      \$28.00

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Parrott  
Envelope Secretary

