

***TRINITY
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
SACO, MAINE***

**REPORTS SUBMITTED TO
THE ANNUAL MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2017**

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Lane, Bishop
The Rev. David K. Robinson, Rector
The Rev. Linda Cappers, Deacon

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
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AGENDA

- Brunch
- Signing of the Articles of Association
- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Welcome
- Motion to give all in attendance voice
- Report of the 2016 Annual Meeting held January 17, 2016
- Acknowledgements
- Elections
 - Sr. Warden
 - Vestry
 - Delegates to Diocesan Convention
 - Alternate delegates to Diocesan Convention
- Review of the 2016 budget and presentation of the 2017 budget
- Wardens' Reports
- Receiving of written reports
 - Motion to adjourn, closing prayer, dismissal

Rector's Annual Address

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart] by E. E. Cummings

i carry your heart with me (i carry it in
my heart) i am never without it (anywhere
i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done
by only me is your doing, my darling)
i fear
no fate (for you are my fate, my sweet) i want
no world (for beautiful you are my world, my true)
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows
higher than soul can hope or mind can hide)
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

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Thank you! Thank you all for allowing me to speak to you, to pray and celebrate the Eucharist with you, to be your Priest and part of this loving Trinity family, and to be part of your family. As E. E. Cummings writes, "i carry your heart with me (i carry it in my heart) i am never without it." When our hearts join in giving thanks to our most loving God; when our desire surrenders to be shaped by God's desire; then the Holy Spirit is felt in most amazing ways. Again Cummings writes, "here is the deepest secret nobody knows (here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows higher than soul can hope or mind can hide) and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart i carry your heart (i carry it in my heart)"

There are so many acts of love and kindness that take place every day within our community. It would be hard to imagine a Sunday morning starting without a cake from John Luce or pastries from the Collisons or fresh baked muffins at breakfast from Nancy

Carson or the laughter and comradely of Marc Cardullo and the Breakfast Teams or the six loaves of English muffin bread at the bake sale by Arlene or the blessed warm smile and joke to make you laugh by Murch. Of course, I would start off with food but there are many delicious and loving acts to remember: being greeted by the warm laughter of Sallie Huot and the welcoming of all our greeters. We are welcomed into community where our Sr. Warden, Ron Morton continually tests the waters to make sure your needs are heard and our Jr. Warden Ron Kiene fixes what does not work. We are called to worship long before we arrive with Lorie Wyman and the Altar Guild setting table, Nancy Ponzetti creating the bulletin, Lisa Mandabach creatively and beautifully arranging flowers on the altar to remind us all of the resurrection of our Lord, and the choir and band practicing so that our singing may be supported by their musical gifts. Our choir has been truly amazing as we live through the post-Buzzell era, picking hymns and praise music, getting our Rube-Goldberg sound system to work and leading us while leaderless themselves. What a blessing they have been for us. *i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)*

While we are at worship our children are placed into the loving and nurturing hands of our Church School teachers Melissa, Allison, Karen and Tim. Our youngest members are now watch carefully by Sophia and Julianna Cardullo. Twice now our teachers have reached out to our old children with pizza, hot chocolate and a good movie with some success. If you listen into the teachers conversations you will hear them continually reaching out to our youth treating each child as their own.

Fellowship is a huge part of our loving community thanks to the Men's Breakfast teams and nurturing of the ECW with pot lucks, soup dinners, and turkey dinners. Our fellowship is not limited to our community but reaches out in support of the Seeds of Hope program where Katherine Russo coordinates dinners prepared and served by many caring volunteers; to the local food banks where we donate baskets of food each week, to the quilts made for the Vets by God's Gals as well as hats for premature babies. Our fellowship extends to allowing AA, Alanon, Alateens, community choral groups, local boards, Sr. College, and nursing home projects to use and enjoy our facilities. *i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)*

Laughter and joy infuses every activity at Trinity from God's Gals, to ECW, to Vestry. We enjoy being with each other and care

for each other when in need by offering rides, meals, prayers in worship and through email. We share stories at coffee hour and offer each other support. We look at Trinity as our true Spiritual home and go out of our way to provide a space that is warm and welcoming. Every week during the summer you would see Arleen and Rich Griswold tending the gardens, various members cutting the grass, Holly hanging lights or trimming boughs or Katherine decorating the parish hall for some festivity. All done with love.

Undergirding all of our activities is our strong faith that God has called us to be a community, the Body of Christ. We joyously come to worship even when we rather stay in a warm bed not to find God who is always with us but to see God in each other and to be Christ's hand and heart for each other. We dig deep into our pockets to pay the bills and to forge new ministries, pledging our commitment from where it often hurts, our wallets. And yet we do so out of love – love of God, love church, love of community, love of each other. *i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)*

As much as I would love to say everything is wonderful at Trinity in truth we had a rather difficult year. The Vestry struggled with a \$24,000 deficit at the beginning of the year which meant instead of focusing on ministries and our future, much energy was spent on fund raising and how to pay our bills. This is such a waste of very gifted and talented people. Yet by the grace of God and under spending in areas of oil, plowing and vacation time and most importantly by your generous giving, we were able to reduce our deficit to a little over \$6,000. Thank you to everyone for being so generous.

We also struggled with the number of volunteers we need to serve our community fully. We are an aging community and some of our members who have served the church over the years are no longer able to do so as in the past. We struggle with finding vestry members, lectors, altar guild, chalicers, ushers and coffee hour hosts. We are grateful for those who give of their time to take on double responsibilities but this level of offering of gifts can not last. We can certainly shrink the number of tasks needed such as one chalice, or Linda and I acting as altar guild, the Vestry can be shrunk, we can decrease our activities but with each decrease we lose the sense that this is a community of the whole and not a few, that we are called to Trinity not as consumers but as participants in God's hope and vision.

What does the future look like? Overall am very hopeful. We will shortly elect a new treasurer, Kim Oliver who has already made the Vestry's life easier in clarifying our financial commitments and goals. We have signed a contract with Nell Britton to be our new Music Director. Nell is a Master student in both piano performance and choral direction. She will join us as soon as her present contract is finished sometime before the end of Lent. She has quite a different skill set than Doug but will fit in wonderfully at Trinity. Last year Nancy Ponsetti and Janie Labbie began taking on the tasks of our office. I am looking forward as their understanding of our needs grow of them taking on more responsibilities. They of course could use more help. This will also free me up to be able to spend more time with members as opposed behind a computer screen. We have seven volunteers to take part in the experimental program Living Local: Joining God. This is very exciting and is the fruit of conversations on sharing our faith in the community that we have been having with each other for the past few years. We can not know the outcome of this program but we can live in hope. Our Nursery experiment has been a huge success with as many as four children present each Sunday. We want to expand this program and find ways to get the word out that we are very interested in supporting young families. Though our pledges did not increase by \$9 a week to make budget they did substantially increase giving our Vestry hope that they may spend more time in ministry in the year ahead. We still enter into the new year with a new deficit but we have increasing hopes that with the continuous generosity of the community we can close our budget gap.

Though we were sidetracked last year with a huge deficit and could not put the energy we wanted into the long range goals we just created, I am very hopeful that we will see new ministries arise around being a spiritual center, a place of great hospitality and living out our care for the greater community. God's Presence and Gifts are abundant at Trinity. Over the past year we heard from each other how much this community means to each of us. I glory in the love, caring and hospitality represented in all of us. We go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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Respectfully Submitted

Fr. David Robinson+

Annual Meeting 17 January 2016

A brunch was held immediately following the 9:00 service. The Annual Meeting opened at 10:40 AM with an opening prayer and a call to order.

Fr David encouraged members to sign the Articles of Association.

A. Voting Rights: A motion was made by Myrtle Miller, seconded by Katherine Russo, to give all adults in attendance the right to vote, motion passed.

B. Report of 2015 Meeting: A motion was made by David Moravick, seconded by Leslie Lampert, to suspend the reading of the minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting, motion passed.

C. Acknowledgements: Fr David offered thanks to the congregation in general and recognized the following.

1. Marc Cardullo for organizing the monthly men's breakfasts.
2. Erika Dube, Sandi Buzzell, Alleen Eastwood at the end of their terms as members of the Vestry. Alleen has agreed to be on the ballot to serve another term.
3. Judith Nannay for serving as Vestry clerk. 4. Bill Collison for serving two terms as a Vestry member and two terms as Junior Warden.

D. Elections: Fr David asked for nominations to be added to the ballot, none offered. A motion was made by Leslie Lampert, seconded by Charlie Miller, to close nominations, motion passed.

The ballot shows three names to fill three seats on Vestry: Alleen Eastwood, Nancy Ponzetti and Katherine Russo. The ballot also shows Ron Kiene as nominee for Jr Warden position. Ron stated that his intention as Jr Warden would be to create a support team that would help with keeping the church in its best condition.

Fr David stated that the group must elect four delegates and four alternates to the Diocesan Convention. This year the convention takes place in Portland in late October and lasts one day. The delegates must also attend a pre-convention meeting in September and be willing to report to the parish after the convention.

The following volunteered to serve as delegates: Kate Jones, Leslie Lampert, Mike Lowe and Barbara Masciarelli.

A motion was made by Janelle Harrison, seconded by Nancy Kopack, to close nominations, motion passed.

The following volunteered to serve as alternate delegates: Marc Cardullo, Erika Dube, Alleen Eastwood, Janelle Harrison, and Nancy Kopack. The members were asked to vote for four, and the results were as follows (in rank order): Nancy Kopack, Erika Dube and Janelle Harrison (tied) and Marc Cardullo.

E. Review of 2015 Budget and Presentation of 2016 Budget: John Habecker referred the members to page 6 of the Meeting Reports to see a brief account of the budgets. For the year ending in 2015, the church had a surplus of about \$200, the first surplus the church has had since Fr David arrived.

John noted that he is willing to provide further information or a copy of a more detailed budget for anyone interested.

Several questions were addressed: Shirley Bowen noted that the Outreach budget was not fully spent. Fr David noted that the CLYNK collection is dedicated toward Outreach, and for 2015 about \$600 was collected.

Is there a budget for Church School? John answered that it is housed under Program Expenses. Linda Cappers asked if there is money budgeted for her. John said that there is money for her.

F. Sr Warden's Report: Ron Morton stated that his report is as stated in the Annual Report. Ron presented a plaque to Charlie Miller recognizing his continuing efforts in securing donations

for the Annual Auction. The plaque was read aloud, and the members stood to show

their appreciation.

G. Jr Warden's Report: Bill Collison stated that his report is as stated in the Annual Report. Bill also thanked the members for the honor of serving as jr warden and the support he was given during his term.

H. Receiving of Written Reports: The reports were submitted as written with the following additions. Auction: Charlie expressed thanks to the parish for its attendance and support of the auction. ECW: Myrtle Miller expressed recognition to God's Girls. Fr David also noted that ECW gave money to help pay for upgrades to the dishwasher. Miles of Pennies: Kate Jones thanked the members for their donations. Meals on Wheels: Fr David noted that we are the only group in York County to provide a meal to seniors over the weekend. Seeds of Hope: Katherine Russo asked that members look at the last paragraph of her report. She also gave special recognition to Chef Bernie Carson for his coordination of this ministry. Deacon: Linda Cappers thanked the members for their Christmas gift. She stated that now that she has been retired from her secular job for a year, she is ready to ramp up her involvement in two ministries: working with the group addressing poverty in York County and offering her services at Piper Shores in Scarborough.

I. Long Range Planning Action: Fr David asked for the members to divide into five groups to discuss the two long-range goals that were fleshed out during the past year by the Vestry. Each goal was discussed for about 15 minutes, and notes were taken during their discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

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Accrual Basis

Trinity Episcopal Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through December 2016

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>	<u>Budget 2016</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
OFFERINGS			
Plate Offerings	9,261.00	5,400.00	6,000.00
Pledged Income	91,592.00	115,500.00	105,593.00
Non-Pledge Offerings			
Vestry Directed Funds	29,480.50		
Non-Pledge Offerings - Other	935.00	1,800.00	11,500.00
Total Non-Pledge Offerings	<u>30,415.50</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>11,500.00</u>
Special Offerings	1,612.00	3,200.00	2,050.00
Misc Offering	300.00	0.00	0.00
Total OFFERINGS	<u>133,180.50</u>	<u>125,900.00</u>	<u>125,143.00</u>
OTHER OPERATING INCOME	35,911.36	34,000.00	27,900.00
Total Income	<u>169,091.86</u>	<u>159,900.00</u>	<u>153,043.00</u>
Gross Profit	169,091.86	159,900.00	153,043.00
Expense			
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT	19,497.12	23,499.96	24,608.00
OUTREACH FROM OPERATING FUND			
Seeds of Hope	1,276.69	300.00	1,000.00
Discretionary Fund	491.07	600.00	500.00
Total OUTREACH FROM OPERATING FUND	<u>1,767.76</u>	<u>900.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
CLERGY & STAFF			
Salaries & Wages	92,800.06	97,496.00	98,085.00
Clergy Housing & Utilities	1,024.42	1,200.00	750.00
Deacon Expense	0.00	600.00	600.00
Other Personnel Related Exp	27,548.04	18,960.00	23,600.00
Total CLERGY & STAFF	<u>121,372.52</u>	<u>118,256.00</u>	<u>123,035.00</u>
WORSHIP, MUSIC & LITURGY	1,132.95	960.00	800.00
PROGRAM EXPENSES	1,574.23	2,620.00	2,740.00
BUILDING EXPENSES	10,733.58	14,031.30	11,315.00
OFFICE & ADMIN	9,604.10	6,518.00	7,475.00
MISCELLANEOUS	59.00	0.00	0.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	<u>165,741.26</u>	<u>166,785.26</u>	<u>171,473.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	3,350.60	-6,885.26	-18,430.00
Other Income/Expense	<u>-15,114.33</u>	<u>14,161.63</u>	<u>14,161.63</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-11,763.73</u></u>	<u><u>7,276.37</u></u>	<u><u>-4,268.37</u></u>

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Accrual Basis

Trinity Episcopal Church
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, 2016		Dec 31, 2016
ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Checking/Savings		Current - Accounts Payable	5,918.08
1100 - Saco Biddeford Savings Inst.	15,036.25	Long Term Liabilities	
Online Giving	-24.00	Diocesan Loan	20,792.35
Sabbatical Fund	3,665.95	Note Payable	23,210.00
Grant Income	4,664.00	Total Long Term Liabilities	44,002.35
Restricted Income Acct. (Acts)	-0.13		44,002.35
Mile of Pennies	1,624.15		
E.C.W.	547.27	Total Liabilities	49,920.43
Capital Account	123.36	Equity	
Rector Discretionary Fund	75.00	3000 - Opening Bal Equity	179,383.25
Total Checking/Savings	25,711.85	3900 - Retained Earnings	-134,065.38
		Net Income	-11,763.43
Accounts Receivable	156.00	Total Equity	33,554.44
Other Assets - Petty Cash	250.00	Total Liabilities & Equity	83,474.87
Total Current Assets	26,117.85		
		Footnotes:	
Fixed Assets - Allen Organ	35,000.00	1	Checking accounts include accounts held by the church that are held by organizations for the church, the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and God's Gals; accounts held for designated funds; the Sabbatical Fund and the Grant Income, Miles of Pennies and the discretionary funds; and the operating account.
Other Assets		2	The organ is shown as a fixed asset. Depreciation has not been expense against the asset.
Diocese Investment - Clare Hill Memorial Endowment	22,357.02	3	The Clare Hill Endowment fund is part of the Diocese stock portfolio. This Endowment amount is under the control of the church. The balance of the principal portion of the stock portfolio is under the control of the Diocese which cannot be accessed by Trinity. Trinity does receives all the interest earned from these funds.
		4	Trinity has a loan with the Diocese and is reflected as the Diocesan Loan in the liability section of the balance sheet.
TOTAL ASSETS	83,474.87	5	Trinity has borrowed against the stock portfolio and the amount is the Notes Payable in the liability section of the balance sheet.

Pledge Recorder Report

As of January 7, 2017 Trinity Episcopal Church has received 72 Pledges totaling \$112,313.

In addition there are 10 other individuals who either use the envelopes but don't pledge, have pledged in the past or contribute on a regular basis the sum of which is \$6,050 based on 2016 levels of giving.

The combined pledges and other potential contributions is estimated at \$118,363 for 2017.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha and David Moravick
Pledge Recorders

For Comparison Purposes the 2016 Report is provided below:

As of January 7, 2016 Trinity Episcopal Church has received 68 Pledges totaling \$94,700.

In addition there are 10 other individuals who either use the envelopes but don't pledge, have pledged in the past or contribute on a regular basis the sum of which is \$10,512 based on 2015 levels of giving.

The combined pledges and other potential contributions is estimated at \$105,212 for 2016.

Sr. Warden Report

2016 has been a rewarding year along with a Challenging year. We continue to face the same issues that many churches are facing in todays environment, ie - membership decline, meeting our financial responsibilities, and the ageing population.

In making the above statement I know that we will continue to meet our challenges because of the strength of all of you - (Father David, The Vestry along with the entire Trinity Episcopal Family).

A special THANK YOU and APPRECIATION for the support I have received as Senior Warden. With what I have learned during my time as Senior Warden I know moving forward we will continue to Make The Right Things Happen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Morton

Jr. Warden Report

As a relatively new member of Trinity Episcopal Church, it has been my honor to serve as Jr. Warden. The Jr. Warden's principle responsibilities relate primarily to the physical well being, maintenance, and improvements to the church.

The major project undertaken and completed this year was painting the church structures. The work was completed satisfactorily and on budget. I hope the congregation is pleased with the outcome.

Significant additional storage shelving was constructed in the attic. When the weather is warmer, I suggest a major reorganization of the attic and disposal of unwanted items.

Many other small jobs were completed during the year.

A lengthy list of needed, as well as desirable projects, has been compiled for next year and future years.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Kiene

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor or memorialize your loved ones as well as show gratitude for event. The suggested donation is \$25 although any amount donated is greatly appreciated. You can also purchase flowers or donate flowers from your garden and drop off on the Friday before by letting Fr David or Lisa know in advance if that is your intent. If anyone is interested in creating a flower guild or occasionally arranging flowers, please let me know.

Thank you to all who have given their time, talent, and donations to beautify our church altar with flowers.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mandabach

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild at Trinity includes the following members: Pam Burke, Cathy Hopkins, Leslie Lampert, Denise Jackson, Lisa Mandabach, Martha Moravick, Dorothy Waleiko, Alan Wyman, and Lorie Wyman. We are in need of new members on the Guild, particularly after the 10:00 service. I want to thank Father Robinson and Deacon Linda

Capers for helping fill-in the scheduling gaps this past year. Please thank everyone for their devoted service and speak to any Altar Guild member if you are interested in joining this quiet ministry.

Lorie Wyman

Altar Guild Directress

Church Auction

Our 2016 Church Auction was a huge success. Jason Briggs was this year's Director who put things together for the fair. I would like to thank my wife Myrtle Miller for transporting me around to the many merchants that I contacted. We raised over \$5,500.

At this time I would like to thank the many merchants who contributed items and gifts certificates that made this years fair the success it turned out to be. Thank you also go to Jasons Briggs, David Moravick, Auctioneers; Leslie Lampert, Janelle Harrison, Financial tallying; Myrtle Miller, Ticket Sales; and Lynn Wheeler, Rhonda Cobb, and Peg Gautier, Refreshment Crew.

Again Thank You for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Miller

Blood Drives

Trinity Church holds blood drives on the second Monday of the month, every other month starting in February. This is an important mission that Trinity is able to provide for the community. We have faithful volunteers who register the donors while other serve them snacks. We ask for two-hour sections with a sign up sheet on the bulletin board a couple weeks before the event. We also need helpers to replace the tables in the hall after the event.

The next one is scheduled for Feb. 13th, 1:30 to 6:30. Please share a couple hours helping Trinity to continue with this service. And always, please donate blood by calling the Red Cross for an appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

Sallie Huot

Church School Report

The students in Sunday school are eager to learn and a pleasure to teach. Our weekly attendance varies with an average of 6-9 children in attendance. There are four core teachers.

Our bible themes this fall included a month long series around creation; and lessons centered on All Saint's Day, the Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving and the Birth of Christ.

Some of our special events this fall:

- Oct. 30 – Family Sunday. The Sunday school families and students participated in the service; hosted coffee hour; and had fun at a harvest themed party. Special activities included: apple bobbing; donuts on a string; and pumpkin carving.
- Dec. 18 - Christmas pageant. The kids did a wonderful job. Thanks to Amy Ouelette and Jen Tardif who took the lead in pulling this wonderful pageant together.
- Pizza/Movie nights. We also hosted two movies nights. On Nov. 11, middle school/high school students and adults watched the movie, Mission Impossible and on Dec. 3 younger students and adults watched the movie, The Polar Express.

Upcoming spring events to watch for:

- Feb. 12 - Family Sunday and Sunday school sponsored Valentine's Day themed coffee hour
- Our annual Easter egg hunt

Respectfully submitted by,

The Sunday School Teachers

(Melissa Burns, Jen Tardif, Karen Murphy, Allison Sovetsky)

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Every woman belonging to Trinity Church automatically is a member of the ECW and can come to our meetings the first Monday of every month (except Jan., July and August) and enjoy interesting and fun programs. Our Program chairpersons Katherine Russo and Sallie Huot worked very hard to bring us great guest speakers.

This year we traveled to Alaska with Nancy and Bernie Carson, we found out from Allison Sovetsky the problems and rewards of

adopting children, we had fun doing Tai Chi with Fr. David, went to a wedding in India with Chuck and Janine Talbot. We enjoyed a delicious banquet at The Chef and the Gardener, the banquet was attended by 30 women and our guest Fr. David. Our last meeting of the year was a fun filled Christmas Party.

The monthly Bake Sales, two Turkey Suppers and our Holly Berry Fair were our fund raisers for the year. I would like to thank all the men, women and children that helped make these fund raisers successful.

We were not only able to pay our \$3,000 pledge but were also able to donate an additional \$2,000 to Trinity. We also donated \$1,000 to several local charities.

Come join us as we start a new year and look forward to more fund and more chances to help our Church and our community.

Food Pantry

The Saco Food Pantry is very grateful for the donations of Trinity parishioners. Donations for local people in need of short-term, intermittent help and long-term help are delivered to food pantry on a weekly, sometimes biweekly basis depending on the amount.

Thank you for all of the donations!

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mandabach

God's Girls

We are a group of women who love to quilt almost as much as we love to have fun. Our mission is to make quilts for Trinity Church, either in the forms of gifts for our graduating high school students or fairs or auctions or raffles. We are blessed with donations of a few machines so although many bring their own, we do have some available to use. We set our machines up and run them like a workshop. Some iron, some sew, some cut, some pin and some are "gofers," taken the pieces from one table to another. Above all, we know how to have fun. We'd love to have new members join us. If you quilt, join us. If you don't, we'll teach you. If you want to share only in our laughter, come and make coffee. The friendship is our number one mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Sallie Huot

Meals on Wheels

Meals On Wheels continues to deliver meals on Saturdays. Due to a declining number of clients 1 volunteer heats and delivers the meals each week.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hopkins

Miles of Pennies Fund

Did you know that 1 mile of pennies would equal 84,480 pennies? That would be \$844.80!

The Mile of Pennies Fund was established to provide for special and/or unbudgeted expenses or purchases that sometimes arise. The late Peggie Rosa, one of Trinity's most loyal and dedicated parishioners, was the source of this idea. Please take one of the small "Serendipity" jars home to fill. Return your pennies by placing them in the large container in the church foyer. Naturally, other coins or even bills are always welcome as well. Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously in 2016. In 2017, let's see if we can reach one half of a mile - or more!

Balance – January 1, 2016:	\$ 1,376.02
Deposits and Interest total:	<u>142.94</u>
Balance – December 31, 2016:	\$ 1,518.96

*Please note that \$764.80 of the account total is the remainder of the "Light Grant" and is not actually a part of the "Mile of Pennies Fund" donations.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Jones

Seeds of Hope

With the guidance and wisdom of Nancy and Bernie Carson, our Chefs, our church has participated in filling many tummies, lifting many spirits with kindness, and warming many hearts of the good folks at the Seeds of Hope Community Center this year. Many of our members have contributed their time and talents to shopping,

chopping vegetables, making desserts, transporting heavy pots and pans full of the meal of the day, and serving at the Center, always smiling and spreading the love of God as we reach out to this community.

This service is fun to participate in as we get a chance to try out new recipes from Nancy's cookbook. The people from our church are always so willing to help wherever they can, some even using their lunch hour to prepare for that evening's meal.

What is really heartwarming is how much gratitude the Seeds of Hope folks share. An evening meal barely gets served when we hear several Thank yous, and how delicious the supper is. One of the greatest compliments a chef can hear is, "Can I have seconds?"

Several people have asked to take out a meal for a neighbor or a homebound relative. Or just to have a warm meal for the next day, spreading this ministry far beyond the walls of The Seeds of Hope Community Center.

Of course, we always have lots as we cook for 150 people. Nothing is ever wasted. If we have any left of our supper it gets served the next day for lunch.

One of our members is always there at the Center to keep us on our toes with good humor and direction. Without The Rev. Peter Bowen, the management of the suppers would be difficult as he is always ready to answer every question we have. He also visits with and spends conversational time with our guests.

When we all break bread together, we're feeding the soul. This is God's family, the way God meant it to be. Come out and be a part of this ministry. **There's always room at our table.**

Thank you to everyone who participated and experienced this important ministry.

Peace and Hope for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Russo