



# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## GENTLE SHEPHERD COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Matthew 28:18-20 ~ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

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## *Chair of Elder's Board*

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### *BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. PSALM 46:1*

This is a verse that has been one my favourites for many years. I would love to tell you that I have conquered the discipline of stillness but that would be misleading!

Sometimes God asks us to do what He knows will challenge us most. For me this year, He has constantly reminded me to rest in Him and trust Him.

As I reflect on last year, I see how He has worked out so many things that seemed impossible to me. He has calmed many storms. He is teaching me to quietly abide in Him and watch Him do amazing things. Apparently, He doesn't require as much assistance as I had thought!

There is a great deal to look forward to in 2018 as we start to look outward and watch God not only change us but change the lives of our neighbours and our communities.

To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Johnston



1 JOHN 4:19

We love because he  
first loved us.

PSALM 125:1

Those who trust in the  
Lord are like Mount  
Zion, which cannot be  
shaken but endures  
forever.

HABAKKUK  
3:18

Yet I will rejoice in the  
Lord, I will be joyful in  
God my Savior.

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## Lead Pastor

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***Romans 1:8 - "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world".***

It is annual report time! Reporting is good. It helps to review the year together and reporting also helps to keep each other accountable to sticking to our mission of making disciples/apprentices of Jesus Christ. I love how the faith of the Church in Rome was being reported. It was being reported "all over the world" in fact. Imagine, a church who's faith had that kind of impact. Well I believe Gentle Shepherd's faith is having a big impact around the world as well. Let's celebrate that faith together for a few moments.

In 2017 we've had faith to preach the Gospel together, in obedience to Jesus command to do that, in a pluralistic and ever growing intolerant culture. This past year we've covered scriptures and topics like: The Book of Revelation with our "Apocalypsis" Series; Sexuality and Gender issues in our "Marred in His Hands" Series; Resolving Conflict and learning how to do so from the Bible in our "Paths to Peace" Series; the Book of James in our "Authentic Faith" Series; the seven "I Am" Claims of Jesus in our "Sufficient" Series; reaching out to the Muslim world with our "Hope for the Muslim World" missional series in November; and finally, our Advent celebration throughout our "Majesty of God Revealed" Advent Series. As our culture moves further and further from Godly principles, morality, and the revealed truth of God's Word, may our faith continue to be strong and courageous as we preach the gospel together into our 30<sup>th</sup> ministry year as a church.

In 2017 we've had faith to spread the gospel to other nations of this world – especially to those parts of the world who are still in the dark without Christ. I draw your attention to Rev. Shirley Ferris' World Missions report. It has been an exciting year of International missions in and through this congregation! Thanks be to God!



In 2017, we had faith to take on and complete some special ministry projects for Canada's 150th birthday. We completed a beautiful Church family Canada 150 quilt. We erected a flag pole on the front yard of our Eugenia Campus. We participated in, and helped to host a special community worship service for Canada Day weekend which was a real highlight for many people – not just in the churches but also in the community. To top it all off, in the Fall, we hosted a Heritage Cemetery Tour, revisiting some of the important history in our communities around us. A big thank you to who helped out with these Canada 150 projects – they couldn't have been done without all those who volunteered and made them happen. God is so good!

In 2017, we've had faith to meet financial challenges, and God has provided! I know that as the months went by in 2017 we all noticed a growing deficit around our weekly budget requirements. I know the elders were making this a matter of sincere prayer. Then, towards the end of the year to see that deficit taken care of and more – it was just so encouraging! We are a not for profit, faith based Christian charity, and praise God for his provision and for your faith as a congregation to believe God and give freely.

As the calendar has now turned over into 2018, may God grant us the faith to look ahead as we enter our 30<sup>th</sup> year of ministry as a Christian Church. He has been so faithful to us over the past 30 years and we look to Him to guide and direct us for the years ahead should our Lord tarry. The Council of Elders have affirmed an exciting vision for the year ahead – “30 in 30” or in other words: 30 ways to intentionally reach out to the people and communities around us in the name of Jesus! A number of ideas have come in from the Congregation and some initial planning has been made. Some of the ways to reach out will be together as a faith community as we will seek to be present and active in our communities. Some of the ways to reach out will be more individualized – something for every home to try. May the Lord bless these efforts to look ahead and reach out with the good news of Jesus. Stay tuned to the bulletin and announcements throughout the coming year as we see the “30 in 30” emphasis realized.

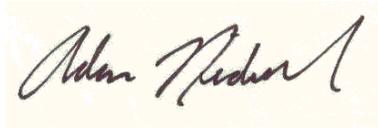
There are so many people to thank and praise God for as we report on the past year of ministry. (I’m aware that I will probably fail to mention someone!) I want to thank the Congregation for your ongoing prayer and support in my role as your Lead Pastor. It is a privilege to serve. We are so blessed with our leadership team through our Council of Elders and its Chair – Ruth Johnston. I want to thank the Council for their hard work and leadership through all the ups and downs of church life. I want to thank our Church Staff: Pastor Paul in his role as Family Ministries Pastor and Stacey Wight in her role as Administrative Assistant. I also want to thank Ken Whitton for his role as our Church Treasurer and Derwyn Docken for all of his hard work as our Corporate Secretary. I want to thank our worship leaders and worship team members (including Sound and Projectionists) who, week after week, plan, organize and lead our worship in music on Sundays! I want to thank Cindy Cover and Thelma Colgan for their hard work cleaning each and every week at both our Eugenia and Cedarside campuses.

There are so many ministries active in and through our Church fellowship with many volunteers making those ministries happen. Thank you to our Foodbank leaders and volunteers that make such a weekly difference in the lives of some many! Thank you to our Benevolent Ministry Team who administer our Benevolent fund annually. Thank you to John and Shirley Ferris who have been leading our Griefshare ministry now for a couple of years – coming alongside of many people in their grief journeys. Thank you to our Choir and Director Diane Carlson for all their music ministry during the past year. I want to publicly thank Marg McKenzie and Iona Shier for their incredible love and service to God over the years with our “Live Alone Lunch” ministry. Due to health reasons, they have not been able to host the monthly lunch recently and we’re hoping to soon get the “lunch bunch” together again to thank Marg and Iona and look ahead to the future of this wonderful ministry. This group not only has met to share a meal together every month but also had a real “missional” focus as they have provided thousands of dollars over the years to ensure clean water in areas of the world that need it most. And so a big thank you to all of the ministries that make the Body Life of Gentle Shepherd flourish! Thanks be to God for each and every one of you!

I want to close this report with an Invitation to each of you to get to know our wider network and extended Body of Christ with the Vision Ministries of Canada conference coming up in April of this year. It is called “Thinking Shrewdly” and it takes place April 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> in Waterloo. As Lead Pastor I make it a priority to attend this Conference each and each year that I’m there I always end up thinking: “I wish more people from my church were here to take all of this in”. So feel free to register and enjoy the Conference and get to know some of the churches that make up our “Vision Ministries Canada”

network. Check out [www.vision-ministries.org](http://www.vision-ministries.org) for more information.

For His Glory, and may our faith be reported “all over the world”!



Rev. Adam Nickell  
Lead Pastor

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### *Family Ministries Pastor*

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As I reflect back on 2017, I'm reminded of God's constant faithfulness. One of the biggest highlights, our beautiful baby girl, Emylia Audrey Lilian Lucas, was born on February 24 of this year. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support, and allowing me to take 2 weeks to get settled with our new addition. She is in great health and is a very happy baby.



On a related note, our King's Kids Coordinator, Payge Lucas, took a maternity leave, and filling in for her up until June was Sharon Goudy covering Markdale, Brenna Lucas covering Dundalk location, and Brenna Lucas and Reagan Sicard co-directing Flesherton. Brenna could not continue after June as she celebrated a new life, my adorable nephew Jack! In the fall Sharon Goudy continued to lead the Markdale program, Reagan Sicard lead the Flesherton program, and I lead our new program in Maxwell. As of January 2018, Payge has returned to lead our 3 programs in Flesherton, Markdale, and Maxwell. It is exciting to see the growth in the different locations. I look forward to seeing all that God will do through this amazing ministry. Thank you to all of our King's Kids leaders and volunteers for all you do to make this amazing ministry possible.

We began doing a new outreach event – movie nights! We did 3 family movie nights and had on average 45 people attending. We had one of these at Gentle Shepherd, one at Grey Highlands Secondary School, and one at the Markdale Fall Fair.

On May 5-7, we did a joint youth retreat with Owen Sound Alliance Church at Campfire Bible Camp in Markdale. This was an amazing time to retreat away from the world and focus on God, and we saw God do amazing things! We also had youth events: overnights at the church, hiking trips, concerts, Change Conference, and other fun times. On July 22, we had our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Mud Volleyball tournament, which despite the heavy rain was a great time! The Mud Volleyball team met afterwards to plan for the 30<sup>th</sup> tournament, and after praying and a couple meetings we had a sense that this coming Mud Volleyball should be the 30<sup>th</sup> and final. We are excited for this final upcoming tournament and are inviting all Mud Volleyball alumni to join us in celebrating this ministry. Praise God for all he has done through this ministry! We look forward to what he has in store.

Our VBS, **Passport to Peru**, was a great success. Payge and I had booked to go on the Jesus Freak Cruise a year prior, so I was sadly not able to attend the event, but I have heard amazing things about the week! We had about 50 children in attendance, and as always, a huge supporting volunteer team. Our faithful director of many years, Laura McKillop, will be passing off some of the tasks to myself to reduce the huge undertaking of directing! A special thank you to all the volunteers and staff who helped make this year's VBS another success.

This fall we completed our Creationland wing. With the foliage and the amazing work of our artist, Mary Cordell, this wing has transformed into a fun place! It is very rewarding to see our kids running through this hall exploring the paintings and the different rooms. I am appreciative to the family of Susie Mackinnon and her generous donation for making this project possible. If you have not yet done so, please look through the rooms to see the incredible work that was done. I would also like to thank our incredible Creationland team, including our nursery workers, teachers, and helpers. We are very blessed to have so many people utilizing their incredible gifts for the Kingdom!



In the spring, our Jr. High continued a series of Francis Chan's Crazy Love. Our Sr. High went through a series on Doctrine, also by Francis Chan. It was amazing to see the growth in youth since January as they begin to make their faith their own. This fall, we launched a new name for both ministries. We are calling our Jr. High **Ignite**, with our mission

being to ignite the passion for Christ in them. Our Sr. High is called **Relentless**, as our prayer is for these young people to become Relentless followers of Jesus. We also have moved our Monday and Wednesday discipleship-focused programs to our Eugenia Campus. We are looking to utilize our Cedarside space for youth outreach opportunities, and look forward to seeing how that unfolds in 2018. In the fall, our Sr. High went through a series on the basics of faith as laid out in Hebrews 6:1-2. Our Jr. High went through a series on the four loves in the Bible, drawing from CS Lewis' *The Four Loves*. Thank you to our incredible youth leaders who every week come out, prepare food, and help disciple these young people! We couldn't do it without you!



This year I also completed my Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies from Northern California Bible College. I am so thankful for God's provision over the completion of this degree and the generosity of His people. I am now chipping away at my Master of Arts in Christian Studies from Crown College.

It has been great to serve with you this past year. I am so thankful for all of your support in every way. I am so thankful for the way this church has welcomed and loved myself and my family. We look forward to all that God has in store.

God Bless,

Pastor Paul

***1 Cor 12:58 - Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.***

## *Nurture*

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The Nurture Ministry is responsible to oversee Children and Youth Ministries, Christian Growth, Worship, Infant Dedications and Baptism Certificates and Student Bursary applications.

Recognizing the fact that the below mentioned ministries will submit their individual reports, I won't make any further comment re what is involved but I want to thank them for their ongoing dedication, gifts of time, talent, skills and love and they continue to bless and nurture Gentle Shepherd Community Church. We are so grateful and appreciate all that you do.

Thank you, Dianne Carlson, Choir Director, first, for your love of the Lord who you desire to serve, and for your choir members, that have tremendous respect and love for you, for all your time, energy and talents. You bless us abundantly.

Thankyou Heather Wight, Librarian, for your gift of service to the Lord and GSCC. This ministry involves much time and energy, not just on Sunday mornings but, "behind the scenes", as well, to make the Library the very organized and well supplied ministry that it continues to provide. Many people, within our church, and outreach into the communities are being blessed with a variety of Christian literature.

Thank you to Wendy and Nelson Weber, Grant and Esther Pringle, Jack and Pearl Warring and Claire and Leona Morwood who so lovingly and faithfully give of their time, to serve the Lord, as they prepare the Elements for our monthly Holy Communion which serves approximately 130 participants.

I would like to thank Esther Pringle and her "cards of encouragement" ministry. I have heard from many people how the card that they received from her came at just the right time and just the right words to share congratulations, condolences, wishes for good health or just thinking of you , whatever the situation, it meant a lot. We should never underestimate the value of an encouraging word so I urge all of us to use the pew cards to send your important message to someone.

Thank you to everyone that provides such love and caring as your serve either in the Nursery or Creation Land programs, I know that this will be mentioned in other reports.

I know that each and every one of you do all that you do "out of the tremendous goodness of your hearts" but mostly out of love for your Lord and Saviour who calls us to do whatever we can.

There is always "room for one more" in any area if you feel led to get involved. You would be very welcomed.

I especially want to thank our "Shepherds" – Lead Pastor Adam Nickell and Family Ministries Pastor Paul Lucas and their spouses for all the love, leadership, time, energy, sacrifice and blessings that you bring in your service to the Lord and His people within and beyond Gentle Shepherd Community Church.

Submitted By,

Lynne Whitton

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## *Congregational Care*

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I have just completed my first year in Congregational Care Ministry.

This year has mostly been observing and educating myself as to how to be an effective Elder.

I have strong and Godly associates and am learning to approach any issues that arise as Christ would, not necessarily as Tom would. This has been an eye-opening and humbling experience. I have learned the importance of prayer and to trust God.

I enjoy meeting new people who attend Gentle Shepherd. As we know, people's first impressions are very important when visiting a church.

I am working closely with the new Head Usher to ensure this transitions smoothly.

The next steps for 2018 are to find ways to promote and encourage new people and families at Gentle Shepherd. I also need to determine what, if any, is the budget that I have to work with.

Blessings in Christ,

Tom Pillisch

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## *Administration*

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This past year has been a somewhat normal year with no major projects or surprises.

We had some ongoing issues with our water system but that corrected with time and some adjustments. A big part of administration is negotiating whether it is with Bell or other current contracts. We have changed a large portion of our lighting to LED bulbs which is modern technology.

I want to give Larry Fuller a big thank you for the ongoing service he provides. Larry looks after the water testing, takes the garbage and recycle to the road, changes light bulbs and is ready to step up when asked.

When there are very few complaints I presume that operations are functioning to people's satisfaction.

Blessings,

Bob Gillies

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## *Worship/Sound*

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I have taken over overseeing the worship and sound room coordination from Pip, as well as projection from Derwyn. Derwyn has stepped down from his role in charge of projection, but spent many hours setting up the new version of Pro Presenter. Thanks for all your hard work in this area Derwyn!

I have been working with the newer sound techs to help them get more comfortable with the system as well as addressing some minor technical issues. I have also been working on a list of procedures for the sound system to help the volunteers in the sound room. This will be sent out with the next update to the schedule.

There has been an ongoing issue with the sermon recordings, but I'm hoping that I will have them solved for this Sunday's sermon.

There is also an issue with Windows auto updating at inconvenient times. There is no way to turn off this feature, but we are trying a few work arounds.

There are some new volunteers in the sound room who will be completing their training over the next few months.

Worship teams have been running similarly to the way they have in the past. All of the teams are experienced, so I think things have been running fairly smoothly on that end.

Submitted by,

Joel Dawson

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## *Men's Bible Study Group*

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We continue to meet in Dundalk because one member is unable to travel at night.

'The study is around the five NT books beginning with "T". I say 'around' because we do get off track occasionally believe it or not. Right now we are looking at the subject of "The Rapture" from 1Thess. 4 and its many ramifications.

We have 2 new attendees but there are still a few chairs available.

Embracing His process gives us the privilege of being part of His answer.

Submitted by,

David McIntyre

## GSCC Choir

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We at Gentle Shepherd are so blessed to have an active choir whose members are committed to two hours of practice each week, drive in all kinds of weather and serve the Lord with their gift of music each month and for special church services throughout the year. Our faithful choir members are:

- **Sopranos:** Audrey Betts, Brenda Gibson, Jane Harrison, Gwen Ietswaard, Joy Nickell, Mary Pillisch, Sue Ramm, Georgina Symons, Michelle Wood.
- **Tenors:** Ken Campbell, Frank Ietswaard, Ken Whitton.
- **Altos:** Wilda Allen, Jean Docken, Linda Cunningham, Payge Lucas, Judy MacNeill.
- **Basses:** Derwyn Docken, Larry Fuller, Tom Pillisch, Charlie Ramm.

Once again we were at the mercy of the weather and it seemed we wouldn't be ready for our Christmas Eve service but why should we worry or fret! The Lord provided!! We were able to have extra practices during the week, leading up to Christmas.

Our cantata "Celebrate The Gift" blessed those who came to hear the "Christmas Story". We give back to God our thanks for giving us His greatest gift "Jesus". Thank you Pastor Adam for being our narrator. Thank you to our soloists, Mary Pillisch, Georgina Symons and the trio Georgina Symons, Wilda Allen and Judy MacNeill. Thank you to all choir members. Your gift of music is so much appreciated.

We welcomed Brenda Gibson to the soprano section. She is a former student of mine from Macphail.

As this was Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, interested members from other congregations as well as some from our own congregation joined our choir to form a Sesquicentennial Church Choir. This 30 member choir celebrated Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> at a special church service held at Grey Highlands July 2 singing "Our Heritage of Faith" and "Days of Elijah". Thank you to everyone that participated. A former member, Ron White, returned from Thamesville to help the bass section.

At this time a double trio was formed. Judy MacNeill, Wilda Allen, Tina Merriam, Debbie Noble, Debbie Lyons and myself Dianne Carlson performed "A Song for Canada" at the special church service and again in November at a special "culmination of talent" concert celebrating Canada's wonderful history. It was a fantastic evening of entertainment held at Grey Highland's Secondary School. Thank you Wilda Allen for hosting this special celebration. Thank you trio!

Thank you to our sound crew, Cas van der Grift & Paul Allen for assisting us on the Sundays we sing.

Again, thank you Ken Whitton for assisting each practice with the sound system. Derwyn always comes up with appropriate screen images to accompany our cantatas. Thank you.

***"May the peace and joy and hope and love brought about through the birth of Jesus, be with you and yours in 2018".***

In His Service,

Dianne Carlson, Director

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## *Fellowship Committee*

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Your fellowship committee served 10 luncheons after church. We hosted a St. Patrick's party on March 17, a corn roast August 19, Harvest Home Dinner October 20, and our annual Christmas Dinner Concert December 1. These all were well attended. We urge people to sign up for these events to enable us to set up and organize efficiently.

Joan McGee, Peggy Ferris, Marion Grummett, Linda Hawkins, Barb Kent, Verna Miller, Joan Penfold, Esther Pringle, Sue Ramm, Silvia van der Grift, Pearl Warring

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## *Funeral Lunch Committee*

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This past year 2017, we were able to do the luncheon in memory of Ruth Brown, and a luncheon for George Allen (Paul Allen's father), which took place at the Flesherton Kinplex.

These luncheons provide a time for family and friends to be together and share fond memories and gain support from each other. Our thanks to Barry Grummett, Jack Warring, Tom McGee, Joan McGee, Joan Cripps, Marion Grummett, Pearl Warring for their help.

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## *Prayer Chain*

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Gentle Shepherd has as Prayer Chain to send out prayers to pray for each other when needs or PTL arise. If you need prayer for yourself or family or friends call before 9am in the morning or before 5pm at night. In an emergency call at any time.

Joan McGee, 519-924-2936

Esther Pringle, 519-538-9046

***“What God will do is always more than what He has given us to do. He has given us a clear and simple thing to finish, to see that Christ is worshipped and followed among every people. This is the essential missionary task. This task we must do with utmost focus and passion until it is finished.”***

*Perspectives on the World Mission Movement  
Finishing the Task  
Ralph D. Winter and Bruce A. Koch (539)*

Frontier mission is about the completion of the task of world evangelization. Regular mission is the spreading of the gospel cross-culturally in people groups where churches have already been established. Both forms of mission are vital and valid yet this is where the “great imbalance” comes. 90% of evangelical missionaries are working within the fields of “Regular Mission” – only 10% are working in “Frontier Mission”.

The emphasis of missions at GSCC through 2017 continued to focus on bringing the gospel to unreached people groups where there is no indigenous church.

Our Mission Partners (receiving both financial and prayer support) during 2016 were as follows:

- a) New Tribes - Bobby and Sandy Jank, Venezuela
- b) SIM – North Africa Initiatives - Ken and Nancy
- c) SIM - Friendship Support Association (Outreach Ministry) – “G” is Director, Ethiopia
- d) Frontier Labourers for Christ (3 missionaries to share monies as one partner of GSCC)
  - i. G. Nawdin
  - ii. David Sangnay
  - iii. Suwit Duangkaew

The mission's goal for 2017 was a total of thirty five thousand dollars. The congregation generously supported our mission partners through their tithes and offerings as well as a special project.

The special project for 2017 was a specific request of “G” in Ethiopia. Famine was ravaging the country and we provided \$10,000.00 to support famine relief efforts to the “A” people.

From within our own congregation we had a number people who served short term.

- a) Jeff Baxter (Ethiopia with SIM and later to Uganda with SIM)
- b) Cameron Pillisch (Ethiopia with SIM)
- c) Lauren Pillisch (Rwanda with Liberty University)

The offering received at Vacation Bible School was dispersed through missions. The theme of VBS was "Passport to Peru" and funds were directed through Medical Ministries International (MMI).

Throughout the year GSCC was blessed with special speakers. In the summer, Adam shared about his mission work in Tunisia.

November was Missions Month at GSCC and the theme was "Hope for the Muslim World". The mission committee provided "30 Days of Prayer Booklets" to the congregation. The booklets provided daily information and prayer suggestions for ways in which Christians can lift Muslims in prayer. The November speakers were as follows: Adam Nickell, Shawn Cuthill, Paul Kiss and Don Richardson.

The following people served on the missions committee: Marion Doyle, Adam Nickell, Laura McKillop, Don Nickell, Peggy Ferris, Barb Smith and Shirley Ferris.

As elder and chair of missions for several years, I would like to thank each of the committee members for their dedicated service to missions. They faithfully attended meetings, offered ideas, made suggestions and promoted missions at GSCC. Our meetings were collaborative, fruitful and their participation was much appreciated. As I leave this position and take on new volunteer responsibilities in the community, I trust that missions will continue to be an integral part of the vision at GSCC.

*"..... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*

*Gen. 12: 3(b) NIV*

Submitted respectfully

In His service,  
Rev. Shirley Ferris

**Gentle Shepherd Community Church - Restricted Fund  
Mission Fund Statement  
For the period ending December 31**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>		
Regular mission offerings		
Mission partner offerings - 80%	16,879.35	17,143.04
Special projects and promotions - 20%	4,219.83	4,285.76
<b>Total regular mission offerings</b>	<b>21,099.18</b>	<b>21,428.80</b>
Special mission project offerings		
Caribbean hurricane relief	903.30	
VBS - Medical Ministries International	163.40	
Uganda mission - Jeff Baxter	665.00	
Ethiopia famine relief - Afar tribe	9,401.03	
Lauren Pillisch Medical Mission	735.00	
Advent project - Water Filters	700.00	
<b>Total special mission project offerings</b>	<b>12,567.73</b>	<b>15,424.18</b>
<b>TOTAL TITHES AND OFFERINGS</b>	<b>33,666.91</b>	<b>36,852.98</b>
<b>FUND EXPENDITURES</b>		
F. L. C. - Sangnay, Duangkaew & Nawdin	4,908.38	5,090.20
SIM - Ken Reigert	4,908.37	5,090.20
New Tribes Mission - The Janks	4,908.37	5,090.20
SIM - G and A	4,908.37	5,090.20
Transferred from short term missions, special projects and supplies	(2,754.14)	(3,217.76)
<b>Support for Overseas Missions</b>	<b>16,879.35</b>	<b>17,143.04</b>
Caribbean hurricane relief	903.30	
VBS - Medical Ministries International	163.40	
Uganda mission - Jeff Baxter	665.00	
Ethiopia famine relief - Afar tribe	9,401.03	
Lauren Pillisch Medical Mission	735.00	
Advent project - Water Filters	700.00	
<b>Support for Special Mission Projects</b>	<b>12,567.73</b>	<b>15,424.18</b>
Short term mission	300.00	900.00
Ethiopia famine Relief - Top up to \$10,000	598.97	0.00
Booklets - Prayers for the Muslim world	246.43	0.00
Supplies and promotional expenses	320.29	168.00
Transferred to mission partners	2,754.14	3,217.76
<b>Support for short term missions, special projects, and supplies</b>	<b>4,219.83</b>	<b>4,285.76</b>
<b>TOTAL MISSION FUND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>33,666.91</b>	<b>36,852.98</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE - December 31</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fund balance made up of:</b>		
Cash in bank	7,433.70	8,046.16
HST recoverable	2.64	0.00
Due from (to) general fund	(7,436.34)	0.00
Accrued for 3rd Quarter	0.00	(2,090.00)
Accrued for 4th quarter mission partner disbursements	0.00	(5,956.16)
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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## *Flesherton & Community Food Bank*

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Our mission statement is to be Christian outreach in our community compassionately assisting families in need physically, emotionally and spiritually.

In 2017, 53 families with 93 adults and 70 children received 731 boxes during the year. This represents a 13% increase. Monthly on average we prepare 61 boxes. Fifty-three percent of our families come twice monthly.

Income for families: Disability is 49%, Ontario Works 30%, Employed 5%, Old Age Pension 5%, and E.I. 3%, Other income 8%.

Financially our monthly average expense is \$2750. Our increased costs can be due to families coming more frequently, increased cost of groceries, provision for special diets and multiple generation families with 7-10 people. Thank you church family for your faithful support this past year.

Community is also partnering with us through churches, Macphail School, OPP, EMS, The Bakery coin jar, Bruce Power and Power Workers Union. Thanks to the board at Corbetton Church for their \$5000 gift. Markdale Foodland faithfully prepare premade groceries during any food drive for our benefit.

Donations of fresh vegetables, fruit and eggs are so appreciated. If they have property, 80% of our families have gardens. Three families planted and harvested at Community Garden at Macphail School.

We continue to minister to people spiritually praying over health needs and family concerns. Our prayer is that they will understand and embrace the gospel message for themselves.

Thanks to our team of volunteers for their work and dedication. Lynn and Jack Muir have been shopping for provision for 5 years. We thank them for their service which is ending. We welcome Leona Morwood and Wendy Gostick who have volunteered to shop for us in 2018.

Respectfully submitted

Marian Doyle

**Flesherton Community Food Bank**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Fund Balance**  
**For the period from January 1 to Dec 31**

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Donations - GSCC donors	11,666.70	11,959.50
Donations - Community donors	3,882.28	8,003.42
Memorial gifts	145.00	2,790.00
Food drives	1,915.65	810.00
Community fundraising	2,218.08	2,442.15
Corporate donors	8,870.00	3,780.00
Grants	2,900.00	3,000.00
Gifts from other churches	7,260.00	2,050.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>38,857.71</u>	<u>34,835.07</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Groceries	28,911.17	23,324.43
Other household needs	3,427.30	2,962.12
Postage & Office	53.05	21.52
Advertising	25.98	164.41
Pick-up & Freight-in	630.00	525.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>33,047.50</u>	<u>26,997.48</u>
REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	5,810.21	7,837.59
FUND BALANCE, January 1	13,688.52	5,850.93
<b>FUND BALANCE, December 31</b>	<b><u>19,498.73</u></b>	<b><u>13,688.52</u></b>
<i>Average monthly expenditures</i>	2,753.96	2,249.79
Fund balance consists of:		
Cash in bank	19,353.71	13,425.57
HST recoverable	145.02	262.95
Due from (to) general fund	0.00	0.00
	<u>19,498.73</u>	<u>13,688.52</u>