

Annual Report 2008



*Kimberley
United Church*

Agenda

Kimberley United Church Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 15, 2009

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. Legacy Fund Proposal
9. Planned Giving Proposal
10. Appointment of Trustees
11. Nominations
12. Other business
13. Adjournment

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Kimberley United Church Congregation
FEBRUARY 03, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER:

Chairperson, Jim Andrews, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He thanked the Pastoral Care & Fellowship committee for the preparation of the luncheon.

Reverend Jeff Seaton opened the meeting with a prayer from the church worship book.

Attendance - 51 persons: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Jim Andrews, Carol Andrews, June Owen, Scott Owen, Linda Burchill, Bob West-Sells, Agnes Owen, Mary Bergeron, Graham Mann, Gerda Mann, Jack Ratchliffe, Don Seaton, Ursula Trotter, Betty Twells Wilson, Joyce Wilkinson, Alice Geisser, Eileen Dean, Murray Dean, Tom Bethune, Louise Welsh, Joan Giesbrecht, Reg Harmer, Ted Giesbrecht, Tory MacKinnon, Helen Ordway, Elsie Fisher, Edith Trenholm, Hiroki Taguchi, Ruth Carlson, Jay Mellor, Terry Macham, Esther Jacobson, Steve Sigvaldason, Wendy Sigvaldason, Caroline Spence, Bill Spence, Carol Mellor, Ellen Shonsta, Linda Johnson, Bill Bale, Sandra Warner, Ruth Ratzlaff, Gail McColl, Donna Vander Maaten, Corinne Bachman, Joyce Jacobson, Pat Oslund, Gerry Semenchuk, Diana Semenchuk, Linda Betcher.

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

MOVED by Linda Johnson and SECONDED by Ruth Ratzlaff. CARRIED.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

MOVED by Gerda Mann and SECONDED by Esther Jacobson. CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2007:

MOVED by Gail McColl and SECONDED by Graham Mann. CARRIED. It was noted that the spelling of Ted's last name should be "Farrier".

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 a few of the Committee Reports are as follows:

- (a) Minister's Report: Carol Spence commended Jeff on his excellent performance as Minister;
- (b) Faith Formation: In addition to the Report, Louise Welsh advised that their committee was working with youth programs. She also commented on the excellent turnout for the Bible Studies, and advised that archives cannot be sent to Vancouver at this point in time.
- (c) Pastoral Care and Fellowship: Ruth Carlson thanked the congregation for bringing food for the coffee times and luncheons.
- (d) Outreach: Diana Semenchuk thanked the congregation for their great support in Mission and Service and Outreach projects.
- (e) Rock Lake Camp: In addition to the Report, Graham Mann advised that a caretaker would be hired for the camp, and an ad would be placed on the bulletin board. He also advised that the number of youth camps has been increased from one to four.
- (e) Finance and Property: In addition to the Report, Terry advised that the person looking after snow removal has resigned, and a new person will be contracted out for next season.
- (f) Envelope Statistics: Carol Fergus advised that there are currently 8 people on automatic debit withdrawal for payment of church dues, and advised anyone who might be interested in this method of payment to contact her.

(g) Trustee's Report: Scott Owen suggested that the Annual Meeting be held a couple of weeks later than usual, in order to have all his financial information available. He also advised that subsequent to the 2007 Report, another \$700 has been received in the Investment Accounts.

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

Jack Ratcliffe presented his Report, including the 2007 Financial Statement and 2008 Proposed Budget, and answered questions concerning same. In addition to the information contained on the 2007 Financial Statement is the breakdown for the following items:

INCOME:

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| <u>Fundraising:</u> | | <u>Outreach</u> | |
| Apple Pie Sales | \$2,390 | Receipted | \$5,785 |
| Garage Sale | 2,053 | Coffee and Tea | 1,132 |
| Scottish Tea | 1,055 | Marysville Church | <u>100</u> |
| Fall Fowl Supper | 744 | | \$7,017 |
| Men's Pancake Supper | 251 | | ===== |
| Church Calendar Sales | <u>84</u> | | |
| | \$6,777 | | |
| | ===== | | |

EXPENSES

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|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| <u>Outreach</u> | | <u>Capital</u> | |
| Cambodia support Group | \$ 5,600 | Hearing Sound Syst. | \$3,325 |
| Schools' Lunch Program | 1,200 | Telephone Upgrade | <u>113</u> |
| Rev. Dr. Ruth Wright | 398 | | \$3,438 |
| Selkirk Day Grad | 150 | | ===== |
| Marysville Church Prog. | 100 | | |
| L.H. Youth Centre | <u>50</u> | | |
| | \$7,498 | | |
| | ===== | | |

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 CAROL FERGUS. CARRIED

MOTION: That the 2007 Financial Statement be accepted as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Gerda Mann. CARRIED.

MOTION: That the 2008 Proposed Budget be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Linda Johnson. CARRIED

8. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

MOTION: That Bill Bale, Linda Johnson and Scott Owen be appointed Trustees for the 2008 term.
MOVED by Gerry Semenchuk and SECONDED by Ruth Carlson.
CARRIED

9. NOMINATIONS LIST

The Nomination List was reviewed, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.
MOTION: To accept the Nomination List as discussed. MOVED by Ted Giesbrecht
and SECONDED by DON SEATON. CARRIED

The following persons received acknowledgments for their good works upon retiring:

- (a) Carol Spence – a card for her work on the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee as card ministry representative.
- (b) Gerda Mann – a certificate for her work on the Communications Committee;
- (c) Myra Farquhar – a certificate for her work on the Outreach Committee;
- (d) Gerry Warner – a certificate for his work on the M & P Committee;
- (e) Betty Twells Wilson – a certificate for her work on the Outreach and M & P Committees;
- (f) Jim Sirrs – a certificate for his work on the M & P Committee.

10. REVIEW OF CHURCH COUNCIL MODEL

Rev. Jeff Seaton thanked Jim for his diligence in working with the committees through the process of arriving at an accurate reflection of the Church Council, in accordance with the requirements.

MOTION: That the Kimberley United Church Council Model be approved and accepted as presented. MOVED by Ruth Carlson and SECONDED by Linda Johnson. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. A copy of the Kimberley United Church Council is attached to these Minutes.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) Jim advised that there are a total of 20 people who will be helping out with breakfast at 4:30 a.m. for the winter games;
- (b) Jim advised that he will be pursuing another presbytery representative, and/or people who will assist in areas without being a representative.
- (c) MOTION: To amend the date for the Annual Meeting to a couple of weeks later, ie. middle February, in order for Scott to have all his figures available. MOVED by Tom Bethune and SECONDED by Ruth Ratzlaff. CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

Reverend Jeff Seaton closed the meeting with a prayer, praising the committee members for their dedication on their committees.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Minister's Message

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts 2:42, 46-47)

This passage from the book of Acts describes life in the very first church communities of two thousand years ago. Some people have seen in this description the basic ingredients that make a church a church – things like spiritual nurture, through worship and education; and the importance of fellowship, of spending time together, breaking bread around a table.

These basic ingredients of church life are alive and well among us here at Kimberley United Church. Last fall, a number of people from the church attended a workshop in Cranbrook, led by the presenter Alice Mann. During the workshop, Alice asked us to look back over the history of our congregation, from the very early days when the church was founded; through the 'glory days' of forty and fifty years ago; right up into the present time.

She challenged us to find in those disparate periods of time common threads, practices that have been central to our life together as the body of Christ in this particular place. With the aid of historical accounts, as well as the collected wisdom of the group, we were able to identify a number of common threads: the importance of music to our worship life; faith formation, through Bible study, book studies, and the studies undertaken by the UCW; and fellowship, expressed through organised groups, potlucks, congregational events, and friendships formed through church participation.

We wanted to find a concise way of expressing these threads, both to ourselves and to the community around us, the community we are called to serve. The phrase we came up with is, '*Food for the Soul – Friends for the Journey*'. This phrase tries to express in our own language what is most central to our life as a church in *this particular time* and in *this particular place*.

What we seek to be is a place in which people can find spiritual nurture through participation in worship and study and music; but also through engaging with the community around us, and the wider world, seeking to make a positive difference. And we seek to be a loving community, celebrating the joys of life in weddings and baptisms, and in our Celebrations time; but also, accompanying one another through the dark valleys of life, being for one another and for those outside our doors a tangible presence of the love of God.

Food for the Soul – Friends for the Journey: these words now greet all who enter the doors of Kimberley United, letting everyone know what we are about – and reminding us, too!

May God continue to bless all of the ways we continue to serve as the body of Christ in this place.

Rev. Jeff Seaton



Kimberley United Church Council Report for 2008

In 2008, we, as members and adherents of Kimberley United Church have continued together on our journey of faith and have passed several significant milestones.

Rev. Jeff Seaton is now in his second year. A pastoral oversight visit from Kootenay Presbytery occurred in January 2009 and showed overwhelming support for the ministry Jeff is providing for our church and our community. We are very happy to have Jeff and Don as part of our church family.

Our church expanded the visible role we have as part of the broader community. In February we helped provide breakfast for the BC Winter Games, which involved a very early morning for many people. In June, KUC entered a team into the BC Cancer Society fundraising walk. Our church picnic in June was expanded into a block party to which our neighbours were invited. The Christmas cantata was a joint production between our choir and the Kimberley Community Choir. They performed twice in Kimberley and once in Grasmere. We continued to support the Kimberley Helping Hands Food Bank, and provided extra help to pack the Christmas hampers.

Outreach, including local programs, international programs, and Mission and Service, continued to be an important priority for the time, energy, and finances of Kimberley United Church.

Study groups met throughout the year with good participation and enthusiasm.

It has been a difficult year in terms of church finances. The council has some proposals to help us recognize and deal with this issue. The Legacy Fund proposal is designed to clarify how and when we can use our Trustee funds. There are, also, significant budget changes and a planned giving proposal.

As I stated last year, our church congregation depends so much on the contributions of talents and time of many people. A list of these includes music and song, building and yard maintenance, lunch preparation and cleanup, fellowship teas, ushering, visiting, worship leadership, newsletter preparation, fund raising, finances, committee membership, attending meetings, and so on. Thank you all.

*Submitted by Jim Andrews
Council Chair*



WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Worship Committee members 2008: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Michael Jones, Terry Macham, Joyce Jacobson, Joan Giesbrecht, Carol Andrews, Pauline Bethune, Esther Jacobson (Chair)

First and foremost, thanks to all of you who willingly offer your talents:

- in the leading of worship services when called upon
- Joan Giesbrecht for the beautiful banners that enhance the sanctuary
- Anne Jones for the flowers in the sanctuary every Sunday—and with Sandy Kay, the wonderful seasonal decorations for Thanksgiving
- Sandy Kay and helpers for the candles in the sanctuary for Christmas Eve
- Michael Jones and the Christmas Eve choir.

So many people help in so many ways—thank you.

With the generous support of the congregation we were able to purchase “More Voices” for the pews. We have learned several selections from the book, which everyone seems to enjoy.

The picnic on June 15th was a great success with the outdoor worship service followed by a “street” picnic. An invitation to join us for the meal was extended to the folks at the Presbyterian Church. Holding the annual picnic at the church appears to be a better option than going elsewhere, i.e. out of town.

With Rev. Jeff’s leadership, we have been reaching out to other groups in the community. The KUC choir and the Community Choir joined voices to present the Christmas Cantata. We were pleased to have Laurel Ralston and her trumpet at the Nov. 8th Remembrance and Peace Sunday. We hope to have Laurel and other musicians from the community with us in the future. We have joined with All Saints Anglican for services such as the “Blessing of the Palms” in the platzl on Palm Sunday.

Some of us from KU took part in the Service of Lessons & Carols at All Saints and Rev. Jeff assisted with their Communion on Christmas Eve. It is hoped that more services can be shared between the two congregations.

A “Marriage Policy” for KUC has been drafted and presented to Council.

Being that music is an integral part of worship, and choir expenses are usually music related, the choir is now under the budget of the Worship Committee. Any fees received by the choir for funerals, etc. will go to general revenue.

*We are celebrating Communion once a month—the 1st Sunday when possible.

*Worship at the Pines is, for now, the 1st Monday of each month.

*Rev. Seaton leads Bible study at Garden View Village every Tuesday.

*Submitted by
Esther Jacobson*

Outreach Committee Annual Report 2008

*Lord, you give me an open heart to find you everywhere, to glimpse the heaven enfolded in a bud,
and experience eternity in the smallest act of love. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)*

Your Outreach Committee members include Gerda and Graham Mann, Pat Oslund, Joyce Wilkinson, Gail McColl, Ellen Shonsta, Diana Semenchuk and Rev. Jeff Seaton. Arne Sahlen attends meetings as his schedule permits and acts as our liaison with the Khmer Women's Voice Centre in Cambodia.

Social justice ministry, which is the mandate of the Outreach Committee, is an important part of who we are as the congregation of Kimberley United Church. We continue to believe that by reaching out to those in need, by promoting awareness of projects and programs to our congregation, by working with other churches and community agencies and by supporting the KWVC with rent payments that we can and do make a difference. We are grateful for the continued support that Kimberley United provides and pray that all may experience glimpses of heaven in each act of love and stewardship.

In 2008 our committee met eight times, hosted three fellowship teas (St. Patrick's Day, Queen Victoria's birthday, and Halloween), contributed to the Kimberley Food for Kids project through the Food Bank, and Khmer Women's Voice Centre in Cambodia with rent payment. We were very involved in promoting the United for Peace national campaign and the selling of olivewood pins which is both a real support and a sign of hope for artisan families and their communities in Bethlehem. This campaign will continue through Nov. 2009. In March we conducted an M&S church service to demonstrate the work of the Mission and Service Fund to our congregation. Two United Church emergency response initiatives (Myanmar and China) were promoted this past year. Several "minute for mission" items were written to inform the congregation of local initiatives and to co-ordinate with worship during the advent season. During the Week to End Poverty in October the Outreach Committee was instrumental in co-ordinating an ecumenical church service held in the Platzl. The Outreach Committee supported the Spark Youth Centre, Selkirk Dry Grad, and First United (Vancouver) with donations. This year our Christmas campaign focused on local initiatives and we were pleased to present to the Food Bank for distribution an array of items, from socks and underwear to toques and toiletries. All donations were gratefully accepted and appreciated. The Outreach Committee also collects Food Bank items on a monthly basis on the first Sunday of the month. Gail McColl delivers these donations each month.

Rock Lake Camp, a sub-committee of Outreach, will be reported on separately in this annual report. The Tuesday summer outing program, co-ordinated by Myra Farquhar, proved to be very successful with fellowship and fun enjoyed by all the participants. The Scottish tea and the Fall Fowl supper were co-ordinated by Myra Farquhar and supported by Outreach members as fund-raising events.

The congregation of Kimberley United Church must be complimented for their generous contributions to the Church's Mission and Service, and Outreach programs. Only through kind, grateful hearts and a willing desire would this occur. We thank you for your continued support of our committee and these programs.

*In God's Service
Diana Semenchuk
Chair, Outreach Committee*

Pastoral Care and Fellowship Report

The purpose of our committee is to provide opportunities for interaction and social functions. We are responsible for co-ordinating contacts for the church's visitation program, as well as co-ordinating social events and after-worship coffee.

Our committee consists of the following members: Rev. Jeff Seaton, Donna Baldwin, Mary Bergeron, Ruth Carlson, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Corinne Backman and Donna Vander Maaten. Adherants include Pauline Bethune, who helps with Cranbrook visitations, and Lil Child, who helps out with special events. We were also fortunate to have Betty Wilkinson and Wendy Sigvaldason join this committee in December.

Along with visitations, the past year included working with the prayer shawl ministry and offering home communion. Many home and hospital visits were made by members of this congregation. Corrine Backman sent out 107 cards this past year. Pat and Linda Betcher have collected Mark Creek grocery till slips, which gave the church approximately \$170 to \$200 worth of vouchers.

With the help of Pat Oslund, the committee organized Sunday coffee. Mary Bergeron continues to purchase kitchen supplies and organize funeral and memorial luncheons. The committee has also been responsible for kitchen cleaning, and another cleaning day spruced up the sanctuary. Time was also spent planning functions including:

- Spring Fling luncheon on April 15th to honour the choir
- Church picnic on June 15th
- Special 90th birthday party for Alice Geisser
- Women's potluck and candlelight service with help from Barbara Langton and Patricia McColl
- Christmas caroling

Other fellowship events organized by interested people have taken place over the past year. The 78 Bavarian Unit held their 30th reunion in September with a welcome-back luncheon for everyone.

We would like to take this time to give a warm thank you to all the willing help received from outside this committee.

Submitted by Ruth Carlson

Ministry and Personnel Committee 2008 Report

The M&P Committee consists of Linda Johnson, Bev Roberts and Murray Dean.

This past year a survey was presented to the congregation in preparation for the minister's review, which was completed early in January 2009. 18 surveys were returned and compiled into a report. Thank you to all who completed the survey. They were very helpful and appreciated by the committee as well as the minister, Rev. Seaton.

Review of the secretary will be done early in the New Year, as well as meetings with the choir leader and organist. We encourage feedback, concerns, or suggestions from the congregation at anytime during the year. Contact any member of the committee with your comments, which will be followed up as soon as possible.

We would also like to commend all members of the Council and committee members, as well as all volunteers for their work for the church. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all in our church, and we recognize that it is not always easy to juggle jobs and family time with volunteering. We are looking forward to another great year working with staff and congregation.

Submitted by Linda Johnson, Chairperson M&P Committee

2008 Faith Formation Committee Report

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

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 2008.

Historic Roll At this point the records should be up to date. We have two formats, electronic and in the recording book. It was suggested that we develop a new record book, indicating clearly the date of correct information, using the data from the past record and the electronic information. Jeff and Carol Mellor are working on this task and should have it available for the annual meeting.

Archives Some of the members met in February to gather and box up the required materials and sent them to Vancouver for archiving.

Library The initial clean up of the library area was started in October. Our intention is to leave a sign up sheet in the bookshelf. The congregation will be encouraged to take out any books that they wish to borrow and use the honor system in the hope that these books will be returned once someone has read them. We still need to stamp the books as belonging to Kimberley United Church.

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 co-ordinate 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 children participated, when asked by the ushers, to help with taking up the offering. This will be encouraged on a regular basis in the future.

Workshop In November 08 a workshop was held to prepare for the Advent Season. Carol and Louise used the theme Social Justice. Each week a person from a different part of the world was introduced. A garden and a banner helped illustrate how each situation was enriched.

Study Groups Jeff meets weekly with residents at Garden View Tuesday afternoon. A Wednesday evening group studied The New Testament in Spring 2008 and the Fall session was on a book called "The First Christmas". These sessions are very popular with our congregation. There has been some movement to invite people from the community to join these sessions.

This committee continues to explore new resources and ideas for developing our faith. Please contact anyone on the committee with your ideas for the future. We welcome Cory Muir as a member of this committee. Eileen Dean will be chairing the committee for 2009.

Blessings
Submitted by Eileen Dean

Communications Committee Report for 2008

Serving on the Communications Committee for 2008 were Pauline Bethune, Don Seaton and Sandra Warner. As well, under sub-committees, Ruth Ratzlaff co-ordinated Observer magazine subscriptions, and Don Roberts continued as Privacy Act co-ordinator.

In addition to producing four newsletters (Easter, Spring/Summer, Thanksgiving and Christmas) and the annual report, committee members also:

- Maintained KUC's website (www.kimberleyunited.ca)
- Co-ordinated newspaper advertising and publicity in the Kimberley Daily Bulletin/Cranbrook Daily Townsman (cantata concerts, Visions of Nativity, Palm Sunday in the Platzl and the Stand Up and Take Action event were among those publicized)
- Produced a new full-colour church photo directory with IPC Canada Photo Services Inc.
- Instituted an "Observer Buddies" program
- Led one worship service in July featuring an original "Sower & the Seeds" dialogue.

We have enjoyed providing the church community with information and knowledge about the activities and work of the local and the national church.

Submitted by Sandra Warner, Chair

Kootenay Presbytery Report

The spring meeting of Kootenay Presbytery was held April 4 – 6, 2008, in Nelson BC. We were very blessed to have BC Conference President, Rev. Janice Young, in attendance at that meeting. She inspired us with her moving speech "To Reconcile and Make New", discussing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The highlight of this Presbytery meeting was the John Bell workshop which ten members of Kimberley United attended. We were all inspired to broaden our horizons regarding the music at our church.

October 17 – 19, 2008, the Boundary Pastoral Charge (Christina Lake) hosted our fall Presbytery meeting. Kimberley delegates were Rev. Jeff Seaton and Gerda Mann. A Restructuring Task Force had been struck at the beginning of 2008 and, following their presentation and recommendation, Presbytery approved the new structure. We are hopeful that this new organization will result in a more efficient operation.

Upcoming meetings in 2009 are:

- Spring Presbytery: March 27 – 29, 2009, Castlegar BC
- BC Conference: May 21 – 24, 2009, Langley BC
- General Council of United Church: August 9 – 15, 2009, Kelowna BC
- Fall Presbytery: October 16 – 18, 2009, Cranbrook BC

Respectfully submitted by Gerda Mann, Lay Presbytery Rep

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Choir Notes

Kimberley United Church Choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you would like to join us in this musical ministry, we would be thrilled.

Two long-time members of the choir, Margaret Christensen and Joyce Wilkinson, have retired from the choir to sing with the congregation. We are grateful for their many years of choral service.

Joyce Jacobson is our capable conductor and Terry Macham is our accompanist. Terry has also composed several musical selections this year; we are fortunate to have such talent.

The choir joined ranks with the Kimberley Community Choir to sing the Christmas cantata, "The King of Glory." We sang together on Saturday evening, December 12th, and presented the cantata at the Kimberley United Church service on the 13th and, later the same day, at Grasmere. We hope this exciting partnership continues in the future.

We are honoured to sing at funerals when requested.

Many thanks to the congregation for their continuing support.

Submitted by Anne Jones

Choir Financial Statement for 2008

Opening Balance, January 1, 2008: \$343.40

| <u>REVENUE</u> | | <u>EXPENSES</u> | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Dues | \$170.00 | Travel to Grasmere 08 | \$ 73.97 |
| Cranbrook Choir | 250.00 | Travel to Grasmere 07 | 120.00 |
| Funerals (2/3) | 100.00 | Gifts (\$16; \$44.80; \$39.75) | 100.55 |
| Interest | <u>0.10</u> | More Voices CD | 123.20 |
| | \$520.10 | Cantata | <u>478.12</u> |
| | | | \$895.84 |

Revenue plus opening balance: \$863.50

Closing Balance, December 31, 2008: OD (\$32.34)

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| Membership | \$25.00 |
| Shares | <u>7.34</u> |
| | \$32.34 |

Bank Account Closed \$0.00

The closing of the Kimberley United Church Choir bank account is at the direction of the Worship Committee. All future choir expenditures will be Worship Committee responsibility.

Some KUCC notes of interest:

1. The KUCC has been totally self-funded for all music purchases.
2. The new blue gowns were purchased with KUCC funds, each choir member paying \$25 towards a \$200 gown in 1999.
3. The KUCC records date back to 1930 with the purchase of a \$1 ledger. The ledger opened with a \$20 balance and showed \$52 of expenses.
4. The bank account records show that the present account began in 1983 when the account was transferred from somewhere to the Kimberley Credit Union.
5. The ledger will be stored with church archives.

Submitted by Ted Giesbrecht



Rock Lake United Church Camp 2008 Annual Report

As 2008 drew to a close, there still was no resolution to the Rock Lake and Koolaree Camp issue.

The Rock Lake United Church Camp Committee was informed by the Camping and Youth Ministry Team of Presbytery that a unified board (consisting of two Rock Lake reps, two Koolaree reps and an executive) would be created this year. Gerda Mann will be one of the representatives from Rock Lake on this seven-person unified board. To date there has been no further information. Accordingly, we carried on as usual.

The campground is being expanded by 10 campsites this spring. This decision was not taken lightly because we were very concerned about the impact on our small man-made lake. However, a survey of usage over the summer showed that there were never more than 30 campsites in use at any one time. So even with the full expansion of 10 added to that, there would be a maximum of 40 campsites occupied at any given time. The lake will be able to accommodate this added growth.

We are attempting to make the church camp less physically demanding for those who have mobility challenges. We converted Cabin 7 into two rooms with wheelchair access on one side. The public buildings (dining hall, social hall and washrooms) are all wheelchair accessible, as is the Director's Cabin. In 2009 we will once again address the issue of accessibility to the lake. This has proven to be more difficult than we had originally thought, due to erosion in the spring.

The church camp is operating successfully, although this year we had to draw funds from our reserves to cover the costs of upgrading and improvement. The summer youth camps always operate at a deficit (this year our expenses exceeded revenue by \$13,600). We offer camperships to anyone who finds the \$120 registration fee prohibitive.

2009 will bring another year of uncertainty; however, we are operating junior camps during July as usual. The registration fee is still \$120 and, if you are able, we would be delighted to have you sponsor a camper next year. You can do this by making the donation through your Kimberley United Church givings and designating the funds to be directed to Rock Lake Camp. In that way you will be able to obtain a charitable donations receipt for your 2009 income tax deductions.

Thank you for your continued support of Rock Lake Camp and the children who benefit from the camping programs.

Respectfully submitted by Graham & Gerda Mann



KIMBERLEY UNITED CHURCH
STATISTICS

MARRIAGES – 2008

| DATE | NAMES |
|-----------------|--|
| August 31, 2008 | Daniel Bingham Alexander and Carla Lee Demyen |
| May 17, 2008 | Cori Lourine Barraclough and William Patrick Lucey |
| July 12, 2008 | Bohn Alfred Christensen and Sarah Jane English |

BAPTISMS – 2008

| DATE | NAMES |
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| December 21, 2008 | Eric Steven Morrison Gislason |

FUNERALS – 2008

| DATE OF DEATH | NAMES |
|----------------------|--|
| January 26, 2008 | Charles Gordon Matthews - Service – February 5, 2008 |
| February 15, 2008 | Norma Curle - Service – June 14, 2008 |
| April 5, 2008 | Norman Curle - Service – June 14, 2008 |
| August 11, 2008 | Isobel Anderson Agland - Service – August 18, 2008 |
| August 15, 2008 | Herbert Lloyd George Oram - Service – August 23, 2008 |
| September 23, 2008 | Mary Betty Armstrong - Service – September 28, 2008 |

MEMBERSHIP – 2008

| DATE: | NAME | STATUS |
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| June 3, 2008 | Sarah Friesen | Transferred Out |
| December 31, 2008 | Stanley Fisher | Died |

FINANCE AND PROPERTY REPORT – 2008

This past year the Finance & Property Committee completed two major capital projects:

1. Ventilation improvements to the attic space above the Church office area. This was done to help prevent the buildup of ice-dams on the roof which in the past has caused substantial water leaks above the office hallway. To date, this seems to have been effective.
2. Construction of a roof over the main Sanctuary fire exit onto Wallinger Ave. This has been a long-standing safety issue. Snow and ice would spill from the Sanctuary roof onto the fire exit stairs then subsequently freeze making this exit virtually impassable. This problem has been resolved by the construction of a roof over the exit stairs.

The foregoing capital project costs had been included in last year's budget. Unfortunately, we went over budget on capital. This was due to the unforeseen cost of repairs and building security improvements necessitated by a break-in and theft of property that occurred last year. I want to thank Tom Bethune and Jim Andrews for their quick response in helping with this emergency project. I also want to thank Tom for co-ordinating the aforementioned building projects. It should be noted that neither Jim nor Tom are members of the Finance and Property Committee. I also wish to thank all members of the Finance and Property Committee for their dedication and service to Kimberley United Church.

The committee does not foresee any major capital expenditures at this time.

Submitted by Terry Macham, Chairperson

Kimberley United Church Legacy Fund Proposal

It is proposed that the Trust funds of Kimberley United Church, except for the Organ Fund, be consolidated into a Legacy Fund. This will include the Memorial Fund, the Investment Account, and the Checking Account.

The Legacy Fund will be used to further the ministry of the church, neither to be spent wildly nor to be hoarded. The Council of KUC may use the annual income and up to 15% of the capital of the Legacy Fund in such a manner as agreed to by the KUC Congregation at its annual meeting for one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) supporting the ministries of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care at KUC
- (b) supporting the Outreach ministries of KUC and The United Church of Canada
- (c) maintaining or repairing the KUC sanctuary and ancillary building

The Council of KUC will initiate a Planned Giving Campaign to seek and encourage further contributions of cash and other property to the Legacy Fund.

The Legacy Fund shall be governed and managed by the Trustees of KUC, according to the standard of the Prudent Investor as set out in the Trustee Act, with a primary objective of capital preservation, and a secondary objective of income generation.

This proposal is outlined in detail in the document: "**Legacy Fund, Terms of Reference.**" This document is available from Jim Andrews or the church office.

Treasurer's Report for 2008

2008 mirrors 2007 from a financial point of view. We met all of our commitments but had to do so by means of a drawdown from both reserves and cash balance.

Major non-Kimberley United Church direct expenses were M&S \$14,000; Outreach \$6,500 and Presbytery assessment \$3,800. Our capital expenses (total \$8,000) were Sanctuary fire exit cover \$3,000, winterizing organ loft area \$2,200, electrical upgrades \$1,800 and new computer \$1,000.

Many thanks are due:

- Carol Fergus for her very capable record keeping of individuals' contributions.
- Those who organized, carried out and supported our fundraisers.
- Carol Mellor for providing excellent secretarial service.
- Gerda Mann for her computer expertise and provision of financial statement forms.
- Those not on the Finance & Property Committee who assist with usher duties: Jim & Carol Andrews, Laura Bale, Pauline & Tom Bethune, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Dean, Sandy Kay, Graham & Gerda Mann, Gail McColl, Carol & Jay Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Wendy & Steve Sigvaldason, Louise Welsh, and Bob West-Sells & Linda Burchell.

Looking ahead to year 2009

We move into a new phase with the 2009 budget. There is no doubt we cannot continue to spend as heretofore in our rising year-to-year negative operating state. This budget proposes that we continue to properly reward our valued Church staff members, that we adequately maintain our Church building, but out of necessity that we reduce our non-KUC contributions by \$4,500 and do only minimal "capital" work (\$1,000). Even so, we still require a reserves drawdown of \$12,000. This drawdown is within the guidelines of the proposed legacy fund policy. Obviously, this is only a first step as we move to reduce our negative operating position. You will note that we propose a year-to-year revenue increase of \$4,400. This will require an increased effort and commitment by everyone in 2009! Please consider increasing your donations to our Church.

Respectfully submitted
Jack Ratcliffe, Treasurer

Envelope Statistics**Envelope and PAR Statistics for 2008**

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| \$301 - 400 | 11 | \$901 - 1000 | 3 | \$6001 - 7000 | 0 |
| \$401 - 500 | 6 | \$1001 - 1500 | 15 | \$7001 - 8000 | 2 |
| \$501 - 600 | 6 | \$2001 - 3000 | 1 | | |

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| # of envelope and PAR users | 132 | 116 | 100 | 92 | 84 | 82 |

Submitted by Carol Fergus