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IN LOVING MEMORY
July 2008 – July 2009

Elizabeth A. Lemire July 7, 2008
Jean C. Coutts..... July 14, 2008
Phyllis M. Ellis..... July 15, 2008
Margaret A. Stechyshyn July 17, 2008
Vernon N. Skibsted..... August 18, 2008
Joyce E. deHaan September 4, 2008
J. Stephen L. Evans September 7, 2008
Slind, Anna Victoria September 13, 2008
Conboy, Mary Ellen October 8, 2008
Pollock, Frederick Hughes..... October 11, 2008
Irvin, Shirley Margaret Ida..... October 15, 2008
Boyd, Fitzroy..... October 22, 2008
MacLean, Ermina Willah..... November 6, 2008
Coyle, Bernice Roberta Elliott..... December 9, 2008
Law, Margaret Isabel December 29, 2008
Cornish, George Henry..... January 7, 2009
Ballard, Gwendolyn Margaret committal Feb. 15, 2009
Middleton, John (Jack) Walter March 15, 2009
Taylor, Catherine Malcom..... May 15, 2009
Dickson, Brent Lee May 27, 2009



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Jock McTavish

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Jennifer Marr

Christa Toltesi

Debbie Tompkins

COMMUNICATION

John Langman

Jock McTavish

Joanne Wiens

FINANCE

Rachelle Bardwell

Jack Beaton

Kyle Carrol

Amin Ghali

Bruce Sunderland

HOSPITALITY

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MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Earl Beattie

Sandra Follett Bick

Mike Trew

MUSIC MINISTRY

Alice Ansell

Margo Delfs

Jan Hansen

Georgianna Ritter

George Settrington

Brent Tucker

PASTORAL CARE

Helen Day-Visitation

Darlene Heynen-cards

Joyce Hobbs – Sunday office

Suzan Johnson-drivers

Sylvia McDonald-Commun-I-Care

Joan Montain-cards

Lois Murray-Grief

Support/casseroles

Lynn Penner

Betty Petersen-Healing Touch

Norma Rasmussen-Prayer Chain

Bev Settrington- Prayer shawls

PROPERTY

Marie Couch

Bob Hanwell

Bill Hart

Murray Lees

Maria Newberry

Pat Nyberg

Norm Shannon

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sally Hodges (Refugee)

Marne Harding

Jay Michi

Betty Smith (IFTC)

STEWARDSHIP

Elaine Fox

Peggy McDonagh

Al Penner

Darrel Purdy

Dave Rider

WORSHIP

Sandy Buckley (Banners)

Janet Clare

Ruth Cross

Jan Hansen

Darlene Heynen-chair

Darin Hunter

Lori McLaren

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MINISTERS REPORT

A Few Words From Peggy

I feel deeply blessed and honored to have received a call to fill the position as the Minister of Worship and Congregational Support. Having filled the position as a full time supply minister for one year gave me the opportunity to work with the staff and congregation and to let the congregation experience my ministry and gifts. I am excited, motivated and enthusiastic about our ministry and spiritual life together now and going forward.

The past year proved challenging, interesting, inspiring, and enlightening as I met and worked with the staff and congregation of St. David's. Considering that two of the staff had been newly hired and another staff position was filled during the year, we were able to connect with each other, share ministry, and find ourselves struggling at times and laughing as well. The congregation offered constant support, understanding and care and while I have many names yet to remember I am becoming more familiar with all of you.

Together, as we move forward it is my hope that St. David's congregation and its staff will meet and embrace the challenges of being a church in the postmodern world with creativity and vitality. In so doing, we will find ourselves adjusting, evolving, reflecting and growing. I believe that we can recreate ourselves as a community knowing that our power to be effective and vital depends on how members of the congregation relate to each other. All of us empower each other to create community life, to seek meaning, to share hope, to give love, not to be judgmental or critical, to act justly, to listen with wisdom, and to be open-minded. We encourage each other to discover our gifts and challenge each other to use the gifts that matter.

Within this community we will be attentive listeners and genuine caregivers. We will find creative ways by which to stimulate our imaginations, examine our faith, and embrace other faith views. We will teach, inspire, challenge, invite questions, and encourage people to awaken to their own spiritual essence. As we evolve, we will learn more clearly how to honor what each person brings to this place and value all that guides, grounds and sets us free to be a divine presence to one another and to the world. Let us together be a passionate, God-centered, enthusiastic, hospitable, forward-thinking and evolving community and watch the beauty of divine life evolve within and amongst us.

The Board of Trustees

Within the context of the United Church of Canada St. David's Board of Trustees hold title to the property of St. David's, both real and personal, for the use and benefit of the Congregation. The Trustees, elected by the Congregation, are governed by public statute, the requirements of the United Church and the directions of St. David's Council. Under the Board the property and financial issues are handled by the Property and Financial Committees. Insurance matters are handled by the Trustees.

During the past year our insurance policies were renewed on terms that reflected the value of church property. In addition, new forms required by the City of Calgary for an 2010 Application for Property and Business Tax Exemption were completed and submitted. This submittal required substantial effort and was expediently handled by Janet Zatzka for which we thank her.

St. David's Trustees are Carol Liddle, Peggy McDonagh, Earl Beattie, Ian Halladay, Dave McMurtry and George Montain. The Trustees take pleasure in serving St. David's Congregation and the United Church.

*Respectfully submitted
Ian Halladay, Chair*

Finance Committee Report

For year ending June 30, 2009

The Finance Committee at St. David's is charged with the task of keeping track of the church finances on a month to month basis and attending and reporting to council each month on the financial health of the church. The committee also reviews budget submissions from the various committees of the church and makes recommendations to Council on the budget. As many of you know we also present the budget for the upcoming year to the congregation in June for their approval. In addition we discuss and arrange for the investment of church funds both short and long ter. We are restricted by an investment policy which confines our investments to guaranteed certificates and bonds. This has proven to be a wise direction in the past year. The committee works closely with the Church Treasure, Jack Beaton and the church financial administrator, Janet Zatkan.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jack and Janet and the members of the committee. Rachelle Bardwell, Kyle Carrol, and Amin Ghali. Rachelle and Amin have finished their term in 2009.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Sunderland*

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Adult Spiritual Development Ministry (ASDM)

Mission

To affirm and expand opportunities for adult spiritual development and learning within the context of the Christian faith both at St. David's and in the wider community.

Committee Members

Barb Elder (Co-Chair), Larry Fisk (Co-Chair Fall 2008), Deb Charnuski (Co-Chair beginning January 1, 2009), Wayne Holst, Bonnae McTavish, Jock McTavish, Norma Lendrum and Peggy McDonagh.

Key Events

Appointment of Adult Spiritual Development Coordinator

The Adult Spiritual Development Committee was extremely pleased with the appointment of Wayne Holst as the Adult Spiritual Development Coordinator. This 7.5 hour/week position was identified as a need and put forward by the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC). As many of you know, Wayne has contributed his gifts and talents in the form of many hours in the area of Adult Spiritual Development over the course of the past 10 years at St. David's. We are excited about the connections he is making in the interfaith community and with other United Church communities.

Planning Day, February 2009

The 7 committee members participated in a highly successful visioning and planning day facilitated by Peggy McDonagh in which the committee decided upon the theme of "Adventurous Spirituality".

Programming

A variety of one time programs were offered. These included:

- Asset Approach to Parenting
- Pick Me - I Want to be a Victim
- My Autopsy – this play was well received and marked the first time ASDM undertook such an event
- World Storytelling Day – Karen Gummo
- Building Bridges Series – interfaith dialogues:
 - The Jewish Festivals and How They Help Us to Live Our Faith - Dr. Segal teaches in the Faculty of Religious Studies at the U of C. He is the author of a number of books for children, including one on Jewish festivals like Passover. Dr. Segal explored the meaning and purpose of various Jewish festivals.

- The Coptic Church – History, Culture & Contributions – St. David's welcomed Mr. Kamal Botros, a Coptic speaker on ancient Christianity
- Friends of Medicare Presentation
- AIDS – A Worldwide Epidemic

In addition to these one-time offerings, ASDM continued to offer our regular programs, which include the following:

- Monday Night Book Study - with a regular, loyal attendance of 28 individuals for 10 Mondays in both the fall and winter. The fall book covered was "With or Without God" by Greta Vosper. The study ended with a conference call with the author. Winter study was "How Jesus Became Christian" by Barrie Wilson. The study ended with a conference call with noted author Marcus Borg.
- Wednesday morning Bible study – open to all who want to learn more about the Bible, using a guide selected by the group. Both the fall and winter study centred around the Gospel of John.
- Thursday University of Calgary Study - held at noon hour and open to faculty, staff, students and members of St. David's and lead by Wayne Holst and co-sponsored by the University Chaplains & St. David's United Church. Study was on "Modern Spiritual Masters" (I & II). The university study provides an important outreach opportunity for St. David's enabling us to continue to foster the connection between the University of Calgary and St. David's.
- Lectionary Study – this small but committed group explores the lectionary readings for the following Sunday and engages in conversations that spark from those readings. Sessions always prove to be thought-provoking, stimulating, and a good opportunity to connect personally and spiritually with one another.

Joint Programs

Cooperation with other committees both within and outside of St. David's United Church in order to further and support educational opportunities for our congregation is viewed by the ASDM committee as a vital component of its mandate. To that effect, the Social Justice committee attended the ASDM planning day in February. During the season of Lent, the committee provided support and assistance to the Children's Ministry with respect to the Seder meal held on Maundy Thursday.

Special Notes

Two projectors were donated to ASDM and are being offered for use at St. David's to all committees. ASDM approached the Property Committee about mounting the second projector in such a way to project service related materials at the rear of the sanctuary for the benefit of the clergy and choir. The ASDM committee is looking forward to the eventual installation and use of this projector in this manner.

Publicity

ASDM undertook a concerted and deliberate effort to raise its profile both within and outside of the congregation of St. David's. Jock McTavish redesigned and updated the Adult Education website. This was a significant undertaking and allowed participants to access valuable resources related to book studies, web links, video and audio sources, and to follow the on-going work of adult education and the ASDM. The redesigned website may be found at www.sduc.ca by clicking on the "Adult Education" button. Deb Charnuski redesigned the winter 2009 ASDM brochure. This brochure was inserted into the bulletin for distribution and posted on the website. Deb Charnuski also designed and printed out colourful posters to announce events thereby increasing visibility of ASDM programming. Flyers were made and handed out to the congregation and also sent to Presbytery for distribution to all churches.

Conclusion

In closing, the Adult Spiritual Development Committee is proud to continue to offer programs and opportunities for spiritual growth, awareness and development both within and outside of St. David's in order to enhance the personal and spiritual growth of the congregation. The committee takes this mandate seriously and is always open to suggestions, input and ideas for programming.

Everyone, no matter their age, stage of understanding, or the particular religious persuasion they honour, will find a supportive and sensitive community within the ASDM programs to explore their spiritual interests and concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Elder and Deb Charnuski
Co-Chairs, ASDM Committee

Children's Worship & Education

Statistics

- 47 children were registered in the Sunday School program representing 29 families
- an average of 20 children attended each Sunday
- 3 children were registered in the nursery

Structure

- there were 4 Sunday school classes (age 4/kindergarten, grade 1/2, grade 3/4 and grade 5/6)
- each class had a volunteer leader called a Shepherd which changed each unit
- each activity was hosted by a Leader and classes were brought by their Shepherd to complete an activity

Volunteers and Paid staff

- 76 people of all ages volunteered to be helpers, Leaders and/or Shepherds for the Sunday School classes this year
- Alison Demeter with 10 hours a week increased to 14 hours a week
- Jenna Young was hired as a paid staff person in the nursery

Units

- Solomon's Temple: children had an opportunity to become familiar with the story of the building of Solomon's Temple and to build a place of worship for the Sunday school children by building shelves, designing alter clothes, sewing pillows and making biscuits
- Godspell: students learned the Beatitudes using art, drama and music
- Breakfast in Bethlehem: performed an intergenerational musical
- Joseph: children learned the story of Joseph and his dreams through set design, games, and drama/making a movie
- Inn from the Cold: children had the opportunity to explore the fact that as Christians we are called to the practice of hospitality
- Seder Supper: Hebrew songs/dances and decorating yarmulkes
- Old Turtle: play performed by children and at the end of the unit; grade six students received the book: Old Turtle, Broken Truth for the Rite of Exploration

Special Events

Sundae Sunday

- Parents invited to register their children and families invited to share ice-cream and fellowship

Christmas

- "Simone the Shepherd" musical performed both for Breakfast in Bethlehem and Christmas Eve
- breakfast for 112 was served

Grade 4 bible presentation

Family Day Skating/hot dog roast at Bowness Park in February

- 30 people in attendance

Holy Week - Seder Supper

- 80 people attended
- performed the play "A Christian Seder", a traditional Seder dinner and two Jewish dances

Flower Planting

- Annual event in May with children and youth to beautify the church grounds and build community

Church Picnic

- 94 people attended June event
- held in basement due to damp weather
- old fashioned games, sing-a-long and lots of food

You are my Family

- Monthly events for one parent and child/children (ex. father and daughter(s) or mother and son(s))
- Events included: games, bowling, drumming, Christmas baking, woodworking, Halloween craft, skating, spa night, and parking lot hockey
- 3 – 32 people attended each event

Name Change

- Contest began in September to change the name Sunday school to a more appealing name
- Vote occurred in May with "Faith Quest" being the selected new name

Looking forward to next year:

- Painting of classrooms and Robertson Hall
- Development of a library and computer lab

*Committee Members
Jennifer Marr
Christa Toltesi
Debbie Tompkins*

Communications Team

During the past year, the communications group has continued their focus on improving the use of technology within the church, both for the staff and during services as well as with the wider community. Some of the ways we have done this include the following:

- purchase of new computers for additional church staff
- improvements to church server for increased reliability
- installation of a wireless signal within the church for those who have a demonstrated need
- increased use of videos during church services
- improvement to lighting system used during services
- purchase of additional microphones for use during services and other events
- keeping the St. David's website at sduc.ca current, primarily by placing church bulletins and recordings of the service on the website weekly.

In addition, we are also responsible for advertising the services offered by St. David's at appropriate times throughout the church year. Ads were placed in local papers at Christmas and Easter last year.

I would like to thank all those who are members of the PSALT (Projection, Sound and Light) team for their assistance during services and other special events, with a special thanks to John Whidden for the role he plays in coordinating the activities of the sound team.

*John Langman
Chair - Communications Committee*

Hospitality Ministry Team

The purpose of the Hospitality Ministry Team is to welcome all people who come to St. David's United Church, help people connect to various communities within St. David's, and to identify new communities or special interest groups needed by the people of St. David's. (Full Terms of Reference can be found in the Appendix of this Annual Report.)

Community meals provide a great opportunity for getting to know each other better. During the period July 2008 to June 2009, the Hospitality Ministry Team hosted four lunches following the worship services:

- Welcome Back – September 28, 2008
- Celebrate Stewardship – November 16, 2008
- Community Celebration – May 3, 2009
- Farewell to Carolynne Bouey Shank – June 21, 2009

Our heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare meals and cleaned up afterwards.

Coffee volunteers Nora Halliday (and Ian), Dorothy Duker, and Pat Greenaway (and Phil) welcomed Pat Myers (and Bob) to the team. These volunteers prepare coffee and tea every Sunday morning. Barbara Lees (and Murray) and Marilyn Outtrim (and Colin) left the team and we thank them for their many years of coffee service to St. David's congregation.

This year we've experimented with serving coffee and tea in the sanctuary following the worship service. Juice and snacks will be added for the children. We welcome your input on how we can best structure this fellowship time to build connections to and within St. David's community.

The Hospitality Ministry Team is responsible for providing the lapel flowers used to welcome and identify guests and visitors at worship services.

In the fall of 2008, Hospitality continued to update the look of the lobby and the Tatagana Mani room to make them welcoming and inviting. Funds from the St. David's United Church Foundation were used to paint the main lobby, hallway, and TM room, and purchase chocolate-brown loveseats and armchairs. The main office was also painted thanks to a generous donation. New furniture was also purchased for the Nursery downstairs. Additional painting and decorating is expected to occur next year.

Hospitality's budget for 2009-2010 is \$2,160 and will cover lunches, welcome flowers, and coffee supplies.

During 2009-2010 the Hospitality Ministry Team hopes to expand its ministry of welcoming and connecting. Our events and projects lend themselves to one-time volunteering. We encourage everyone to offer your talents. We welcome your ideas for making St. David's a place where all are welcomed and included.

Submitted by Joanne Weins

Music Report

- Hired a new accompanist, David Dixon for Sanctuary Choir.
- Participated in Twelfth Night, a post-Christmas concert involving church choirs from parishes in the Northwest part of Calgary.
- Fundraised and purchased a used Yamaha grand piano for the Sanctuary and got rid of older pianos.
- Sanctuary Choir sang in the Schulich Soundstage Spring Concert.
- Chamber Choir joined with Living Spirit United Church Choir to perform a concert of the Faure Requiem and other works.

Brent Tucker, Organist/Music Director

Pastoral Care Committee

From July 1, 2008 to present there is no functioning Pastoral Care Committee who coordinates the programs. Until June 30, 2009 the lead minister for pastoral care, Carolynne Bouey Shank would contact the petal group contacts when there was a need. Except for the Card Ministry within each Petal Group there is a team who are called upon to fulfill the tasks. We are very thankful for their quiet yet much needed ministry of pastoral care for St. David's United Church.

The team were: Carolynne – minister, Lynne Penner, Deanne Jeffery (Church office)

Petal Groups

Contact

Card Ministry

Bereavement

Illness

Commun-I-Care

Healing Touch

Bereavement Support

Casseroles

Prayer Chain

Prayer Shawls

Sunday Drivers

Sunday Office Volunteers

Visitation Team

Joan Montain

Darlene Heynen

Sylvia McDonald

Betty Peterson

Lois Murray

Lois Murray

Norma Rasmussen

Bev Settingington

Suzan Johnson

Joyce Hobbs

Lynne Penner

Helen Day

*Submitted with gratefulness,
Carolynne Bouey Shank – Supply Minister*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

There were a number of items attended to this year. They are:

- Fire alarm hooked into security company(Bldg.code)
- Sign tower upgrade
- Kitchen renovations completed
- Painted administrative office
- Disposed of old Photo Copier
- For security reasons windows were installed in a number of doors
- Safety rails and receptacles installed in the women's washrooms
- South East stairwell painted
- Handrails installed leading to choir area of sanctuary
- New Cooler purchased for kitchen
- Leather furniture purchased for nursery
- Lawn and Garden Maintenance
- Fertilizing and purchase of bedding plants and shrubs
- Prepared and submitted budget for July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010

Members of the Property Committee during this time were, Marie Couch, Maria Newberry, Bob Hanwell, Murray Lees, Pat Nyberg, Norm Shannon.

Submitted by Bill Hart, Chair

Social Justice Committee

St. David's Community Kitchens

We began work as a petal group of the Social Justice Committee in the spring of 2007. We work closely with and are accountable to the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary. The Community Kitchen Program of Calgary's head office and warehouse is located at 3751 - 21 Street NE, Calgary, AB, T2E 6T5 and can be contacted by phone at (403) 275-0258.

Community Kitchen groups meet and plan a two or three week menu based on "specials" advertised in major food store flyers as well as foods available from local wholesalers. The cost to cook the menu is determined and divided between the participants based on the numbers of portions each requires. Each participant pays for their share of the food. The Community Kitchen Program shops for the food and delivers it to the kitchen at St David's.

Our group of six usually meets every two months on a Sunday evening to review the flyers and plan our recipes. The food is delivered on the following Thursday and then we cook on Saturday. Participants leave the session with at least twelve economical meals to take home and freeze. Participants in the group are referred by the Community Kitchen Program of Calgary and may have a disability.

Our Community Kitchens group is most appreciative of the opportunity to be a part of St David's outreach programs. By empowering participants to shop wisely and prepare food as a group, we are making healthy opportunities possible for those who would not otherwise have this learning, fellowship and nutrition.

Respectfully submitted, Sherri Melrose

Inn From The Cold (IFTC)

St. David's Inn From The Cold homeless shelter offers temporary overnight lodging through the direction of the Calgary Inn from the Cold Society. We have been hosting Inns at the church for nine years.

From July 2008 to June 2009 we hosted 18 Inns; 16 scheduled Inns and two extra Inns during the summer of 2008. Although we are expected to house 15 guests at each Inn, mostly we have accommodated about 20 people. During our Inns, we offer our guests a bed, an evening meal, laundry and shower service, sundries, some purchased clothing, breakfast and a bag lunch. Our Hospitality crew provides company and assistance while playing games, visiting, finding clothes and doing laundry. Overwhelmingly the evenings are comfortable, enjoyable and peaceful. Our Overnight crews provide supervision and teams of people clean up the basement with extreme efficiency. Again Tower Cleaners and Richard's Drycleaners donate their laundry service to clean our bedding.

With the IFTC Society offering shelter at their Centre 110 facility for families, we are seeing mostly adult guests this year. Our IFTC supported the cost to open this facility. This semi-permanent dwelling for families is running well. Unfortunately it is full, but there are plans to open more rooms.

Our Inn from the Cold operates from a designated fund, which the congregation and our friends generously contribute to. During this reporting period the average cost of an Inn was \$470, which includes a yearly donation to the IFTC Society and to the church. This year hymn books were donated to the church in Shirley Irvin's name. Shirley was an original crew member and spent many Inns helping with set-up and visiting with the guests over dinner.

With over 100 volunteers, our Inn From The Cold program is an important part of St. David's United Church. The program continues to attract new participants from the church and the community. With the overwhelming support from St. David's congregation and staff we are continuing our commitment to serving Calgary's homeless.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty Smith*

Refugee Committee Report

The Committee, made up of representatives from St David's and Wild Rose United in Calgary and St Andrew's United in Cochrane, are coming to the end of their two years of moral and financial support to the Yalda, Amanoil family of Nadia and her three children, Maradona, Madonna and Mina. The older two are working now and Mina, aged ten, improves her english every week. She is doing well at school and at Girl Guides and we sponsored her to attend several camps during the spring and summer. Nadia struggles with english and is still attending ESL classes daily. Their biggest expense has been for dental work as their teeth were neglected when they fled Iraq. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Refugee fund through the years.

Respectfully submitted, June Martin

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee consisted of the following individuals:

- Dave Rider – Chair
- Rev. Peggy McDonagh
- Al Penner
- Bill Chennells
- Elaine Fox
- Darrel Purdy – after April 2009

The committee coordinated two major events during the year:

- The Celebrate Stewardship campaign held in the fall of 2008, and
- The Stewardship Dinner held in February, 2009

The Celebrate Stewardship program resulted in pledges from the congregation comparable to the prior year and an increase in percentage of Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) donations thus ensuring a steady income throughout the year. The commitments were made despite the poor economic environment in the city and around the world.

A conscious effort was made to reduce the manpower required for the fall Celebrate Stewardship campaign by the committee when compared to the 2007 program and was accomplished in part by reduced mailings and bulletin inserts. This change did result in additional effort by the Minister, the Accountant and Office Administrator. On Stewardship Sunday each family in the congregation was supplied a pledge form, information listing their personal donations for the prior year and a copy of the church budget, allowing them to make their decision on commitments for the coming year. A lunch was held after the service on Stewardship Sunday.

The Annual Stewardship dinner, held in February 2009 had 164 attendees and resulting in \$5,067.08 being raised. The fund raising included ticket sales, and revenue from the silent auction, Sunday food sale table flower donations and was net of the expenses which consisted of a donation to the speakers charity, the cost for the auction basket, door prizes etc. The guest speaker was the Public Relations Specialist from The Mustard Seed.

The budget for the Stewardship Committee was \$4950 for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The projected costs for this time period as of mid-June costs incurred was \$6081. Monies from the budget were used to pay for offering envelopes, courses/conferences related to Stewardship, Stewardship Dinner costs, printing, postage and mailing costs for the Celebrate Stewardship program.

The committee was chaired by Dave Rider from July 2008 until April 2009 when he took on the role as Vice-Chair of Council. At this time Darrel Purdy took over for Dave as the Chair of the Stewardship Committee.

Darrel Purdy

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee's main function is to participate in the planning of regular Sunday worship in consultation with the ministers and the music director. In addition we have responsibility for the ministering and sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism and for the planning and assisting with special services such as Easter and Christmas. The volume of work and the number of volunteers needed for each worship service is considerable. Some of the work is obvious but much is behind the scenes. All of it is important. This is how our community is built.

Worship Committee has met monthly to have open and honest discussions and have reached decisions through consensus. This approach was successful because of the commitment of our volunteers and their eagerness to move forward.

We held a total of three services during Holy Week and four on Christmas Eve.

In 2009 we combined efforts with the Hospitality Committee to host a Community Celebration luncheon following the Sunday service. In the spring an ushers training night was held. A worship committee orientation document was completed to insure a smooth transfer of duties to future committees. In consultation with our ministerial team, a decision was made to hold communion on a monthly basis (with the exception of the summer months). In this regard a petal group of communion coordinators has been formed and a communion procedure completed. We are committed to the involvement of children and families in communion. The worship committee is very supportive of a variety of worship initiatives. In the coming year we look forward to working with our enthusiastic ministerial team.

- to have on-going discussions around meaningful worship to try to accommodate diverse needs;
- to elicit and use feedback from the congregation about their worship experience.
- to engage as much of the congregation as possible in the Worship experience. By doing this we will be building a strong community at St. David's.

The Worship Committee would like to thank John Langman for his computer skills in placing the Sunday worship service on the St. David's website. We also appreciate all of our volunteers in the areas of: sound and projection team, ushers and greeters, offering counters, communion servers, banner and church decoration teams, coffee hostesses, scripture readers, music ministry and the placing of flowers in the sanctuary each week. Your contribution is very important and highly valued.

*Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Heynen
Chairperson, Worship Committee*

REPORTS FROM CHURCH RENTAL GROUPS

Girl Guides of Canada

Girl Guides of Canada is a non-profit organization for girls aged 5-18, run by women volunteers.

98th SPARKS UNIT

Sparks are the youngest level of Girl Guides. They meet Monday evenings at 6pm in Steinhauer.

134th BROWNIE UNIT

They meet in Robertson Hall on Monday evenings from 5:30 – 6:45pm.

157th GIRL GUIDE UNIT

Meets on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Robertson Hall.

La Coccinelle

A French immersion pre-school meets in Rundle weekdays during the school year.

Parents And Children Together (PACT)

The PACT program offers on-going education and support to parents and caregivers.

Time Out

Time Out at St. David's has been in operation for more than 37 years. We provide women with an excellent opportunity to socialize, meet new people while their children are cared for in a safe, loving environment. Time Out runs Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11am throughout the fall, winter and spring.

OUTREACH

Camp Kasota West

THE MISSION Camp Kasota West strives to promote a safe, nurturing environment where children and youth come to have fun and develop an awareness and respect for self, community, the world in which they live and God. Competent and dynamic staff provides a diverse and challenging program in a setting where participants experience the natural environment. The objective is that campers will remember the special time they had at Camp Kasota.

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Confirmed Membership	592
Inactive Members	227
Households Under Pastoral Care (Members & Adherents)	551
Number of households financially supporting local operating	408
Received by Transfer	7
Adult Baptism	1
Child Baptism	13
Youth Confirmation.....	0
Received by Profession of Faith.....	4
Removed by Certificate of Transfer.....	0
Removed by Death.....	7
Marriages	11
Funerals and Memorials.....	23

COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Adult Spiritual Development Ministry (ASDM)

Statement of Mission and Goals – Terms of Reference

ASDM Definition of Spirituality

Finding meaning and purpose through connectedness with other people and a relationship with the Divine.

ASDM Belief

We believe that all people are spiritual beings with an innate desire to learn about and nurture themselves and others in relation to the meaning and purpose of our lives.

ASDM Mission Statement

To affirm and expand opportunities for adult spiritual development and learning within the context of the Christian faith both at St. David's and in the wider community.

ASDM Goals

Goal #1 – To encourage individuals on their personal faith journey by offering stimulating learning opportunities in five areas: theology, spirituality, faith and life, personal growth and development, and leadership training.

Specific Objectives:

- To nurture spiritual awareness and understanding of the Christian faith through Biblical explorations, the teachings of Christ, theological reflection, and an appreciation of personal faith journeys and commitments.
- To encourage the application of Christian and spiritual values such as love, hope, mutual trust, mercy, social justice, honest dialogue, and faithfulness to daily living.
- To encourage exploration and growth of such spiritual values in all aspects and stages of life development.
- To provide in all programs, opportunities for fellowship in a caring and supportive environment.
- To encourage and support the development of program facilitators and planners.

Goal #2 – To promote awareness of the ASDM programs and the importance of spiritual development within and beyond SDUC

Specific Objectives:

- To publicize ASDM programming outside of St. David's United Church.
- To support the ASDM website as a way to connect with others.
- To build the connection with the University of Calgary's students, staff and faculty.
- To build partnerships with other churches, organizations, and non-governmental agencies whose work complements the ASDM mission.
- To support both the continued development and the larger use of the library/resource centre.

Goal #3 – To offer self-supporting programs.

Specific Objectives:

1. To implement program fees, when appropriate, for multi-week programs.
2. To solicit donations at one-time program offerings.

3. To offer generous subsidies as required.
4. To use funds collected for expenses associated with achieving ASDM goals.

Goal #4 – To promote the establishment of a part-time staff person (7.5 hours) at SDUC to be responsible for Adult Education Ministry

Specific Objectives:

1. To investigate how other churches handle their adult education ministries.
2. To communicate our vision for the future of ASDM at SDUC to the congregation.

Goal #5 – To manage the Committee’s annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Committee meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

Approved by St. David’s Council, September 2007.

Communications Core Group Terms of Reference

“DAISY MODEL”

General Purpose of “Core Committee”

Identify, and assist in the implementation of, appropriate communication methods among: congregation, staff, Committees, Council, Presbytery, and the wider community.

Present “Petal Groups”

- Projection.
- Sound and lighting.

Specific responsibilities of Core Committee

- Train volunteers who are handling the equipment.
- Maintain the projection, sound, and lighting equipment.
- Maintain office computers.
- Maintain the St. David’s website.
- Advertise the ministries and activities of St David’s within and beyond the congregation
- Manage the Committee’s annual budget.

Structure:

- Consults with Council as appropriate
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening)
- No regular meetings
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed
- Suggested term for members: 3 yrs (September start, June end)

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Children's Worship and Education Committee Terms of Reference

Mission Statement:

The Children's Worship & Education Committee (C.W.E.) seeks to provide a safe and fun place for children and families to explore the Christian faith through story, music and community, and to nurture and encourage the whole family's experience of God.

Guiding Principles:

- Children have an experience and understanding of God that enriches a community's experience and practice of Faith.
- Faith is shaped and nurtured in the context of community.
- Children's stories and questions about God are important.
- Faith is experienced first of all within family, and St. David's seeks to encourage and support the whole family in its journey of faith.
- Children and those who lead them should be valued and supported by the wider church community.
- Faith formation is more than education and entertainment; it is the greatest spiritual endeavor.
- As children grow, so do their leaders.

Purpose:

The purpose of the C.W.E. is to support the children and their leaders by:

- Praying for and valuing them.
- Making sure that all the resources are on hand to enhance their worship experience.
- Planning and implementation of extra activities i.e. picnics, family dinners etc.
- Perusing and choosing curriculum in consultation with the leaders.
- Being available to the children's leaders, seeing that this is a valued spiritual experience for them as well.
- Facilitating communication between leaders, classes, staff and the wider church.
- Promoting the Children's Worship and Education ministry.
- Assisting in the implementation of St. David's United Church's Child Protection & Personal Safety Policy.
- Supporting the oversight of the Nursery.
- Providing a welcoming environment for new families.

Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: a minimum of one year (September start, June end), with an option to extend that term.

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Finance Committee Terms of Reference

(The Stewardship Committee is a Standing Committee of the Council as specified in the United Church Manual, 2007, section 245. On the St. David's Council, responsibilities listed for the Stewardship Committee in the Manual are divided between the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee.)

General Responsibilities: (United Church Manual, 2007)

“To be responsible for the overall stewardship level of the Pastoral Charge so that its full financial potential may realized. To this end, the Committee shall review annually the total financial objective of the Pastoral Charge, that is, the needs at local, regional, and national levels.” (245, (b) i)

“To interpret to the Pastoral Charge why the funds are needed and how they will be expended.” (245 (b) ii)

“To keep in perspective and under review the proportions of money spent locally and regionally in relation to the amount provided for the wider work of the United Church through the Mission Service fund.” (245, (b) iii)

Specific Tasks

- Prepare an Annual budget for the consideration and approval of the congregation.
- Monitor the ongoing expenditures and receipts.
- Provide regular reports to the committees, Council and congregation.
- Work with staff, committees, and Council to assist in the betterment of the church’s financial position.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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Hospitality Ministry Team Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Core Team and Petal Groups:

- To welcome all people who come to St. David’s United Church.
- To help people connect to various communities within St. David’s.
- To identify new communities or special interest groups needed by the people of St. David’s.

Specific Responsibilities of Core Team:

- Ensure communication among petal groups.
- Support new hospitality initiatives – from the congregation, staff, or the core team itself.
- Organize an information/networking meeting of petal group members once or twice a year.
- Arrange for special welcoming and connecting events (example: Welcome Brunch each fall).
- Manage the Committee’s annual budget.

Ministry Petal Groups:

The Hospitality Ministry Team includes a number of ministry petal groups that are each focused on a specific aspect of welcoming and connecting. Petal group leaders are encouraged to recruit sufficient members to enable them to provide the hospitality for which they are responsible. These ministry petal groups include:

- Sunday greeters and Sunday receptionist – welcome and direct people who come to St. David’s on Sunday morning.
- Sunday coffee makers & servers – make and serve coffee upstairs on Sunday morning.
- Sunday School parents’ lounge – provide snacks and beverages for parents and children downstairs after Sunday morning worship.
- Ongoing connectors - help people connect to various communities within St. David’s (example: follow-up with visitors or station “ASK ME” volunteers in the lobby, Tatanga Mani room and downstairs each Sunday).
- Volunteer hosts – provide hosts/ushers for non-church events held at St. David’s.

Member Requirements:

Members of the Hospitality Ministry Team need an open, welcoming heart and a desire to show God's love to anyone who walks through the doors of St. David's.

Team Structure:

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tuesday evening).
- Meets monthly (2nd Tuesday evening).
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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Ministry & Personnel Committee Terms of Reference

(A Standing Committee of the Council as specified in the United Church Manual, 2007, section 244)

Reference: Handbook for Ministry & Personnel Committees, United Church of Canada, 2003.

"Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee is a mandatory committee required by the bylaws of the United Church of Canada in every Pastoral Charge." (p.3)

"The M & P Committee is a confidential, consultative body that supports the pastoral relationship [between ministers and the congregation] . . . and oversees the Pastoral Charge ministry, particularly the roles and functions of paid and volunteer leaders." (p.3)

Committee Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the M&P Committee are specifically described in the **United Church Manual**:

"Provide a consultative and supportive agency for the staff of the Pastoral Charge and for members and adherents of the congregation."

Review working conditions and remuneration for the staff . . . and make appropriate recommendations to the . . . Church Council.

- Oversee the relationship of the staff . . . to members of the congregation and others.
- Oversee the relationship between and among different members of the staff . . . with respect to their responsibilities and authority.
- Consult with all members of the staff . . . about their plans for continuing education and ensure that those eligible avail themselves of the provisions for continuing education and that money and time are made available.
- Review and evaluate annually the effectiveness of the staff . . . as those persons and positions relate to the mission of the Pastoral Charge as defined by the . . . Church Council.
- Maintain close liaison with Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.
- Review regularly the responsibilities of all staff . . . and revise position descriptions when required or requested." (p.4)
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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Music Committee Terms of Reference

The Music Committee is to be responsible for the following:

- To participate in the evaluation of music for the worship services and collect feedback. This duty is shared with the Worship Committee.
- To plan music workshops in coordination with guest musicians.
- To plan, prepare, and facilitate concerts that bring in funds for the Music Concerts & Workshops Designated Fund.
- Purchase supplies for the music program (music stands, folders, equipment) as required.
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly – presently the last Monday of the month (not July and December), with ad hoc meetings as needed.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

Approved by St David's Council, February 2008.

Pastoral Care Committee Terms of Reference

"DAISY MODEL"

Purpose of "Core Committee

To encourage, to provide leadership, and to nurture and co-ordinate pastoral care at St. David's United Church, in co-operation with the ministers and the Church Council.

Present "Petal Groups"

Commune-I-Care, Grief Support workshops, Healing Touch, Pastoral Care Visitors, Prayer Chain, Post-Service Communion through Lay Ministers, Card Ministry, Casserole group, Prayer Shawls, and Scheduled Drivers to Colonel Belcher Veterans facility.

General Responsibilities of Core Committee

- Set priorities and directions for Pastoral Care, in collaboration with the minister(s).
- Utilize and support the materials, workshops, and gatherings, and promote the disbursement of this information involving the Pastoral and Spiritual Care Coordinator and all for the PC volunteers at St. David's.
- Ensure communication among Petal Groups and Core Committee.
- Support new pastoral care initiatives.
- Organize an annual meeting of all PC volunteers each spring with a luncheon provided. Each group gives a brief, informative report detailing purpose, celebrations, and concerns. Interested new volunteers could be invited to attend. The co-ordinator of each Petal Group will say a few words about their group. This meeting will also be a social time. Prospective new members to the Pastoral Care Petal Groups could be invited to attend.
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

The Pastoral Care Committee will ideally consist of a minimum of five people, including:

- Representative to the Church Council.
- Chairperson for meetings (sets the agenda).
- Secretary.

These positions may be on a rotation basis.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.

- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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Property Committee Terms of Reference

Goals

- To administer the property assets of St. David's, maintaining them in a safe condition and complying with the building codes.
- Provide a visually appealing and comfortable atmosphere to members and visitors.
- Ensure the property resource needs of St. David's are met through efficient use of existing property assets, the addition of new facilities and/or the sharing of resources with other churches, and institutions.

Strategies

- Continually monitor the condition of the Church through visual inspection, and inspection by specialist when applicable.
- Implement and maintain an effective maintenance program.
- Work with other St. David's committees to assess future needs.
- Continue to study the options available to provide property resources consistent with the mission of St. David's.
- Provide a "Project Proposal" form for those wishing to have a project considered by the Property committee. Forms are available in the office and on the St. David's web page.
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

Approved by St. David's Council, October 2007.

Social Justice Core Group Terms of Reference

"DAISY MODEL"

Purpose of "Core Group"

Set priorities and directions for community outreach by St. David's United Church, in collaboration with the staff and the Council.

Present "Petal Groups"

Sponsorship of Refugees, Inn From the Cold, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Project Ploughshares Calgary, Community Kitchen.

General Responsibilities of Core Group

- Ensure communication among petal groups.
- Support new social outreach initiatives – from the congregation, staff, or the Core Group itself.
- Organize an information and orientation meeting of representatives from Petal Groups once or twice a year.
- Education and action regarding social justice.
- Co-ordinating the "Giving Tree" each December.
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Structure of the Core Group

- Consult with Council as appropriate.

- One person attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Core Group meets every 6 – 8 weeks.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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Stewardship Committee Terms of Reference

(The Stewardship Committee is a Standing Committee of the Council as specified in the United Church Manual, 2007, section 245. On the St. David's Council, responsibilities listed for the Stewardship Committee in the Manual are divided between the Stewardship Committee and the Finance Committee.)

General Responsibilities:

- To act as a catalyst, bringing people and resources together in order to:
- Build the church community, and
- Generate funds and personal resources for St. David's ministries.

Specific Responsibilities:

Quoted from the Manual

- "To cultivate knowledge and conviction concerning the mission of the church in all its aspects, among all age groups and by all media available" (245 (b) iv)
- "To make available to the Pastoral Charge the materials issued through the relevant General Council working units" (245, (b) v)
- "Through the use of approved methods of church finance, to secure commitment and participation in the mission of the church by the Pastoral Charge. To this end the Committee shall organize periodic visitations for stewardship purposes." (245, (b) vi)
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Committee meets as needed.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

Approved by St. David's Council, September 2007.

Worship Committee Terms of Reference

In accordance with the Governance policy of St. David's United Church, the Worship Committee is responsible for:

Responsibilities

- Set priorities and direction of the worship program, including planning and choices in worship in collaboration with Ministers and the Music Director.
- Baptism and membership procedures –confirmation/transfers.
- Establish funeral procedures.
- Establish marriage procedures.
- Communion servers during worship services.
- Ushers.
- Scripture Readers.
- Pulpit Supply.
- Maintain communion table, candles, banners, hymn books, etc.

- Collaborate with Property and Communication Committees and Sound Team etc. regarding sanctuary equipment and its use as it affects worship.
- Manage the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

Approved by St David's Council, June 2007.

Youth Committee Terms of Reference

Mission Statement

The youth ministry program at St. David's will provide a safe and accepting environment for teens to explore, learn about and practice their belief in God, their Christian Faith and their Christian lifestyle.

Youth Ministry Goals

Goal 1: To provide to the youth the Christian education components necessary for the study of Christian Faith within the United Church.

Goal 2: To provide regular worship opportunities for the youth to express their faith and to practice Christian rituals.

Goal 3: To encourage participation in congregational life to help youth develop and practice their Christian lifestyle.

Goal 4: To encourage the development of a positive Christian lifestyle by providing a supportive and safe environment where youth can socialize with Christian peers, and receive pastoral support.

Youth Committee

The Youth Committee will gather on a regular basis to support, enhance & promote Youth Ministry at St. David's through:

- Oversight, policy development & planning of Youth Ministry programs
- Facilitating communication between the Youth, their families, youth leaders and the congregation
- Leadership of youth programs as needed
- Attending leadership development meetings
- Being a Youth Ministry advocate
- Assisting in the implementation of St. David's Child Protection & Personal Safety Policy
- Managing the Committee's annual budget.

Committee Structure

- Consult with Council as appropriate.
- One person (usually Chair) attends monthly Council meetings (4th Tues evening).
- Meets monthly.
- Appropriate staff persons attend meetings as needed.
- Suggested term for members: 3 years (September start, June end).

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