



## Crossroads Pastoral Charge

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### MINISTER'S REPORT 2019

"We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world. We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place." This description of God's people from the United Church's *A Song of Faith* (2006) speaks of the daily life and presence of those who have contributed to work of Crossroads Pastoral Charge in the past year. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed by those who have benefited from their sharing of God's love:

- regular Sunday worship services (Wawota and Maryfield),
- special seasonal worship: Blue Christmas [Advent], Seder [Lent] (Wawota),
- Bible studies: seasonal (Wawota) and regular (Maryfield),
- afterschool children's programs: Kid's Club (Wawota) and Sunshine Club (Maryfield),
- seniors' facilities: Deer View Lodge worship and visitation (Wawota); Villa worship and communion (Maryfield)),
- ecumenical activity: World Day of Prayer, Church in the Park (Wawota); Spirit of Christmas and Christmas hampers (Maryfield),
- sharing of facilities: community groups (Wawota) and German Mennonites (Maryfield),
- community events: Time and Talent (Wawota), fall suppers (Maryfield and Wawota).

Our faith communities continue to change – saddened with the passing of faithful supporters, but welcoming of new families interested in worshipping with us. May they experience the warmth of Christian fellowship as they join us in our efforts to live out the vision in the church's opening statement. Walking together in the way of Christ is a privilege God has richly blessed us with.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, knowledge and skills in helping our congregations operate successfully in 2019. May the Spirit continue to move among us giving hope, peace, and grace to all who call on God for guidance and strength.

Blessings,

Roy Bortolotto