

# **Annual Report 2010**



## **Kimberley United Church**

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# **Agenda**

## **Kimberley United Church Annual General Meeting for 2010**

### **Sunday, February 13, 2011**

- 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 Previous Minutes**
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 6. Committee reports**
- 7. Treasurer's report and adoption of budget**
- 8. Appointment of Trustees**
- 9. Joint Needs Assessment Report 2011**
- 10. Nominations**
- 11. Other business**
- 12. Adjournment**

## 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 7, 2010

### CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson Diana Semenchuk, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. She thanked the Pastoral Care & Fellowship Committee for preparing the luncheon and setting up.

Reverend Jeff Seaton opened the meeting with a prayer.

Attendance - 39 persons – Chair Diana Semenchuk, Acting Secretary Linda Johnson, Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe, Rev. Jeff Seaton, Reg Harmer, Sheila McDonald, Don Seaton, Joyce Jacobson, Tory MacKinnon, Pat Oslund, Ursula Trotter, Terry Macham, Anne Jones, Michael Jones, Ron McColl, Alice Geisser, Gerda Mann, Graham Mann, Bill Spence, Caroline Spence, Murray Dean, Eileen Dean, Gail McColl, Mel King, Corinne Backman, Gerry Semenchuk, Bill Bale, Carol Mellor, Jay Mellor, Bob West-Sells, Barbara Langton, Pauline Bethune, Tom Bethune, Linda Burchill, Carol Fergus, Donna VanderMaaten, Jim Andrews, Carol Andrews, Esther Jacobson.

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

MOVED by Gerda Mann and SECONDED by Eileen Dean. CARRIED.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

4. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2009, AS AMENDED**

Pauline Bethune should be listed as Chair of Communications instead of Catherine Pennington.

MOVED by Anne Jones and SECONDED by Gerry Semenchuk. 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 at the end of the reports that the Reports be accepted as presented. MOVED by Donna VanderMaaten and SECONDED by Corinne Backman. CARRIED.

Comments made by Committee representatives were as follows:

- a) Minister's Report – Rev. Jeff Seaton is filled with optimism regarding the future of Kimberley United Church. The council meetings have a new model of visioning in them.
- b) Church Council - Diana Semenchuk reported on the overall business of the council. They have looked at a study in their meetings and have also had personal stories told of various council members. She commended all members for doing a superb job.
- c) Faith Formation Committee - Eileen Dean commented that they are working to find studies for adults. The community is invited to attend these studies as well as those of other faiths. Learning Time and time with the children are a challenge that is ongoing and a concern with low numbers of children. Any suggestions would be welcome.
- d) Worship Committee - Esther Jacobson thanked all who help, with special mention to Anne Jones who does the flowers each week in the sanctuary, and Joan Giesbrecht and Carol Andrews for their wonderful banners and sanctuary décor additions.

- e) M&P Committee - no additional comments
- f) Outreach Committee - Graham Mann stated they had a very successful year. There were some changes within the committee, as Gail McColl had to step down as chairperson due to her work load. One of the most exciting happenings was the reconnection with the Spark Youth Centre which is ongoing. Their theme for 2010 is reaching out within our resources and parameters.
- g) Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee - no additions
- h) Prayer Shawls and Banners - no additions
- i) Fundraising - Diana Semenchuk mentioned it is nice to see what our fundraising events were, as they are a huge part of our budget, and there is also much fellowship involved in fundraisers.
- j) Planned Giving Seminar - held in November and there will be a follow-up meeting.
- k) Presbytery - Gerda Mann mentioned that Rev. David Boyd puts out a monthly newsletter and she prints and puts it in a binder for our information. There is also a link on our website to the Presbytery website. It was also mentioned that Presbytery is designing a "Behavioural Covenant" to enable members to treat each other with respect when there are strong opposing opinions expressed.
- l) Rock Lake United Church Camp - Gerda Mann stated they had another successful year. There were two accreditation visits. The United Church of Canada accredited them for 3 yrs and the B.C. Camping Association for 4 years. The annual general meeting is February 27 at Cranbrook United Church.
- m) Communications Committee - Barbara Langton commented that we are very lucky to have Don Seaton, who designed and keeps our excellent web page up to date.
- n) Property and Finance Committee - They are looking for members. Terry Macham mentioned the photocopier will have to be replaced near the end of the year and it is not in the budget. This committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone interested is invited.
- o) Statistics – Rev. Jeff Seaton spoke of the incredible job Carol Mellor, our secretary, has done on renovating the Historic Roll. It involved a tremendous amount of work bringing it up to date.

Carol Fergus encouraged people to enrol in PAR - monthly withdrawals from a financial institution.

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

Jack Ratcliffe presented his Report, including the 2009 Financial Statement and 2010 Proposed Budget, and answered questions concerning same. Both the 2009 Statement and 2010 Proposed Budget show an operating loss. Total Revenue in 2009 was 3.3% above budget, 7.4% above 2008 actual. Expenditures were 0.5% below budget 0.9% below 2008. Jack thanked all who help organize and carry out the fundraisers, which are a valuable contribution to the budget. The 2010 Proposed Budget includes an operating loss of \$10,500. Tom Bethune stated that there is serious concern and a discussion should be held on the budget in the new year. Rev. Jeff Seaton mentioned that the Trustees will be having a meeting shortly to think about actions to be taken and anyone else who is concerned will be invited to attend. 15% of the Legacy Fund can be taken each year to supplement the budget, and more if approved at a congregational meeting. We have to look at what the church is doing. We are extending beyond our walls into the community which is a good thing. We can increase our giving if we feel so moved and inclined. Graham mentioned we can also leave money to the Legacy Fund through bequests.

MOTION - That the 2009 Financial Statement be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and  
SECONDED BY Gail McColl. CARRIED.

MOTION - That a letter be written to Ted Farrier thanking him for preparing the Audit of the Financial Report. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Gail McColl. CARRIED.

MOTION - That the 2010 Proposed Budget be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and  
SECONDED by Esther Jacobson. CARRIED.

A huge thank you to Jack for his excellent and invaluable work as Treasurer and we are grateful that he will be carrying on for another year!

**8. TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT**

There was discussion re concern of withdrawing funds from the Legacy Fund every year, which will result in the fund possibly being depleted in the near future. United Church of Canada Foundation info will be forwarded to the Trustees to look into transferring investments for a better rate, and other avenues will also be explored for investing.

MOTION - to approve the Trustees' Report and appointment of the Trustees Bill Bale, Linda Johnson and Scott Owen to stay on as Trustees for 2010. MOVED by Gerry Semenchuk and SECONDED by Murray Dean. CARRIED.

**9. NOMINATIONS**

The Nominations List was read out for 2010 Council members, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Schedule "A", including Chairperson - Diana Semenchuk, Secretary - Gerda Mann, Treasurer - Jack Ratcliffe, Presbytery Reps - Gerda Mann and Sandra Warner, M&P Committee - Jim Andrews, Linda Johnson, Murray Dean, and Bev Roberts.

MOTION - To accept the Nomination List as presented. MOVED by Gerda Mann and SECONDED by Eileen Dean. CARRIED.

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

- a) Ellen Shonsta - upon retiring from the Outreach Committee.
- b) Joyce Jacobson - upon retiring from the Worship Committee.
- c) Linda Johnson and Gerda Mann - as acting Secretary of Council.

Jeff invited the members of Council and new Committee members to come forward and they were given a special blessing.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Barbara Langton proposed a 12 month calendar, which she would work on with someone. Don Seaton stated that the Communications Committee is working on a calendar for the website, which should be available shortly.

**11. ADJOURNMENT: Graham Mann moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.**

**"Diana Semenchuk"**  
Diana Semenchuk, Chairperson

**"Linda Johnson"**  
Linda Johnson, Acting Secretary

**KIMBERLEY UNITED CHURCH**

**SPECIAL GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**September 27, 2009**

**ORGAN RENEWAL PLAN**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Council Chair Diana Semenchuk, Acting Recording Secretary Gerda Mann, Rev. Jeffrey Seaton plus 30 congregants.

**Call to Order:** It being established that there was a quorum present, Council Chair Diana Semenchuk called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Jeffrey Seaton opened with a prayer. He followed this with introductory comments and reminded us as to the acceptance of proxies. The United Church of Canada does not accept proxy votes at any court level (from pastoral charge to general council). In order to cast a vote it is necessary to be present.

**MOVED BY** Donna Vander Maaten, seconded by Gerry Semenchuk THAT all those present, members and adherents, have voting privileges. Carried

**MOVED BY** Pauline Bethune, seconded by Barbara Langton THAT the Congregation of Kimberley United Church approves the Worship Committee Organ Renewal Plan set out in "Schedule A" attached, and advises the Trustees of Kimberley United Church that they consent to the use of funds from the Organ Fund for the Organ Renewal Plan.

Carried Unanimously

The Church Music Task Group of the Worship Committee will meet with the Trustees to determine the purposes for which the remaining Organ Fund moneys may be used.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

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Diana Semenchuk, Chair

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Gerda Mann, Acting Recording Secretary

## **Minister's Message**

*As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.*

—Matthew 4:18-20

This past October, I attended a week-long course led by former United Church Moderator Peter Short. At one point during the week, Peter asked us to consider Jesus' call to 'follow me'. He asked us to think about the questions, Where would Jesus take you? To what places would he lead you?

On a recent Sunday, I asked a similar question in church. Some of your answers were, 'To the Pines', 'to the Food Bank', and 'to people'. These answers reflect some of the ways that Kimberley United Church responded to the call to follow Jesus in 2010.

We indeed did go to the Pines, to celebrate worship each month, and to celebrate Communion. We also went to the Pines for visits, and fellowship, and to share music; and hosted residents of the Pines, and others, at several fellowship teas.

And we followed Jesus to the Food Bank, bringing in donations of food each month, helping out at Christmas time with a significant donation of toiletry items, and supporting the purchase of food cards, enabling students to purchase healthy lunches.

Mostly, we followed Jesus 'to people', offering our ministry to those close at hand, those in the wider Kimberley community, and those in far-flung parts of the world. Prayer shawls and cards communicated our love and prayers, and the power of God's healing touch, to those whose needs were made known to us. Our gifts supported programs for marginalised people in Cambodia, those made homeless by the earthquake in Haiti, as well as the vital programs for youth provided by our Youth Centre.

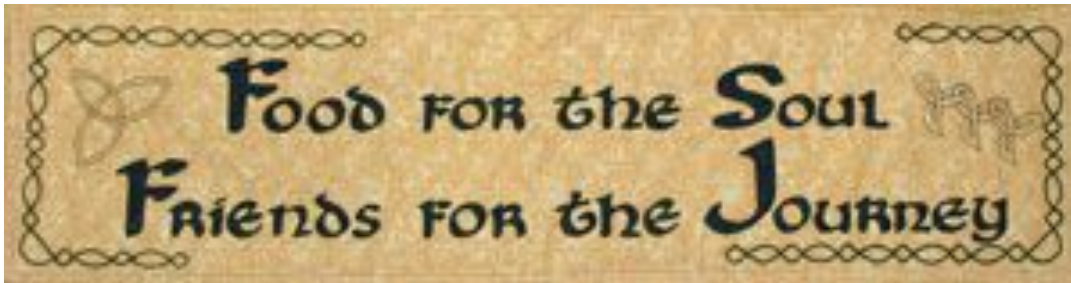
Our new United 4 Kids program offered family-friendly events in the Spring, Summer, and Fall; and our monthly Pint with a Preacher evening has brought us into deeper conversation with a variety of people in our community.

And all of these initiatives are supported and sustained by a worship life that nourishes us, and a comfortable place to call 'home' at the corner of Boundary and Wallinger. In countless ways, you, the people of Kimberley United Church, continue to respond to Jesus' call to 'follow me': each one of us has a gift to offer in support of Jesus' ministry in this place.

On that Sunday a few weeks ago, one person responded to my question with curiosity: 'I want to know where Jesus will be leading us!' Dear friends, the only way to find out is to follow, to continue the journey of discipleship into the year ahead.

**May God bless us on our journey.**

*Rev. Jeff Seaton*



### **Kimberley United Church Council Report to the Congregation 2010**

As chair of the Kimberley United Church Council I want to acknowledge the contribution of each person who calls our church “home”. It takes time and commitment to be involved, to participate, to lead, to share and to work co-operatively for the ultimate good of all. I believe that nothing of lasting value is ever accomplished without the kind help of others and only through working together can success be achieved. As a congregation we actively pursue this goal.

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 (The Annual Report 2010) that includes Rev. Jeff Seaton’s ministerial report, highlights from all committees of the church, statistical church data for 2010, financial reports for 2010 and our proposed budget for 2011. Please read this report at your leisure and reflect on the time, energy and effort taken to prepare this document for you. I appreciate and thank all those involved in the production and distribution of this information.

Over this past year your church council has spent a portion of each of its meetings discussing and studying the book “Finding Jesus on the Metro” by Paul Nixon. This study dealt with visioning and the role of the church in an ever- changing environment. Topics such as changing neighbourhoods, religious diversity, craving for community, difficulties and challenges, hospitality, trust in God and showing up for ministry led to healthy discussion and some common conclusions.

Moving forward as a faith community means understanding who we are and understanding what we believe God calls us to do. Being a strong community of faith enables us to be kind, loving and supportive of one another whatever life’s challenges.

2011 will bring challenges for us as we begin the search for a new minister. I look with gratitude over the years Rev. Jeff has been with us. He has creatively taught, shared, inspired and demonstrated to each of us his deep faith and calling by God. If we can grow into the future, using the foundation he has provided we will be richly blessed.

***“Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness,  
kindness in feeling creates love.”***

-Lao Tzu

***Diana Semenchuk, Council Chair.***

## **Faith Formation**

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

The purpose of this committee is to provide Christian Education for all members and to maintain historical records. The assistance of other KUC members is greatly appreciated in the committee's work.

### **Study**

Jeff leads a Tuesday afternoon lectionary study at Garden View.

On a sunny October afternoon Ray McGinnis led a "Poetry and Nature Walk" workshop.

The Lent study book was Jesus 24/7 by David Bruce.

### **Youth**

One change from last year is that committee members no longer do Learning Time as it was replaced with Jeff leading a Story Time.

We call our youth program "United for Kids" or U4K. Three events were organized in 2010.

These were enthusiastically attended and enjoyed by all.

May - Spring Planting Party

August - Family Day Camp at Camp Stone

November - Pre-Christmas Activities

Books and quiet toys were added to the Children's Centre at the front of the church.

Children were included in greeting and collecting the offering whenever this was possible.

*Carol Andrews*

## **Worship Committee**

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

### **Special Services for 2010 included:**

Easter Services - Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday Sunrise service.

June 6 - 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Union.

June 20—Church picnic.

Sept. 19 - Dedication of the Taize song books in memory of Betty Twells.

Oct. 3, -"Blessing of the Animals". The first time that this service has been offered at KUC and was very meaningful and appreciated by the 27 people who attended with their animals.

Nov. 7 - Peace Sunday. Led by the Outreach Committee; guest speaker, Sister Nina from Marywood.

Dec. 12 - Christmas Cantata Sunday.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service - Thanks to Michael Jones for leading the choir.

Christmas Day at Gardenview Village. Very appreciated by the group who attended.

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**Advent/Christmas workshop:** Rev. Jeff and Carol Andrews organized a very productive workshop in October to plan the services for Advent/Christmas. A similar workshop is planned for Lent/Easter.

**Scripture Readers and Prayers of the People:** Pauline Bethune maintains a roster of people to read scripture and lead Prayers of the People.

**CHOIR:** Our choir was again joined by the Kimberley Community Choir in the presentation of the Cantata, "Unto us a Child is born", on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at morning worship and at Grasmere that afternoon. The title song, written by our very own Terry Macham, was sung in the evening at All Saints Anglican "Service of Lessons and Carols".

**Communion** continues to be celebrated the first Sunday of each month.

**Pines:** Services are usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 10:30 A.M. Communion was served at the Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> service and will be served again sometime before Easter. Rev. Jeff Seaton now conducts the Memorial Services held every 2 to 3 months.

**Thanks to Anne Jones** who arranges for flowers in the Sanctuary every Sunday and the decorations for special Sundays. If you wish to place flowers at any time, see Anne or put your name on the sheet in the upper corridor.

**A special thanks to Joan Giesbrecht and Carol Andrews** who create the beautiful hangings that grace the Sanctuary.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who comes forward and offers their time and talent to assist in planning and/or leading Worship. We are truly blessed.

*Esther Jacobson*

### **Pastoral Care and Fellowship**

**Members: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Donna Baldwin, Ruth Carlson, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Corinne Backman, Barb Streich, Mary Bergeron, Donna Vander Maaten, Lil Child.**

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

- Corrine Backman sent out approximately 77 cards this past year.
- Carol Spence collected Mark Creek grocery till slips, which gave the church approximately \$200 worth of vouchers.
- Organized Sunday coffee; for most of the year with the help of Pat Oslund.

Time was also spent planning functions including; Spring Fling Lunch, Church Picnic, Day Camp, Welcome Back Lunch, Children Christmas Lunch, Women's Candlelight Service.

This past year included working with the **Prayer Shawl Ministry**.

*Betty Wilkinson*

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

There are about twelve knitters in the prayer shawl ministry. Thirty shawls were blessed during Sunday worship services. Twenty-five were given to bring comfort to those needing it or to join others in celebration of happy occasions.

Books about Prayer Shawls and new patterns are available at the church.

*Ruth Ratzlaff*

### **Pulpit Hangings**

**Carol Andrews and Joan Giesbrecht** created new pulpit hangings for the season of Advent.



Each hanging has the word corresponding to the theme for a particular Sunday of Advent;

**Hope Peace Joy Love**

We painted the background blue, the liturgical color for Advent. The lettering and designs are adapted by Carol Andrews from a series of Patterns by NeKenna Ryan.

We hope you enjoyed the little touch of spring and renewal in the depths of winter.

*Joan Giesbrecht*

### **M&P Report for KUC Annual Meeting**

**Members of 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.

Carol Mellor has served as KUC church secretary for more than three years, but is not able to continue in this position. Thank you Carol for your work for our church. Also thank you to Michael Jones and Gerda Mann who have filled in for secretary relief when needed.

Linda Johnson has been selected as our new church secretary, and started work in January.

*Jim Andrews*

## Outreach Committee

**Members of Outreach: Graham Mann, Gail McColl, Sheila McDonald, Pat Oslund, Diana Semenchuk, Joyce Wilkinson, Gerda Mann.**

I would like to thank the members of the Outreach Committee for their dedication to Outreach during the past year. All members have agreed to remain on this committee in 2011.

Year 2010 ended on a positive note. Outreach had six budgeted programs in 2010: the Khmer Women's Voice Centre, Kimberley Kids Food Cards, Selkirk Dry Grad, Camperships for Rock Lake, Spark Youth Centre and Homeless Support. We plan to continue all six of these in 2011 while reducing our costs.

In 2010 we implemented an exciting partnership with James Weir, who works with youth-at-risk in Kimberley under the Provincial Government's Community LINKS program. Our goal is to give students from Selkirk and McKim opportunities to join our church family to help with fellowship and fundraising projects.

As usual, our fellowship teas will continue, bringing joy to many of our community friends.

Thank you for your continued support of the Outreach programs as we move forward into an exciting 2011.

*Graham Mann*

## Planned Giving (Legacy Plan)

**Members: Graham Mann, Jim Andrews, Barbara Langton.** Sincere thanks to these members and to Rev. Jeff Seaton for their support and contribution.

Recommendations have been given to Church Council to officially change our name to Legacy Plan Committee as Council has already established a Legacy Fund.

Those who attended our "Learn More About Wills" session on May 29, 2010 gained a good deal of personal knowledge thanks to **United Church Gift Planner Jane Harding's** excellent presentation. Jane's monthly inserts in our Sunday bulletins remind us not to worry about **HOW** to give but to consider **WHY** our gift would benefit.

One of the easiest first steps we would like you to consider is to join those of us who use PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Knowing in advance that we will be receiving regular monthly amounts is a great benefit to our Church and eases the work load for our weekly counters and Treasurer.

There are seven other ways you can give and make a difference through a Legacy Gift: **INVEST** in the future of the United Church; **GIVE** to the Mission and Service Fund; **ENDOW** your congregation; **CONTRIBUTE** to a favourite ministry; **ESTABLISH** a scholarship; **FUND** a camper; or **COMMEMORATE** a special person.

Thank you for supporting our Legacy Fund, as Winston Churchill said, "*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*"

*Graham Mann*

## **Rock Lake United Church Camp**

### **Rock Lake Camp Representatives: Gerda Mann, Graham Mann**

Another successful year! There are many things for which the Rock Lake Camp Committee is thankful. This year I wish to highlight two board members (Tony Bregeda, Property Director, and David Whitaker, Treasurer) along with our caretaker Brian Rawson. For the last few years, they have done an exemplary job of maintaining the property to ensure the continued success of Rock Lake Camp. We owe them our gratitude.

This year we again received a number of donations (tables, chairs, etc.) from friends of Rock Lake. However, we were particularly blessed this summer to receive an 18 foot canoe (valued at \$1,600) as a donation from one of our congregants.

Camp Promise 2010, directed by Melissa and Kevin Travis, was successful although only 20 boys (two fewer than last year) and 16 girls (eight fewer) attended. A total of three and a half camperships were granted, making it possible for children to attend camp who normally would be unable to come.

As part of the Tuesday Outings program, Myra Farquhar with a group of approximately 15 spent part of the day at Rock Lake in August. They had a delightful time sharing lunch, strolling around and reminiscing about days gone by. It is hoped that they will return every year.

Once again, Joan Giesbrecht coordinated another successful September Women's Retreat with an added chore – the painting of the camp kitchen. Your hard work was greatly appreciated and we thank you.

For the second year, the campground was full to capacity and we still have a wait list of over 30 families. Of the 57 renters, 40 are from the East Kootenay (Cranbrook-12, Elkford-1, Fernie-19, Sparwood-8), 16 from Alberta and 1 from Saskatchewan. Obviously, Rock Lake Campground is well loved.

In 2011, we will be operating our co-ed Junior Camp from July 17 to 23 (you will be notified as soon as registration forms are available). The co-ed class will continue until we have an adequate number of children to justify running two camps. For your information, when we operate a co-ed Junior Camp, we lose approximately \$10,000. Our objective has always been to keep the registration costs as low as possible (\$120/child last year) to ensure that financial considerations do not prevent children from coming. Camperships are always available and, if you wish to contribute to the program, please donate through the church by designating your gift "Rock Lake Campership".

**Thank you for supporting our little piece of heaven!**

*Gerda Mann*

## **Kootenay Presbytery Report**

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

2010 was a year of change in Kootenay Presbytery. It started out with our Spring meeting at Robertson Memorial in Nakusp (Arrow Lakes PC) May 14-16, chaired by Hilary Bitten in her last official function as Chair of Presbytery. In attendance were the Rev. Jeff Seaton, Don Seaton, the Rev. Barbara Langton, Ted Giesbrecht, Gerda Mann and Sandra Warner. At this meeting Jean Daniels of Grand Forks was elected Presbytery Chair to serve for a two year term. We were blessed to have the Rev. Dan Chambers, President of BC Conference, as our keynote speaker and to have Treena Duncan, Personnel Minister, in attendance. Treena conducted a workshop about the changes to the national structure of the United Church and to changes affecting our Presbytery. She gave us an overview of the "Planning for a Future Grounded in Faith and Action" report, which was reviewed and accepted by the General Council Executive two weeks earlier. Treena explained how some of those changes could impact Kootenay Presbytery.

Trinity United Church in Creston hosted the Fall Presbytery meeting Nov 5-7 under the leadership of Jean Daniels. Attending were the Rev. Jeff Seaton, Don Seaton, the Rev. Barbara Langton, Ted Giesbrecht, Gerda Mann and Sandra Warner. Our keynote guest speaker was the Rev. Will Sparks, who facilitated a racial justice workshop. The Presbytery recommended the Rev. Dr. Therese DesCamp (she is the spouse of our Conference Minister, the Rev. George Meier) to the Conference interview board for admission to the United Church of Canada as an ordained Minister. In the Worship service on the Sunday, a covenanting service was held for interim minister Don Holmes at Trinity United in Creston.

The Rev. Sandy Ferguson of Windermere Valley Shared Ministry (W.V.S.M.) was called to Edmonton and left at the end of June. A full time minister is being sought with the search being led by the Anglican side of this shared ministry. Lastly, the Rev. Kim Horwood has accepted a call to the Boundary Pastoral Charge (Christina Lake, Grand Forks and Greenwood).

Blessings.

*Gerda Mann*

## **Property and Finance**

**Members : Bill Bale, Tom Bethune, Murray Dean, Carol Fergus, Gerry Semenchuk,  
Terry Macham and Jack Ratcliffe.**

The committee in 2010 confined its activities largely to routine building maintenance and minor repairs. One project that required considerable attention last year was the replacement of the office photocopier. Parts for the old machine were becoming difficult to come by as that model was no longer being supported by the manufacturer. Also, the maintenance contract for the old copier was expiring and would not be renewed by the contractor. After much consideration, the committee decided to go with a leased copier rather than a purchased one. The photocopier was replaced in July. We did attempt to sell the old machine without success. It was removed by the new photocopier supplier.

*Terry Macham*

## 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.

Regular duties:

- **www.kimberleyunited.ca** Thanks to webmaster Don Seaton, our Website is informative and up-to-date. The webpage features copies of the sermons, reports and pictures from special events as well as news of upcoming events and activities.
- Newsletters –for Easter, Spring/Summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas
- Compile Annual Report
- Kimberley Daily Bulletin/Cranbrook Townsman ad - notices added for special services.
- Produce or assist committees with posters and print advertising for fund raisers and congregational events.

### **Observer**

Led worship for an Observer Sunday service

Subscriptions were renewed in the fall. The Observer Buddies program is on-going.

*Pauline Bethune*

## Auction & Dessert Party

A strawberry shortcake dessert and Auction night was held as a church fundraiser on Sunday May 30. Guests enjoyed a welcoming beverage while having an opportunity to peruse the auction items and enjoy the piano accompaniment. The table centers and flowers provided a festive touch and added to the party ambiance.

A large variety of items were donated for the auction. There was something of interest for everyone attending and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Our talented auctioneers, Michael Jones, Bill Bale and Don Roberts were very entertaining and stimulated competitive bidding leading to generous support for all purchases.

All in all, it was a fantastic event; success measured by fun, fellowship and funds - the church being the recipient of the **largest fundraising event ever**.

Thanks to all involved for making this event such a success.

*Sandy Kay and Diana Semenchuk*

**Kimberley United Church Statistics**

**Present KUC membership is 122 with an additional 80 adherents.**

**Marriages 2010**

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 2010 Linda Burchill and Bob West-Sells

**Funerals 2010**

Lawrence Bergeron	d. Jan. 6, 2010	Jan 12, 2010
Henry Hopp	d. March 27, 2010	April 1, 2010
Betty Twells	d. March 7, 2010	March 27, 2010
Robert A. McDonald	d. April 22, 2010	May 1, 2010
Gerda Spencer	d. April 24, 2010	May 23, 2010
John Duncan Morrison	d. June 23, 2010	July 2, 2010
Mary Patricia Betcher	d. Sept 2, 2010	Sept 12, 2010
Helen Lenore Newhouse	d. Sept. 26, 2010	Oct. 1, 2010

**Baptisms 2010**

There were no baptisms in 2010

**Membership 2010**

Greg McDonald	transferred from Yellowknife, NT
Sheila McDonald	transferred from Yellowknife, NT

**Envelope Statistics for 2010**

0 - \$100.00 = 42	\$901 - \$1000.00 = 3
\$101 - \$200.00 = 10	\$1001 - \$1500.00 = 12
\$201 - \$300.00 = 6	\$1501 - \$2000.00 = 9
\$301 - \$400.00 = 9	\$2001 - \$3000.00 = 6
\$401 - \$500.00 = 5	\$3001 - \$4000.00 = 0
\$501 - \$600.00 = 10	\$4001 - \$5000.00 = 1
\$601 - \$700.00 = 4	\$5001 - \$6000.00 = 2
\$701 - \$800.00 = 3	\$6001 - \$7000.00 = 1
\$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)

Year:	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
# of envelope and PAR users:	132	116	100	92	84	82	80	86

*Carol Fergus - Envelope Secretary*

### **Treasurer's Report for 2010**

2010 was a great year from the point of view of a well-functioning Kimberley United Church but was only a good year from a financial point of view. Our operating loss was both below the budget and reduced from last year. We only drew down \$5,000 of the \$10,000 budgeted from the Legacy Fund.

We met all of our commitments and obligations. In addition to the commitment of \$9,000 to M&S, we sent an additional \$1,037 to Toronto (gifts to M&S in memory of Betty Twells). Unbudgeted contributions received for Flow-through included \$2,267 for Rock Lake Camp and \$1,065 for Haiti Relief (a portion of The United Church of Canada's Haiti Appeal -- \$2.8 million surpassed).

I compliment all those who planned, organized, carried out and supported our fundraisers. In addition to the fellowship, they raised:

<b>Auction/Dessert Evening</b>	<b>\$4,754</b>	<b>Fall Fowl Supper</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>Apple Pies Sale</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>Men's Pancake Supper</b>	<b>442</b>
<b>Cookie Walk</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>Church Calendar Sale</b>	<b><u>129</u></b>
<b>Scottish Tea</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$12,095</u></b>

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, Pauline Bethune, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Dean, Esther Jacobson, Linda Johnson, Sandy Kay, Barbara Langton, Graham and Gerda Mann, Diana Semenchuk, Louise Welsh, and Bob and Linda West-Sells.

### **Looking ahead to year 2011**

We have worked hard on the road to attain a balanced budget. With a structural deficit this is not easily done and, although much effort was applied, we are not there yet. The required drawdown from the Legacy Fund is forecast to be \$3,700 (compared to \$5,000 in 2010 and \$11,500 in 2009) We encourage your financial support of Kimberley United Church as we continue our journey.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Jack Ratcliffe, Treasurer*