

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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**BUILDING A LOVING COMMUNITY OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS WHO WORSHIP GOD, SERVE OTHERS,
AND GROW TOGETHER**

Please note – key facts and notes in the following reports have been highlighted for your convenience

Pastor Mark's Report

This best word to describe what this past year has been like, is "adventure". One dictionary defines an adventure as: an undertaking usually involving danger and unknown risks. This year, Summerside agreed to join me on an adventure that involved some significant changes.

At the beginning of our ministry year, the congregation approved Pastor Deven as the next Lead Pastor and he began that role in January. At that point, I became an Associate Pastor working under Deven. Several people outside of our congregation assumed I was heading into semi-retirement. That was never the plan and it is not the reality!

In some areas my responsibilities have changed, but I am still working just as many hours as before. The biggest difference is that Deven is now responsible for the overall leadership of the church while I provide a supportive role. I have continued overseeing a number of ministry areas that were already under my care and am taking on a few new ones. This has allowed Deven to focus on the areas that need to be developed to allow us to keep growing in a healthy way.

The change has been an adjustment, but it has been worthwhile. It has been encouraging to see how we have been able to keep growing through this transition and it has been interesting to see how Deven and I have complementary gifts that allow us to work together effectively.

By describing this year as an adventure, it doesn't imply the adventure has come to an end. It feels like just the first steps in a new amazing journey that God is taking Summerside on. We praise God for a renewed emphasis on prayer, church planting, and a significant number of changed lives. May God continue to lead us as we continue to build a loving community of Christ followers.

Pastor Mark Cuthbert

Pastor Deven's Report

I agree with Mark. It's been a busy but incredible year. Let me offer a few highlights. First of all, working with Mark and working for him these past few years have been some of the best ministry years of my life. His stability, competence, and confidence in Christ make him a real joy to work with. I still enjoy going on road trips or to conferences with him where we can get the chance to chat and share. The transition that occurred in January has been a real source of joy. I am thankful that God's people have welcomed me here to lead and shepherd, and to teach and proclaim the glory of Jesus. I am so thankful for Summerside. My hope and prayer is that Heather and I are here for many, many years.

In many ways, the transition that occurred, didn't change much of the day-to-day rhythm of our staff. But, like Mark said, we're seeking to work together effectively and ensure that the mission of Jesus continues to be central to all that we say and do.

Here are a few big items that happened over this year: First, we launched a brand new website (thanks, Peter Barnaby). Second, we launched a completely new database/tracking software for our office staff and membership. Third, we hired a new children's worker to oversee this ministry. Fourth, we launched "Summerside ENGAGE" - a time where all of our

committed attenders and members can come out and take part in shaping and sharing the vision of the church as a hole. Fifth, we voted on a brand new constitution and governance structure. Man, when I see it all listed it, it really strikes home!

We've had a busy year. But, let's all remember, we don't exist to be busy or to get lots done. We are a church, created for God's glory, and the fame of his name. So, even in this busy year, my highlights are not all the tasks that we've accomplished, but the transformation that Jesus has been doing in people's lives. This is why we do what we do: The fame and glory of Jesus!

Pastor Deven K. MacDonald

Property Team

The 16-17 year began in September with renovations to the north wing - correcting some ceiling problems and creating a new classroom for kids on the upper level. The larger room was slightly repurposed for more flexibility of use. A welcome desk was added to the infant nursery for some access control.

Much painting was done, but there is more yet to be done.

A great vote of thanks is owed to the gardeners again this year for the wonderful job that they do. Ian, Fred, Irene and others...THANK YOU.

The janitorial crew has changed a bit with Dave Martin moving out and Nancy Toms picking up his responsibilities. Bill and his team continue to clean up after us all wonderfully, and keep the building looking great.

Snow removal was minimal last winter, we'll pray for the same again this winter.

The HVAC equipment is beginning to show its age, requiring several repairs.

Overflow parking seems to be providing the needed relief for the regular parking area.

We continue to thank the Lord for the facilities that he has provided and strive to develop and maintain them to his honor and glory.

Ron Harris for the Property Team

Missions Report

Our Missionaries

We have been blessed to partner with those serving the Lord in Canada and around the world. Many of our missionaries were able to take part in a Missions Evening in March, where they were able to share with our congregation about their ministries and what God is doing.

Career missionaries:

- **Tim Bahula** is the Curriculum Design and Development Officer with Horizon Education Network, an affiliate of ABWE. He is responsible for the oversight of the design and development of Horizon's curricula tailored to address the cultural needs and standards in the different settings where Horizon is ministering.
- **Graham & Sharon Bulmer:** Graham serves as International Training Pastor for Reach Beyond (formerly HCJB). His focus is on moving their spiritual formation and leadership development tools online to better serve their missionaries.
- **Derek & Taylor Conley** are serving a two-year term with Crossworld in micro-business development in Haiti, and we will be partnering with them through this time.
- **Todd & Tonia Coyle:** Todd serves as the Financial Services Director for Pioneers Canada, providing support for missionaries in 23 countries around the world.
- **Justin & Katherine Dimoff:** Justin leads the Streetlight Ministry for YFC in London, seeking to connect with at-risk youth in the city.
- **David and Cathy Foster** serve with SIM in outreach to Muslim-background peoples in the London, Ontario area. This year we also partnered with David as he served for three weeks in a ministry located in Tanzania.
- **Michael & Abby Lodge:** Michael serves as the Member Care Director for Pioneers Canada. Abby serves the Personnel Department in administration and providing support for families, Missionary Kids (MKs), and women in ministry.
- **Pioneers Africa:** we support the work of African missionaries among the Bedouin Fulani peoples. Paul & Ruth Kone serve as team leaders for this ministry.

Upcoming: Our Members and family in Mission

This year, **Eden Sheil** is planning a missions trip to New Zealand with ABWE, using the skills she has learned over three summers with Child Evangelism Fellowship in southwest Ontario.

Mark & Angelica Cassidy and their children departed in July 2017 to begin serving at the AWMedia office in the UK, where Mark will be the director.

Submitted by Michael Lodge

Usher & Greeter Ministry

We have great volunteers for the Usher, Greeter, and Welcome Centre ministry. This is the first point of contact for people who are new to our church, so we are very thankful for the friendly folks who have volunteered to serve in this important ministry.

There have, again, been many changes in the ministry this year - the primary one being the transition to the new Planning System. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for "sticking" with this and figuring out how it works; and also to Nathan Kuenzel, a pivotal part of this ministry, for helping us with this.

The Ushers and Greeters are responsible for collecting the offering each Sunday. The Greeters are also responsible for remaining in the foyer during the service to greet and help orient new folks who may arrive late.

If anyone is interested in serving in this important ministry, please talk to Kevin or myself.

Kevin and I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our staff for being so faithful.

Submitted by Kevin & Sue O'Connell

Children's Ministry

Sundays

Sundays saw lots of growth in the children's ministry and some exciting renovations to the space upstairs. We have approximately 130 children listed as regular attenders in our infant to Grade 5 programs and see new families with children on a monthly, if not weekly, basis. The Kids Upper Room was renovated to update the flooring and paint and to add a separate classroom that can serve as a craft room and meeting room. The Infant room saw the addition of a counter and gates, with more updates in the planning stages to make the space more welcoming to our growing number of infants. A nursing/changing room was added by the south wing to accommodate the many young families at Summerside. More volunteers have come on board over the year to help with the increase in class sizes which has brought the team to about 70-80 volunteers who rotate on a monthly basis. Some of these volunteers accompanied Kat to a Children's ministry conference in St. Thomas this year (E-2). Spring brought a change in leadership. Kat stepped down to focus more on family and school (counselling studies) and Michele Bouma stepped in to take leadership of the children's ministry in April.

Submitted by Kat Dimoff

Much of my first three months serving as Children's Ministry Director has been spent getting to know systems and procedures as well as the names and faces of the children who attend and the volunteers who serve with Summerside Kids. Ministry highlights have been experiencing the happy energy of children excited to be at church and making connections with several new families who have begun to attend regularly. In June, we began using the Planning Center Online system that assists in scheduling six Sunday morning classes and provides systematic communication with the volunteers that staff those classes. I am grateful for the support of the parents who entrust us with their children, and as the number of children we serve continues to grow, so does my gratitude for the encouragement of the SCC

leadership team and the dedication of the amazing team of volunteers that serve faithfully in this vital aspect of kingdom work.

Submitted by Michele Bouma

Play & Grow:

On Wednesday mornings (September-May), we welcome little children (and their parents/caregivers) into our church. Most of the activity happens in the foyer where toys are played with, snacks are eaten and relationships are developed.

The vast majority of families are not from our church...or any church. Many ask about our church, though. Several have either attended or have expressed the desire to attend. We often have opportunities to share the love of Jesus in words as well as actions.

Two staff from Ontario Early Years join in the fun by providing a craft room and a closing circle time with lots of active singing. Ladies from the church provide coffee and snacks (thanks Gail Dixon, Dorothy Meyer, Arlene Lewington and Michele Bouma) and Gail opens the library as well. The link that Denise Brown and I have with our Kid's Camp helps motivate families to send their kids.

We are thankful for this opportunity to continue the relationships with the children, and their parents, as they grow up (and no longer attend Play & Grow).

There is a natural transition into our youth program as well. It really is a beautiful thing based on relationships. "Let the little children come!"

Faith Cuthbert for Denise Brown (I couldn't do this without her!)

32 50: is a program for students in grades 3 to 5 Only that runs most weeks during the school year on Sunday mornings following the service (11:15-12:00). This past year, we averaged 12 students per week. Each week we take some time to play games and make new friendships. At 11:30, we gather and spend time learning from the Bible using the five W's and an H (Who, What, When, Where, Why and How). Our focus each week is the scriptures used for the sermon. This allows students to discuss with their parents and family what they have heard. Together, we discover the truth of God's word and how it applies to our lives.

Our hope is that, when students leave 32 50, they will have confidence in God's word and their own ability to study the Bible.

Many thanks to Faith Cuthbert, Mark DeVries, and Nancy Tuttle for their support of this important program and our students. It has been a privilege to serve with you all.

Denise Brown

Kids Camp July 2016: This year's camp was called Surf Shack (Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love). Our themes for the five days were, God Creates, God Helps, God Loves, God Calms and God Sends. Our daily bible stories directed us to learn more about God's amazing love and how he works in our daily lives.

The gospel message is always the focus of our week as we are able to share the good news with our community. We had a wonderful week with 90 campers and countless staff and helpers. The people who take the time to volunteer at camp make all the difference. It is through them that our community kids and parents experience the Love of Jesus - perhaps for the very first time. We also have youth from grade 6-8 join us in helping in the morning as a service project for their own camp they attended during the afternoon. This also included kids from the community which built a great bridge to our weekly youth program, Emmaus.

So much planning and time goes into preparing for our week and it is an incredible privilege to serve our community in such an intentional way. I am very thankful for all of the staff and volunteers that make camp possible.

Denise Brown for the Kids Camp team

DC4K: Is a 13 week course (runs at the same time as DivorceCare) for children aged 5-12 whose parents are no longer living together. We met in the Rec Room on Tuesday evenings (6-8pm), from November 1 through February 14. This is a biblically-based program which points the children to Jesus. Even though divorce is an adult problem, children are affected by it. Each night, they were given tools to help them deal with the realities of their situation and the emotions that come with those realities. We had six boys in attendance. Through the videos, books, games, and snack times, Tonya Goodmurphy and I were able to see hope build in these young lives. We pray that they will experience the love of Christ as they journey through life. [Contact Liz](#) in the church office to sign up your child for September 2017.

Happy to serve,

Faith Cuthbert

Armour Hockey: is a program for kids age 7-13 that teaches hockey skills in a fun, safe, and Christ centered environment. For many of the kids, it's their introduction to the game of hockey, and for some, an introduction to the person of Jesus Christ.

We play at Dorchester Arena on Saturday mornings. Last year we had 35 kids in the program led by a coaching staff of seven plus 6-8 player volunteers. The parents like that kids can start at any age and learn in the game in a less competitive environment. It's also low cost compared to organized hockey programs.

The older kids are encouraged to take leadership roles by helping the younger kids and becoming part of the coaching staff when they have outgrown the program. Our goal is to have kids grow in Christ through the game of hockey.

Cory Moonen

Emmaus Youth Ministry

This was our third year running our Sunday night program, Emmaus. This year, there was a lot of energy and excitement around the youth ministry with a clear group identity, mission, and strong youth leaders. We currently have 25-35 students regularly attending our program, have had up to 40 students attend, and would guess that 50-60 students attend

Summerside regularly. We are reaching, roughly, 50-75% of the students at Summerside with our current program. In other words, well over half of the students at our church attend our program regularly.

Some of the highlights from this year included the Youth Ministry Summit with our youth leaders. They were encouraged, inspired, motivated, and equipped as youth leaders. This event was a significant financial investment, but there is no question that it paid off. Our youth leaders are pumped for the new ministry year. Our Jr. and Sr. High youth retreats are always a highlight of the year. There is always bonding of students and leaders, and students are challenged to integrate their faith in every part of their lives. Students are beginning to emerge naturally as leaders and are stepping up to lead and are ready to serve. We plan to capitalize on this by initiating a formal student leadership team.

Some of the challenges that we faced this year was scheduling conflicts for youth leaders. Sunday night has not been the best night for our leaders, and this has led us to re-evaluate the timing of our youth group night.

It has also been a challenge to adapt our teaching and games to a wide age range and larger group. We are planning to remedy this by doing more Jr. and Sr. High elements separately and simultaneously. Another challenge has been personally being exhausted on Sunday night. Leading worship in the morning and doing a lot of planning and execution for Sunday night leaves me quite drained. We are planning to move to Wednesday nights in the new ministry year.

We, as youth leaders, are united and clear in our plan for this coming ministry year and the subsequent steps needing to take place for the future. I would like to produce and implement a youth leader's manual, including clear "wins", values, expectations, and helpful tips. As mentioned, we plan to launch an effective and engaging student leadership program. On a practical level, we intend to produce and implement "house rules" for students and leaders. These would be like values, but more practical, with the goal of building the culture that we want. Additionally, we would like to continue to encourage young people to be involved with serving on Sunday mornings. Currently, the percentage of students serving is probably high as-is, but the goal is to build it into the culture of Summerside and Emmaus that young people are on mission with us. This is more of a reinforcement of a present reality; solidifying what we do well into our culture and taking it to the next level.

Overall, this has been a successful year with students getting baptized and challenged on their journey towards knowing Christ. Next year will be a year of renewing the vision and refining our programs in order to reach more students and to take students deeper in their faith.

Blessings on the journey,

Luke Cuthbert

Adult Ministries

Men's Ministry

Our men's ministry continues to encourage and equip men from our church and community to walk in a manner worthy of our calling from the Lord.

We hold breakfast meetings once a month, open to men of all ages, where good food and fellowship is shared, along with timely messages from our own men. We have chosen to 'journey together' and as such, we learn best when we hear each other's stories.

We continue to support PromiseKeeper's Ministry efforts, both in their nationwide and local ministry to men. In March we hosted a half day workshop on 'Identity'. Over 100 men attended, with a large contingent from Teen Challenge farm.

In May, we welcomed the Armour Hockey families and coaches for their year end banquet.

Our Compassion child, Mario Garache, lives with his family in Honduras. He receives regular financial and prayer support from our men. The highlight of every breakfast is the time we spend praying together.

'The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much'. James 5:16

My thanks to our men's ministry team, Ron Berman, Ian Houghton, Randy Kay and Rod Parfitt, who have committed to serving the men of our church community.

Pinery Camping

Our annual trip featured all the good things we've come to enjoy over the 10 years we've been camping together at the Pinery; lots of good food, campfires, boys of all ages enjoying the dunes, the very cold water, and heartfelt messages from our own men. We missed a few of our regular guys as we greeted many new faces for the first time. We enjoy the company of men who never attend church, but faithfully attend this weekend. This was the largest weekend to date, with over 80 men and boys attending.

Despite the rain on part of the weekend, God was present and kept everyone in good spirits. Thanks to Ian Houghton, Kent Nielsen and a host of others who cooked, cleaned and served one another.

Band of Brothers Weekend - Muskoka

I attended my second Band of Brothers weekend in Muskoka in September along with a good number of men from Summerside. The format of the weekend invites men to examine their own hearts and lives in the context of other men's stories, along with important reflective time alone with God. As one of the regular attendees said 'I keep coming back because God shows up'. I count it a privilege to witness the changes that men embrace when they step up and choose to engage both God and their peers.

I would be remiss to not mention the 'ripple' effect that this weekend has had on our church. A women's night followed for spouses of the men who attended, and out of that we have seen new community groups formed and current ones transformed from the direct result of God moving in the lives of our men.

South Western Ontario Band of Brothers – Forest Cliff Camp

Seeds were planted in the hearts of some of our men in Muskoka and within six short months, a new chapter of Band of Brothers was formed. They held their first weekend in late May at Forest Cliff Camp, with just under 90 men attending.

Over 40 of those men were affiliated with Summerside Church and thankfully, we are reaping the harvest of lives changed by the power of God.

Our thanks to Jon Mark Davis for his passionate leadership in this ministry.

Jeff Ste. Marie
Men's Ministry Coordinator

Women's Ministry

It has been such a joy serving the women of our church. As a leadership team, we have all been blessed and encouraged by the way God has been working and moving amongst our women, through this ministry.

Highlights:

- **Our Prayer and Worship nights:**

These evenings have been a wonderful time of fellowship, growth, and learning. We have had upwards of 60 women attending, of all ages, and have been challenged and inspired by all of those who have shared their stories and hearts with us.

We have been encouraged by the leadership and service of so many ladies in our church, whether that be in the area of speaking and sharing, leading in worship, assisting as table & prayer leaders, or helping with set up/tear down and hospitality.

We have done three of these nights so far, which have all consisted of collective worship through song, individual and group prayer times, and personal testimony and sharing throughout the night by various women from our church community.

We have heard from many women that these evenings have had a big impact on their own hearts and walks with Christ. We are also finding a deepening of our relationships with one another and have seen smaller prayer groups and intimate friendships developing amongst us all. We plan to have a couple of these types of evenings throughout each calendar year as we truly believe they are the heartbeat of our ministry and really capture our vision for what we want this ministry to be about.

- **Other Programming/Entertainment**

We also know that there is value in offering purely social and fun events for our women so that we can build our friendships, share in joint interests, and provide a welcoming place for newcomers/those who don't attend our church.

A couple examples of these types of events would be our Treasure Exchange (free shop and swap event that we hope to host a couple times a year), and our ladies Hula hoop fitness class that we offered for the month of June. We are open to other ideas and suggestions for these "social" events. They provide valuable opportunities to invite un-churched women into our church building, get to know them, and then hopefully, in time, invite them to attend one of our worship nights or come out to a Sunday morning service.

OUR VISION in Ministering to women could be summed up as follows:

As a leadership team, it is our goal to ensure that our women's ministry aligns itself with and supports the overall vision of our church as a whole - "Worshipping God, Serving others and Growing together". We desire to see each of us, as women, grow deeper in our own personal walk with Christ, pursue authentic relationships with one another, and have a passion to reach out to those outside of our church Community.

Submitted by Heather MacDonald on behalf of women's ministry Leadership Team (Meagan Paterson, Samantha Barnaby, Sarah Davis and Anita Brown)

Community Groups

Community Groups are not one of the many ministries or programs that we do, they are an expression of who we are as God's people sent out on mission. If you are not in a Community Group, you are missing out. If you are being called by God to help lead and shepherd a group of people, come talk to me because we need more group leaders!

One of the big moves this year in our Community Group ministry was moving to an online software platform to help administrate and coordinate our groups. This has been a huge help in keeping tabs on what God is doing. The second change that has really been helpful is that Ellen Brown volunteered to serve by my side as Group Administrator. She's been a huge asset and helps me stay on top of our group, what's happening, and helps place people into groups.

One Sunday, we had a group share about their journey together. This resulted in somewhere around 30 people signing up to take part in a group. God is doing good things, and good things that come from gospel are contagious. Keep praying for our Community Groups. Keep praying that God works, that he calls new leaders, and that he grows us to be a church that gathers on Sunday to scatter out over the week to share the love and grace of King Jesus!

Pastor Deven K. MacDonald

Summerside Seniors

The following are the seniors' events that we enjoyed over the past 2016/2017 year. All of these events were held at the Youth For Christ center (YFC), with an emphasis on food, fellowship, and fun.

September – Corn Roast

December – Christmas Dinner

March – Spring Luncheon

June – Strawberry Social

We also enjoyed several monthly film matinees – all at YFC.

The average attendance for these events was about 30 seniors.

Submitted by Hugh Mitchell

Friendship Circle

Friendship Circle was founded seven years ago by Carol Moss and Dorothy Meyer to bring women of like minds together to develop friendships and enjoy crafting. This year, our numbers have tripled and we now have 38 names on the list. We meet every Monday morning from 9-12 to work on whatever project we have on hand. Lately, our group has become very chatty and projects are secondary as we keep up with each other's lives and accomplishments. There is much sharing of patterns, stories of family, and health issues among the women. As our friendships have strengthened, we have developed a caring and supportive approach to helping one another when in need. We need to mention and thank Carol Moss, Winnie Laurin, and Janet Urquhart for their skills that they so readily share with others.

On May 31, nine of us travelled to Listowel to the yarn tent sale and met many other women from all over Ontario picking up yarn for their future projects. We had a delicious lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank.

There is a giving back opportunity for the women to knit and crochet items for schools, the Streetlight bus for downtown, and lap blankets. Carol Moss collects these items and distributes them at appropriate times.

For September, we plan to carry on with our regular sessions from 9-12 and then have a soup lunch together and offer a Bible study and video on "The ARMOR of God" by Priscilla Shriver. Dorothy Meyer will lead this study. All women are welcome to attend. There will be a workbook (\$10.00) and we will meet for the study ever other week. That will allow two weeks to complete our homework.

We always have room for more women by extending the tables and brewing more coffee. Some women come just to visit and some drop in at various times. **You are always welcome.** There is always such a feeling of safety and security in knowing that there are women who really know and care about you.

Submitted by Dorothy Meyer

DivorceCare

Separation and Divorce are among life's most difficult and painful experiences. The Divorce **group provides a confidential and sensitive environment to achieve the program's goal of finding help, discovering hope and experiencing healing.**

This group provides participants with an ongoing "support team" as they deal with issues surrounding their separation or divorce. **The study videos feature comments from top experts on recovery topics.** They contain valuable information and are produced in an interesting format **with an accompanying study guide** for each participant to personalize and take notes unique to their experience. **A period of discussion follows** each video along with light refreshments. Not matter what led you to walk this journey, the door is always open so come out and walk with us on the path to allow you and others to share the walk to recovery. Everyone is welcome to attend, so contact the office for more details. **The next Divorce Care starts Tuesday, September 19 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and runs every Tuesday evening for 13 weeks.**

Submitted by Barbara Gordon

Leadership Team

This past year will be remembered as one of significant growth and change for our church family. **Your leadership team undertook a constitutional review and the new document was approved by the congregation at our June business meeting. The revised constitution will streamline the decision-making process and provide more flexibility for our church.**

After a season of discussion and consultation, **Pastor Mark and Pastor Deven switched roles with the approval of the congregation in January. We look forward to Deven's role as senior pastor and we are grateful for Mark continuing to look after important areas of our church life.**

The structure of our Leadership team has proven to be less effective than it could be as our church grew in the past few years. An internal review was conducted by the elders over the past year and its results were thoroughly vetted by the leadership team. The new structure takes effect July 1, 2017.

As the outgoing Chair of the Leadership team, it's been my privilege to be around the table to share in the decision making and discerning of God's will for our church. I have every confidence in our new structure and the leadership of our church to lead us well into the future. I would like to thank all those who have served in their respective ministry areas, especially Ed Allen, who has looked after numerous portfolios as our treasurer for many years.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Ste. Marie – Chair, Leadership team

Hospitality

This past year, the use of the kitchen greatly increased as more and more groups used it to support their activities. Almost every day of the week, a group has prepared coffee or snacks for a church ministry from small groups, Play & Grow, mission services, to Sunday coffee.

Some kitchen organization has been done in the back storage rooms to accommodate ease in finding items. Labels were put on the shelves. Now, groups only have to look for the labels to return things correctly to their designated places.

A new acquisition will be to provide a cupboard for the staff to store their equipment and items on a regular basis.

Hospitality continues to be a vital part of making people feel welcome at Summerside. As a result of the new Hospitality initiative, the work in the kitchen will be referred to as "Kitchen Services" in the future.

Dorothy Meyer has resigned from overseeing the Kitchen Services to pursue another ministry.

Dorothy Meyer

Worship Ministry

Summerside exists to inspire Christ-centred worship, seeing individuals, families and the Summerside congregation directed towards Jesus as their Lord, King, Priest, and Saviour; and to respond to his work and worth in their everyday lives, particularly on Sunday morning through biblical expressions of worship to God. We are glad to see that this is happening at Summerside and continue to hone our musical and leadership skills for God's glory.

Some of the highlights of the year have been that we recruited more people to our ministry team. We have around 10 more people than we did this time last year (around 40 in total). This has included bringing on young people to our team. We also receive lots of positive feedback from both the congregation and staff. We continue to work towards engaging the congregation more as worship leaders and introducing more intentional elements into the worship service, without creating a disjunctive flow.

Some of the challenges have been volunteer availability issues concerning practice time, resulting in frequent changing of practice times, if we have practice at all. This causes more issues with people being late or missing practice and, subsequently, affects the quality and consistency of Sunday mornings. Personally, leading most of the time has been a challenge as my freshness as a worship leader tends to wain after a while. This has been a result of leaders not being available to lead when needed or they haven't been led to take over completely due to lack of training/coaching.

Another challenge has been the lack of lighting control. We are unable to control our room lighting and this would have a significant impact on the feel of the room and the tone of the service. Although this is a significant setback, an appropriate remedy would involve an investment of 20 thousand dollars or more. Still, this would have a drastic improvement to our service and the overall versatility and appeal of our auditorium in general.

Our goals for the next ministry year would be to bring on 3-5 more students as volunteers. It is a personal goal of mine to not be leading at least once in a month. We would also like to see everyone on our team knowing and applying the purpose and values of our ministry, which are Excellence, Authenticity, Relevance, Truth, Joyfulness. This would involve

communication and creativity. Additionally, there will be a more formal process for recruiting and clear requirements for worship team members.

The worship ministry is strong and consistent, and continues to grow in our purpose to inspire Christ-centred worship at Summerside.

Luke Cuthbert

Outreach Report

Fun Fair

The 2016 fun fair was another big success, thanks in great part to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. The event was held on the church property again and featured a similar format and layout to last year.

Numbers and Budget

Both ticket stations reported slightly lower traffic and sales to last year. We sold an estimated 2000 tickets, which indicates approximately 500-700 guests. This change may be because we were unable to promote the event on sandwich boards in the neighbourhood the weekend-of (due to unforeseen city bylaw changes), and ironically because of the beautiful weather – people may have changed their plans to take advantage of this! Ed Allen will prepare a complete budget breakdown once all receipts have been issued.

Food

The food co-ordinators, Ron and Hazel Berman and Randy and Brenda Kay, did an excellent job of purchasing the food and approaching and scheduling their own volunteers. There were about 12 volunteers in this department, and the distribution system worked well with an indoor and outdoor station and two condiment tables. Chips were displayed on tables and drinks were kept in coolers on the ground, while hot dogs were distributed from the kitchen. About halfway through we got quite low on ketchup and water bottles, so Neil Honselaar made two quick grocery runs.

Activities

Faith Cuthbert organized the toddler and preschool rooms in the South Wing and recruited her own helpers. There was less traffic in this area because it was so nice outside. New this year was a mini-bouncer brought in by Nathan and Amy Kuenzel, and a mini car and track borrowed from the Summerside Optimist Club. These were placed outside by the shed at the end of the South Wing, along with a bean-bag toss game and fish pond game with prizes. It was visible but out of the way enough to give the little kids their own space.

Other activities included the Spider Mountain attraction from Forest Cliff camp (basically a rock wall and slide); a fire truck scheduled to arrive at 6:30; a car paint run by Dorothy Meyer and donated by Ian Houghton; basketball, 9 square in the air, and Gaga ball from Forest Cliff for youth, run by Luke Cuthbert; balloon animals and face painting organized by Tracy Prachar, and an inflatable obstacle course and inflatable "wrecking ball" rented from iFast Parties. All activities were relatively popular, except 9 square was hard to run without exactly nine participants, and we could have used more

balloon animal artists to meet the high demand. The iFast crew arrived before 2pm to set up; they were fast and professional with no problems.

Promotion

Internal promotion this year included two mailbox surveys, two registration tables in the foyer after church, a mission focus two weeks before, a volunteer training session one week before, as well as recurring ads in the Summerside MailChimp newsletter and Worship Guide bulletins. As expected most volunteers didn't commit until at least the middle of August, but it came together with over 60 volunteers registered and all activities staffed adequately.

External promotion this year included Starmail flyers distributed the second week of August, a Facebook photo which we 'boosted' a few days before which received over 70 shares, and two sandwich boards placed outside in front of the church over the long weekend.

Improvements for next year

It would be helpful for the next intern to have access to several annual reports from previous years earlier in the process. To this end I have saved all of my Fun Fair files on Liz's computer for future reference.

Also, it may be advantageous to order more t-shirts at least a few months in advance of the Fun Fair. We have lots of Large and Extra Large, but are totally out of Smalls and low on Mediums.

Eric Prachar

Treasurer's Report

CONDENSED FINANCIAL OVERVIEW for YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

GENERAL FUND	Receipts	\$ 484,486
	Disbursements	\$ 476,647
BUILDING FUND	Receipts	\$ 36,113
	Disbursements	\$ 33,846
CARING FUND	Receipts	\$ 22,213
	Disbursements *	\$ 22,031
* Includes	FAIR (hurricane relief and Rebuilding Innocence)	\$4,000
	London Christian Academy	\$1,300
	London Crisis Pregnancy Centre	\$1,400
	Crossworld – Conleys	\$1,000

Note of Interest

- Building and contents insured value \$4,665,000
- Mortgage pay down for the fiscal year \$29,750
- Bond pay down for the fiscal year \$5,000

As outlined in the Ministry Reports, our Lord is continuing to work in our midst and lives are being impacted and changed. Your generous financial support is helping to make this happen.

Thank you for your faithfulness throughout the year.

The new financial team, on behalf of the entire church, would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Ed Allen for his many years of diligent work in managing the church finances. As the church grew, so did the financial responsibilities, which Ed managed and recorded in a thorough and meticulous manner.

Thank you also to the entire Financial Team, as they worked hard to keep the records current and in order:

- The Assistant Treasurer
- The Envelope Secretary
- The Head Teller
- All the weekly Tellers
- The Finance Committee
- The Auditors

Gisele Baribeau,
CGA
Treasurer

Attached is an account of the General Fund Activity for this past fiscal year and the Budget for 2017-2018. Amounts are subject to year-end adjustments

SUMMERSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH

	Actual 2016 - 2017	Budget 2016 - 2017	NEW BUDGET 2017 - 2018 2017 - 2017	% Change
2000 - MISSIONS				
2100 - Bulmers - HCJB	8,400.00	8,400.00	8,570.00	2.0%
2210 - Coyles - Pioneers	3,108.00	3,100.00	3,165.00	2.1%
2220 - Lodges - Pioneers	2,904.00	2,900.00	2,900.00	0.0%
2250 - Fosters - SIM	2,004.00	2,000.00	2,360.00	18.0%
2260 - Dimoffs - YFC	4,308.00	4,300.00	4,400.00	2.3%
2300 - Bahulas - ABWE	3,456.00	3,450.00	3,520.00	2.0%
2310 - Conleys - Crossworld	-	-	2,000.00	100.0%
2400 - Pioneers Africa - Fulani Project	-	2,200.00	2,200.00	0.0%
2500 - New Missions Initiatives	1,904.65	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Total - MISSIONS	26,084.65	31,350.00	34,115.00	8.8%
3000 - MINISTRIES				
3100 - Christian Education General	3,391.89	2,900.00	3,000.00	3.4%
3110 - Heritage College & Seminary	-	1,000.00	1,250.00	25.0%
3200 - Children's Ministries	1,843.84	2,000.00	3,000.00	50.0%
3300 - Youth Ministries	6,384.14	5,000.00	6,000.00	20.0%
3410 - Women's Ministries	59.72	450.00	450.00	0.0%
3420 - Men's Ministries	235.06	450.00	750.00	66.7%
3430 - Senior's Ministries	425.20	450.00	450.00	0.0%
3500 - Leadership Development	550.51	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.0%
3600 - Library	1,093.72	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.0%
3700 - Fellowship (Kitchen)	2,397.35	4,000.00	3,000.00	-25.0%
3800 - Local Outreach & Advertising	2,846.69	2,750.00	2,750.00	0.0%
3900 - New Church Plant	-	-	10,000.00	100.0%
Total - MINISTRIES	19,228.12	22,600.00	34,250.00	51.6%
4000 - ADMINISTRATION & PROPERTY				
4100 - Building Debt Interest	17,408.12	17,408.12	16,400.00	-5.8%
4110 - Building Debt Principal	34,756.88	39,756.88	40,765.00	2.5%
4200 - Utilities	16,208.13	14,000.00	16,000.00	14.3%
4300 - Insurance	7,426.08	7,200.00	7,600.00	5.6%
4400 - Maintenance	23,127.87	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.0%
4500 - Telephone / Internet	1,083.72	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.0%
4600 - Visual Design	298.23	1,600.00	1,600.00	0.0%
4700 - Office Supplies	6,434.19	6,600.00	6,600.00	0.0%
4750 - Banking Costs	1,958.61	1,500.00	1,947.00	29.8%
4800 - Association Fees	8,232.50	8,225.00	9,225.00	12.2%
Total - ADMINISTRATION & PROPERTY	116,934.33	117,490.00	121,337.00	3.3%
5000 - STAFF				
5100 - Pastors' Expenses	3,618.41	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.0%
5200 - Staff Conferences & Seminars	6,284.73	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.0%
5300 - Professional Development	2,359.85	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.0%
5400 - Staff Salaries	227,037.32	227,225.00	235,602.00	3.7%
5500 - Health Plan	16,256.28	14,289.00	14,500.00	1.5%
5550 - Pensions	9,106.46	9,650.00	10,000.00	3.6%
5600 - Administrative Help	3,049.92	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.0%
5700 - Custodial	12,848.78	10,700.00	12,000.00	12.1%
5800 - Internships	14,179.66	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.0%
5900 - Payroll Costs	12,591.77	13,346.00	13,346.00	0.0%
Total - STAFF	307,333.18	303,510.00	313,748.00	3.4%
6000 - WORSHIP				
6100 - Guest Speakers / Special Music	300.00	500.00	500.00	0.0%
6200 - Worship Training	9.99	250.00	250.00	0.0%
6300 - Supplies - Music / Communion	1,317.76	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.0%
6400 - Audio Visual Technical Equipment	5,439.26	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.0%
Total - WORSHIP	7,067.01	7,050.00	7,050.00	0.0%
TOTAL BUDGET	476,647.29	482,000.00	510,500.00	5.9%

BUDGET BREAKDOWN

	BUDGET 2016- 2017	BUDGET 2017-2018
4100 - Building Debt Interest		
FaithLife*	10,683	9,675
Bonds	6,725	6,725
Total		
4110 - Building Debt Principal		
FaithLife*	29,756	30,765
Bonds	10,000	10,000
Total		
4800 - Association Fees		
FEB Central Christian Churches Network of London Evangelical Fellowship	7,000	
Canada	403	
CDN Council of Christian Charities	430	

* The mortgage with FaithLife Financial will be renegotiated in Sept 2017; therefore, the budget amounts for 2017-2018 are estimates only. The current interest rate is 3.2%.