

Gander Pastoral Charge Annual Report 2009

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

Lately, the articles I've been reading, the daily inspiration emails I've been receiving and the scriptures I've been searching have had a common theme. The question has centered around a common question that can be asked in many different ways, "Can you be a Christian on your own?" How often have you heard people say, "I can worship God as well at the cabin or on the golf course or at the hockey rink?"

Blending two of the sources I recently found - RUMORS, Ralph Milton's e-zine for people of faith with a sense of humour and John Ortberg's reflections from his newest book "The Me I Want to Be" - have led to this summary of my findings.

"Can you be a Christian on your own? The answer is a resounding "No!", because your flourishing is never just about you... God designed you to flourish so that you could be part of God's redemptive project in ways that you otherwise could not. You are unique and you have unique gifts to offer. God wants you to flourish so that people can be encouraged, gardens can be planted, music can be written, sick people can be helped, or companies can thrive in ways they otherwise would not. When you fail to become the person God designed, all the rest of us miss out on the gift you were made to give.

We have a great many people who have flourished in love and service, offering their gifts within this family of God, in this particular location, as part of the Gander Pastoral Charge. Whether they serve as leadership behind the scenes on committees; accept the opportunity to read the Word of God; sing praises from the choir loft; teach the old story of God's enduring love in new and exciting ways in Sunday School; care for grieving families through funeral ministries; carry out a ministry of prayer in the Men's Group; or visit the hospital or homes as ambassadors of Christ and representatives of the church; there are many people generous with their gifts as they continue to grow into the people that God has designed them to be.

While there are lots of good ministries taking place already, there is always so much more we can do to flourish as parts of God's redemptive project. How is the church or community flourishing because of you? What unique gifts has God planted in you that would help our community bloom?

I crossed paths with an ad for Bell Aliant Bundles last week and their slogan caught my eye because it fits the current theme beautifully. Aliant Bundles - "Together is Better!" In the same way, on the Gander Pastoral Charge - "Together is Better!" The committed volunteers who already serve the church and community deserve thanks for their care and dedication. Over the last six and a half years, I have appreciated the varied ministries that we have shared together. It is true that together we have accomplished so much more than anyone could individually as we sought to share the Good News of

hope, peace, love and joy born through our faith in Jesus Christ. It is when we lose our focus in that mission of Christ that we begin to lose our togetherness.

Together IS better and you will continue to accomplish more for Christ and the church as you stay together and work together, each offering your unique gifts, especially throughout the Joint Needs Assessment Process. This process is meant to include maximum involvement from the people on the charge, so when questions are asked and opinions are sought, make your voices heard and your dreams made known. Make sure that you participate in the process as decisions are made regarding the ministry priorities of this pastoral charge and your particular congregation. Together you will make good decisions that will serve this charge and make it flourish as you seek to hire a new ministry team. May you be blessed in all your future endeavours as you work together as the church in your community and around the world.

In Christ's Ministry,

Rev. Stephanie

CHURCH DIRECTORY 2009

Minister	Rev. Stephanie McClellan
Secretary	Sylvia Burry
Caretaker	Geof Wells
Organist	Karen Nevin
Senior Choir	Karen Nevin
Men's Choir	Karen Nevin
Handbell Choir	Doug Nevin
Guitar Group	Ken Slaney
Accordion Band	Frank Tibbo
UCW President	Marion Stratton (Fellowship Unit) Wanda Dooley (Genesis Unit)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chairperson	Bonnie Adams
Vice-Chairperson	Dr. Patrick Kean
Secretary	Ken Slaney
Treasurer	Amanda Hollett
Session	Betty Hodder
Christian Development	Paula Waterman
Ministry & Personnel	Don Sweetapple
Outreach & Social Action	Vacant
Finance	Claude Hender
Stewardship	Kerry Harris
Communications & Membership	Oswald Anstey
Property	Cal Lane
UCW Fellowship Unit	Veneta Anstey/Vacant
UCW Genesis Unit	Cheryl Melindy
Member-at-large	Max Bussey
Member-at-large	Gerry Newhook
Youth	Vacant
Minister	Rev. Stephanie McClellan
Benton Representative	Genevieve Osmond
Glenwood Representative	Ted Northcott/Maxine Barbour
U.C.W. Glenwood	Vacant
West District Representatives	Rev. Stephanie McClellan Veneta Anstey & Betty Hodder Geof Wells & Melissa Kinden
Gander Alternate	Marion Stratton
Glenwood-Appleton Rep	Diane Best
Glenwood-Appleton Alternate	Michelle Stuckless
Benton Representative	Genny Osmond

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Don Sweetapple Chair Roland Forward
Marlene Way David Cheeks
Genny Osmond Diane Best (Secretary)

SESSION

Betty Hodder Chair Bonnie Adams Jean Brown
Marion Stratton Dianne Anderson Ken Slaney
Vicki Lear Margaret Hender Winnie Roebothan
Marilyn Boone Nancy Wright Geof Wells
Rev. Stephanie McClellan

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Paula Waterman Chair Rev. Stephanie McClellan
Marilyn Boone Juanita Andrews
Lorraine Elliott Melissa Kinden
Blair Sparkes Jennifer Langdon
Geof Wells Kim Cheeks

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Caleb Lane Chair Al Bartlett Joe Blake
Bill Burry Neville Burt Secretary John Butt
Ches Carter Gerry Clouter Joe Cull
Lewis Dawe John Dyke Hiram Elliott
Everett Green Barry Hicks Hardy Hopkins
Eric Murray Jim Robbins Eric Sheppard
Ken Slaney Joe West
Geof Wells Facilities Manager

FINANCE COMMITTEE COUNTERS

Jim Robbins	Hiram Elliott	Gerry Clouter
Hardy Hopkins	John Dyke	Lindsay Fraser
Claude Hender	Maude Goulding	Betty Ireland
Marue Smith	John Elliott	Neville Burt
Don Curnew	Melvina Brett	David Clouston
Wayne Oates	Roy Jenkins	Jean Jenkins
Cator Brown	Jean Brown	Gerald Newhook
Daphne Hanrahan		

COMMUNICATIONS-MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Oswald Anstey Chair
Jim Robbins
Hiram Elliott

COMMUNICATIONS-ZONE REPRESENTATIVES/ALTERNATES

Bonnie Adams	Curt Coles	Roy Jenkins
Joe Cull	Gary Adey	Sandra Knight
Shirley Byrne	Stella Best	Lewis Dawe
Jim Robbins	Eric Bishop/Courtney Vivian	Geneva Crowell
Melvina Brett	Hiram Elliott	Evelyn Sexton
Jean Greening	Marilyn Feltham	Ken Slaney
Betty Borziskowski	Jack Fox	Edna Thorne
William Burry	Frank Tibbo	Joanne & Lloyd Burt
Ewart Tibbo	Terry Hollett	Sheila Woolfrey
Kevin Waterman	Gerald Clouter	John Elliott
Murray Osmond	Gertie Matthews	Winslow/Elizabeth Lambert
Al MacLean	Lindy Elliott	Joe Rideout

SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS

Joe Blake
Eric Simms

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CHURCH COUNCIL/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman	Vice Chairman
Treasurer	Secretary
Chair Session	Chair Ministry & Personnel
Glenwood Representative	Ministers
Member-at-Large	

WEST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

(Gander)	Alternates
Rev. Stephanie McClellan	Marion Stratton
Veneta Anstey	Ross Williams
Betty Hodder	
Geof Wells	
Melissa Kinden	

(Glenwood-Appleton)	
Diane Best	Michelle Stuckless

(Benton)
Genny Osmond

LOON BAY REPRESENTATIVES

Vickie Lear

CEMETERY REPRESENTATIVES

Max Bussey
James Freake

SCOUTING GROUP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Blair Sparkes

MARRIAGES

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH GANDER

Mar 26 Matthew Newman Ryan **WHEATON** & Kerry-Ann Jeaninne **BUKER**

June 26 Justin Simon **MORETTI** & Carla Eugenia **PIKE**

June 27 Todd Sheldon **HODDER** & Danielle **SOGNO**

July 25 Douglas Kenneth **RANDELL** & Sarah Jane **FRENCH**

September 25 Christopher Boyd **BLANDFORD** & Brianne Maureen **WHITE**

October 3 Derek Todd Lewis **RYAN** & Lisa Nadine **GRANT**

October 10 Richard Todd **PERRY** & Carrie-Lee Joyce **BENNETT**

FIRST UNITED CHURCH GLENWOOD-APPLETON

NIL

FIRST UNITED CHURCH BENTON

NIL

BAPTISMS

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH

January 25	Kenny Gerald GILL
January 25	Autum Faith OLSTAD
January 25	Madison Nicole HAMLIN
May 24	Carter Gregory SEABRIGHT
May 24	Faith Destiny Jasmine ROSE
May 24	Callie Joyce GOODYEAR
June 28	Amanda Lee BILLARD (adult)
July 26	Geneva Mary Lynn COLLIER
July 26	William Andrew Easton MORETTI
August 9	Cadem John MURPHY
August 23	Zachary Byron BLACKMORE (received by Blessing)
August 23	Kelson Edward Sheldon BLACKMORE
August 30	Ryan Christopher BURRY
August 30	Ava Bethany CLARKE
August 30	Rachel Mary Leann HISCOCK
September 27	Lily Carol BAKER
December 27	Alaina Melinda Marilyn RUDOLPH

GLENWOOD

May 3	Liam Shayne ROWE
August 30	Morgan Katherine MULLETT
December 27	William Reginald Dennis GILBERT

BENTON

NIL

**FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH
2009**

CONFIRMATION

Kylie Sharron **BUSSEY**
Paul Ryan **CLOUTER**
Andrew Patrick **KEAN**
Adam Stanley **TREMBLETT**
Kerry Jarvis **HARRIS**
Amanda Lee **BILLARD** (Adult Baptism)

RECEIVED BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

NIL

REMOVED BY TRANSFER

Bruce Howard **RIDEOUT** to LaScie, NL
Sheila Lorraine **RIDEOUT** (Cross) to LaScie, NL
Amanda Joy **RIDEOUT** to LaScie, NL
Dorothy Camill **BAKER** (O'Leary) to Mulgrave, NS
Elsie **JOHNSON** to Little Catalina, NL

REMOVED BY DEATH

Viola **ROSS**
Frederick Todd **ADAMS**
Isabella **SULEY**
Todd Sheldon **HODDER**
Florrie **MILLS**
Veneta **ANSTEY**

GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 22, 2009

The Gander Pastoral Charge met in the Church hall following morning worship for lunch, followed by the Annual meeting. The meeting started at 1:10 p.m. There were 54 people in attendance.

Rev. Stephanie McClellan opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by an in memoriam for those members who passed away in 2008. Bonnie Adams read the names of those people as Dianne Anderson lit candles in their honour.

Appointment of Chair and Secretary:

Nominations were made for these two positions. John Elliott was nominated for Chair and accepted. No further nominations. Bonnie Adams was nominated for secretary and accepted. No further nominations.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: It was moved by Neville Burt and seconded by Max Bussey that the minutes of the February 3, 2008 meeting be accepted. **Motion Carried**

Motion: It was moved by Gerry Clouter and seconded by Ted Northcott that the minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting be accepted, **Motion Carried**

NOMINATION REPORT FOR 2009:

We had to go to the Nominating Report right away because we have a new Treasurer and we need to have this accepted before she can give her report.

Council Chairperson Bonnie Adams

Vice Chair Pat Kean

Secretary Ken Slaney

Treasurer Amanda Hollett

Session Chair Betty Hodder

Ministry and Personnel Don Sweetapple

Christian Development Paula Waterman

Membership and Communication Oswald Anstey

Finance Chair Claude Hender

Stewardship Kerry Harris

Outreach and Social Action Vacant

Property Cal Lane

Member-at-Large Max Bussey

Member-at-Large Jerry Newhook

Youth Representative Vacant

Benton Representative Genny Osmond

Glenwood/Appleton Representative Ted Northcott

UCW Representative (Fellowship Unit) Veneta Anstey

UCW Representative (Genesis) Sheryl Melindy

West District Representatives:

Gander: Rev. Stephanie McClellan, Veneta Anstey, Geof Wells, Melissa Kinden, Betty Hodder ,
* Ross Williams.

***** Ross Williams was nominated and accepted the position as West District Rep. at our**

meeting but it was discovered after the meeting that Betty Hodders' name was left off the list which meant there was no vacancy to be filled. Ross will now act as an alternate. An *amendment will need to be made here and we apologize to Ross for this mistake.

Alternates: Marion Stratton

Ross Williams

Benton Representative: Genny Osmond

Glenwood/Appleton Representative: Diane Best

Alternate: Vacant

Board of Trustees(new this year): Cal Lane, Tony Foote, John Elliott, Max Bussey, Eric Simms.

* Claude Hender(Chair of Finance) explained that the Board of Trustees usually consists of a group of 5-7 people who keep Church records and make sure all documents are in order. They ,also, do the signing if we borrow money.

*At this time we called for a Chair for Outreach and new Session members but no nominations were accepted.

MOTION: It was moved by Gerry Clouter and seconded by Ewart Tibbo that we accept the Nomination Report for 2009. **Motion Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING:

Auditor: Don Sweetapple has agreed to audit our books again this year, Thank you , Don.

Treasurers Report: Amanda went over the Treasurers report in the docket, which all members had . She has just taken on this new role and we thank her for that ,also, many thanks to Tony Foote our outgoing treasurer for his many years of service.

Amanda explained that for next year she will break the expenditures down so everyone can see what goes for things purchased for the church.

Annual Reports:

All reports were circulated to all families prior to this meeting. Committee chairs were present to respond to any questions members may have. All reports were open to the floor for discussion.

The following comments and questions were put forward:

* Scouting: Blair Sparkes said, we have a wonderful Scouting program taking place here at Fraser Road. We have 96 youth registered in this program, the largest group in Newfoundland. The leaders of this program are certainly to be commended for their work and dedication.

* Anniversary Committee: This committee was commended on for the wonderful job they did and many thanks was offered.

* Youth Group: Betty Hollett was thanked by them for her years of service ,
No further comments .

Finance --- Budget 2009:

Claude Hender, Chair of Finance, explained the budget was done the same as last year with two scenario's in mind. Scenario #1 assumes we have one ordained minister with some assistance. Scenario #2 assumes we have two full time ordained ministers. He noted that, Pulpit Supply is reported in the Session budget, while Congregational ministry is in the M&P budget.

He spoke of landscaping the grounds and paving the parking lot. The cost is estimated at \$100,000. The budget provides for \$30,000 to be raised and the rest to be borrowed through a Capital Assistance Loan and from West District Reserve Fund, from past experiences we feel our

congregation will rise to the challenge. This, of course, will leave our church with a debt to repay so each subsequent budget will provide funding for interest plus principal until it is paid off.

A new item "Reserve" has been added to the budget this year. This is calculated from surpluses accumulated.

Claude, also, passed out a Budget Addendum. It was concerning our furnace/heating system which is encountering severe mechanical problems.

Issue: Should we attempt costly repairs or replace the system.

Recommendation: Replace the furnace with a smaller more energy-efficient one to heat the Sanctuary and complete the installation of electric heating in the church basement and the 2009 budget be increased by \$20,000.

MOTION: It was moved by Max Bussey and seconded by Gerry Newhook that we accept the Budget Addendum and recommendation for a new furnace and electric heat in the basement.

Motion Carried

MOTION: It was moved by Shirley Price and seconded by Joe Cull that the budget be accepted as presented . **Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation: Flowers were presented to Maude Goulding . She has been doing our docket for us for more than 30 yrs. Thank you, Maude for this tremendous service you have been providing for us all these years.

Courtesies: Neville Burt thanked all groups for the work they have done and continue to do. He told them to keep it up, it is very much appreciated.

John Elliott thanked Rev. Stephanie for all the extra effort she has put in, being the only minister on the charge for the past two years. Many thanks.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Betty Hodder and seconded by Gerry Clouter that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. **Motion Carried**

Benediction: Rev. Stephanie McClellan

CHURCH COUNCIL

On behalf of your Church Council I extend best wishes to all for 2010. May God Bless you all!

Your Church Council meets on the third Monday of every month at 7 pm.

- In 2009, we took on a major project at Fraser Road United Church to up-grade our grounds and to extend and pave our parking lot. The grounds are completed, however, the paving had to be postponed due to weather conditions but will be completed early in the spring. Thank you so much for your financial support towards this project and we pray for your continued support in the year ahead.

- We also put in a new furnace in the Sanctuary and installed electric heat in the basement.
- We continue to have a tremendous Scouting program, thanks to the many committed volunteers who offer their time and talent to this program. Their dedication has made it the great success that it is.
- We continue to support community events by providing free space---such as, meeting space for Alcoholic Anonymous, a venue for the Kiwanis Music Festival and for the Food Bank with their Christmas hampers.
- We have many activities taking place during the week for groups of all ages--- a Parents 'n Tots Program, Women's Time Out, Sign Language for Adults and Children and a Youth Group. We also have Sunday School on Sunday mornings. Many thanks to all the people involved in running those programs.
- We have many singing and musical groups--- Senior Choir, Men's Choir, Handbell Choir, a guitar group and an accordion group. Thank you to the leaders of those groups, also.
- Thank you also to our UCW groups who continue to amaze us with their tremendous showing of support in every way.

To all the members of our congregation, many thanks for your continued support in 2009. Let us go into 2010 continuing to celebrate God's presence in our lives as we worship and work together. May God's Blessings be upon you all.

Bonnie Adams
Chair

SESSION

Our session meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the church hall except for summer months of July & August. We are looking for new members, the only requirements are full membership in the United Church and membership on historic roll of Fraser Road.

We have a total of 14 members. We had one youth resign because of school commitments and we thank Jillian very much for her faithful service and contribution to the work and worship of Fraser Road. We added three new members: Nancy Wright, Evelyn Forward and Winnie Roebathan, and we welcome them as we continue to serve the church.

We had several baptisms, marriages and transfers in and out. These are all recorded in the front pages of your docket by our very capable secretary.

Lay Visitation still continues at Lakeside Homes ,Nightingale Manor and James Paton Hospital. We would like to thank these people for their continued support. We are always looking for people to help. If you can spare a couple of hours once a month we will greatly appreciate it. This would make fewer visits for everyone.

Communion is served on a regular basis on the first Sunday of each month and is available for home or institutions if necessary. Baptism is on the last Sunday of each month or at other times if necessary. A ten day notice is required prior to baptism.

We greatly appreciate the services of ministers and lay people who have helped us this past year - Rev Oake, Gander; Rev Walkins, Botwood; Rev Elliott, Lewisporte; Rev Stuckless. Gambo; Glenn Keefe; Bonnie Adams; Roy Jenkins; Church choirs; UCW Fellowship Unit; Mr Carl Arnold, Hare Bay. To the Choirs, Genesis UCW, Youth Group & Sunday school for their Christmas Music and programs and to leaders of the Sing Along one Sunday evening per month thank you so much.

At this time we would like to thank all our Session members who helped out so much during this past year:

- Dianne Anderson for scripture readers
- Ken Slaney for ushers (we need someone for this for 2010. This person does not have to be a member of session)
- Margaret Hender & chancel committee
- Gertie Matthews for coffee hours
- Marilyn Boone for arranging acolytes
- Graham King and helpers for the funeral ushers
- For all Session members who helped with communion at a moment's notice

We were very fortunate to have Glenn Keefe complete his discernment process and had his conference interview. His candidacy is dependent upon successful transferring courses and completing some academic courses. However he has been in contact with a university and is working on getting these requests taken care of.

A special thank you to the choirs and Karen our director, and to all soloist and musicians who so greatly gave of their time to fill open spaces when choirs were unavailable and extra people were needed. Also. Thank you to Rev Stephanie for her work during the year especially since we have only one Minister on staff and not sure when this will change. Last but not least, a special thank you to the members of Session who have been so good to me this past year and were only a phone call away and to Geof who has been a tower of strength to me, God's blessing to you all.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Hodder
Chair

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

The Ministry and Personnel Committee has dealt with several issues over the past year. Due to confidentiality these issues cannot be disclosed but I can report our committee made great progress in helping resolve the issues.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their valued input during the past year in assisting with the carrying out of our mandate.

Our committee is ready to face the challenges of the coming year as we seek replacements for Reverend Stephanie McClelland and Sylvia Burry, as both will be leaving during this year.

As a reminder, the Ministry and Personnel Committee has the responsibility of addressing the concerns of all paid employees of our Charge whether they are presented by these employees or from a member of our congregations. In addition, for a concern to be addressed it has to be received by our committee either in writing or by the person providing the concern attending one of our meetings. We meet at least four times per year but will meet more often if issues arise. Our goal is to be a willing participant in everyone's concerns by listening and assisting with guidance individually as well as through other committees, if need be.

We are very positive about the future of the Gander Pastoral Charge and will commit our services to its success.

Sincerely yours,

Don Sweetapple
Chair

COMMUNICATIONS & MEMBERSHIP

The Communications & Membership Committee made three deliveries in 2009 which included two financial statements and the church envelopes.

The committee would like to extend a sincere thanks to all the Zone Representatives for the great job they did this past year. Through their efforts our deliveries are made in an efficient and prompt manner. We hope we can count on you again in the coming year. Anyone new who would like to help out can contact the Church Office.

We are once again reminding all to continue checking our church website for any announcements, events, photos, etc. Our website address is www.unitedchurchgander.ca

Respectfully submitted,
Oswald Anstey
Chair

PROPERTY

Folks, welcome to 2010. It is my hope and prayer that this year you will find the spiritual peace and contentment that is only found in serving the Lord.

Not much happened in property in 2009 except for the big ticket items; that is, the installation of a new furnace, re-landscaping the lawns, and the shaping up of our parking lot.

The new fuel-efficient furnace now heats only the top floor of the church. The basement portion is being heated by electricity (completed today). Each room in the basement has its own heater with individual thermostats so that any room that's not occupied at the time can be adjusted to DOWN-TIME temperature. This was done to provide better heating control. It is hoped that this will provide a saving in energy consumption but only if closely monitored by users..please. Another aspect of this project will be the installation of a door complete with closer at each end of the corridor to prevent the migration of heat to the cooler areas. This will be done as soon as the materials can be purchased. Many thanks to Jim Robbins, Hardy Hopkins and Ron Cooze, our resident electricians, for their advice, time and effort. Their work saved us many dollars in labor.

The re-landscaping went well. All the old sod, complete with its weeds, was completely removed, fill placed where needed and graded to a more manageable slope, topsoil placed and then the sod was laid. Due to work that the Town was doing, and it got sort of late, the areas facing Fraser Rd will have to be tweaked in the spring. We now have to make sure the grounds are well cared for. To this end property intends to set up a maintenance schedule for liming, fertilizing and mowing and make sure it is followed. To accomplish this not only the property members will be called upon to perform, we will expect any church member who is able-bodied to come out to assist us. So YOU may be called. Think of it as recreational. With the proper maintenance we should not expect see any further weeds, especially the ones with the "beautiful yellow flowers". All-in-all, by mid summer you should see a marked improvement in the grounds.

I know many of you are as disappointed as I am that we did not get our parking lot paved. It was a call on the side of caution as we had extremely wet weather. The ground was saturated which did not make for good compaction. However, all was not lost as we did get our drainage system in place and, after the torrential downpour we had in mid-summer, we were able to see where we needed extra work to handle the run-off. The extra work included a curb to Brochen Street, two extra catch basins and a french drain piped to flow into our drainage system. The french drain extends along the rear of the proposed paving as far as grading permitted. With over the winter settlement we should see if we need any more corrections before the black "gold" goes down. Then I hope that we will have better accomplished our main goal.

Another project, that seems to have passed under the radar with not too much fanfare, is the new flooring in the "parlor". This project was initiated and completely funded to the tune of \$3000.00 by the Social Club. This is a tremendous effort in support of the church property and makes the parlor a more pleasant and liveable place to be. This club has been in existence for more than twenty years. Initially formed to fund the purchase of our piano it has persevered over the years with a meeting every month to plan recreational activities for its members and has funded many others projects around the church through the years. So hats off to the "Social Club". Thank you.

Thank you to our Facilities Manager. This guy never ceases to amaze me with his helpfulness, resourcefulness, talent and patience. Geoff makes my job as chair a tolerable situation. I am glad to be associated with him.

I want to thank the Finance Committee for providing the funding and support for projects we have completed. Many thanks to you for the support you have shown through your extra givings this year. It is gratifying to see. And, lastly but not least, thank you to this committee's members for your support. I had hoped the parking lot could have been completed this year so that I could take an "e x t e n d e d" sabbatical (like forever - it's getting tough for an old feller) but there being no "aspirants" I have agreed to sign-on again until there are, or until the parking lot is completed, whichever is shorter. It has been a pleasure and a real living experience to have served.

Sincerely yours,

Caleb Lane
Chair

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

Christian Development has continued to strive to address the Christian education needs of our church community. This is accomplished through collaboration with our minister and the support of our dedicated adult volunteers.

It has been a "banner year" for us in that our predominant focus, our youth, have gained additional leadership:

- The Youth Group has three new leaders, Bonnie Kyritsis, Kevin Stiles, and Mitch Smith, who have come forward to volunteer their time and talents to a group that has continued to increase in size and grow in their faith together. We are grateful for the leadership of Marilyn Boone and Betty Hollett, former leaders of this dynamic group which was begun nearly seven years ago.

- We are also grateful to our Sunday school superintendent for many years, Kim Cheeks, who stepped down and then came back and filled in for us again last year. This year, Jennifer Langdon has graciously agreed to fill that position for us. She has the backing of Alvina Kent and Amanda Hollett as well as a dedicated group of Sunday School teachers. They are a competent and creative group, as demonstrated by the incredible Christmas concert that was presented to a large and very appreciative audience

Christian Development has taken on two new initiatives this year with regard to our Sunday morning services. We are developing a small library of gospel CD's to provide a few minutes of background music before the organ prelude begins. We have also begun serving coffee and muffins the second Sunday in the month **before** the service. This provides those who cannot stay for the regular monthly coffee hour an opportunity to avail of that fellowship.

Overall, Christian Development has had another busy and eventful year. Any observations, comments, or suggestions are always welcomed and appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Waterman
Chair

YOUTH GROUP

Amongst all of our regular youth programming on Wednesday Nights, our youth have been getting attention for their spiritual commitment that has led to lives of faith in action.

They worship with us regularly, they make a joyful noise during band practices (and really are quite talented!) They visit at Lakeside and they offer leadership in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. They have been involved in worship leadership and offered their gifts at special services like the Memorial Service for Cougar Flight 491, using just one example.

A highlight of programming each year is our week at Loon Bay Camp where they worship, play, have fun and revel in the joy of friendship with God and each other. The adults who make that camp possible are adored by our teens and their love and influence has always held a special place in the hearts of our kids. That devotion was never shown so fully until the youth turned up en masse at the funeral home to say goodbye to their dear friend Veneta and support her family in their grief or as they sat together to celebrate her life the next day. Tears shared together. What an honour and a tribute to the special relationships that are formed within this family of God.

Through special fundraising events like, The M&S Valentine Sing-O-Grams, the 30 pieces of Silver Meal during Holy Week and yard sales and car washes, they have raised money and contributed to global causes that have helped to change the world around them. They've been sharing the Good News of God's love and giving hope to the recipients of their generosity and inspiration to the people on this charge as we watch them live out their faith.

Some letters have been received this year commending our special youth and it is worthwhile, heartening and appropriate to share them with you now both to congratulate and encourage our youth, but also to thank those who support them in their endeavours. Tributes and testaments to love and faith in action. Good news youth stories to celebrate and honour!

Sept 2009 SAFE PASSAGE, Guatemala
Dear Fraser Road United Church Youth Group,

On behalf of the children and families of Safe Passage, we want to say THANK YOU for your generous donation of \$700. This is fantastic!! It is always inspiring to hear about young people getting involved with the greater community and the world to benefit others. It sounds like you did a lot of work to organize this event. I hope it was fun too. Thank you for choosing Safe Passage to receive this wonderful gift! As you probably know, we have expanded our programs to include parents and additional children this year. With the worldwide economy being what it is, this could not have come at a better time!

Thank you for all that you do to make a difference in the lives of our children! We can't wait to have you come to Guatemala as a service team.

Best Regards,
Betsey Andersen
US Director, Safe Passage

November 2009 WORLD VISION
Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation! The items you ordered through the World Vision Gift Catalogue will soon be working to bring health, hope and self-reliance to needy children, families and entire communities all over the world.

You have donated \$1,380.91 towards the most meaningful gift anyone can offer - hope for life in all its fullness. I hope you'll be encouraged, knowing the lasting changes you are helping to bring about.

We are so grateful for your partnership with us. May God bless you for your very tangible gift of hope.

Sincerely,
Dave Toycen
President, World Vision

Your donation to World Vision:
\$1200.00 - One Stable filled
\$ 80.00 - Extra Piglet
\$ 0.91 - Where most needed
\$ 100.00 - Extra Goat

October 2009 GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE
Dearest Youth,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you on behalf of our Church Council to let you know how proud we all are to have such an active Youth Group in our church. The activities that you involve yourselves in do a lot to strengthen our local, national, and international church. To be such ambassadors of mission and service at such an early age speaks volumes as to the fine adults that you will become.

Projects like the purchase of the stable in Africa at \$1380.91, and others that we know of, show us that you love and care for others as God loves and cares for you, and for all.

We are so very proud of you all. May God always richly bless you and your leaders by making all of your wildest dreams come true and "Long may your big jib draw!"

God Bless You!

Ken Slaney
Secretary, Gander Pastoral Charge Council
Report submitted by Rev. Steph

FIRST UNITED SCOUTING

It's been a great year for Scouting at First United. With 123 registered in the program in 08-09 we had the largest group in Newfoundland. For the current year 09-10, our numbers have leveled off and this year we have 94 youth and 23 leaders for a total of 117 in the program. In February the group participated in a number of activities as part of Scout-Guide week. Then in May we had our annual Trees for Canada day and clued things up for the year with the year end banquet. In September things got started early and the groups participated in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup as we have done for the past several years. In October we had our Apple Day as well as our largest fundraiser of the year, our popcorn drive. The group also participated in the Remembrance Day service in November. Some meetings were missed due to H1N1 but by December things were back on track.

Our 2 Beaver Colonies have kept active during the past year. A diverse mixture of outside activities, community visits and in house meetings including hikes, campfires, sliding, family beach party, RCMP visit, and a pirate camp has provided for a fun filled program for all to enjoy. The section visited the Golden Legion Manor at Christmas time, had Halloween and Christmas parties, and had overnight camps both at the church hall and at Camp Hancock. Feedback from both parents and members continue to be positive and from the planned events for 2010 our Beaver program should remain an exciting adventure for our youth.

For the Cub pack it has been a busy year as well. In January they worked hard on their Cub Cars for the annual Cub Car rally held during Scout-Guide week. This was followed up with Winter camps at Camp Hancock where they learned several important outdoor skills. Badge work rounded out the year before their big summer camp. Both packs attended the Provincial Jamboree at Camp Nor' Wes in June. Lots of exciting activities including canoeing, hiking, and different games filled the time. Starting up again in September the Cubs were quickly out at camp again lighting fires and cooking their own meals.

The Scouts had a great Winter with camp in March where they built their own shelters and slept outside. Also during this time they worked on their compass and knot skills and completed several badges both as a group and on their own. There was a Spring camp in May where some of the third year Cubs attended to give them a taste of what to expect in Scouts. The Scouts then attended the Provincial Jamboree in June where they did some hiking, compass work, canoeing and other fun activities. In September our numbers grew over the previous year and our group is back up to twenty members. For the Fall camp they hiked to the site of the Sabena plane crash. There were a number of outside hikes and activities during the Fall as well as some nights dedicated to badge work. Before Christmas they had a wake-a-thon which is turning into an annual event. The boys had a blast.

Of course none of this would be possible without our volunteer leaders and group committee members to keep things going. It is with their support that the group continues to do as good as it does and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all. Our continued success is no doubt a reflection of the excellent work they do. Once again this year we have one of the largest groups in the province. The benefits to the youth we have involved in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are significant and the contributions made by Fraser Road United Church and its congregation are fantastic. Thanks to all.

In Scouting,

Blair Sparkes
Chair, Group Committee

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH SENIOR AND MEN'S CHOIRS

The Senior and Men's choirs at Fraser Road United Church had another enjoyable year singing anthems and providing hymn singing support to the congregation. From the beginning of September to the end of May we rehearse on Wednesdays. The Men's choir rehearses from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm and the Senior choir rehearses from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The usual schedule has a 3 week rotation between the Senior choir, the Men's choir, and the Handbell choir. Occasionally throughout the year all the choirs get together to present special music to our congregation, with frequently all choirs singing an anthem together. Such examples are the Easter Sunday, the Choir Memorial service, the Choir Christmas service, and the Gander Ministerial Christmas Foodbank service.

Our numbers have remained somewhat consistent, there are usually about 27 members of the Senior choir and 12 members of the Men's choir. We are always open to receiving new members, if you like to sing and would like to give some of your time to the church, and would like to be welcomed in a fun social group, then choir is the place for you! No experience necessary! You can contact the church office for more information.

This past September we were sad to receive a letter of thanks and notice of retirement from the Senior choir from a long time devoted choir member. Lenora Fox-Noseworthy retired as a member of the Senior choir after 50 years of participation. Such examples of dedication to any one group are rare, and we were blessed to have Lenora as a member for so long. We miss you Lenora!

Thanks to each and every choir member for your hard work and acceptance of your responsibility as a choir member. I know there are times (in the middle of the winter for example!!) when it is a lot easier to stay home and curl up in a blanket on the sofa, yet you still pull on the boots and jacket and head out to practice. Thank-you for your dedication!

Thanks also to our Board and members of the church for your ongoing support and expressions of thanks for our singing. We really do appreciate it!

Karen Nevin

ACCORDION BAND

This report covers 2009, our third year. (Our band was formed on April 2, 2007)

During 2009, we joined with the Guitar Group and others to perform in the "Great Big U.C. Concert" in February. We continued to visit Lakeside Homes, the Golden Legion Manor and Nightingale Manor, performances which last approximately an hour.

During the fall of 2009 we responded to a request from the Lions Club to play for them during one of their special events.

We have continued to learn new selections, both sacred and secular, and have expanded our repertoire to more than 80 pieces of music.

We usually meet on Thursday evenings in the Choir Room.

Frank Tibbo

GUITAR GROUP

The Guitar Group have not met since November of 2009. Leader Ken Slaney had some medical issues and had to pause all music activity for a while. However, Ken is on the mend and it is expected that the Group will start up again soon. When it does, we look forward to regular weekly practices at 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm on Thursdays in the choir room located in the church basement. There are 15+ members in the group and they play traditional hymns, folk, and country music. Each year there's a variety concert conducted by the Guitar Group in the church hall to raise funds for some need in the church or the community. Also, the group plays at a number of venues around Gander and, in particular, the seniors complexes. Old Fashioned Hymn Sings are always a favorite performance along with Christmas carols. The Guitar Group has been formed since 2001 and continues to provide a lot of enjoyment and entertainment for Group members as well as for the Fraser Road congregation and the Town of Gander. If anyone needs any information regarding the Guitar Group and their activities, they can contact the group leader Ken Slaney at 256-4286.

Best Wishes for 2010

The Fraser Road United Church Guitar Group

Members:

Ken Slaney	Gerard Noseworthy	Shauna Matthews
Rodey Burt (Keyboard)	Randy Breen	Roy Snow
Caleb Lane	Gerald Buffett	Sylvia Burry
Bob Healey	Frank Tibbo	Vickie Lear
Joyce Tibbo	Ewart Tibbo	Margaret Hender
Carol Sturge		

SOCIAL CLUB

This year the club was once again saddened by a death of a member. Veneta Anstey, who was our secretary for what seemed like forever, passed away suddenly. She was very enthusiastic, dedicated and contributed much to the enjoyment of the club. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Oswald and her family.

The club was formed in 1982 and has contributed much to the financial and sociality of the church. This year 50 new chairs were bought, a value of \$2600.00; another \$3000.00 was contributed to install flooring in the church hall parlor; plus contributions were made to various charities, donations to the church in memory of deceased members and supported a needy family for Christmas.

Each month, except summer, club members meet and enjoy a social evening with members taking turns in providing entertainment. We also arrange outings to places of interest. This is done mostly through our "in house" travel consultant, Roy. Thank you Roy. The club also accepts responsibility for folding the church bulletins and decorating the church Christmas tree.

I would like to pay tribute to past chair-persons and organizers for keeping the club strong and vibrant, doing much for the morale and support of the church.

New members will indeed be welcomed. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship the club provides. May you have a prosperous and healthy 2010.

Allan Bartlett
Chair

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH WOMEN GENESIS UNIT

2009 provided Genesis with another year of friendly, wholesome meetings. We shared devotions, programs and always delicious lunches. Our main aim is to be overall supportive to each other and the church as a whole.

We would like to welcome Ruth Cheeks to our group making us 17 members strong.

Our executive remains:

President:	Wanda Dooley
Vice-President:	Marilyn Feltham
Treasurer:	Laura Tibbo
Secretary:	Mary French
Sunshine Girl:	Marilyn Boone

Fellowship Unit joined our March social where we all arrived dressed as Hobos. Games, songs, great food and bonding of both UCW groups were some of the highlights of the evening.

We enjoyed a wonderful evening at Marilyn Feltham's B&B in Eastport on Oct. 16, 2009. This was very enriching. Thank you Marilyn for the great venue.

Our commitment to do two functions yearly at Nightengale was interrupted by the H1N1 virus. The fall function had to be cancelled, however we plan to do one in the New Year. Since most of our members have daytime jobs, it is much more feasible to do evening events with them.

Activities Genesis was involved in:

- Donating \$600.00 to the church
- Visiting Lakeside Homes, JPM and Nightengale Manor
- Help cater to funerals
- Do the Vesper Service
- Provide Ushering when needed
- Clean the kitchen
- Donate to the Fall Bazaar
- Provide choir at the confirmation service
- Decorate the church for Christmas
- Several members sit on various committees and groups of the church, i.e. Regular Choir, Hand bell Choir, Session, Christian Development and Youth Group

Our commitment in 2010 is to provide more "Helping Hands" to the Fellowship Unit.

Many Blessings and good Health to all.

Respectively submitted

Mary P. French
Secretary

**FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)
FELLOWSHIP UNIT**

Our group meets on the third Tuesday of every month with the exception of June, July and August.

Each meeting begins with the repeating of our purpose followed by an appropriate worship. Usually the worship centres around each month's special events and appeals, etc. The business period follows. Then the persons responsible for our program follow with some interesting project, video, games and occasionally a guest speaker.

All our local UCW groups in the West District alternate with Fall rallies. There we get to meet old and new members and we all enjoy a day of fellowship together.

From October 2 - 4, 2009 several of our members attended a Gathering of our West District locals for three days at Camp Emmanuel, Lewisporte. About 200 members attended. There we enjoyed interesting talks, music and fellowship with our fellow members of the District.

We presently have 41 members on our roll, 30 of whom are Life Members. Our average attendance is 29. We were very sorry to lose seven members during 2009. One of these members moved to another community to live; six were removed through death and are respectfully listed as follows:- Viola Ross (January); Ruth Lacey and Belle Suley (June); Elsie Thornhill and Florrie Mills (July); Veneta Anstey (September). These were faithful and dedicated members of our group and helped in many ways to keep our group active and operating. An amount of six hundred dollars (\$600) was donated to the church in memory of these members.

Life membership pins and certificates were presented to Abbie Adams and Jean Harley for their many years of service and commitment.

Worship and Programs presented from January - December 2009 were as follows:-

January 20 - Time is a Gift from God
February 17 - Guatemala children and families working in the Guatemala City dump.
(Video)
Safe Passage (education opportunities)
March 24 - Guests of Genesis Group
April 21 - The Church of Christ - Guest Speaker, Isabel Blackmore.
Topic - "Hard of Hearing"
May 19 - The Holy Lands - commentary & video by Dianne Anderson
Sept. 22 - Beginning a New Season
October 20 - The Season of Autumn
November 17 - We will Remember Them.
December 15 - Christmas Dinner. Worship Theme "You Can't Keep Jesus in the Nativity Scene"

Community and Church Activities:-

- 1.Participated in ecumenical service at Lakeside Homes.
- 2.Supplied sandwiches for Kiwanis Music Festival.
- 3.Visited sick and shut-ins with treats at Christmas time.
- 4.Participated in the World Day of Prayer Service at St. Martin's Cathedral.
- 5.Helped with the "Sale of Daffodils" for the Cancer Society.
- 6.Supplied tea and coffee for the Co-op's Annual Meeting on April 27.
- 7.Supplied 15 trays of cookies to the Breast Cancer Retreat May 8-11.
- 8.Helped serve at the Scouting Banquet on May 26.

9. Conducted worship for the 11 a.m. church service on Oct. 18 (West District Sunday)
10. Ushered at church services.
11. Made alternate monthly visits to Lakeside & Nightingale Homes for worship and lunch.
12. Provided lunch after funerals for UCW family members and others on request.
13. Helped with Gander Academy breakfast program.
14. Contributed monetary gift to Youth Group to attend "Worship Matters to Youth" at Loon Bay Camp.

Donations Made:-

1. Church operating expenses
2. Mission and Service Fund
3. Lakeside Homes
4. Kiwanis Music Festival
5. Stella Burry Fund
6. Cara House
7. Loon Bay Camping Centre
8. Janeway Hospital
9. Central Health Foundation
10. Girl Guides
11. Fraser Road Scouting
12. Vacation Bible School
13. West District UCW
14. Memoriams for deceased members.

Fund Raising:-

1. Three Afternoon Teas
2. Bakeless Bake Sale
3. Wake-a-Thon
4. Fall Bazaar
5. Loonie Plates

Our members work tirelessly for the benefit of our church and community in various ways. We would gladly welcome new members with new ideas to help make our group as interesting as it can be.

To all our congregation for your generous help over the past year we extend a BIG thank you. Also, to our custodian, Geof, for his continued and past help.

We look forward to a successful 2010.

Respectfully submitted

Ida Winter, Recording Secretary

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH WOMEN FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009

Balance January 1, 2009		\$ 685.75
INCOME		
Membership Offering	1233.35	
Membership Fees	165.00	
Loonie Plates	318.00	
General Donations	255.00	
Lenten Donations (M&S)	131.25	
Funeral Receptions	985.00	
Wake-a-thon	748.25	
Afternoon Tea (March)	1453.50	
Afternoon Tea (April)	1225.95	
Afternoon Tea (September)	1279.05	
Bakeless Bake Sale	1263.00	
Bazaar (November)	3491.95	
Co-op AGM	200.00	
Dinner (paid by members)	525.00	
Bank Credit	19.41	
Float	<u>227.00</u>	
	13520.71	<u>13520.71</u>
		14206.46
EXPENDITURES		
Fraser Road United Church Operating Fund	7000.00	
Mission & Service Fund	2000.00	
Allocation West District UCW	300.00	
Lakeside Homes	100.00	
Kiwanis Music Festival	50.00	
Stella Burry Community Services	200.00	
Healing Fund	50.00	
Labrador Fund	50.00	
Student Minister Fund	50.00	
Cara House	50.00	
Loon Bay Camping Centre	200.00	
Chaplaincy Fund (Conference)	100.00	
Janeway Hospital	50.00	
Central Health Foundation	100.00	
Girl Guides	50.00	
Fraser Road Scouting	200.00	
Vacation Bible School	100.00	
In Memorial (Deceased Members)	600.00	
Life Memberships	120.00	
Community Friendship & Visitation	83.11	
Kitchen Supplies	375.50	
Newsletter	8.00	
Worship Matter to Youth	500.00	
Christmas Dinner	554.00	
Gift to Geof Wells	100.00	
Bank fees	180.27	
Float	<u>227.00</u>	
	13397.88	<u>13397.88</u>
Bank Balance December 31, 2009		\$ 808.58

GLENWOOD-APPLETON BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

On behalf of the Board of Management I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy year in 2010.

As Chair of the Board I would like to thank everyone who has given their time, talents and monetary contributions to our little Church. Every year we feel that things are going badly and Will We Survive another year, but somehow we always come out on top. Without the help of all our groups and committees this would not be possible.

Thanks to Reverend Stephanie for her dedications during 2009. We all realize how much of a trying year it has been to keep everyone happy. Also, thank you to Gander Session for their help in keeping us in pulpit supply when Rev. Stephanie was not available.

Thanks to our Choir and pianist Dianne Best for their continued Ministry of Music, they are certainly the backbone of our Church services. Thanks to the Chair of Session (Gertie Little) and the dedicated members, Chair of UCW (Michele Stuckless) and members, members of the Board of Management, Cemetery Committee Chair (Jim Thompson) Sunday Teachers (Jean Ann Slade and Maxine Barbour and of the children who attend, and last but not least our Treasurer (Maxine Barbour) who has kept our finances straight.

Our Sunday School program, which is combined with the Anglican Church Sunday School, has been successful again this year and hopefully it will continue to do so.

We had a student grant for eight weeks during the summer under the SWASP program. The student worked very hard doing maintenance around and in the Church and Hall. She kept the cemetery and grounds very neat and tidy – we think she enjoyed the sit-on lawn mower – thanks April.

On October 25, we were privileged to have the congregation of Fraser Road join us for morning worship and a fellowship coffee hour after the service. It was a beautiful service and I would like to say thanks for those who attended that service, to Rev. Steph for encouraging it and both Sessions agreeing to schedule it. Bless you all.

Thanks again to everyone who served our church in any way, this can only make us stronger, and I look forward to another successful rewarding year.

**Glenys Northcott
Chair**

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH – GLENWOOD/APPLETON
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009**

Bank Balance December 31, 2008

\$ 7,688.87

INCOME:

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 12,345.48	
Mission & Service	1,640.00	
Mission & Service Fund	200.00	
Initial Envelopes	68.00	
Loose Collection	728.74	
Lenten Offerings	140.00	
Easter Offerings	75.00	
Thanksgiving Offerings	170.00	
Christmas Gifts	570.00	
Bulletins (In Memorial)	40.00	
Cemetery Fund	145.00	
Sunday School	79.81	
Marriages	100.00	
Guatemala Mission Team (2009)	10.00	
HST Rebate	3,547.98	
UCW – Parking Lot Reserve Fund	4,500.00	
SWASP – Summer Student Grant	1,120.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>121.25</u>	<u>\$ 33,270.13</u>

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

GIC Reserve Fund (Parking Lot)	\$ 8,000.00	
GIC Interest Earned	<u>30.89</u>	<u>\$ 8,030.89</u>
		\$ 41,301.02

EXPENSES:

Ministerial Support	\$ 8,000.00	
Mission & Service	1,840.00	
Lighting	1,805.18	
Heating (Oil)	619.48	
Office Furniture & Fixtures	25.99	
Postage	61.02	
Telephone	100.00	
Snow Clearing	420.00	
Stationery & Supplies	281.47	
Insurance	1,108.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	635.16	
Guatemala Orphanage	200.00	
Sunday School	209.95	
Cemetery Fund	145.00	
Computer Updates & Support	149.00	
SWASP – Summer Student	1,120.00	
Miscellaneous	25.28	
HST Paid (2009)	578.37	
Bank Charges	123.22	
Audit Fees	500.00	
Reserve Fund (Parking Lot)	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,947.12</u>

Balance **December 31, 2009**

\$15,353.90

General Account	\$ 7,323.01
Capital Account	<u>8,030.89</u>
	\$ 15,353.90

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH – GLENWOOD/APPLETON
CEMETERY COMMITTEE
FINANCIAL REPORT – 2009**

Balance January 1, 2009		1,489.47
REVENUE:		
Funeral (Burt)	400.00	
Flower Service	145.00	
Bank Interest	<u>.50</u>	<u>545.50</u>
		2,034.97
EXPENSES:		
Maintenance (Gas)		<u>34.49</u>
Balance December 31, 2009		\$ 2,000.48

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH – GLENWOOD/APPLETON
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009**

Balance January 1, 2009		\$ 5,110.36
INCOME;		
Membership Fees	30.00	
Donations	435.00	
Catering(Beaverbrook & Lakewood)	3,647.50	
Thanksgiving Sale	294.00	
Thanksgiving Supper	1,860.00	
Bank Interest	<u>1.77</u>	<u>6,268.27</u>
		\$ 11,378.63
EXPENSES:		
Membership Fees (Members & Rally)	220.00	
Donations (Loon Bay Camp, Breakfast Program, Breast Cancer, Retreat & Tree of Love)	87.77	
U.C. Award (Lakewood Academy)	50.00	
Shut-ins & Christmas Gifts	83.90	
Supplies (Kitchen & UCW)	347.57	
Mission & Service Fund	200.00	
West District UCW	200.00	
Catering Supplies	1,279.58	
Transferred to First United Church	4,500.00	
Bank Charges	<u>19.55</u>	<u>\$ 6,988.37</u>
Balance December 31, 2009		\$ 4,390.26

P. Knott
Treasurer

FIRST UNITED CHURCH BENTON

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Church in Benton I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and Best Wishes for the Year 2010.

It's hard to believe that another year has gone by. We had three main fundraisers and was able to pay all of the outstanding amount for the material used for the renovations as well as the remainder of last year's assessment.

Church services were changed in March from the second and fourth Sunday of the month to the fourth Sunday only because of low attendance. We did not receive as much in the envelopes as in past years but we did get our assessment for the year paid in full.

There is no deed to the land in Benton. The survey that was done years ago cannot be found. There is money allotted in this year's budget for a survey. When this is done we can work on getting the deed.

Our thanks to Reverend Stephanie and other people that did pulpit supply for our small congregation. Also our thanks to Diane Best for playing the organ for us. The work done by the members of the Benton congregation and all of our friend and family that help with our projects is greatly appreciated.

Genny Osmond
Secretary-Treasurer

BENTON UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2009

Balance January 1, 2009 132.81

INCOME:

Church Envelopes	1,083.00	
Loose collections	114.50	
M & S Funds	10.00	
Building Fund	57.10	
GST Rebate for 5 years	1,433.99	
Fund raising		
1. Craft sale	10.00	
2. Date log books	394.00	
3. Feb. - Loblaws, Dominion tapes	192.03	
4. June - Walk-a-thon	1,338.00	
5. Nov. - Craft & Bake Sale	643.75	
6. Dec. - Recyclables for year	<u>318.60</u>	
	<u>2,896.38</u>	

TOTAL INCOME 5,594.97

EXPENSES:

Fraser Road Church Assessment 2008	700.00	
Fraser Road Church Assessment 2009	1,200.00	
Insurance on Church	237.00	
UCW for heat & lights	573.35	
Bank service charges	59.40	
Office Expenses	76.13	
M & S Funds	50.00	
Building Expenses		
1. Lock for door	26.75	
2. Paint for outside	47.10	
3. Clean up around Church	150.00	
4. Materials for renovations	<u>2,314.40</u>	
	2,538.25	
Amsterdam cost of books		<u>144.60</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 5,578.73

Bank Balance December 31, 2009 **\$149.05**

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010

INCOME:

Envelopes	1,500.00	
Loose collection	200.00	
Fund raising	<u>2,500.00</u>	4,200.00

EXPENSES:

Fraser Road Assessment 2010	1,200.00	
Church Insurance	400.00	
Heat & Lights	600.00	
Bank Service charges	100.00	
Office Supplies	150.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,500.00</u>	3,950.00

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN – BENTON FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balance December 31, 2008		280.91
Income 2009		<u>656.30</u>
		937.21
Expenses		
Light & Heat	576.76	
Bank charges	71.40	
Clean up around Church	150.00	
Bank cheques	<u>32.60</u>	<u>830.76</u>
Bank Balance December 31, 2009		106.45
Petty Cash		<u>44.59</u>
		\$151.04

Florence Piercey

GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE FINANCE

Introduction

Each year brings its own rewards and challenges, and 2009 was just such a year from the perspective of finances and operations. We started the year in anticipation of completing our church grounds and paving the parking lot. We were able to secure loans from General Council and the West District, but other circumstances prevented us from completing the paving of our parking lot. So funds raised in 2009 will have to be brought forward to 2010 to complete this long-awaited project. The good side of all this is that we are poised to complete the parking lot as soon as weather permits in the spring. This year's budget makes provision for this to happen.

We were able to complete some essential special projects in 2009 and as a result our church property has been greatly enhanced. The grounds have been re-developed; preparation of the parking lot for pavement was completed; we have a new energy-efficient furnace in the church, and new flooring has been installed in the Parlour. Hopefully, 2010 will be the time to complete all those loose ends and get ready for our next challenge.

Highlights

I will highlight some features of the 2009 budget just to help us celebrate our accomplishments with God's help:

1. As can be seen from the budget, all Council committees operated either below or on budget in 2009. Chairs and members of these committees are to be congratulated for their diligence and good stewardship of resources entrusted to their care.
2. Offerings exceeded budget by \$3,150.00.
3. Our income from fundraising was reduced in 2009. The reason for this reduction was due to the fact that we cancelled our Thanksgiving Dinner due to the H1N1 epidemic.
4. We have created a new line in our budget submission this year to reflect how our congregation was responding to making their offerings through the "On Par" program. You will note that we realized \$36,000.00 in 2009 through "on Par" offerings. This is good news and we would encourage more people to enroll in this program. If you want information on this program, please contact the office; let's see this program exceed the 2009 level in 2010.

5. Mission and Service offerings exceeded budget from \$18,000.00 to \$19,456.00 in 2009. We should all feel proud of this occurrence. We've been asked to see if our 2010 M & S donations can be increased by 4%.
6. In our capital budget for 2009, we made plans to install an energy-efficient furnace in the church. We have noticed that our oil consumption has been substantially reduced since this new furnace has been installed. We launched a campaign in late 2009 to raise the \$30,000.00 portion of the budget to install a new furnace, develop the grounds, and prepare the parking lot to allow for proper drainage and to re-pave the surface. As of December 31, 2009 we realized approximately \$13,000.00. We challenge everyone to keep this project in your thoughts and prayers so that the full amount will be raised before paving starts in the spring thus avoid more borrowing to complete these capital projects.
7. The United Church Women of this church have been most diligent and faithful over the years in their pledge to raise money to assist with the financial demands in the operating of our church. We thank God for this dedication. 2009 was no exception as seen by the following:
 - The Fellowship Unit gave \$6,000.00 for general operations and \$2,000.00 to M&S
 - The Genesis Unit gave \$600.00 for church operations or as "the needs exist"
8. Thanks to the diligence and efforts of our Caretaker, our rental income rose from the budgeted amount of \$6,000.00 to \$9,095.00, an increase of 53%!
9. The budget document shows that \$50,000.00 of our bequest has been invested and we did realize a small return on this investment.
10. Not shown as a separate item in the budget, but something to celebrate is that the Parents and Tots group made a contribution of \$350.00 in aid of our parking lot pavement. This outreach service to our community makes no demands on people for funds, but through free-will offerings parents are able to underwrite their own expenses and still give a donation to show their appreciation for providing parents and children some unstructured time together.
11. Each year we provide two scenarios to cover the cost of providing one or two ministers to serve our charge. In 2009 we were served by one minister and provisions were made to have some part- time pulpit supply and other congregational duties. The congregation is urged to give prayerful consideration to this in 2010.
12. Our Conference has been able over the past years to provide blanket insurance coverage for all pastoral charges. Our premiums were substantially reduced in 2009 largely because of the provincial government's decision to drop the 15% tax on insurance premiums. This savings was passed along in the form of a reduced premium for 2009. The 2010 premiums will be a little higher than in 2009 for that reason. Our insurance premiums still remain very competitive and

all of the pastoral charges benefit.

The 2010 Budget Highlights

- a. This year's budget shows our reserve fund has been invested on an annual basis. The reserve of \$50,000.00 has restrictions. Our congregation has hopes of employing a second minister as soon as possible, and our budgeting process assumes that this could be possible by July 1, 2010. If this were to happen, our church will need an additional \$25,000.00 to balance its budget. Currently, we have borrowed \$80,000.00 to complete our capital projects and borrowing more money is going to have some long term consequences. The only sure source of funds available is the reserve.
- b. As pointed out in my comments on the 2009 budget, we received \$36,000.00 through "On Par" offerings. This program offers us the opportunity to assure an even flow of money, so that we can pay our operating bills as they occur without having to resort to expensive lines of credit that have high interest rates. It makes for good stewardship for us all to give through the "On Par" program. Let's grow the "On Par" program in 2010 to exceed our budgeted amount of \$40,000.00!
- c. This budget makes provisions for us to assume the cost of advancing technology in the interest of our Christian Education program and to upgrade the computer capabilities for our ministry personnel. We hope to take full advantage of the Technology Grant program offered by General Council to recover up to \$1,500.00 of this cost. An application is being made for a Technology Grant in the hope that we meet the criteria for awarding such grants.
- d. This budget shows a slight surplus on operating expenses but a small deficit on capital expenses. Of course, the reason for this is the capital works project in connection with the paving of the parking lot.
- e. We are still budgeting for two scenarios regarding ministry personnel. The real cost of personnel will remain unsettled as long as we have only one ministry personnel when the workload requires two persons working full time.
- f. The need still exists for a very pro-active stewardship program if our resources are going to meet the demands. As in previous years, our committee chairs must exercise careful monitoring of all expenses. The Finance Committee appreciates the past efforts by committees and has every confidence that 2010 will continue with good stewardship practices.

**Claude Hender
Chair**

2009 STATS

All categories (including UCW donations)

134	Nil	11	\$801 to 900
94	\$1 to 100	12	\$901 to 1,000
63	\$101 to 200	55	\$1001 to 2,000
44	\$201 to 300	5	\$2001 to 3,000
42	\$301 to 400	1	\$3001 to 4,000
26	\$401 to 500	0	\$4001 to 5,000
31	\$501 to 600	1	\$5001 to 6,000
15	\$601 to 700	0	\$6001 to 7,000
12	\$701 to 800	1	over \$7,000

Names on list 547

Contributors to Local Expenses only 338 over \$50. – 38 under \$50.

Contributors to M & S only 106 over \$50. – 56 under \$50.

41 people are on PAR (10 have envelopes as well)

84 people have reference numbers (.1) no envelopes and 17 of these contributed (67 nil)

GANDER PASTORAL CHARGE TREASURER'S 2009 REPORT & FINANCIAL BUDGET 2010

	2010 BUDGET	2009 BUDGET	2009 ACTUAL
INCOME			
<u>Offerings</u>			
Local Expenses Envelopes	103,000.00	141,000.00	108,151.00
PAR Offerings	40,000.00	--	36,000.00
Loose Collections	4,000.00	3,500.00	3,970.20
Initial Envelopes	850.00	850.00	906.00
Easter Envelopes/Folders	3,500.00	2,500.00	1,937.00
Thanksgiving	1,000.00	1,700.00	929.00
Christmas	5,500.00	5,000.00	4,809.50
Sunday School	1,425.00	1,000.00	816.58
<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>\$159,275.00</u>	<u>\$155,550.00</u>	<u>\$157,519.28</u>
<u>Other Income</u>			
Weddings	700.00	700.00	690.00
Benton Assessment	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,900.00
Glenwood Assessment	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Bulletins	600.00	600.00	1,007.40
Mission Support	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Gander UCW Fellowship	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Gander UCW Genesis	-	--	600.00
Memorials	4,000.00	2,000.00	10,287.21
VBS Regis/Donations	200.00	200.00	230.00
Rentals	8,000.00	6,000.00	9,095.00
Cemetery	1,750.00	400.00	1,492.00
Other Sources	7,300.00	17,000.00	15,119.21 *
Photocopies	350.00	--	--
Investment Income	450.00	--	--
HST Rebate	8,000.00	--	--
General Donations	200.00	--	--
Choir Music	800.00	--	--
<u>Total Other Income</u>	<u>\$57,850.00</u>	<u>\$52,100.00</u>	<u>\$64,420.82</u>
<small>* Other sources include fundraising for a Stable by the Youth Group</small>			
<u>Mission & Service Income</u>			
Weekly Envelopes	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,001.00
Glenwood	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,250.00
Gander UCW	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,020.25
World Relief & Dev.	100.00	100.00	--
M&S Other Sources	200.00	200.00	185.00
<u>Total M&S Income</u>	<u>\$19,600.00</u>	<u>\$18,600.00</u>	<u>\$19,456.25</u>
Total Income from Operations			
	\$236,725.00	\$226,250.00	\$241,396.35

	2010 Budget	2009 Budget	2009 Actual
<u>Capital Income</u>			
Capital Weekly Envelopes	15,000.00	16,000.00	12,337.00
Capital Memorials	3,500.00	3,000.00	--
Capital Fundraising	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,787.22
Capital - Stain Glass Project	--	--	--
Capital – Pew Pads	--	--	2,401.00
Capital – Lighting Project	--	--	--
Capital – Handbell Refurbishment	4,000.00	--	2,336.00
Capital – LCD Projector	2,000.00	--	585.00
Modernization	10,000.00	--	--
Parking Lot (from own resources)		30,000.00	12,679.00
Loan – Parking Lot & Furnace		90,000.00	80,000.00
	<u>\$ 39,500.00</u>	<u>\$144,000.00</u>	<u>\$114,125.22</u>
<u>Funds Carried over from 2009 for Projects to be Completed in 2010</u>			
Capital Projects – Handbell Refurbishment	2,336.00		
Capital Projects – LCD Projector	585.00		
Parking Lot	29,065.00		
	<u>\$31,986.00</u>		
Total Income from Capital	\$71,486.00	\$144,000.00	\$114,125.22
<u>Capital Expenditures</u>			
Capital Projects – Handbell Refurbishment	4,000.00	--	--
Modernization of Grounds	10,000.00	10,000.00	2,207.95
Monthly Loan Payments (interest included)	18,360.00	--	5,490.00
Capital Projects – Parking Lot	42,500.00	60,000.00	53,613.62
Capital Projects – Furnace	--	--	9,999.99
Miscellaneous	--	--	799.99
Total Capital Expenditures	\$74,860.00	\$70,000.00	\$72,111.55
Total Net Surplus (Deficit) from Capital	(\$ 3,374.00)	\$74,000.00	\$42,013.67

	2010 Budget Scenario 1	2010 Budget Scenario 2	2009 Budget	2009 Actual
EXPENSES				
<u>Christian Development</u>				
Sunday School	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	1,804.40
Vacation Bible School	100.00	100.00	100.00	104.37
Scouting	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,587.94
Youth Group	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,638.86 *
Miscellaneous	100.00	100.00	100.00	4,086.35 **
Total Christian Development	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$9,221.92

* Amount includes purchase of Stable by the Youth Group from fundraising efforts

** Amount includes Guatemala Mission expenditure from offerings and fundraising efforts

Ministry & Personnel

Salaries	82,708.00	98,790.00 *	81,588.00	82,541.07
Moving Expenses	--	4,000.00	--	--
EI Expenses	2,000.00	2,390.00	2,000.00	2,152.98
CPP Expenses	4,060.00	4,850.00	3,300.00	3,227.50
WCB Expenses	515.00	615.00	600.00	470.51
Employee Benefits	9,600.00	11,460.00	16,800.00	9,553.78
Travel	2,800.00	3,800.00 **	2,500.00	2,604.26
Housing Allowance	12,000.00	18,000.00 *	12,000.00	12,000.00
Book Allowance	500.00	750.00	1,400.00	62.00
Education Fund	300.00	500.00		250.00
Miscellaneous	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	1,058.20
Congregational Ministry	7,500.00	2,500.00	10,000.00	2,800.00
Total M & P	\$123,233.00	\$148,905.00	\$131,688.00	\$116,720.30

* Scenario 2 represents a full time Minister for 12 months plus a full time Minister for 6 months

** Travel includes travel for pulpit supply, chaplaincy and accountable ministry

General Administration

Telephone	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,535.59
Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,326.11
District Assessment	10,764.00	10,764.00	11,500.00	11,356.40
Loon Bay Camp	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	800.00
Photocopier Maintenance	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	1,401.90
Photocopier Lease	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,034.28
Cemetery Assessment	1,750.00	1,750.00	3,500.00	1,750.00
Regular Envelopes	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,504.82
Church Bulletins	3,000.00	3,000.00 *	1,500.00	2,908.01
Bank charges	300.00	300.00	500.00	333.90
Property Taxes	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
ADP Payroll Expense	275.00	275.00		478.26
Contingency	1,000.00	--	--	--
Technology	3,000.00	3,000.00 **	--	--
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	2,645.71
Total General Admin.	\$34,489.00	\$33,489.00	\$33,600.00	\$31,574.98

* Includes Session Bulletins

** Technology refers to LCD Projector, Projection Screen and 2 Computers

Session

Communion Supplies	150.00	150.00	300.00	34.77
Literature/Choir Music	500.00	500.00	800.00	506.63
Piano Tuning	350.00	350.00	200.00	372.90
Worship and Events	100.00	100.00	400.00	42.00
Confirmation Supplies	400.00	400.00	500.00	221.13
Coffee Hours & Events	500.00	500.00	300.00	510.24
Pulpit Supply	1,500.00	--	2,500.00	1,127.94
Chaplaincy	--	--	1,000.00	--
Weddings (Clergy Travel)	--	--	200.00	--
Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	500.00	691.20

Total Session **\$4,000.00** **\$2,500.00** **\$6,700.00** **\$3,506.81**

Outreach

Mission and Service	20,000.00	20,000.00	21,500.00	19,456.00
Food Bank	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00
AST Atlantic School	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00	600.00	--

Total Outreach **\$22,000.00** **\$22,000.00** **\$23,800.00** **\$20,956.00**

Property

Electricity	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,987.03
Heat- Oil	13,000.00	13,000.00	16,000.00	11,761.15
General Maintenance	7,500.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	11,258.15
Janitorial Supplies	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	2,840.04
Snow Clearing	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	8,384.60
Insurance	7,000.00	7,000.00	5,700.00	4,164.00

Total Property **\$45,000.00** **\$45,000.00** **\$49,200.00** **\$45,394.97**

Total Operating Expenditures

\$233,922.00 **\$257,094.00** **\$252,188.00** **\$227,374.98**

Net Surplus (Deficit) from Operations

2,803.00 **(20,369.00)** **(25,938.00)** **14,021.37**

Reserved Funds – Investment

50,000.00 **50,000.00 ***

Total Net Surplus (Deficit) from Operations

24,062.00 **64,021.37**

Interest on Investment of \$239.00 recorded as income – Other Sources

In Memoriam

FRASER ROAD UNITED CHURCH 2009

January 8, January 20	Viola ROSS Jennie Maud LOCKYER
February 5 February 1	Margaret Helen BELBIN David William STRANG (Interred Gambo)
March 29	Phyllis LeGROW
April 13	May BATSON
May 30	Shirley DUFF
June 2 June June 11	Ruth Taylor LACEY Todd ADAMS Isabelle "Belle" SULEY
July 12 July 17 January 4, 2007 July 25	Elsie Violet THORNHILL Todd Sheldon HODDER Andre R. POWELL (interment July 15, 2009) Florrie Mae MILLS
September 19 September 23 September 27	Gordon LeVALLIANT Neil Curtis BLAKE Veneta ANSTEY
October 10	Irene Francis LOCKE

FIRST UNITED CHURCH GLENWOOD-APPLETON

October 24 Cora Martha **BURT**

I am the resurrection and the life;
All who believe in me, though they
die, yet shall live, and whoever
lives and believes in me shall never die.
(John 11:25 & 26)