

Annual Report 2011



Kimberley United Church

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Note: The Trustee’s Report and the Budget are not included in the online version of this report.

Agenda

Kimberley United Church Annual General Meeting for 2011

Sunday, February 26, 2012

- 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 Minutes for 2010 AGM and the special meeting to approve 2010 JNAC report**
- 5. Business arising from the Minutes**
- 6. A look at “WHO”**
- 7. Committee reports**
- 8. Treasurer’s report and adoption of budget**
- 9. Appointment of Trustees**
- 10. Nominations**
- 11. Other business**
- 12. Adjournment**

Annual Congregational Meeting

to review and approve 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Budget

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CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

There being a quorum present, Chair Diana Semenchuk called the 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting to order at 11:21 a.m. She thanked the Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee for the excellent lunch and for setting up the Upper Hall.

The Reverend Jeff Seaton lit the Christ candle and opened the meeting with a very appropriate prayer "At the Turning of the Year" by Jan Sutch Pickard, published in *Going Home Another Way* (compilation ©2008 Neil Paynter. First published 2008 by Wild Goose Publications, 4th Floor, Savoy House, 140 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow G2 3DH, UK.)

Attendance (50): Chair Diana Semenchuk, Secretary Gerda Mann, Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe, the Rev. Jeff Seaton, Jim Andrews, Corinne Backman, Donna Baldwin, Mary Bergeron, Pauline Bethune, Tom Bethune, Pat Bodin, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Dean, Murray Dean, Carol Fergus, Elsie Fisher, Pamela Franklin, Joan Giesbrecht, Ted Giesbrecht, Reg Harmer, Esther Jacobson, Joyce Jacobson, Linda Johnson, Anne Jones, Michael Jones, Laurie Kay, Sandy Kay, Terry Macham, Graham Mann, Howard May, Jackie May, Gail McColl, Greg McDonald, Sheila McDonald, Carol Mellor, Pat Oslund, Jack Ratcliffe, Rose Ratcliffe, Ruth Ratzlaff, Don Seaton, Gerry Semenchuk, Ellen Shonsta, Surina Shonsta, Bill Spence, Caroline Spence, Ursula Trotter, Sandra Warner, Louise Welsh, Bob West-Sells, Linda West-Sells and Betty Wilkinson.

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

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

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA, AS AMENDED

MOVED by Graham Mann and SECONDED by Louise Welsh. CARRIED.

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ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2010

MOVED by Eileen Dean and SECONDED by Joyce Jacobson. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF SPECIAL GENERAL CONGREGATIONAL MINUTES (Organ Renewal Plan) OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

Chair Diana Semenchuk advised that the Church Music Task Group of the Worship Committee and the Trustees meeting referenced in these Minutes is ongoing.

MOVED by Gail McColl, seconded by Sandy Kay. CARRIED.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - NIL

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Each Committee spoke to the written reports and answered questions. The submitted Committee Reports are attached to these Minutes as Appendix "A" on pages AC2011-6 through AC2011-14. Additional comments provided by the Committees were as follows:

- a) Minister's Report (Pg -6) – As Rev. Jeff Seaton is in the process of preparing to leave, he extended his sincere gratitude for the time he has been here. He feels blessed to be in ministry at Kimberley United Church.
- b) Church Council (Pg -7) – Diana Semenchuk extended thanks to God and to each of us for all the work we do and have done. She pointed out that the 2011 Joint Needs Assessment Report contains information on the Environics report which offers some new challenges and opportunities in the coming year.
- c) Faith Formation Committee (Pg -7) – Eileen Dean thanked Carol Andrews for preparing their committee's report this year. She looks forward to working with the new members, thanked the current members and offered special thanks to Carol Andrews, Bill Bale and Louise Welsh for their contributions as they move on from Faith Formation.
- d) Worship Committee (Pg -8) – Esther Jacobson had no additional comment.
- e) Pastoral Care and Fellowship Committee (Pg -9) – Betty Wilkinson reminded us that Eileen Gross will be joining this committee.
- f) Prayer Shawls and Banners (Pg -9) – Ruth Ratzlaff thanked everyone who had knitted prayer shawls. A significant number of shawls have been provided by people from outside the Prayer Shawl knitting circle. She asked that names of the knitters be provided for prayer shawls brought for blessing.
- g) Pulpit Hangings (Pg -9) – Jim Andrews advised that photos of some of the Pulpit Hangings can now be found on our website.
- h) Ministry & Personnel Committee ((Pg -10) – Jim Andrews took this opportunity to thank Carol Mellor for her three years of service as the Church Secretary. He also reminded us that, since Linda Johnson is now employed as the Church Secretary, her position on the M&P Committee needs to be filled.
- i) Outreach Committee (Pg -10) – Graham Mann added that James Weir and his youth-at-risk will be assisting at this year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The date for the Garage Sale will be August to correspond with the Food Bank's sale. Outreach is assisting Gina Panattoni with the StrongStart program by paying for one dinner (\$100).

- j) Planned Giving (Pg -10) – Graham Mann reminded everyone that this has undergone a name change and is now the Legacy Plan.
- k) Rock Lake United Church Camp (Pg -11) – Graham Mann advised that the Annual General Meeting is Sat. Mar 5, 2011, at 11 am in Cranbrook United. Anyone who wishes is welcome to attend. Gerda Mann then informed the congregation that she will be stepping down as Rock Lake representative in February of 2011. She hoped that someone young or young-at-heart would be willing to take on this role.
- l) Presbytery (Pg -12) – Gerda Mann pointed out that Kimberley United will be hosting Spring Presbytery April 13-15, 2012. We will be particularly blessed by the attendance of the Moderator, Mardi Tindal.
- m) Property and Finance Committee (Pg -12)– Terry Macham had no additional comment.
- n) Communications Committee (Pg -13) – Pauline Bethune advised that they were particularly pleased that Don Seaton has agreed to stay on the committee until the end of June. They are pleased that Jim Andrews is joining Communications.
- o) Dessert and Auction Fundraiser (Pg -13) – Sandy Kay had no additional comment.
- p) Church Statistics (Pg -14)– There was no change or additional comment to this report. We were asked to reflect on the lives of our members who are no longer with us.
- q) Envelope Statistics (Pg -14) – Carol Fergus advised that Envelope Statistics include donations plus regular givings which is why the “Envelope and PAR Users” number is not the same as the “Envelope Statistics”.

MOTION: That the Committee Reports be accepted as presented. MOVED by Donna Baldwin and SECONDED by Betty Wilkinson. CARRIED.

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TREASURER’S REPORT AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET

Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe presented his Financial Report (attached to these Minutes as Appendix “B” on page AC2011-15). Regarding the envelope statistics, Jack advised that the number of congregants who are using PAR will be 24 by the end of March 2011. If anyone was missed from the list of counters, he apologizes for the oversight.

MOTION: That the 2010 Financial Report be approved as presented. MOVED by Donna Baldwin and SECONDED by Betty Wilkinson. CARRIED. Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe then presented the 2010 Financial Statement (attached to these Minutes as Appendix “C” on page AC2011-16). In summary as indicated in the Financial Statement, 2010 was a reasonably good year. The 2010 Operating Loss was less than half the budgeted loss and an improvement from 2009.

MOTION: That the 2010 Financial Statement be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Linda Johnson. CARRIED.

MOTION: That a letter of thanks be written to Ted Farrier after the Audit of the Financial Report has been completed. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Louise Welsh. CARRIED.

Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe then presented the 2011 Proposed Budget (see Appendix "C" on page AC2011-16). He commented that this was a particularly challenging Budget because we are being faced with a significant number of unknown expenses associated with the calling of a new minister (salary, moving expenses, search costs, etc.) With a transfer from the Legacy Fund of \$3,700 we will realize a very credible cash balance of \$8,000 to enter year 2012. Without the efforts of those who fund raise and caterers, we would not be this close to a balanced budget. Some questions were received and addressed.

Chair Diana Semenchuk advised the congregation that Council worked diligently to attempt a balanced budget for 2011. Although we are not balanced yet, this has been identified as a congregational goal.

MOTION: That the 2011 Proposed Budget be approved as presented. MOVED by Jack Ratcliffe and SECONDED by Donna Baldwin. CARRIED (Note: Terry Macham, Chair of Property & Finance, abstained.)

Chair Diana Semenchuk extended special thanks to Treasurer Jack Ratcliffe for his work on behalf of the church, Carol Fergus for envelopes and all the committees for their assistance.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees Financial Report is attached to these Minutes as Appendix "D" on page AC2011-17.

MOTION: That the Trustees' Report be accepted, as presented. MOVED by Donna Baldwin and SECONDED by Betty Wilkinson. CARRIED.

As required under Section 258(b) of The Manual of The United Church of Canada, notice was read from the pulpit by the officiating minister during public worship on two consecutive Sundays requesting the congregation to proceed with the appointment of two new Trustees (Graham Mann and Louise Welsh).

MOTION: That the appointment of two new Trustees (Graham Mann and Louise Welsh) and reappointment of existing Trustees (Bill Bale, Linda Johnson and Scott Owen) be approved. MOVED by Eileen Dean and SECONDED by Sandy Kay. CARRIED.

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NOMINATIONS

Chair Diana Semenchuk asked if there were any additional nominations to Council from the floor. Hearing none, nominations closed. The Nominations List was read out for 2011 Council members, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes as Appendix "E" on page AC2011-18. Changes to note are as follows: Communications will lose Don Seaton June 30th and welcomes Jim Andrews; Faith Formation - Pamela Cooper, Catherine Pennington and Gail

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes

to discuss and approve the 2011 Joint Needs Assessment Report

1

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Attendance (42): Council Chair Diana Semenchuk, Secretary Gerda Mann, the Rev. Jeff Seaton, Jim Andrews, Corinne Backman, Mary Bergeron, Pauline Bethune, Tom Bethune, Pat Bodin, Ruth Carlson, Eileen Dean, Murray Dean, Carol Fergus, Elsie Fisher, Joan Giesbrecht, Ted Giesbrecht, Esther Jacobson, Joyce Jacobson, Linda Johnson, Anne Jones, Michael Jones, Sandy Kay, Terry Macham, Graham Mann, Howard May, Jackie May, Gail McColl, Greg McDonald, Sheila McDonald, Pat Oslund, Ruth Ratzlaff, Don Seaton, Gerry Semenchuk, Surina Shonsta, Bill Spence, Caroline Spence, Sandra Warner, Louise Welsh, Bob West-Sells and Linda West-Sells.

Presbytery Representatives: Rhonda Pigott and Pat Ridler.

In accordance with Section 048 of The Manual of The United Church of Canada, Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee representative Pat Ridler took the Chair. There being a quorum present, the Special Congregational Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.

Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) Chair Jim Andrews began by welcoming Presbytery Representatives, Rhonda Pigott and Pat Ridler, to this meeting and thanking them both for their kindness in accommodating the JNAC by attending the various meetings which preceded. He also thanked the members of the JNAC for giving up their time to participate in the Joint Needs Assessment process.

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2011 JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

The congregation had been provided with copies of the Joint Needs Assessment Report (attached to these Minutes as Appendix "A" on pages SG2011-21 through SG2011-32) and extra copies were distributed as needed. To assist the congregation in its deliberations, an overview and some explanation of the process was provided. Questions were put forward and discussion ensued.

MOTION: That the 2011 Joint Needs Assessment Report be approved as presented. **MOVED** by Jim Andrews and **SECONDED** by Sandy Kay. **CARRIED.**

Abstained: the Rev. Jeff Seaton

Jim Andrews thanked the congregation for its vote of confidence, allowing the church to complete its Joint Needs Assessment in such a short time. He again thanked Rhonda Pigott and Pat Ridler for their assistance in expediting

this process. Rhonda Pigott extended her compliments for the organization exhibited to complete this process in such a timely fashion.

MOTION: That Kootenay Presbytery declare a vacancy in Kimberley Pastoral Charge. MOVED by Jim Andrews and SECONDED by Gail McColl. CARRIED.

Abstained: the Rev. Jeff Seaton

MOTION: That the Joint Needs Assessment Committee be dissolved with the thanks of the congregation and the Council. MOVED by Jim Andrews and SECONDED by Graham Mann. CARRIED.

Abstained: the Rev. Jeff Seaton

MOTION: That a Joint Search Committee be struck, currently consisting of the following individuals: Sheila McDonald, Gale McColl, Catherine Pennington, Howard May, Terry Macham, Louise Welsh and Suzanne McAlister, together with two Presbytery Representatives. MOVED by Jim Andrews and SECONDED by Eileen Dean. CARRIED.

Abstained: the Rev. Jeff Seaton

Jim Andrews advised that, if anyone else were interested in becoming a member of the Joint Search Committee, additional members would be welcome; however, a reminder was given that in order to be on this Committee, it is a requirement to be a member of the Kimberley United Church.

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ADJOURNMENT: Chair Pat Ridler adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Pat Ridler, Chair

Gerda Mann, Secretary

Minister's Message

***“Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new,
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.”***

More Voices # 115

This simple refrain, written by John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland, has been circulating in my memory as I've been thinking about the year 2011.

This past year has been a year of surprises, changes and transitions for our Christian community as the result of Christ's essential call and our response in our journey of faith together.

The year began with an unexpected surprise when the Rev. Jeff Seaton shared his decision to seek a change of pastoral relationship. In due time, and with gracious good wishes, Jeff (and Don's) ministry was celebrated with a gala farewell party.

July became a period of transition between paid accountable ministry personnel and was a reminder of the gifted lay leadership in this congregation.

The last five months of 2011 has been a time of welcoming me as your new minister, and getting to know one another and strengthening our new pastoral relationship.

Experts in the field of church viability and change theory say that successful churches are those that are good at adapting to changing situations. This means not only adapting to changes in ministry personnel but also being creative and responsive to changing congregational and community needs. I believe that Kimberley United Church is such a church.

In the midst of change the one thing we can say with certainty is that God is with us guiding, sustaining and creating new ways for us to respond with faith-filled action.

Between the covers of this Annual Report you will see signs of a healthy congregation that has faithfully and creatively responded to God's call to ministry as members of the Body of Christ.

While I review the past year a sense of hopefulness and eager anticipation envelops me. I celebrate, with you, the accomplishments of this past year and look forward to the opportunities, challenges, growth and new discoveries yet to come as we continue our journey of faith together.

*May God bless us on our journey,
Christine Dudley*



Kimberley United Church Council Report to the Congregation 2011

Yearly we submit to the congregation for its consideration reports of the life and work of our pastoral charge. The Annual Report 2011 is this documentation.

As you read this report it will be very evident that our faith community continues to serve God, each other, and the Community of Kimberley using gifts that are freely given. My thanks to each of you who so readily give to make Kimberley United the loving, welcoming community of faith that it is. 2011 was a transitional year for us. We said good-bye to Rev. Jeff and Don Seaton with blessing knowing that their call was to Trinity United in Vernon. We also welcomed Rev. Christine and Jody Dudley who graciously offered their gifts of ministry to us.

Over this past year Council used the congregational responses in our Needs Assessment survey to consider three goals.

1. Engage new members, especially younger families.
2. Explain to the broader community what Kimberley United Church is all about.
3. Work towards sustainability and a balanced budget.

These issues were very important to our congregation and are always at the forefront of our endeavors as a council and a church.

In the year to come,

Let us serve God with gladness.

Let us cooperate with God's creative world.

Let us sense, in the world around us, the loving power of our Maker.

Since no day is any day but by the grace of God, let us receive each morning as a gift, each evening as a promise.

The peace of Christ be with us and within us.

Diana Semenchuk, Council Chair

Worship Committee

Members: Rev. Christine Dudley, Michael Jones, Carol Andrews, Terry Macham, Joan Giesbrecht, Pauline Bethune, Esther Jacobson.

Special Services in 2011 included:

Easter: Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday“ including a Sunrise Service.

June 19: Church Picnic.

June 29: We say goodbye to Rev. Jeff and Don Seaton.

Aug. 7: We welcome Rev. Christine and Jody Dudley.

Oct. 3: Blessing of the Animals @ 2 P.M., on the church lawn.

Oct. 16: Covenanting Service for Rev. Christine @ 2:30 P.M.

Oct. 30: All Saints Sunday.

Advent & Christmas: Thanks to Carol Andrews for helping Christine to coordinate the planning workshop on November 12th.

Nov. 27: 1st Sunday of Advent.

Dec. 18: Cantata Sunday.

Dec. 21: Service of the Longest Night.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve“ with special music and candle lighting.

Dec. 25: 10 A.M - Worship Service at KUC.

11 A.M - Worship Service at Garden View Village.

Choir: The choir was joined by 6 members of the Kimberley Community Choir as well as Jody Dudley, to present the Christmas Cantata “Unto us a Child is Born”, written by Terry Macham. The choir presented the Cantata in Invermere on Dec. 11th, at KUC and in Grasmere on Dec. 18th

Communion celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, circumstances permitting, alternating between seated (traditional) and Intincture (stations). We are always looking to add more names to the server list. The sign-up sheet is on the wall in the upper corridor.

Pines Special Care Home: Worship Services are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 A.M. (Unless the 1st Monday is a Statutory Holiday— then it is usually the 2nd Monday). Rev. Christine has also taken over the Memorial Services that are held every 2-3 months.

Thanks to **Joan Giesbrecht** and **Carol Andrews** who create the beautiful hangings for the Sanctuary. Your talents are amazing.

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

Thanks to Pauline Bethune for organizes the scripture readers.

The committee is very grateful to everyone who offers their time and talent to help in planning and/or leading Worship. Thank you.

Esther Jacobson.

Faith Formation

Members: Eileen Dean, Catherine Pennington, Rev. Christine Dudley, Bob West-Sells, Cory Muir, Pam Franklin, Michelle Fuhge

Faith Formation has the responsibility of maintaining historical records and providing Christian Education to all members. I have been chair of FF for many years and over this time have had full support from its many members. I am removing myself from this committee, but will continue supporting United 4 Kids if needed.

This past year has seen many changes on the committee. Bob West-Sells has moved away, Catherine Pennington, Pam Franklin and Michelle Fuhge are fulltime working Mom's and support United 4 Kids as well as attending church as time permits. I have appreciated their input, enthusiasm and contacts to United 4 Kids. They feel that this is their commitment to Kimberley United Church.

Faith Formation will have a "different look" in 2012 and I will support KUC in this transition.

Baptisms

Rev. Christine Dudley held baptisms (and baptismal prep sessions) for Broden William Nault and Yvette Marguerite Nicole Nault.

Study

Rev. Jeff Seaton led an afternoon lectionary study at Garden View until his leaving.

Rev. Christine Dudley has continued this practice since her arrival in August. Five Week Book Study Group- "God Has A Dream" by Desmond Tutu saw approximately 12 people attend in the Fall.

Sharing Story Time

Rev. Jeff Seaton and Rev. Christine Dudley did the Sharing of Stories during the church services. There were also quiet activities provided for the children during the service. During the December Advent season Sunday School activities were held in the Upper Hall for the children. Thanks to the members of the congregation who took a turn helping with the special children's Advent program.

United 4 Kids

Four events were provided this year and all were well attended. This year we added a **Pumpkin Carving** Saturday at the end of October which was a hit with all the kids.

The **Spring Planting** (could be held at a later date as weather and lack of participants wasn't very successful). **Summer Day Camp** and **Advent Activities** saw many young families participate. Their enthusiasm and attendance show that we are providing a need in our community. Thanks to members of KUC for helping out with these activities - especially the Pastoral Care and Fellowship committee who always provided a hearty lunch.

Eileen Dean

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Members: Rev. Christine Dudley, Betty Wilkinson, Donna Sanche, Ruth Carlson, Jacquie May, Carol Mellor, Diana Semenchuk, Barb Streich, Corinne Backman, Donna VanderMaaten, Lil Child

This committee provides opportunities for interaction and social functions. We are responsible for coordination 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.

- Ruth suggested a Bottle depot fundraiser, which has been successful. We also held a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser. These fundraisers offset our expenses.
- Carol Spence collects Mark Creek Grocery till receipts, which gives the church vouchers.
- We do a total cleaning of the kitchen twice a year.
- Corrine Backman has sent our 76 cards this past year.

Time was also spent planning the food for, or volunteering at, functions including; Spring Fling lunch, Teddy Bears picnic, Church picnic, Day Camp, Welcome Back for congregation and choir, Covenanting Service, Halloween Fellowship Tea, Pumpkin carving with the children, Women's Candlelight supper, Untied for Kids activities.

We also work with the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Betty Wilkinson

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues at Kimberley United Church. Prayer Shawls are presented and blessed Sunday mornings throughout the year. 40 Prayer Shawls were given in 2011 to people in need of comfort or to others who are celebrating special occasions.

We continue to welcome anyone interested in making the Prayer Shawls.

Books, patterns and knitting needles are available at church.

Thank You for your continued support of this ministry.

Ruth Ratzlaff

M&P Report

Members of M&P: Jim Andrews, Murray Dean, Bev. Roberts

This committee represents the congregation in dealing with the staff of the church. We meet with 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

Outreach Committee: Gail McColl, Sheila McDonald, Pat Oslund, Gerda Mann, Diana Semenchuk and Joyce Wilkinson.

My special thanks go to members. Their dedication to Outreach during the past year produced outstanding results. All members have agreed to remain on this committee in 2012. We are always looking for additional helping hands.

2011 ended on a very positive note. All eight planned Outreach programs were successfully completed. Our promise to raise added funding for our Church by organizing a Garage Sale exceeded our \$2000 forecast. The Khmer Women's Voice Centre program was brought to a delightful closure knowing that they are now self sufficient. Kimberley Kids Food Cards, Selkirk Dry Grad, Camperships for Rock Lake, Spark Youth Centre, Homeless Support, StrongStart Supper Program and our monthly Food Bank collections were all greatly appreciated by their respective recipients. We plan to continue with six of these same programs in 2012 and one new International and one new local community program, at no increase in costs to our Church. Our ever-popular fellowship teas will continue, bringing joy to many of our community friends. New ideas for fun fundraising programs will start with our new monthly Secret Silent Auction and new weekly "Tables Can", both in the Upper Hall. A Children's Variety Show on May 12, 2012, in the sanctuary is being organized by Sheila McDonald.

Thank you for your continued support of the Outreach programs as we start an exciting 2012.

Graham Mann

Communication

Members: Jim Andrews, Ruth Ratzlaff, Jody Dudley, Catherine Pennington,

Pauline Bethune. United Church Observer: Ruth Ratzlaff

This committee informs the congregation and the community about the life and work of KUC.

Webmaster Jim Andrews invites us to visit our web page

www.kimberleyunited.ca for the latest news about the activities and people of Kimberley United Church. Jim reports there are "more than 100 visits per month to see pictures from church events, to read recent sermons, and to find the schedule for upcoming events. Movies from the Christmas Cantata were posted to YouTube and this link was visited more than 80 times. There are now links to older Newsletters and Annual Reports so you can read these." If you are planning any church function and want publicity on our web page, please send information to Jim at **jjmandcarol@me.com**

Other duties of Communications committee: Newsletters, compiling Annual Report, placing ads for regular and special services in Kimberley Daily

Bulletin/Cranbrook Townsman, assisting committees with posters and print advertising for fund raisers and congregational events.
 United Church Observer subscriptions were renewed in the fall.

Pauline Bethune

Planned Giving (Legacy Plan) Annual Report

Members: Jim Andrews, Barb Langton, Rev. Christine Dudley, Graham Mann

My sincere thanks is extended to my fellow members for their support and contribution.

Barb Langton attended a Stewardship workshop in Burnaby. Barb shared with our Council much of the information that she gained from her participation on the meaning and value of developing a stewardship leadership committee at Kimberley United. She was joined at this workshop by our good friend Jane Harding, the United Church Gift Planner. 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.

This year we added to Jane's inserts a reminder that you can make your gift directly to the Kimberley United Church by contacting your Legacy Fund representatives: Jim Andrews, Barb Langton or Graham Mann. I was delighted to receive a call from a very interested member who was considering how to best handle a family bequest. They knew **why** this gift would benefit our church but in this case it was the **how** that required some answers.

Plans are currently underway to develop a stewardship committee to study and share with you all the valuable information obtained by Barb. They hope to put more fun in the true meaning of stewardship to share with you all in 2012

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

Property and Finance

Members of the 2011 Property and Finance Committee: Bill Bale, Tom Bethune, Murray Dean, Carol Fergus, Gerry Semenchuk, Terry Macham, Jay Mellor and Jack Ratcliffe.

For the past year the committee's activity was largely confined to routine maintenance of the Church building. However, one project that was carried out in 2011 was the replacement of all the fluorescent fixtures in the Upper Hall. The replacement fluorescents are a newer high efficiency type that will provide improved lighting with lower power consumption. We have also applied for a grant from BC Hydro that will cover a portion of the materials cost of the project. Kitchen light fixtures were also replaced. Tom Bethune monitored this lighting installation and took care of the BC Hydro grant application on our behalf.

Tom Bethune has decided to step down from the committee in 2012. Thank you, Tom for your active participation and dedicated stewardship. All other members of the committee have agreed to stay on for 2012. Thank you, all. I also thank our contractors: Bjorn and Laurie Hagland, janitors; David Weiler, snow blowing; and Don Tooze, electrician. And I would certainly be remiss in not thanking Jodi Dudley for helping to keep the Church entrance and sidewalks clear of snow and ice buildup - a seemingly endless job this winter.

Terry Macham

Kootenay Presbytery Report

Presbytery Representatives: Gerda Mann, Sandra Warner

Kootenay Presbytery represents the coming together of all the pastoral charges of the United Church of Canada in both East and West Kootenays. In 2011, our two semi-annual meetings were both held in the East Kootenay, with a spring conference March 18 to 20 hosted by Windermere Valley Shared Ministry in Invermere, and the fall conference hosted by Knox United Church in Fernie October 14 to 16. As well as Rev. Jeff Seaton at the spring conference and Rev. Christine Dudley at the fall conference, these meetings were attended by lay reps Sandra Warner and Gerda Mann, along with member at large Ted Giesbrecht and Rev. Barbara Langton.

A highlight of the Invermere conference was learning a bit about how a shared ministry (United and Anglican) works. At the Fernie conference, attendees enjoyed a workshop led by B.C. Conference personnel minister Treena Duncan on the theme of Building Trust and Sacred Relationships.

At the end of June 2011, both Kimberley and Cranbrook United Church congregations said farewell to their ministers, Rev. Jeff Seaton in Kimberley and Rhonda Pigott in Cranbrook. Rev. Christine Dudley began her ministry with Kimberley United a month later, and her covenanting service was held in October immediately following the fall Presbytery conference.

Sandra, along with Jane Clarke from Fernie, has represented Presbytery on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee as well as the Search Committee of Cranbrook United Church. Those meetings have continued into 2012. Sandra has also served on the Justice and Peace team at Presbytery.

It was announced in 2011 that United Church of Canada Moderator Mardi Tindal will attend the 2012 spring conference of Kootenay Presbytery, which will be held at Kimberley United Church April 13 to 15. Coinciding with the spring conference will be a workshop entitled Strengthening the Skills of Circle in Congregational Life.

Gerda has announced her resignation from Presbytery, which means there is an opening for another lay representative from Kimberly United. Kootenay Presbytery is grateful for Gerda's work on the Support for Pastoral Relationships team during the past four years.

Sandra Warner

United Church of Canada Survey

What does the United Church of Canada look like in 2011?

How does Kimberley United compare?

In anticipation of the General council, the United Church has been doing some study of the identity and vision of the people who make up the church. Last May we were encouraged as individuals to participate in an **on line survey conducted by the Jane Armstrong Research Associates**. The results, which may not surprise regular church attenders, indicate the commitment church people have to their church and their faith.

Some of the highlights from the report:

The church is central to the lives of the people who completed the survey. The church community is not, as some would think, just a community center but is a place where actions done in community are at the center of the people's faithfulness.

United Church people respect other paths to God. Ecumenism is one of the attributes that people like about the United Church. Also, while not evangelists in the sense that they try to increase their numbers by converting people, two thirds report talking about their faith to a non-church goer.

Those surveyed see themselves as travellers on a spiritual journey in which the transformative power of prayer is a significant factor.

United Church people across Canada feel a greater sense of membership in their local church rather than in the national church. That said, there is a significant attachment to the denomination and respect for the different opinions held by leaders in the national church.

While the church has made a commitment to become intercultural and diverse, not all members feel equally at home and not all are full participants in decision-making and governance. **Of note, in our own congregation there is a lack of comfort in expressing opinions and participating in meetings. Like most of the people surveyed, people are more comfortable in one on one and small group settings.**

While the majority of those surveyed were older, the writers do not believe that the demographics signal an end to the church. There are a number of new people joining the church in the 30 to 45 age group. There are also youth, ages 11 to 29, involved in the church who are dedicated to searching for meaning in their lives and are profoundly progressive and open.

If you wish to review the full study, contact Diana Semenchuk.

summary written by Louise Welsh

An article in the February issue of The United Church
Observer
(pp. 35-37) also discusses this survey.

Rock Lake United Church Camp Report 2011

2011 was again a busy year for Rock Lake Camp. Several facility upgrades were completed. Special thanks to the 17 youth and adults who attended the Spring Clean-up on May 14, 2011. Two big jobs completed at the Clean-up were the staining of cabin #1, porches, railings and fire pit benches as well as the clean-up of many larch branches that had fallen during the winter. We also extend special thanks for the generous campership donations from our supporters.

This year's major project was the renovation of the hospital. A new sub-floor replaced the old rotten one, foundation cracks were filled and waterproofing was done. Interior dividers were changed, walls and trim were painted and a laminate floor installed. Also, a new metal roof was installed on cabin #6 – finally all the roofs are metal! Tiling was installed in the boys and girls showers and the laundry room was updated. Improvements were made to the road, flagpoles and campground garbage collection system.

Rock Lake United Church Camp Society operated Camp Praise July 17-23, 2011, with 34 campers: 20 boys and 14 girls. The East Kootenay United Church Women's Retreat was a great success under the able leadership of Carol Andrews from September 11-15.

2012 is a United Church of Canada accreditation year for Rock Lake Camp so we shall be showing our visitors our property and operations. The next BCCA (British Columbia Camping Association) accreditation will take place next year, 2013. The camp passed the recent Health Inspection.

Our committee is grateful for another successful year at Rock Lake United Church Camp and we thank you for continuing to contribute to the stewardship of this special part of Creation.

Mark your calendars for the Junior Co-ed Camp (Camp Frog) which will be held July 22-28, 2012. Contact: RockLakeCamp.BC@hotmail.com; Camp Directors Kevin & Melissa Travis at 403-273-3792. **Visit our new website www.rocklakebc.com**

Graham and Gerda Mann



Kimberley United Church Statistics

Present KUC membership is 122

Marriages 2011

Donna Baldwin and Gabe Sanche June 19, 2011

Funerals 2011

Edith Irene Trenholm d. Feb. 13, 2011; Service: Feb. 18, 2011

Lloyd Ryan d. Sept. 6, 2011 Service: Sept. 10, 2011

Roderick Fraser Clark d. Nov. 20, 2011 Service: Dec. 14, 2011

Baptisms 2011

Broden William Nault, Baptism August 14, 2011

Yvette Marguerite Nicole Nault, Baptism August 14, 2011

Membership 2011

Jacqueline May Transferred from Pine Falls, Manitoba

Howard May Transferred from Pine Falls, Manitoba

Donald Seaton Transferred to Trinity United, Vernon, BC

Envelope Statistics for 2011

0 - \$100.00 = 36	\$901 - \$1000.00 = 6
\$101 - \$200.00 = 11	\$1001 - \$1500.00 = 11
\$201- \$300.00 = 14	\$1501 - \$2000.00 = 8
\$301 - \$400.00 = 8	\$2001 - \$3000.00 = 8
\$401 - \$500.00 = 5	\$3001 - \$4000.00 = 0
\$501 - \$600,00 = 6	\$4001 - \$5000.00 = 1
\$601 - \$700.00 = 4	\$5001 - \$6000.00 = 2
\$701 - \$800.00 = 5	\$6001 - \$7000.00 = 1
\$801 - \$900.00 = 2	\$7001 - \$8000.00 = 2

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

The following list consists of the regular envelope users as well as 24 members of the congregation that have chosen to use PAR for their method of contribution. These numbers are for all donors in 2011 and includes those who have left the congregation during the year (moved or deceased)

	Year: 2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
# of envelope and PAR users:	132	116	100	92	84	82	80	86	79

Carol Fergus - Envelope Secretary

Trustee's Financial Report

Treasurer's Report for 2011

2011 was one of Kimberley United Church's better years from a financial point of view. Our operating gain of \$2,793 compares very favourably with 2010's loss of \$4,800 and the 2011 budgeted loss of \$4,300.

Regular Offerings were up \$3,400 from 2010 and Rentals were up \$1,300. Special Holiday Offerings (3) were down \$1,100; Fund Raisers down \$1,400 and Other Revenue down \$1,200. This nets to Revenue being \$1,000 above 2010 actual and \$2,100 above budget.

Operating Expenditures were \$5,400 below 2010, \$3,700 below budget. Major budget savings were: Salaries & Benefits (Rev. Christine Dudley's experience placed her higher on the salary grid than Rev. Jeff Seaton but this was more than offset by no minister on the roll for the month of July); Insurance down \$1,200 (professional appraisal cost in 2010); Church Operating & Maintenance down \$900 (non-capital electrical maintenance in 2010).

We drew down the budgeted \$3,700 from the Trustees' Legacy fund. After Capital Expense (Upper Hall, Office Hall and Kitchen lighting upgrade \$2,920) we had a very respectable closing bank balance of \$13,202. All obligations and commitments were met.

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

Apple Pies Sale	\$3,158	Purdy's Chocolates Sale	\$531
Garage Sale	2,509	Pastoral Care Committee Lunch	442
Cookie Walk	1,205	Men's Pancake Supper	409
Scottish Tea & Bake Sale	1,066	Bottle Returns	202
Fall Fowl Supper	1,003	Church Calendar Sales	139
			Total: <u>\$10,664</u>

Many thanks are extended 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 forms.
- Those not on our Finance & Property Committee who performed after church service offering counts and bank deposit preparation: Jim & Carol Andrews, Laura Bale, Pauline Bethune, Eileen Dean, Esther Jacobson, Linda Johnson, Sandy Kay, Barbara Langton, Graham & Gerda Mann, Diana Semenchuk, Louise Welsh, and Bob & Linda West-Sells.

In summary, a reasonably good year but nothing to be complacent about. We are still in a structural deficit position, drawing down instead of building up our Legacy Fund for scheduled and unscheduled upgrades and major repairs. We thank you for your financial support of Kimberley United Church as we continue our journey.

Jack Ratcliffe, Treasurer

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