



# Keeping in Touch

June 15, 2016

## **Occasional Paid Work**

There is an opportunity for occasional paid work as a security person for rental groups outside regular church hours. Training will be provided and the rate of pay is \$15/hour. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kristiane.

## **Flight To Hope 2.0**

Trinity United Church and the Castleton-Grafton Pastoral Charge have agreed to co-sponsor an application for a second Syrian family to come to Cobourg. We hope to reunite the Ghrir family with Mohamad's sister-in-law and her four children, who lost their father (Mohamad's brother) in the bombing in Syria. See the website ([www.trinitycobourg.ca](http://www.trinitycobourg.ca)) for more details including a pledge/donation form and check out the display in Ryerson Hall after church.

## **Parking Lot Fundraiser**

It's back for one last time... The Easiest Fundraiser Ever! During the Waterfront Festival, Trinity will be using the parking lot for fundraising. On July 1, 2 and 3 we will ask people attending the festival to pay a charge to park. To make this work, all we need is people at the entrances to collect the parking tolls. Since there are no expenses, every dollar collected goes directly to supporting Trinity (about \$8000 since 2013.) There will be a sign-up sheet on the Stewardship bulletin board in Ryerson Hall. Additional details will be provided before the long weekend. Contact Caryn or David MacDiarmid, 905-377-8411, for more information. Cobourg Council has decided that this is the last time we will be allowed to use the lot, so let's make this the best easiest fundraiser ever!

## Expense vs Income Report

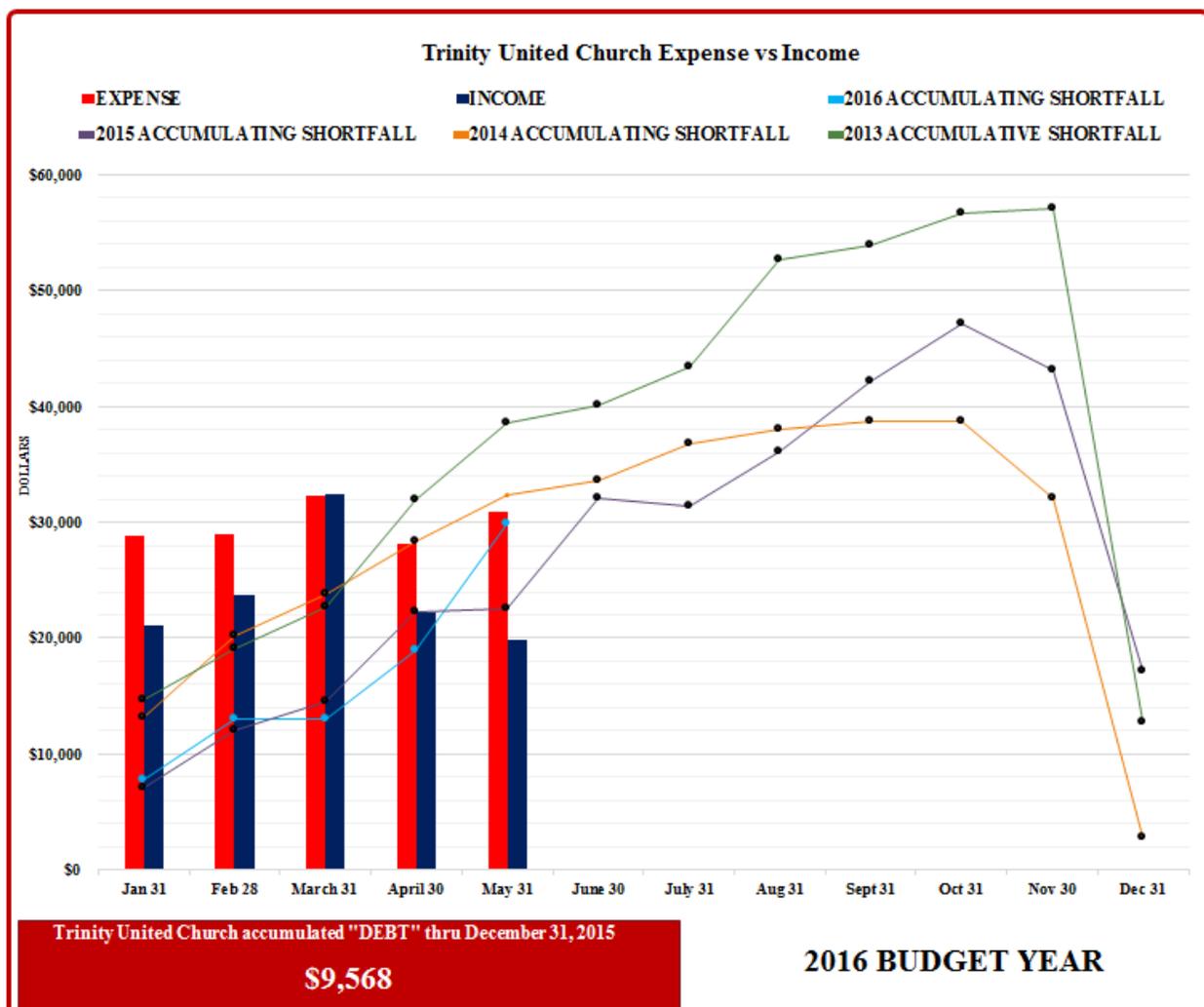
We are attaching a graph that shows the income and expenses incurred by Trinity in 2016. The graph also shows the accumulating shortfall throughout the year (the light blue line) as well as the accumulated shortfall for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

As you can see, we had been doing a little better than other years as of the end of April; however, the month of May was not kind to us and the accumulating shortfall increased substantially. With summer almost upon us we are at a point in time when attendance understandably drops as does the income.

In an attempt to make sure this situation does not get out of hand, we ask that you take a look at what you have given to Trinity so far and if you have fallen behind, any attempt to catch up would be greatly appreciated. Here is another suggestion that might work for you. Many people have been making their monthly contributions on PAR. It is painless, Trinity gets the money it needs to operate on a regular and dependable basis and you never have to worry about having to catch up which can sometimes be hard to do when and if you get further behind in your givings than you are comfortable with.

Thank you for your faithful consideration.

Finance Committee



## **A Note from Nancy**

I would like to thank the congregation of Trinity United Church for last weekend's celebration of my ministry. Thank you to the committee who organized the party at the Lion's Centre on Saturday night - Kristiane Black, Karen Chalovich, Rhonda Cunningham, Caryn MacDiarmid, Bonnie Sheridan and Barb Swallow. Thanks as well to Cindy Hoffman, who I know has spent a lot of time coordinating details for this weekend. It was colourful, fun and light-hearted - just what I wanted. Thanks also to Micol Marotti, Jeff Halligan, and Megan Halligan for the video presentation, and to Ron Swallow for organizing the technical aspects of the video. Thanks also to my favourite local band Toast - I love everything you do! And a big thanks as well to the presenters - MC Fraser Maxwell, Brad and Heather Halls, Lori and Bill Wensley and Kristiane. I was so touched by the comments, pictures and good wishes expressed on the bulletin covers and the cards I received. I will always treasure them.

Many thanks as well to the amazing staff at Trinity for organizing a beautiful worship service on Sunday. So many lovely moments, but the highlight for me was the anthem "In the Dreaming Time"; commissioned by the congregation, written by Kristiane, composed by Nancy Telfer, conducted by Debbie Fingas, performed by the Chancel Choir, High Spirits, Jubilate and Jubilate Jr. and accompanied by my daughter Alison Lester. It was stunning and moving and somehow you all managed to keep it a secret. The performance will stay with me always.

One final thanks; for the gift of a beautiful necklace, which I've been wearing all week, and a generous donation of money, which David and I have earmarked for a road trip this fall.

Some needed family time will mean I'm not at church for a few weeks, but I look forward to seeing all my friends at Trinity very soon.

Nancy Lester

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

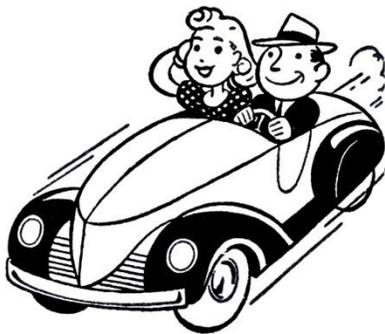
"Sailing the Seas of Faith" is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible Camp, July 18 -22, from 9 - 12 am. We still have room for more campers age SK to grade six. You can register in the church office or email [choffman@trinitycobourg.ca](mailto:choffman@trinitycobourg.ca) for a registration form. If you are interested in helping with the camp, we welcome adult volunteers and youth in grade seven and up. Contact Nancy Lester, [nlester@trinitycobourg.ca](mailto:nlester@trinitycobourg.ca) before the end of June.

### **United Church Observer**

This is the time of year when we renew our subscriptions to The United Church Observer. If you wish to continue to receive the Observer, or if you would like to start a new subscription, please contact the office by Thursday, June 30. The cost is \$25 for 11 issues. There are subscription envelopes located at the church entrances for your use – simply fill out your information and place it on the offering plate. If you have already made your contribution, your name will be kept on the list with our thanks. The United Church Observer is a wonderful resource for the congregation, and we hope everyone will continue to subscribe.

### **Drive to Church**

For a drive to church in June, please call  
Ida and Seymour Barber at 289-252-1861.



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