

# **Annual Report 2009**



## **Kimberley United Church**

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# **Agenda**

## **Kimberley United Church Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday, February 7, 2010**

- 1. Call to order and opening prayer**
- 2. Motion to allow all those present, members and adherents, voting privileges**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Adoption of the minutes of the last annual meeting**
- 5. Business arising from the minutes**
- 6. Committee reports**
- 7. Treasurer's report and adoption of budget**
- 8. Appointment of Trustees**
- 9. Nominations**
- 10. Other business**
- 11. Adjournment**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES****Kimberley United Church Congregation****FEBRUARY 15, 2009****1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER:**

Chairperson, Jim Andrews, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. He thanked the Pastoral Care & Fellowship committee for the preparation of the room and the luncheon.

Reverend Jeff Seaton opened the meeting with a prayer for an Annual Meeting.

**Attendance** - 43 persons: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Jim Andrews, Linda Betcher, Betty Wilkinson, Mary Bergeron, Corinne Bachman, Patty Bodin, Bob West-Sells, Linda Burchill, Catherine/Evelynn Pennington, Don Seaton, Ruth Ratzlaff, Ted Giesbrecht, Anne Jones, Michael Jones, Louise Welsh, Tory McKinnon, Edith Trenholm, Len Shields, Catherine Shields, Joyce Wilkinson, Carol Andrews, June Owen, Scott Owen, Esther Jacobson, Bill Spence, Caroline Spence, Pat Oslund, Elsie Fisher, Diana Semenchuk, Gail McColl, Ruth Carlson, Donna Baldwin, Donna Vander Maaten, Arne Sahlen, Bill Bale, Barbara Langton, Graham Mann, Gerda Mann, Alice Geisser, Joan Giesbrecht, Jack Ratcliffe, Terry Macham.

**2. MOTION TO ALLOW ALL THOSE PRESENT, MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS, VOTING PRIVILEGES:**

MOVED by Diana Semenchuk and SECONDED by Ruth Ratzlaff. CARRIED.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

MOVED by Gerda Mann and SECONDED by Gail McColl. CARRIED.

**4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2008:**

MOVED by Graham Mann and SECONDED by Donna Baldwin. CARRIED.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: NIL****6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Each Committee spoke to the written reports and answered questions. A MOTION was made that the Reports be accepted as presented. MOVED by Esther Jacobson and SECONDED by June Owen. CARRIED.

Some additional comments concerning the Committee Reports are as follows:

(a) Minister's Report: Jeff spoke of the importance of churches making connections in the community, and expressed what is most central and essential to our life as a church by the phrase "*Food for the Soul – Friends for the Journey*".

(b) Church Council: Jim expressed his thanks to all members for using their talents in doing the work of the church.

(c) Worship Committee: Esther thanked members for using their talents to make the work of this committee a lot easier.

(d) Outreach Committee: Diana complimented congregation for their generous giving to this aspect of ministry. Arne Sahlen thanked this Committee for such a strong support group for Hy Chanthavouth, who feels that KUC is his family.

(e) Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee: Ruth expressed thanks to all members who did a great job on this committee, and advised that two new members have come on board.

(f) Ministry and Personnel Committee: Jim advised that the review for Jeff as minister has been completed, and that review of the secretary, choir leader and organist will be done in the near future.

- (g) Faith Formation: Louise advised that books can be borrowed and removed from the library using the honor system. She commented on the upcoming Bible Study commencing Wednesday, March 4, dealing with Christianity and Islamic Faiths. The study will run for five weeks. She encouraged ideas for future studies.
- (h) Communications Committee: In Sandra Warner's absence, Jim advised that Sandra is stepping down as head of this committee, and Catherine Pennington will become chair. It was advised that Don Seaton is the webmaster for Presbytery's website.
- (i) Kootenay Presbytery: Gerda advised that a restructuring has been approved. The goal is for routine matters to get done during the year rather than wait until the Presbytery meetings are held. Sandra Warner has been added as a new delegate.
- (j) Choir: Anne advised that two long term members have left. There will be a reception for Joyce Wilkinson in early March. The choir is hoping to recruit younger members. Anne made a special acknowledgment and thank you to Jeff for his leadership and music input. The partnership with the Community Choir for the Cantata was very satisfactory, and it is hoped for more combined music in the future.
- (k) Rock Lake Camp: Gerda confirmed the addition of 10 new campsites, and advised that there will hopefully be some upgrading done to allow for wheelchair accessible pathways to the lake. She advised that last year funds were withdrawn from their reserves to cover costs. She encouraged members to sponsor a camper by way of donation. Gerda also advised that a copy of Rock Lake's Annual Report will be sent to KUC. New board members would be appreciated. Jim advised that Graham and Gerda have been on the Board for 5 years, and feels this is the main reason why the camp is so successful.
- (l) Statistics: No omissions.
- (m) Finance and Property: Terry thanked members for their work on this committee. He gave a special thank you and acknowledgment to Tom Bethune, who is not a committee member, but who has helped with emergency projects.

## **7. TREASURER'S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

Jack Ratcliffe presented his Report, including the 2008 Financial Statement and 2009 Proposed Budget, and answered questions concerning same. The Financial Statement shows KUC operating at a loss. Disappointment was expressed as to the decrease of the budget for M & S for 2009. Further discussion followed as to ways to increase church revenue. Jim distributed a graph showing KUC Annual gifts by Envelope and PAR, and how an additional \$1.00 per week per member could raise additional funds of close to \$5,000.

In addition to the information contained on the 2008 Financial Statement is the breakdown for the following items:

### **INCOME**

<u>Fundraising:</u>		<u>Other Revenue:</u>	
Apple Pie Sales	\$2,627	Catering	\$ 605
Cookie Walk	1,158	GST Rebate	507
Scottish Tea	974	Funerals	425
Fall Fowl Supper	928	Wedding	150
Men's Pancake Supper	221	2003 Dinner	120
Church Calendar Sales	<u>36</u>	Interest	<u>100</u>
	<u>\$6,066</u>		<u>\$ 1,907</u>

**EXPENSES**

<u>Outreach:</u>		<u>Capital:</u>	
K.W.V.C - Cambodia	\$3,500	Fire Exit Cover	\$2,992
School Lunch Programs	1,500	Winterizing Choir Loft	2,212
First United Church	500	Electrical Upgrades	1,806
United for Peace	325	Computer	978
Rock Lake Camp	300	Hearing Sound System	<u>(30)</u>
Selkirk Dry Grad	150		<u>\$7,958</u>
Cyclone Nargis	150		
Other	<u>96</u>		
	<u>\$ 6,521</u>		

MOTION: To write Ted Farrier a letter of thanks for his work in preparing the Audit of the Financial Report. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Gail McColl. CARRIED.

MOTION: That the 2008 Financial Statement be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Len Shields. CARRIED.

MOTION: That the 2009 Proposed Budget be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Scott Owen. CARRIED.

A thank you was given to Jack for his excellent work as Treasurer.

**8. LEGACY FUND PROPOSAL**

Jim Andrews spoke on this matter. The basis for this Proposal comes from ideas of Canadian Memorial. The Trust Funds of KUC, excepting the Organ Fund, will be consolidated into a Legacy Fund. The monies to be included are from the Memorial Fund, Investment Account and Checking Account. This fund will be managed by the Trustees. The primary objective is the preservation of capital, and the policy clearly sets limits as to how the funds are to be used.

MOTION: That the Legacy Fund Proposal be approved as presented. MOVED by Ruth Carlson and SECONDED by Graham Mann. CARRIED.

A copy of the Legacy Fund, Terms of Reference, is attached to these Minutes as Schedule "A".

**9. PLANNED GIVING PROPOSAL**

Graham Mann spoke on this matter. This proposal is usually estate related. On January 14, 2009, Council gave the authority to set up a Task Force Committee to work with the congregation to make them aware of this program. Graham related some personal experiences and the benefits he has found of such planned giving.

Barbara Langton spoke of a Stewardship Campaign and gave readings from "Practicing Faith". She distributed slips of paper titled "A Lens of Generosity", a spiritual practice for the life and work of the church, for members' consideration.

## 10. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

MOTION: That Bill Bale, Linda Johnson and Scott Owen be appointed Trustees for the 2009 term. MOVED by Joan Giesbrecht and SECONDED by Diana Semenchuk.  
CARRIED

## 11. NOMINATIONS LIST

The Nomination List was reviewed, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Schedule "B".

MOTION: To accept the Nomination List as presented and discussed. MOVED by Gail McColl and SECONDED by Len Shields. CARRIED.

### Church Council:

**Chairperson:** Diana Semenchuk

**Secretary:** Linda Betcher

**Treasurer:** Jack Ratcliffe

### Ministry and Personnel:

Jim Andrews, Linda Johnson,

Bev Roberts and Murray Dean

### Presbytery Representatives:

Gerda Mann and Sandra Warner

The following persons received Certificates of Appreciation for their good works on various committees:

- (a) Ruth Carlson – upon retiring as Chair of the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee;
- (b) Linda Johnson – upon retiring as Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee;
- (c) Diana Semenchuk – upon retiring from Chair of the Outreach Committee to serve as Chair of Council;
- (d) Sandra Warner – upon retiring as Chair of the Communications Committee to serve as a Presbytery Representative;
- (e) Louise Welsh – upon retiring as Chair of the Faith Formation Committee;
- (f) Jim Andrews – upon retiring as Chair of Council. Jeff also presented Jim with a lei of Kukui Nuts from Hawaii.

Jeff invited the members of Council and new Committee members to come forward and they were given a Special Reading. Jeff then closed with a Prayer.

## 12. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

"Jim Andrews"  
Jim Andrews, Chairperson

"Linda Betcher"  
Linda Betcher, Recording Secretary

## **Minister's Message**

***Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"***

— Isaiah 6:8

A few weeks ago, during a sermon, I asked those present to stand up and claim their gifts. This exercise was intended to be an illustration of what it means to be Christian: each of us has God-given gifts that are meant to be used to make a better world.

This little exercise during a sermon illustrated in a single moment what the people of Kimberley United Church do in countless ways, and in countless moments, throughout the year. This Annual Report tells some of the stories of the ways in which the people of this church have exercised their gifts and worked for a better world in 2009.

And what a year it has been! In addition to our ongoing commitment to worship and education, to fellowship, and to outreach, this year saw the people of Kimberley United developing new partnerships and relationships with others in our community. Initiatives like the Family Day Camp, and the renewed relationship with the Spark Youth Centre, demonstrate our church's ongoing commitment to discerning God's call for us as a Christian community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our Council has provided excellent guidance and support for this work of discernment, through its commitment to study and discussion, and the sharing of stories. I am excited about the possibilities as we continue this work in the years ahead.

The world around us needs what we have to offer. And we, as people of faith, have a need to use our gifts in the service of the world.

It's true that our church, like many others, faces challenges in the years ahead. Still, I have no doubt that as we embrace our gifts, and embrace our calling, Kimberley United Church will continue to be a part of a thriving community, and home to a gathering of people who are passionate about making the world a better place.

May God continue to bless our ministry.

***Rev. Jeff Seaton***

## **Kimberley United Church Council Annual Report**

Yearly we submit to the congregation for its consideration reports of the life and work of this pastoral charge. To this end you have before you a comprehensive document formally put together entitled the 2009 Annual Report. Informally it is the day to day, not always spectacular, sometimes joyful, sometimes not, work of the many hands that link each and every person, committee or group to the community we call Kimberley United Church. Thanks to all, those who wrote the reports, those who made things happen so reporters could report, those who support by their daily living “our mission philosophy”, those who challenge our spirits, those who bake our muffins, clean our facility, those who type or sing, or listen, or help or care. There is no exclusion. Everyone deserves thanks as everyone is a part and for that we are truly grateful.

All in all, the document tells the story, the story of who we are, what we did, where we’re at, what we attempted, what we completed and what we are still hoping to do. It is a story of the year 2009, but as stories go it begins before and will end long after.

2009 was a year your church council spent time together using the book “Christianity for the Rest of Us” to explore, to discover and hopefully to understand how a community of faith while being steadfast in basic principles can encompass and encourage each of us to recognize the possibilities.

This past year has been one of story telling. Members of Council have shared their faith journeys, telling how and why Kimberley United has become part of their lives. In the telling and the listening, Council members understand and appreciate the gifts that individuals bring to our table. We are hopeful and challenged to ensure that Kimberley United remains a vital progressive congregation looking forward, encircling all, reaching out and sharing our gifts and talents.

We have all we need and more to make this happen. Thanks be to God.

*Diana Semenchuk, Council Chair.*

### **Faith Formation**

**Committee members are: Louise Welsh, Bill Bale, Carol Andrews, Rev. Jeff Seaton, Bob West-Sells, Cory Muir and Eileen Dean as chairperson.**

The mandate for this committee is to provide Christian Education for all members. It is a challenge to meet the needs of such an intergenerational group, and we take our role seriously. Here are some of the following needs that we helped to address in 2009.

Historic Roll- At this point the records should be up to date. We have two formats, electronic and a new recording book that Carol Mellor has put together. Bill Bale is responsible for checking that the records are current and to report to the Faith Formation committee as a whole. Archives - Louise Welsh and Carol Andrews have taken on this responsibility to see that relevant information is sent to the archives.

Library - The books have been pocketed and are available for people to borrow. Louise Welsh and Carol Andrews will be monitoring the borrowing of books.

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Children & Youth -Members of the committee took turns doing the Learning time with the children. Each member would check with Jeff the Thursday prior to Sunday church to coordinate the learning time with the message. Activity materials were made available on the table at the front of the church for the children to do.

The Learning Time theme, during Lent, was the Lord's Prayer. Jeff used this time to help the children gain a better understanding of the Lord's Prayer.

In September the children's area was relocated to the other side of the sanctuary and a pocket hanging is there to help keep the materials organized.

The Advent theme was The Jesse Tree. Symbols were hung on the tree each week depicting the lineage and history of Jesus' ancestry.

The children participate with taking up the offering if they so wish.

Cory Muir, Bill Bale and Eileen Dean continue helping with the organizing of the Learning Time.

Study Groups- Jeff meets weekly with residents at Garden View Tuesday afternoon. The scripture readings for the following Sunday service are usually topic of discussion.

Wednesday evening a fall study on "10 Things They Never Told Us About Jesus" by John Bell was well attended.

The Spring Study session was a comparison between Islam and Christianity aptly led by Jeff and Louise Welch. This topic drew interest from a broader community other than Kimberley United. The committee feels that with more advertising and topics of interest may spark more of an attendance. Jeff really appreciates the support of having a co-facilitator.

Louise Welch is open to any suggestions for an adult study topic.

Baptism & New Members - Bob West-Sells has taken on reporting if new members and baptisms are happening.

Special Events – August 25<sup>th</sup> a Family Day Camp was held at Camp Stone. There were several young families from Kimberley community who attended. The activities were child focused and open ended so that people were free to come and go. The feedback was positive and a winter fun day was suggested for next February. Liability and insurance issues need to be carefully addressed before initiating any further activities.

November 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop- Carol Andrews reported that the Worship committee and Faith Formation committee members had an opportunity to plan some services and activities leading up to Christmas. This planning session included skits during the service on social justice and the Jesse Tree for Learning Time.

At this time I commend all the members of the Faith Formation committee for their commitment to fulfilling their responsibilities as a member.

This committee continues to explore new resources and ideas for developing our faith. Please contact any member with new ideas or resources that may be explored .

*Blessings, Eileen Dean*

## Worship Committee

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Esther Jacobson - Chair, Rev. Jeff Seaton, Michael Jones, Joyce Jacobson, Pauline Bethune, Terry Macham, Joan Giesbrecht, Carol Andrews.**

To begin, I would like to thank the many people who offer their time and talent for the myriad of tasks, big and small, that are an integral part of KUC.

It is especially gratifying to know that there are a number of you who are willing to take on the role of worship leader when the need arises. THANK YOU.

Two big changes this past year—a new music “system” replaced the tired and failing organ, and along with that we are enjoying an improved sound system.

Joyce Jacobson retired as choir director in June and is now a valuable addition to the soprano section. In September, we welcomed Laurel Ralston as our new director. Someone once said, “Without music life would be a mistake”. I don’t think anyone can imagine worship services without music.

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the choir went to Fernie to help the United congregation there celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They joined the Community Choir once again to present the Christmas Cantata here at KUC on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and in Grasmere the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup>. A selection from the Cantata was sung at the Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> “Service of Lessons and Carols” at All Saints Anglican. The Cantata was under the direction of Marta Zeegers and accompanied by Tim Plait.

“Special” services during the year were well received. These included the Easter Services, Family Picnic Sunday, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, All Saints Day, the special Advent services and Christmas Eve. Thanks to Michael Jones who directed the Christmas Eve choir. Christmas Day worship at Garden View Village, according to Rev. Jeff and Terry Macham, was attended beyond all expectations, and a real blessing to all.

Anne Jones has accepted the position of “Wedding Coordinator”. This help is invaluable in ensuring that the ceremony proceeds smoothly.

Anne has also agreed to be the decorating ‘coordinator’ for the Sanctuary.

Services at the Pines continue to be once per month—usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 10:30 A.M.

We celebrate Communion once per month—the first Sunday when possible.

*Esther Jacobson.*

## Ministry and Personnel

**Members of the M&P: Jim Andrews, Murray Dean, Linda Johnson, and Bev Roberts.**

This committee represents the congregation in dealing with the staff of the church. We meet with all employees every year to discuss their job and the job description for their position. If you have any concerns or congratulations regarding staff please contact any member of this committee.

*Jim Andrews*

## **Outreach Committee**

**Members of Outreach: Gail McColl, Gerda Mann, Graham Mann, Pat Oslund, Diana Semenchuk, Ellen Shonsta, Joyce Wilkinson. M&S enthusiast Joyce Wilkinson**

***“And what does the Lord require of you? But to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God” – Micah 6.8***

Your Outreach Committee has experienced another successful year by utilizing your donations as effectively as possible, reaching out to those in need internationally and locally. A new partnership was established with the L.E.E.S. Learning & Spark Youth Centre that has brought great joy to us and the youth in our community.

The Khmer Women’s Voice Centre in Cambodia is happily settled in its new building thanks to our continued support of paying 75% of the annual rent.

Our purchase of food cards at both McKim and Selkirk continues. We are advised by the Happy Hands Food Bank that the need for these “Munchie Cards” is constantly increasing. Our active involvement is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to your response in late November, we were successful in selling all of the United for Peace Olivewood Pins allowing us to send a cheque off to The United Church of Canada in the amount of \$220.

Our fellowship teas continue to be a major joy for Kimberley Seniors. Thanks to our changing themes of each tea plus the wonderful local musicians who volunteer their skills, we consistently fill the Upper Hall.

Gail McColl had taken over the Chairperson responsibilities for our Committee for most of the year. Her tireless efforts as our key liaison with the Kimberley Happy Hands Food Bank as well as the schools’ food cards and direct involvement with the youth drop-in centre proved to be a major workload. Gail requested we look for a new Chair commencing November 1<sup>st</sup>.

We lost the valuable contribution of Joyce Wilkinson for five months as she was “kidnapped” by her daughter to spend the winter on the coast. We look forward to Joyce’s return from the balmy coast.

Outreach has a full year planned for 2010; however, to repeat the successes of 2009, we must recruit some new active caring Committee members. How about you?

God Bless

***Graham Mann, Acting Chair***

## **Pastoral Care and Fellowship**

**Committee members: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Corinne Backman, Donna Baldwin, Ruth Carlson, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Donna Vander Maaten, Barb Streich, Betty Wilkinson. Lil Child and Mary Bergeron, adherents.**

The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for interaction and social functions. We coordinating contacts for the church visitation program, as well as coordinating social events and after-worship coffee. We also, when called upon, provide the refreshments following funerals.

Along with visitations, the past year included offering home communion and working with the prayer shawl ministry. Approximately 47 prayer shawls were given out. Ruth Ratzlaff started a group for knitters and organized work shops for the prayer shawls.

Carol Mellor, with the help of this committee, completed the historic roll update.

Corrine Backman sent out approximately 184 cards this past year. Carol Spence collected Mark Creek grocery till slips, which gave the church \$240.00 worth of vouchers.

With the help of Pat Oslund for most of the year, the committee organized Sunday coffee.

Other Pastoral Care activities this year:

- Western Tea (huge success good entertainment)
- Church Picnic –invitations to neighbors, Anglican Church and the Presbyterian Church
- Kitchens were cleaned on June 15<sup>th</sup>
- Welcome back luncheon in September
- Helped Myra Farquhar with the Country Classic fellowship tea
- Women's Candlelight Service and potluck dinner. Pastoral Care set up-Myra looked after the service

We would like to take this time to give a warm thank you to everyone for helping with baking, and for making the events such a great success.

*Betty Wilkinson*

## **Prayer Shawls and Banners**

Last summer each congregation was invited to make a prayer flag to decorate the arena in Kelowna where General Council was held. If the other prayer flags were anything like the one we sent, the effect would be colourful and energizing. Carol Andrews and I decided on squares of red, blue and yellow stitched together with a white dove appliquéd onto the squares.

We finished the last in a series of six Christmas banners in time to hang the two wise ones for epiphany. The set was inspired at a banner workshop in Fernie, organized by Barbara Langton when she was working in mutual ministries.

This October we invited Janet Armstrong, from Vernon, B.C. to present a workshop on Prayer Shawl Ministry. People from All Saints' Anglican Church, Kimberley United Church and some who are not attending church anywhere came. We talked about praying as we knit, keeping in mind, for example, the person for whom the shawl was intended.

As a direct result of Janet's "sewing with bias class" we now have a new wall hanging in the church office. Thank you for all the great ties!

*Joan Giesbrecht*

### **Fundraisers - Fun Raisers**

Some features of the life of Kimberley United Church are difficult to classify under a 'committee' heading as they are dependent upon Congregational support. Some of these activities assist in supplementing the finances as well as providing fellowship, outreach and service to our community.

In the past year there have been several successful fundraisers that have been supported by the whole congregation. They include:

Apple Pie Sale.....	\$2477.00
Garage Sale.....	\$1639.00
Fall Fowl Supper.....	\$1454.00
Scottish Tea.....	\$1324.00
Cookie Walk.....	\$1242.00
Calendar Sales.....	<u>\$ 106.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8242.00</b>

The financial success of each of the above is measurable and noteworthy. However, the fellowship enjoyed and the outreach extended to our members and to our community is also a valued consideration and is not easily weighed. Each and every member can be proud of these contributions. There are other activities, too, that are not fund-raisers but do provide fellowship, outreach and public awareness. Included in this category would be the around-the-town caroling, Visions of Nativity at Centre 64, the fellowship teas and the summer outings. Many have benefited from these experiences.

*Myra Farquhar*

### **Planned Giving Seminar**

Our challenge is to understand *Why, not How* to give to our Church: that was the key message shared with a small but very appreciative audience at Jane Harding's Planned Giving Seminar on November 21, 2009. Three Cranbrook United Church Trustees joined seven Kimberley United Church members in sharing valuable information on why thousands of church members are leaving legacies to the United Church.

\$17.6 million dollars was donated last year and 90% of that amount came from bequests. This number is growing every year. Studies show that 47% of all people would have given to their church if asked. During her Sunday sermon Jane asked us to give. She informed us that the best givers are those of modest means because they know why they wish their church to continue to do good work.

If anyone is interested in more information, Jane has offered to meet individually with members of our church family and to share her expertise with our church. Feel free to take the planned giving material at the church and to contact Jane if you have any questions or wish to meet with her privately.

*Graham Mann  
Planned Giving Chair*

## **Presbytery Report**

### **Presbytery Representatives: Gerda Mann, Sandra Warner**

2009 was a year of many church meetings: Spring Presbytery in Castlegar, attended by Rev. Jeff Seaton, Gerda Mann and Sandra Warner; BC Conference in Langley attended by Jeff and Gerda; General Council in Kelowna, attended by Jeff; and Fall Presbytery in Cranbrook attended by Jeff, Gerda and Sandra.

Kimberley United received a Pastoral Oversight Visit in January which went extremely well and underscored that we are truly blessed to have Jeff and Don with us.

Ministry changes in Kootenay Presbytery this year: Rev. Keith Simmonds and Rev. Liz Bowyer to Communities in Faith PC (covenanting service attended by Jeff); Jane Clarke to Elk Valley PC (covenanting service attended by Jeff and Ted Giesbrecht); and Rev. George Meier became our half time Conference Minister. Currently, Creston is in transition.

At Spring Presbytery a motion was made that Kootenay Presbytery would agree to the sale of Rock Lake and Koolaree Camps and participate in the camp futures program using the "Go Camp" model. Since this motion was narrowly defeated, both camps will continue operating as usual.

*Respectfully submitted by Gerda Mann & Sandra Warner*

### **Rock Lake United Church Camp**

We are pleased to report that Camp Faith 2009 was a great success with 22 boys and 24 girls attending. A total of four full camperships were granted, making it possible for these children to attend camp. Your continued contributions to Rock Lake help make that possible.

In September, the United Church Women's Retreat was a great success with 12 women attending. The retreat was coordinated by Joan Giesbrecht and the participants (from Kamloops, Grand Forks, Creston, Fernie and Kimberley) enjoyed four wonderful days of relaxation, meditation and rejuvenation.

In an attempt to make Rock Lake more user-friendly for those with mobility challenges, we installed a wheelchair ramp into the social hall this spring. As a result, wheelchair accessibility is now available to the dining hall, social hall, staff washroom (also equipped with a grab bar and support pole), Director's cabin and the right half of Cabin 7. Our attempts to make the waterfront wheelchair accessible have not met success to date because we are unable to find a solution to the erosion which would result each spring.

Regarding the rest of the operation, our rentals of the church camp this year were approximately the same as 2008. The campground is full to capacity and we have a wait-list of 31 families. Even though we do not have any services (no electricity, water or sewer), it is an extremely popular spot for the 57 families who rent there each season.

2009 was the year for accreditation visits. The first visit was from The United Church of Canada on July 27<sup>th</sup>. In October we learned that we had passed and that we are accredited for the next three years. The second visit was from the British Columbia Camping Association (BCCA) on July 29<sup>th</sup> and they have advised us that we also passed our BCCA accreditation. In fact the BCCA has accredited us for four years! That made all the hard work worthwhile.

Thank you for your continued support of Rock Lake United Church Camp.

*Respectfully submitted by Gerda & Graham Mann*

## Communication

**Communication Members: Catherine Pennington, Don Seaton, Pauline Bethune**  
**Observer subcommittee: Ruth Ratzlaff**

This committee informs the congregation and the community about the life and work of Kimberley United Church.

- Newsletters –for Easter, Spring/Summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- **www.kimberleyunited.ca** Thanks to webmaster Don Seaton, our Website is informative, easy to read and up-to-date. This site has been visited not only by members of our congregation but by others visiting Kimberley and looking for United Church information. The site also gets visits from other parts of BC and Canada – even a few “hits” from abroad. The webpage features copies of the sermons, reports and pictures from special events as well as news of upcoming events and activities.
- Bulletin boards kept up to date
- Annual Report - compiled and distributed
- Kimberley Daily Bulletin/Cranbrook Townsman ad - special service announcements added for occasions like the Christmas Cantata.

We write or assist other committees to submit articles about church activities to newspapers. The Fall 2009 issue of Go Kimberley magazine included an article about KUC

Coordinate and assist any committee with print advertising. We have made and distributed posters for Church Picnic, Family Fun Day in August, Joyce Jacobson’s Music Celebration, Scottish Tea, Christmas Cantata, Fall Supper and Cookie Walk.

### **Observer**

Subscriptions were renewed in the fall. The Observer Buddies program is on-going.  
Led worship for an Observer Sunday service

*Pauline Bethune*

## Property & Finance

**Members of the Property and Finance Committee: Bill Bale, Murray Dean, Carol Fergus, Gerry Semenchuk, Terry Macham, and Jack Ratcliffe.** Tom Bethune, although not a committee member, is a resource which we can always count on for advice and help. I thank you all for your continued stewardship.

Most of the committee’s work last year was largely confined to routine maintenance of the Church property. Some lighting improvements were carried out in the Church office. Sandy Kay took on the job of painting the office and upstairs bathroom. Thank you, Sandy for a job well done. New window blinds were also installed in the office.

A special capital project undertaken last year was the replacement of the Sanctuary organ and piano with a digital piano and associated sound equipment. Improvements to the Sanctuary sound system also formed part of this project. Funding for this capital project came from the Kimberley United Church Organ Fund. This expenditure was approved at a Congregational Meeting last summer. Costs for this project came in well under the approved budgeted amount.

*Terry Macham*

## Kimberley United Church Statistics

Present KUC membership is 122 with an additional 80 adherents.

### Funerals 2009

George Stanley Fisher	d. Dec 31, 2008	Jan 9, 2009
Mary W.E. Johnstone	d. Jan 8, 2009	Jan 20, 2009
Edna May Hansen	d. Sept 5, 2009	Sept 26, 2009
Thelma Kary	d. Oct 27, 2009	Nov 3, 2009
Marion Beynon	d. November 10, 2009	
Helen Woods	d. Nov 20, 2009	Nov 28, 2009

### Baptisms 2009

John Buckley Mellor	Jan 11, 2009
Catherine Joanne Pennington	Jan 11, 2009
Grey Edward Pennington	Dec 20, 2009

### Marriages 2009

July 3, 2009	Ante Glavurtic and Lana Noelle Wilkinson
August 8, 2009	Jason Stephen Unwin and Carly Dawn Martin
August 14, 2009	Brandon Alexander Bailey and Tessa Dawn Logan

### Membership 2009

Dorothy Robinson	transferred to Salmon Arm UC	09/06/19
Arthur G. Wheatcroft	transferred to Salmon Arm UC	09/06/19

**The Historic Roll of Kimberley United Church** has been revised to remove the names of those who have been inactive for more than three years, in accordance with Section 15 of The Manual.

## Envelope Statistics

0 - \$100.00 = 31	\$901 - \$1000.00 = 2
\$101 - \$200.00 = 11	\$1001 - \$1500.00 = 12
\$201 - \$300.00 = 12	\$1501 - \$2000.00 = 12
\$301 - \$400.00 = 5	\$2001 - \$3000.00 = 2
\$401 - \$500.00 = 6	\$3001 - \$4000.00 = 1
\$501 - \$600.00 = 5	\$4001 - \$5000.00 = 1
\$601 - \$700.00 = 3	\$5001 - \$6000.00 = 3
\$701 - \$800.00 = 2	\$6001 - \$7000.00 = 0
\$801 - \$900.00 = 2	\$7001 - \$8000.00 = 2

The above totals of donations include any and all donations made by individuals or families to Kimberley United Church.

The following list consists of the regular envelope users as well as 20 members who use PAR for their method of contribution. These numbers are for all donors in 2009 and includes those who have left the congregation during the year (moved or deceased)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
# of envelope and PAR users:	132	116	100	92	84	82	80

*Carol Fergus - Envelope Secretary*

**Trustees Financial Report as of December 31, 2009**

[report available at church office]

*Submitted on behalf of Linda Johnson, Treasurer Trustees,  
Bill Bale, Chairman Trustees and Scott Owen, Secretary Trustees*

## **Treasurer's Report for 2009**

2009 was not a great year but was a good year from a financial point of view. We met all of our commitments but had to do so, once again, by means of a drawdown from our Legacy Fund.

Revenues were \$3,800 above budget and \$8,200 above 2008 (Regular Offerings \$3,100 above, Holiday Offerings \$1,600 above, Rentals \$400 above, Fund Raisers \$2,100 above, Other Revenue \$1,500 above and Special Gifts \$500 below. Operating Expenses, in total, were \$600 below budget and \$1,100 below 2008. Thus, the \$6,300 Operation Loss was favourable to the budget Operating Loss of \$10,700 and 2008's \$15,600 Operating Loss.

The Organ/Sound system project capital cost (\$11,600) was fully offset by funds transferred from the Trustees' "Organ Fund". \$12,000 was transferred from the Legacy Fund which allowed us to absorb the Operating Loss, pay for our other capital project (electrical upgrades \$1,500) and increase our working bank balance from \$4,700 to \$8,900.

Many thanks are due to:

- Carol Fergus for her very capable record keeping of individuals' contributions;
- Those who organized, carried out and supported our fund raisers;
- Those who organized and carried out post-funeral catering;
- Gerda Mann for her computer expertise and provision of financial statement forms;
- Those not on the Finance & Property Committee who perform after Church service offering counts and bank deposit preparation: Jim and Carol Andrews, Laura Bale, Linda Betcher, Tom and Pauline Bethune, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Dean, Esther Jacobson, Linda Johnson, Sandy Kay, Barbara Langton, Graham and Gerda Mann, Gail McColl, Diana Semenchuk, Sandra Warner, Louise Welsh, Bob West-Sells and Linda Burchill and Betty Wilkinson.

### **Looking ahead to year 2010**

You will note that we achieved a significant Operating Loss reduction 2008 to 2009 (\$15,600 to \$6,300). Even with a proposed 2% contributions increase, we do not expect to do as well in 2010: forecast Operating Loss of \$10,500. This necessitates a drawdown of \$10,000 from the Legacy Fund. Please consider increasing your donations to our Church.

*Respectfully submitted, Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe*

**KUC 2009 Financial Statement and 2010 Proposed Budget**

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