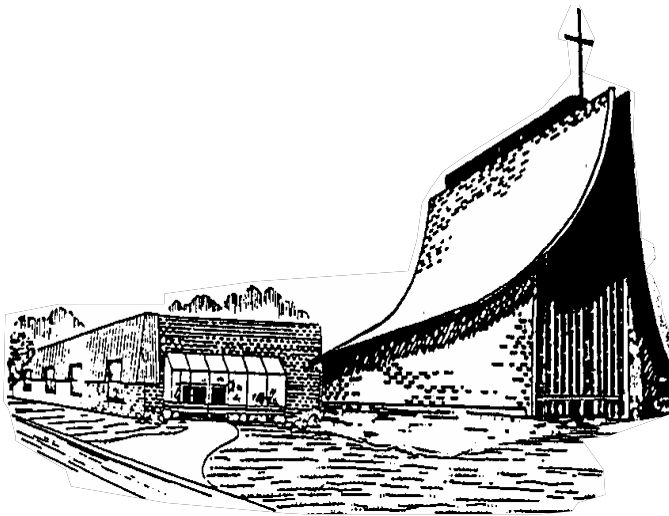


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2004 ANNUAL REPORT**



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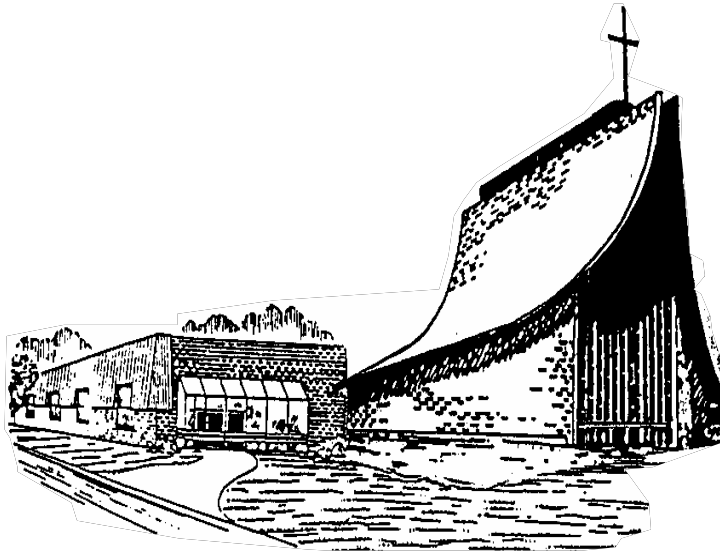
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# Board Reports



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## THE ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE MINISTER

### **Enjoy the Ride!**

I am truly overwhelmed by all of the accomplishments by you, the people of Fairview United Church during this very challenging year of 2006. Once again your faithfulness, generosity and willingness to risk has been such a blessing to this entire faith community! WOW! is the superlative that doesn't quite do justice to this amazing journey that we share together.

I have received a number of very complimentary remarks, cards and letters about the ways in which my ministry here has touched people's lives in a demonstrative way. Now it's my turn through this 2006 Annual Report to assure you that each one of you has a unique ministry that touches a number of people in your surroundings also. Keep up the good work.

When I reached for one of my favourite books, "Stories for the Family's Heart" in order that I might choose a spiritual context for this message, you'll never guess what appeared—a "5¢ Canadian Tire Cash Coupon" was the bookmark for this page with the heading: "**Enjoy the Ride!**". This is just a brief excerpt from the book "Joy Breaks" by Barbara Johnson. She writes:

"Yesterday is a sacred room in your heart where you keep your memories. Here you cherish laughter from another day. You hear melodies of half-forgotten songs. You feel the warmth of a hug from an old friend. You see the lingering glow of a long-gone love. From your yesterdays you draw encouragement to pass along to others."

The year 2006 has been an outstanding page in my "Memory Album with the people of Fairview."

You, the people of Fairview are to be commended for your loyalty to Jesus Christ as it is lived out in this faith community! Some of the highlights for me in the year 2006 include the following:

1. The sacred time that Margaret and I shared on April 2nd on the occasion of the Baptism of our granddaughter: "Ava Elizabeth Ingram" with family members present.
2. Welcoming 17 new members into the fellowship of Fairview by Confirmation: six young people on Palm Sunday, and eleven adults by Certificate of Transfer and Profession of Faith on December 17th.
3. Enjoying the ministry and friendship of Brenda Nesbitt during her time with us at Fairview. Being present for the Service of New Ministries that took place at the Fergus Community Centre. Witnessing the Service of Ordination when Brenda and others were officially received by Hamilton Conference for their Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care was indeed a Special Blessing.
4. Having my long-time friend and colleague, the Reverend Murray Rounding share in the worship service on July 9th was indeed memorable. He began his time of ministry with the people of Port Dover—Woodhouse Pastoral Charge on September 1st.
5. The Worldwide Communion Service on October 1st when we officially welcomed Christine Hossack as Fairview's half-time "Staff Associate" was a special highlight for our church.

6. The October 29th Anniversary Service with Phil Botting as our guest musician and the “I’ll Love You Forever” Children’s story as presented by Chris Hossack made our 56th Fairview Birthday Party, a splendid celebration.
7. I continue to be spiritually nurtured by the collaborative efforts of the Fairview and St. Paul’s combined choir recording of their CD **“United in Praise”**. This is one of those wonderful gifts that just keeps on offering food for the soul!
8. The incredible efforts of “The Men’s Prayer Breakfast Group” and many other volunteers enabled Fairview to host “The Scott Woods Show” to a sold out crowd on Saturday November 25th. What a thrill to see and hear their talents!
9. This concert and the other “Stewardship Efforts” throughout the year of 2006 empowered the Fairview Church Family to overcome a “Projected \$38,000 Deficit” and finish the year 2006 with a positive balance.

**“Well done good and faithful servants!”**

10. The embrace of God’s Love was divinely present at the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. A very special “Thank You” to all of the staff and the Committee Members who have worked so hard to make this a successful year in so many ways.

**\*\*Personal Vignette—**

On Friday January 13th, we had an unusually mild day. I decided in a moment of spontaneity around lunch time, that I should ask my friend, Rev. Frank Walker in Port Dover if I could take him out for a visit and coffee around 3:00 pm that afternoon. He said Yes! I dressed with protective warm clothing, got on my Kawasaki motorcycle, rode out to Port Dover and safely home in time to take our son Jason out for his “Birthday Supper”. What a memorable ride that was! Warm winter clothes were the order of the day. Consider with me the wisdom of these verses from Colossians 3:12-15 as you think about what it means to **“WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHES”& “ENJOY THE RIDE!”**

“Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

(The New Living Translation)

Yours in Christ’s living,

Rev. Barrie

**FROM: JUST ONE OF THE TEAM****Report from the Staff Associate**

The question comes to mind: Where do I start? In many ways it is difficult to believe that I have been in my Staff Associate position for four months and in other ways I feel as if I have always been here. That feeling comes from the warm welcome that I have received from the people within the congregation, the members of the Official Board and last but by no means least the incredible staff members at Fairview.

When I first walked through the doors of Fairview United Church with my family on October 1<sup>st</sup>, we were greeted warmly and with such excitement! Some of the comments that swirled in my head as we left that day were: I am so glad to have the opportunity to finally meet you! We have been waiting for you! Welcome to Fairview! The finishing touches to that exciting day came from the staff. There was no doubt in my mind from the moment that Rev. Barrie asked me to be part of that Sunday morning service to the discovery of business cards and congregational information (thoughtfully left on my desk by Sharon), that I was joining a wonderful team.

During this short period of time, I have also had an opportunity to work with and get to know another important part of the Fairview team within the children of the Sunday school, Youth Group and the devoted leadership in these areas of church life. What a joy this has been! Every individual (big and small) has been encouraging, enthusiastic, and very receptive to new ideas for the presentations we offered on Children's Sunday, White Gift Sunday, and the Intergenerational Service on Christmas Eve. In addition, the support from the Worship and C.L.A.N. Committees has encouraged me to participate fully in the life and work of the church (the choir even lets me sing with them when I can find the time in my busy schedule). In summary, I feel that the gifts that I have brought with me to this ministry have been truly appreciated.

Please accept my sincere thanks for making your Staff Associate and her family feel that they are an important part of the Fairview family team. Personally speaking, there will be challenges in the coming year as my educational path changes direction. However, I look forward to: the opportunity to continue this extraordinary journey with all of you; being enriched by the relationships that have already been established (while looking forward to new ones); staying energized through my involvement in worship, church activities and celebrations in the coming year; and simply being... *just one of the team*.

God's Blessings,

Christine Hossack

## **REFLECTIONS ON 2006 FROM THE BOARD CHAIR**

How quickly the year passes, and now we find ourselves preparing for the Annual Meeting and new year ahead.

2006 was a successful and eventful year in the life of Fairview United Church. The reports from the chairpersons of the various committees will attest to that in more detail. My report will only be an overview and will not do justice to the dedication and efforts of so many people who have been actively involved.

Our staff continues to be a very capable and very dedicated group who serve Fairview very well. During the year, we lost our candidate supply minister, Brenda Nesbitt who was ordained in June, and now has her own pastoral charge in the Smithfield, Ontario area. Her replacement, Christine Hossack, joined us in October and her dedication, talents and contributions to Fairview life have already become very evident. In addition, we lost our very dedicated custodian, Marilyn Gellner who moved to the Chatham area to be with her son and his family. Marilyn has been replaced by Esther McLachlan, and we are fortunate to have her and the company with whom she is employed as our custodians. Our other staff members, Rev. Barrie, Nancy and Sharon continue to excel in their respective positions and to provide great leadership. How fortunate we are!

The members of the Fairview congregation continue to uphold their reputation as being very responsive to the church's needs by supporting fundraising events by helping to organize and also by attending the various major projects which included the Tim Horton's coffee cup project, caring coins, the spring and fall yard sales, the Scott Woods concert, the choir CD project and the Stewardship campaign. In addition, new carpeting for the aisles in the sanctuary was provided by Muriel and Orval Parsons. Some other specific individuals deserve to be recognized as well. Muriel Ferguson and Erna Greenfield fold and organize the church bulletins each week, and have done so for several years. The ladies who are members of the quilting group meet each Thursday for fellowship and quilting, and the proceeds from their efforts go to Fairview and/or other charitable projects. We are indebted to all of these people, as well as the Men's Prayer Breakfast group, the Fairview women's groups and any others whom I have probably overlooked, for all their hard work and support. Thank you.

During the year, Fairview lost some members for a variety of reasons, but a number of new people have started to attend, and some have already joined. All of these people have brought particular skills and talents, and we sincerely welcome them to our congregation.

I also wish to thank the members of the Congregational Board for their cooperation, dedication and commitment. It is an enjoyable group with whom to work, and you deserve our congratulations and appreciation for the spirit in which you come together to work for the benefit of Fairview United Church.

Lastly, my sincere thanks to everyone for your support and cooperation during my time as chair. It has been an enjoyable and satisfying experience.

In God's service,

Glenn Watson

## **Call to Order**

### **Election of Chairperson**

Nomination for Chairperson: Morley Roswell.  
Nominated by Glenn Watson.  
Seconded by Gord Ferrell.  
Nomination carried.

### **Election of Secretary**

Nomination for Secretary: Liz Bonneville.  
Nominated by Morley Roswell.  
Seconded by Dave Kelman.  
Nomination carried.

### **Voting and Meeting Guidelines**

Instructions given by Rev. Barrie

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda.  
Moved by Dave Hugman.  
Seconded by Bob Murray.  
Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

### **Adopt Minutes of Annual Meeting—February 13, 2005**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Annual Meeting, February 13, 2005.  
Moved by Denis McGale.  
Seconded by April Hugman.  
Motion carried.

### **Adopt Minutes of Congregational Meeting—October 16, 2005**

Motion to adopt the minutes of the Congregational Meeting, October 16, 2005.  
Moved by Karen Pugh.  
Seconded by Cheryl McKellar.  
Motion carried.

### **Review of Annual Reports included within the Annual Report for 2005**

Motion to accept the annual reports within the Annual Report for 2005.  
Moved by Dorothy Bayne.  
Seconded by Marilyn Watson.  
Motion carried.

**2005 Financial Reports (Excluding M&S)**

Dave Kelman reported that individual salaries will no longer be highlighted, but changed to a lump sum figure.

Motion to accept the 2005 Financial Reports.

Moved by Dave Kelman.

Seconded by Gord Ferrell.

Motion carried.

**2005 M&S Report**

Motion to accept the 2005 M&S Report.

Moved by Dave Kelman.

Seconded by Phyllis Hunter.

Motion Carried.

**Auditor's Report**

John Baxter commented that Fairview changed software from Quickbooks to Power-ChurchPlus during the year 2005, which is more efficient and made the audit easier this year.

Motion to accept the Auditor's Report.

Moved by George Weeden.

Seconded by David Horsfield.

Motion carried.

**Budget 2006 (excluding M&S)**

A deficit budget of \$39,000 was projected for the year 2006, and concern was expressed about such a budget.

Comments and questions on the budget:

- Thanks was expressed to the Finance Committee for their hard work and well-written document.
- The maintenance budget of \$2,000 seems low.
- Who takes care of shovelling sidewalks? The Men's Breakfast Group does this, no charge. The Friday morning Men's Breakfast Group does many such things, for example, the work on outside windows. Without this volunteer help, maintenance budget would be even higher.
- Rev. Barrie Bain made comments regarding last year's deficit (budgeted). We overcame that and growing things are happening here. For example: we averaged 20 more people per Sunday in January 2006 and we had bequests. He agrees that this deficit is a challenge, but with creative minds, partnerships and innovative projects, we can do it.
- With a budget like this, goals are necessary so there's not complacency.

Suggestions to lower our deficit/increase our income:

- Develop a plan with 2 choices: work harder and longer and don't over extend. Work hard in some areas and cut back in others.
- Break down the deficit so that each person gives an extra \$2 per week.

- Investments are shown as \$136,000. Could we use these investments in the future? Certain investments cannot be used for church expenses, such as the money from the sale of the manse. But any investments that we do use cuts down on the interest that is given to the church for expenditures.
- A \$39,000 deficit may be enough to scare away newcomers. Should we take some out of investments if we're really desperate? The \$110,000 was from the sale of the manse cannot be used, only the interest. We would need some special permission to use it if we desired to.
- We are projecting lower income this year, but we can rise to the challenge. We could take on our own needs first this year instead of other causes, so, in future, we can help to look after rest of the world.
- We could do the \$1,000 donation per family again.
- We need to generate a strategic plan for the future.
- The answer is in our pockets.
- We can do some fundraising: share ideas on this.
- Should we appoint a budgetary review committee to work out best possible solutions and bring it back to the congregation for future consideration?

Motion to adopt 2006 budget.

Moved by Dave Kelman.

Seconded by Connie Wilks.

Motion Carried.

**Budget Question directed to the Congregational Board and Other Committees.**

Agreement that we can meet our challenges but we need a strategic plan and a specific person or group to bring it back to the congregation for approval. Are there any volunteers? John Baxter, Morley Roswell, Linn Shea and Mark Staffen volunteered to be a part of this committee, with the suggestion that the treasurer should be a part of the committee.

Motion to appoint an appropriate committee to review the budget.

Moved by Bob Murray.

Seconded by Bob Bayne.

Motion Carried.

**M&S Budget 2006**

\$18,000 budgeted again.

Rev. Bain commented that the M&S budget is simply an objective.

Motion to accept M&S 2006 Budget

Moved by Dave Kelman

Seconded by Dave Gilbert

Motion Carried.

**Election of Auditors for 2006**

Nomination for Auditor: John Baxter

Nominated by Dave Kelman

Seconded by George Weeden

Vote: All in favour

**New Business**

No new business.

**Intern Minister's Comments**

Brenda Nesbitt:

She has finished her internship. She's still here because we took a chance on forming her position. Church family is about inner circle here as well as reaching out to the world.

**Minister's Comments**

Rev. Barrie Bain:

Lighthouse: It is on his door, on the annual report. We are keepers of the lighthouse and each of us can take a turn to keep the light on the path of welcome, compassion and thanksgiving.

Church Family: Never taken on this type of a challenge before but, together, we can do it.

**Comments by Chairman of Congregational Board**

Glenn Watson:

Knows Dave Kelman and Finance Committee have really worried over this budget. We have a lot of positives in this church.

**Courtesies**

Morley Roswell: Thanks for asking him to be Chair today. Speaking on Betty's behalf, "God works in mysterious ways." He believes the new committee will be told by God what to do.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by Dave Kelman.

Seconded by Linn Shea.

Motion carried.

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## Call to Order

### Election of Chairperson

Nomination of Rev. Nora Feuten to act as chairperson  
Approved by congregation.

### Election of Secretary

Nomination of Liz Bonneville to act as secretary.  
Approved by congregation.

## Agenda

Purpose of this congregational meeting: to consider the recommendation brought to us by the Pastoral Search Committee, with respect to calling a person to fill the ½ time position for Christian Education Work at Fairview United Church.

**Sharon Bliss:** explained details of the Joint Search Committee process. Christine Hossack is the recommended applicant for ½ time Christian Education Leader. Christine is very energized and enthusiastic.

**Rev. Barrie Bain:** Christine is preparing herself to be an ordained minister. She lives in Burford. Her congregation is testing her “call”, a discernment process. So, she won’t be with us every Sunday. She will be with us two Sunday’s per month, plus her responsibilities outlined in the appendix. He recommends Christine as our Christian Education Leader. Many steps will be taken through Erie Presbytery.

**Any Questions:** No.

**Sharon Bliss:** Motion that Christine Hossack be appointed as our Christian Education Leader. Moved by Sharon Bliss and seconded by Jill Leedham.

#### **Discussion:**

- Would she help with visiting? She will be sharing the load with Rev. Barrie Bain.
- Can everyone vote or only members of Fairview? All contributors can vote.

**Rev. Nora Feuten:** Presbytery appoints the person for this position. The appointment is reviewed annually by Erie Presbytery whereas a “call” is forever.

**Vote Results:** 100% in favour of Christine Hossack.

**Sharon Bliss:** Motion to have Erie Presbytery appoint Christine Hossack as our Christian Education Leader. Moved by Sharon Bliss, seconded by Jill Leedham. Motion carried.

**Sharon Bliss:** Motion to disband the Joint Search Committee. Moved by Sharon Bliss, seconded by Jill Leedham. Motion carried.

**Point of Order:** David Thompson thanks the Joint Search Committee for their work..

# Congregational Board 2007

## Chair

Debra Ward

## Vice Chair

Mark Staffen

## Minister

The Rev. Barrie Bain

## Secretary

Connie Wilks

## Past Chair

Glenn Watson

## Staff Associate

Christine Hossack

## Christian Life & Nurture

Beth McIntosh  
Kim McClelland  
Elaine Kipp  
Patsy Watson  
Scott McDonald  
Sonya Staffen  
Sue Kennedy  
Linn Shea  
Sharon Martyn

## Finance & Administration

Donna Gilbert  
Sherry Milla  
John Oliver  
Don Camick  
Bill Blaney  
Andrew Steel  
Rita Reid-Smith

## Ministry & Personnel

Dave Gilbert  
Sharon Bliss  
Jill Leedham  
Bob Scott

## Outreach

Sue Preston  
John Richardson  
Linn Shea  
Cheryl Mann  
Ruth Mills  
George Weeden  
Brenda Weeden

## Property

Al Ljunggren  
Les Attwood  
Bob Bayne  
Ed Jesseman  
Conrad Church  
Lee Thorsen  
Scott McKellar  
Bob Moffat  
Grant Wilks  
Dave Watson

## Recruitment

Dave Kelman  
Morley Roswell  
Jill Amos

## Stewardship

David Thompson  
Bill Anticknap  
John Baxter

## Worship

Diane Hutcheon  
Jill Amos  
Kim Richardson  
Sue Kennedy  
Cindy Smiley  
Cheryl McKellar  
Yvonne McDougall  
Les Attwood  
Sharon Blaney  
George Weeden  
Brenda Weeden

## Trustees

Gord Ferrell  
Yvonne McDougall  
Glenn Watson  
Bob Moffat  
Bob Murray  
Bruce Reese  
Dave Kelman

# Congregational Board 2007

## Members at Large

Dorothy Bayne  
Betty Renout  
Phyllis Hunter

## Memorials

Connie Wilks  
Donna Ryder  
Karen Anticknap

## Chancel Review (Special)

Donna Ryder  
Diane Hutcheon  
Grant Wilks  
Glenn Watson  
Leslie Leach

## Women of United Church of Canada

Fairview Willow Unit  
O'Dell Circle  
Tranquility Unit  
*Representative to the Official Board:*  
Phyllis Hunter

## Presbytery

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## Tri-Church

Dorothy Bayne  
Connie Wilks  
Mary Millsap

## Roll Clerk

Cathy Mann

## Archivist

Les Attwood

*Note: The minister is ex-officio a member of every committee.*



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## MEMBERSHIP ROLL

**PURPOSE:** To maintain a membership roll which accurately reflects the actual status of the various members of Fairview United Church in regard to their church relationship. (This is in keeping with the principles and regulations of the United Church of Canada [Section 15]).

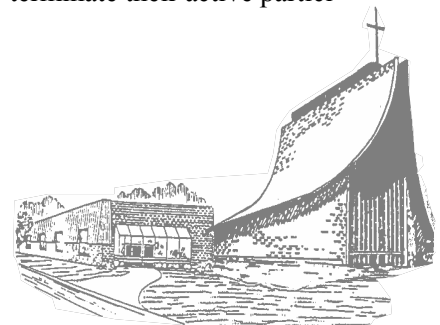
**POLICY:** The membership roll of Fairview United Church will be updated annually in accordance with the following principles:

- Resident Member - Any person who has been active in attendance of worship and/or church activities and/or has given financial support is deemed a member of good standing.
- Non-Resident Member—Is a confirmed member of our congregation who is in good standing but has moved too far away from our congregation to attend services regularly.
- Resident member who is inactive may be kept on the membership roll because of compassionate reasons—i.e., shut-in, illness, disability.
- Resident member who has been inactive for a period of two years shall be contacted by a representative of the Co-ordinating Elders Committee and/or the minister(s) of the church to attempt to re-establish his/her participation in church life. If there has been no favourable response within a six-month period, this person's membership shall be terminated according to the policies of Fairview United Church and notified in writing by the Co-ordinating Elders Committee.
- A non-resident member with whom there has been no contact for two years shall be contacted by the Co-ordinating Elders Committee where possible, by letter, to determine this person's ongoing commitment to Fairview United Church, or possible transfer to a church in his/her community. If there has been no favourable response within a six-month period, this person's membership shall be terminated.

## PROCEDURE

- It shall be the responsibility of the Co-ordinating Elders Committee to administer this policy.
- To encourage full participation by all members and adherents.
- To show concern for all active members who abruptly terminate their active participation by a policy of prompt visitation.

(November 1995)



**MEMBERSHIP ROLL REPORT—2006**

	<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>
<b>Membership as of January 1</b>	<b>357</b>		<b>465</b>
New Members received by Transfer	8	2	
New Members received by Confirmation	6	0	
New Members received by Profession of Faith	0	1	
Members Re-Instated, or received by Reaffirmation of Faith	3	2	
Total Members Received	<b>17</b>	<u>+17</u>	<b>5</b>
			<u>+5</u>
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>374</b>		<b>470</b>
Members removed by Transfer	1	10	
Members removed by Board Action	0	88	
Members removed by Own Request	0	8	
Members removed by death	9	7	
Total Members Removed	<b>10</b>	<u>-10</u>	<b>113</b>
			<u>-113</u>
<b>Total Members as of December 31</b>	<b>364</b>		<b>357</b>
Non-Resident Members	<u>-44</u>		<u>-46</u>
<b>Total Resident Members</b>	<b>320</b>		<b>311</b>





## **CONFIRMATION**

Christie Hugman  
 Shannon Hugman  
 Courtney Pilkington  
 Michael Tennant  
 Alexander Thompson  
 Ian Thompson

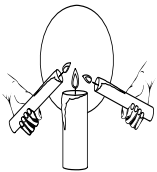


## **NEW MEMBERS**

Don and Linda Camick  
 Conrad Church  
 Eleanor Clarke  
 Judy Jackson  
 Scott and Tanya McDonald  
 Sue Preston  
 Doris Taylor  
 David and Patsy Watson

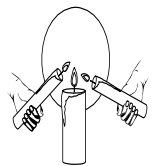
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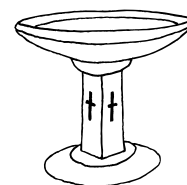
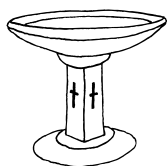
Warren Cook      Transfer to Forest Hill United Church, Kitchener



## **MARRIAGES**

Jane Vale and Donald Davies	January 21
Stephanie Verkerk and John Wright	July 22
Kimberly Conway and Gary Pelich	July 29
Donna Jean Bradbury and Paul Jamula	September 9
Jennifer Hood and Derek Draper	September 16
Allison Groulx and Justin McKellar	October 28
Sasha-Lynn Morgan and Michael Renwick	November 25





## **BAPTISMS**

### **February 19**

Cohan Douglas McDonald      son of Scott and Tanya McDonald

### **April 2**

Dean James Ingram      adult baptism

Ava Elizabeth Ingram      daughter of Dean and Christine Ingram (Bain)

### **June 18**

Zander Richard Rivers      son of Jason and Melanie Rivers (Bond)

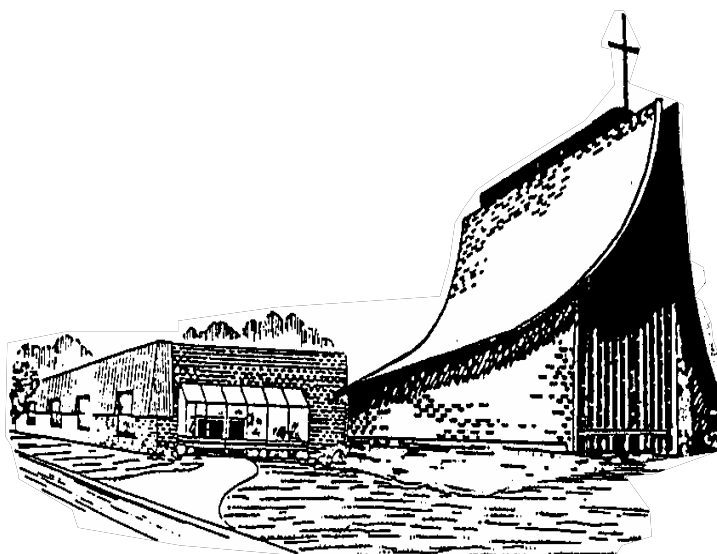


## **IN MEMORIUM**

Shirley Thompson	January 23
Frank "Bill" Attwood	February 1
Betty Roswell	February 7
Vincent Harold	March 7
Roy Johnson	May 16
Gordon Oxborough	October 2

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Committee  
&  
Sub-Committee  
Reports



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## CHRISTIAN LIFE AND NURTURE

### Nurturing the Christian Life of the Fairview Family

How does one form their faith? Are you a Christian because you attend Sunday service? Are you a baker because you go to Tim Horton's everyday?

Faith formation is holistic. It takes into account the whole person—thinking, feeling, loving, hurting, imaginative and creative. God is encountered in the church, the cultural community and the created world from which participants come. Experience of the heart—mystery, wonder and awe—are as important as rational expressions through doctrine, dogma and creeds in forming faith. Faith formation in the church happens, not just through the practice of spiritual disciplines, importance as these continue to be, but through full participation in the life, ministry and mission of the church as it engages with its cultural community. –*Seeds and Sowers Children, Fall 2000*

Growth is a cycle of change in which seeds are planted and new plants are formed and nourished. In turn, they nourish life around them. A plant matures, forming seeds for new life even as it dies. Then, the cycle of new life begins again. Seeds represent change and the possibility of new growth.

This cycle happens in Christian Education/ Faith Formation. There are exciting times when new programs or activities begin, are nourished and achieve growth in various ways. Then, the cycle might begin again but with variations or a different program. An important principle of faith formation is that it is dynamic and lifelong. It's full of change as it goes on in each life stage from childhood, then youth, through adulthood. Within the cycle itself, there is a longing to grow into the various changes that are part of the cycle: the seed yearns for planting; the plant yearns for growth and the production of new seeds and so on. Sometimes the cycle comes to a halt. Drought stops the plant from growing; stony ground inhibits the roots and there is longing for the cycle to find a way to move in its process.

We are longing for change in our Christian Education/Faith Formation. It's not just a better curriculum we seek or more of it but change that means growing faith, deepening the spirituality of and enabling a connection with all ages and equipping ourselves to seek justice in our lives and in the world. We will never have all the answers. There will always be another new curriculum or bible study to try because no single answer, program or theory can fully contain the amazing things that happen to us as we journey in relationship with God.

Growing with you,

Kim McClelland  
Chairperson for CLAN

#### *Christian Life and Nurture Activities for 2006*

- ⇒ Curriculum for youth education – Seasons of the Spirit Lectionary based lessons, the children are learning from the same scripture lessons each week as we are
- ⇒ Three Sunday school teachers for each age level
- ⇒ Bible Study with Brenda Nesbitt
- ⇒ Soup for the Soul Video series and discussion with Jill Amos
- ⇒ Confirmation
- ⇒ Lenten Preparation Day
- ⇒ Davinci Code Book study with Sydenham and Harmony

- ⇒ Hot Dog Sundays raised over \$1000
- ⇒ Celebrating Mom and Dad's Days
- ⇒ Intergenerational Services
- ⇒ Veggie Tales and Pizza Night
- ⇒ Holy Humour
- ⇒ Advent Prep and Potluck
- ⇒ Trip to the Grand Theatre
- ⇒ Secret Advent Family
- ⇒ New Books available in the library
- ⇒ Christmas Eve service
- ⇒ Send off for Brenda & Yvonne
- ⇒ Welcome to Chris & Sonya
- ⇒ Police Checks for Vulnerable Population



### Up and Coming in 2007

- ⇒ Name Change of CLAN to Faith Formation
- ⇒ Spaghetti Supper
- ⇒ Lenten Labyrinth
- ⇒ Lenten Bible Study
- ⇒ Sunday School Open House
- ⇒ Nursery Makeover
- ⇒ Ten Thousand Villages Festival
- ⇒ Father Mark Curtis Concert

## FAIRVIEW SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

**Opening Balance, January 1, 2007** \$1,816.47

### Receipts

Envelope Givings:		
General Fund	\$74.85	
Mission and Service	31.85	
General Fund (Loose)	217.71	
Bank Interest	<u>4.87</u>	+ 329.28
		<u>\$ 2,145.75</u>

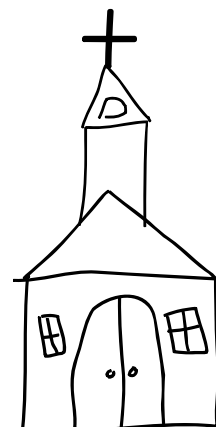
### Disbursements

Treasurer United Church of Canada (Mission and Service)	\$ <u>31.85</u>	- <u>31.85</u>
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**CLOSING BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2007** \$2,113.90

You will note that over the past few years the Sunday School giving's have steadily decreased. This is due to the fact that many of our students have grown up, left Sunday School, and their numbers have not been replaced.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shirley Draper  
Sunday School Treasurer



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Another year has flown by and with it we have experienced music which has touched our hearts in

**Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness;  
come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. Psalm 100**

many ways. The Chancel Choir learned and presented 43 anthems throughout the year. They lead the congregation in songs of worship and praise. I am thankful for the hours of commitment that they make every week of the year to God and to the Church.

We were blessed to have several soloists this year. They are as follows: Kirk Smeaton, Donna Ryder, Tom and Cindy Smiley, Barb Parker, Ruth Mills, Nigel Scrutton and Dan Parker.

A Men's Trio—Gord Ferrell, Nigel Scrutton and Kirk Smeaton sang "Noah Found Grace." On Father's Day a men's chorus sang "What a Friend we Have in Jesus".

A Ladies' Quartet—June Haines, Donna Ryder, Cheryl McKellar and Cindy Smiley, sang "Lead Me, Guide Me".

We had several instrumentalists take part in the services: Virginia Little played the violin on Good Friday along with the choir anthem "Beneath the Cross of Jesus". Jeff Pelich enhanced our Easter morning service with his trumpet. Nicole Yoshimura played the violin during the Children's Service in November. And there were two piano duets played by John Richardson and Nancy Krause.

We enjoyed a wonderful Liturgical Dance routine by Shirley Norton on Easter Sunday.

Bell accompaniments were put to good use on many occasions. Donna Ryder and June Haines were the ringers.

The Worship Committee, spear-headed by Rev. Barrie, invited a guest artist to our Anniversary Service. Phil Botting sang six songs at that service. He is a very talented individual whose love of the Lord shines through his singing.

In November, Scott Woods, a Canadian champion fiddle player, and his family, performed at Fairview. It was a sold-out concert in three weeks, and was a very successful fund-raiser. Thanks to the Men's Prayer Breakfast group for organizing this popular event.

On December 17th the choir once again hosted the "Fairview Family Christmas". There were jokes, carols, choir members, Jubilee 6 (Linda Gillis, Neil Sandiland, Bill Taylor, Tom Smiley, Gord Ferrell and Nancy Krause...an instrumental band); piano solos by Alexander Rey, Lyndon Rey and Stefanie Stuart; vocal solos by Dan Parker, Nigel Scrutton and Samantha Hossack. There were also two duets—Christine Hossack and Donna Ryder sang "Were You There on that Christmas Night", and Brenda Weeden and Sandy Surette sang "Silver Bells". The choir brought homemade cookies, and John Richardson brought the apple cider. Our Fellowship Hall was almost full. Thanks to everyone who attended.

The year 2006 saw the choir making a huge commitment of time and effort in the production of a CD. I (Nancy Krause) and Judy Norman, Director of St. Paul's United Church Choir in Paris met in the autumn of 2005 to plan and select the pieces that would be included on the CD. Then music was ordered to begin practice in January. Both choirs had about eight new pieces to learn, and another eleven to rehearse so that the parts were well known. We then had several combined rehearsals in March and April. During that time

as well, we sent away our fees for license permissions. We decided to record our music at Fairview because we had our new sound equipment and we had a very able technician, Les Attwood, to do the recording. So we did the recording the last two weeks of May and the first two weeks of June. Our recording sessions were fun but somewhat challenging. Did you know that the street sweeper VAROOMS around the block at 8:15 pm? The ambulance WHOOOOS by. And sometimes in May the heat is so intense that giant WHIRRING fans need to be in place to survive. That all makes havoc for recording sessions. But we persevered and even enjoyed it.

During the summer Les Attwood and I got together to adjust the balance of the voicing and instruments. Then later in the summer we met again with Judy to do the final tweaking.

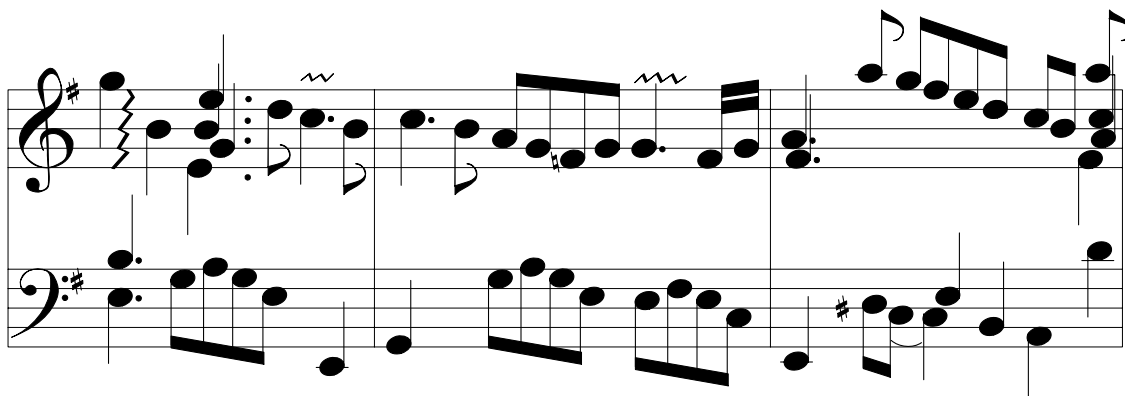
We were very fortunate to have excellent workmanship offered by the Graphic Designer Andrew Pilkington and the professional Photographer George Fowlie. Roger Duck, from Digital Duck produced the CD for cost. When the CD arrived we were exceedingly pleased. It sounded quite well done and something to be proud of. It is a fine tribute to God.

We would like to thank the congregation for supporting our venture. All the CD discs were sold by the end of the year. Any monies made from the sales of the CD will be put to purchasing a video projection system for the Sanctuary.

Our Choir members this year include Barb Parker, Bette Sholer, Cindy Smiley, Brenda Weeden, Audrey Duck, June Haines, Cheryl McKellar, Eleanor Lamb, Yvonne McDougall, Sandra Moore, Kim Richardson, Donna Ryder, Sandra Surette, June Attwood, John Richardson, Tom Smiley, Gord Ferrell, Kirk Smeaton and Nigel Scrutton.

Choir President—Gord Ferrell  
 Secretary—Yvonne McDougall  
 Treasurer—Sandy Surette  
 Social—Kim and John Richardson  
 Cards and Gifts—Sandra Moore  
 Librarian—Cheryl McKellar and June Haines  
 Gowns—Cindy Smiley

Respectfully submitted,  
 Nancy Krause  
 Music Director



**SENIOR CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Opening Balance, January 1, 2006** \$811.53

**Receipts**

Collections .....	142.56	
Copyright fees from St. Paul's.....	194.81	
Bank Interest.....	0.20	
Sale of CD's.....	2,759.25	
Fairview Family Christmas.....	<u>214.97</u>	
<b>Total Receipts for 2006</b>		<u>+3,311.79</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,123.32</b>

**Disbursements**

Bank Charges.....	\$ 2.40	
Flowers.....	27.59	
Digital Duck Inc.....	718.20	
Copyright Fees.....	<u>864.80</u>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>-1,612.99</u>

**Balance on Hand December 31, 2006** **\$ 2,510.33**



## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

2006 was a transition year for the Outreach Committee. We focused on a few small causes.

This year Outreach once again hosted an Alzheimer's Coffee Break which raised \$305.15 for the Alzheimer's Society.



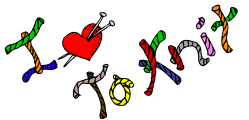
We were able to raise \$707 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. This was achieved by two means. Our first fund-raiser was Locks of Love. John Richardson had been growing his hair in order to donate it to an organization which makes wigs for cancer patients. He decided that he could raise funds for the Foodgrains Bank at the same time by allowing members of Fairview to cut a lock of his hair for a donation. We were able to raise \$447. The second event the committee held was The Manna From Heaven Potluck Educational Dinner. This event raised \$260.

Another focus for Outreach was the formation of TBA. This is an intergenerational group who's sole purpose is for fellowship. This year the group has hiked a trail, held a picnic, carved pumpkins, went skating and Journeyed to Bethlehem.

We continue to collect food for the food bank. In 2006 we raised 1100 lbs. Our goal for 2007 is to raise 1400 pounds. In November Outreach hosted a Mission Sunday. With the increase in publicized domestic violence cases in Brantford in 2006 the committee decided to invite Rhonda Hendel from Nova Vita to speak on the issue.



The committee also continued to hold knitting nights. The purpose of these nights were to have people join in fellowship and knit a square for blankets which are distributed to various organizations.



We are currently working on the Zoom Zoom campaign to see if there are members of our congregation who wish to attend church but require a ride here. This is currently in the investigation stage for Outreach to see if the need exists.

There was \$19,273.00 donated to the Mission and Service funds for 2006 by our congregation.

Thanks for all the support and God Bless.

The Outreach Team:

Betty Renout, John Richardson, Sue Preston, Mark Staffen and Linn Shea

Respectfully submitted,

Linn Shea



## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee looked after the ongoing maintenance of the church building and property, looking after grass cutting, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, fertilizing etc. in the summer.

There are always light bulbs, switches, ballasts and plumbing to be replaced or repaired.

Air conditioners for the two offices have to be installed in the spring and removed from the windows in the Fall.

The Men's Breakfast group purchased and planted flowers at the front and back of the church.

Parking spaces were marked on the parking lot during the summer.

We miss Marilyn Gellner's cheerful presence around the church. We now have another pleasant lady doing the caretaking and keeping the church and facilities neat and tidy.

Many thanks to Les Attwood for looking after the sound systems, programming the heating system, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems, telephones, etc.

Thanks to Neil Little for keeping the solarium looking so healthy and attractive year round.

Thanks to Bob Moffat for the grass cutting every summer.

Thanks to the men of the Breakfast Group for their help setting up for yard sales, suppers and many other things.

The Property Committee members are:

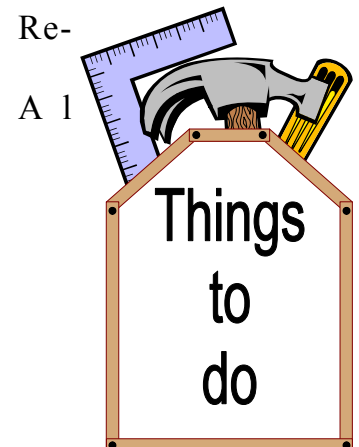
Les Attwood	Ed Jesseman
Bob Bayne	Scott McKellar
Bob Moffat	Grant Wilks
Al Ljunggren	

Thanks to all who have given so generously and cheerfully of their time and talent.

spectfully submitted,

Ljunggren,

Chair, Property Committee



## **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

Erie Presbytery consists of the pastoral charges located within the counties of Brant, Haldimand and Norfolk. Presbytery meetings deal with all the financial, personnel and organizational matters associated with the operation of the United Church in this region. Presbytery meetings take place seven times a year in different churches throughout the area. Meetings begin at 5 pm and usually finish around 9:30 pm with a break for supper.

Presbytery has dealt with many issues this past year. Highlights were the completion of Burford's new building, repair of Grace United Church in Caledonia and the ordination of Brenda Nesbitt.

submitted by,

Respectfully

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Doug Mal-

## **RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE**

The committee began it's work in the late fall by reviewing our constitution so that we would be guided by our rules.

We then compiled committee membership lists for the past 4 years, because our constitution says that is the maximum term for a member. When we advised the board that several committees would be decimated by strict adherence to the constitution, we were instructed by the board to treat the constitution for this year like the speed limit—have regard for it, but don't adhere strictly to it.

We created lists of potential new members using our photo directory as a prime source of information.

We put notices in the weekly bulletin encouraging folks to get involved in the church's government by volunteering or saying "yes" when asked.

The response we got was a resounding "yes, I'm ready to help" from 12 people, several of them newcomers to the church or the committees. Our only short-coming was in finding someone to be our delegate to presbytery.

If you have not been asked, but would like to serve during 2007, please contact any one of us to get yourself added to a committee.

mitted,

Respectfully sub-

Dave Kelman  
Dorothy Bayne  
Morley Roswell

## **TRI-CHURCH COMMITTEE**

Tri-Church consists of Harmony, Sydenham and Fairview. Representatives from Fairview include Rev. Barrie Bain, Dorothy Bayne, Mary Millsap and Connie Wilks.

1. Lenten Services and luncheons

—Harmony: March 9

—Sydenham: March 23

—Fairview: April 6

These services were well received with about 40 people attending. Fellowship was enjoyed at the lunches.

2. Plans were made for a summer picnic at Five Oaks on June 24, 2007

3. It was decided that Sydenham would look after Vacation Bible School but Fairview and Harmony would help with advertising (most of the children attending came from the area around Sydenham).

4. We had a very good attendance at the “DaVinci Code” book study. The three churches were used for the sessions being led by the ministers with a lunch afterwards. We went to the movie “The DaVinci Code” as our last meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mary Millsap

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

2006 has once again been a very busy and inspirational year for the members of the Fairview Worship Committee. We have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to work and plan under the guidance and direction of The Reverend Barrie Bain this past year. The committee members are Diane Hutcheon (Chairperson), Brenda and George Weeden, Yvonne McDougall, Cindy Smiley, Cheryl McKellar, Les Attwood, Music Director: Nancy Krause and Liz Bonneville. We were also fortunate to have our student intern Brenda Nesbitt with us until May and then our new Staff Associate Christine Hossack in October. This is indeed a very creative, enthusiastic and energetic group of people who dedicate many hours so willingly to ensure that all worship experiences run smoothly.

We meet the first Tuesday of every month to review past services and to plan future services and activities. We plan and organize regular Sunday services as well as special services which include the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism, Transfer of Membership, Profession of Faith, Praise and Worship and Intergenerational services. The youth involvement in our services has been wonderful and we look forward to having them take part in the year ahead. Music in our services plays a very important part and we feel very blessed to have Nancy and our choir sharing their gifts of music every Sunday. We also plan the worship experiences that come throughout the Christian Year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Palm Sunday and Thanksgiving).

The Worship Committee has several sub-committees that fulfill duties such as preparing the elements for Holy Communion, serving Communion, decorating the Sanctuary, arranging for guest ministers and speakers, preparing music, looking after advertising, planning special seasonal activities and programs and organizing Sunday services for the Summer Tri-church services.

Besides our weekly advertising in the Brantford Expositor, we designed and printed flyers that were delivered to houses in the areas in the north end of the city. The flyers were a colourful three-fold design that invited others to come out and join in the fellowship here with our Fairview Family. They outlined the various mid-week activities, gave the dates of special services and activities with an invitation to share with us. It included a warm greeting and message from Reverend Barrie, Brenda Nesbitt (until May) and Christine Hossack (for Christmas). We felt that the idea of the flyers worked well last year, so we designed new ones again this year, adding even more information about what is happening inside our doors. They were delivered in the spring and again in early October before our special Anniversary Service. Fifteen hundred of these flyers were sent out each time. Many thanks go out to all who participated in this very worthwhile project!

A Pancake supper was once again successfully organized by the committee with much help from the Men's Prayer Breakfast group...and the wives. An Ash Wednesday service followed dinner. These events were well attended and had a special meaning for those in attendance.

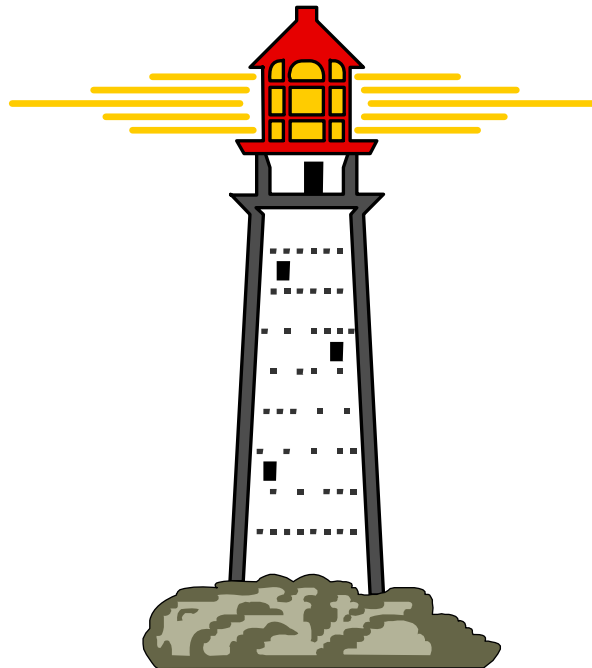
In the spring the committee, with many thanks to Cheryl McKellar, had a large banner made with our Mission Statement printed on it. It was hung in the Sanctuary, where it could be viewed every Sunday. Fairview is indeed living their Mission Statement!

Under the guidance of Reverend Barrie, we have had the opportunity to grow and learn as he shares his knowledge and experiences with the committee. We have eagerly implemented his many creative and inspirational ideas and we are so thankful to have him share these with us. The Worship Committee has also been fortunate to have had Brenda Nesbitt, our student intern (until May), and then Chris Hossack (since October) actively involved in the planning of our Worship services. They brought many fresh, new ideas to our meetings and their input is invaluable. The dedication and enthusiasm of each and every member of this committee is very much appreciated. Each one has worked in many behind-the-scenes ways, to make Fairview United Church a truly welcoming community as we continue to do God's work.

by:

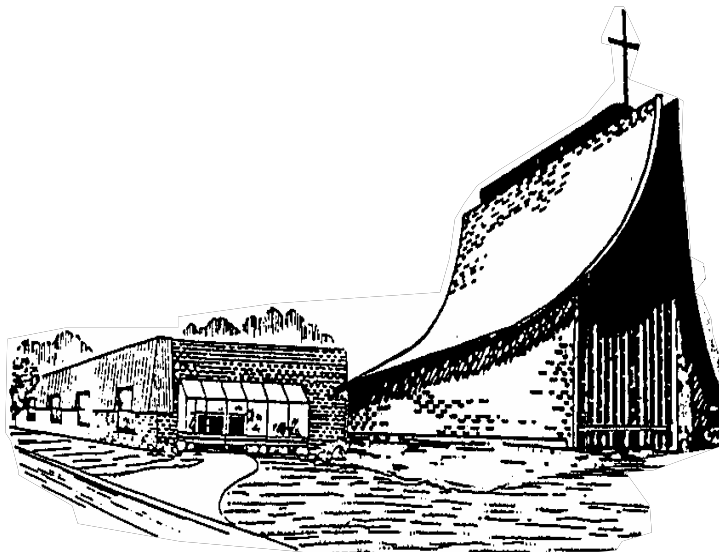
Respectfully submitted

Diane Hutcheon (Chair)



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# Board Representative Reports



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## FAIRVIEW UNITED CHURCH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### *Responsibilities*

In accordance with the United Church Manual, the Board of Trustees holds the property of the congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation; invests and manages investment funds and allocates proceeds from the sale of church assets. The Board also monitors and reviews annually the insurance coverage on the church property.

### *Activities during 2006*

\$11,900.00 interest from investments and \$350 loan repayment was transferred to the church over the course of the year.

\$8,000.00 Dundee Bancorp 6.7% debenture was called on August 16, 2006, one year before the original maturity date. The principal has been reinvested.

<i><b>Total Assets</b></i>	<i><b>Estimated Market Value</b></i>
Province of Alberta 5.0% Bond .....	\$17,302.51
Province of Nova Scotia 5.4% Bond .....	54,757.39
Bell Canada 6.1% Bond .....	54,372.89
Bell Canada 6.5% Bond .....	21,148.28
Royal Bank of Canada 5.75% Bond .....	10,129.83
Trimark Diversified Fund .....	<u>8,289.99</u>
<b>Sub-total</b> .....	\$166,000.89
TD Canada Trust Savings Account .....	<u>10.50</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$166,011.39</b>

### *Other*

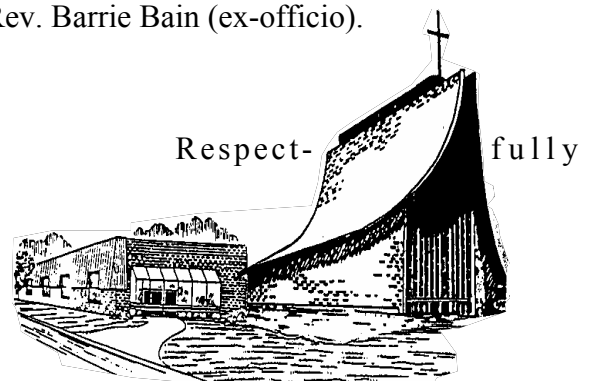
In addition, a trust fund on behalf of the Women of Fairview United Church is held by the Trustees. It was designated for the replacement of kitchen appliances as required. A balance of \$1,608.59 remains in the fund.

### *Trustee Board membership*

Members of the Board are Gord Ferrell (Chair), Bob Moffat (Vice Chair), Yvonne McDougall (Secretary), Dave Kelman, Bruce Reese, Bob Murray, Glenn Watson and Rev. Barrie Bain (ex-officio).

submitted,

Gord Ferrell, Chair



## FAIRVIEW'S WOMEN'S GROUPS

**O'Dell Circle**

The ladies of the O'Dell Group meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the church parlour for fellowship, devotions and discussion.

We sincerely welcome new members to join us for this special time together as we share in our faith journey and outreach work in the church community.

We have fifteen members who participate in the monthly duties of leadership, devotions, secretarial tasks and providing lunch.

Seasonal programmes provided by our leaders included topics on Love, Lent and Easter, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, Music and Christmas. We held a mini-auction one month to raise funds for our Card and Flower Fund. In June a potluck luncheon was enjoyed at a member's home. To celebrate the Christmas season we joined together for lunch at a local restaurant.

We continue to support Fairview Church and its many activities. Financial contributions are made to the General Fund. We assist in providing food for receptions in the church hall including the Scott Woods Concert and Bell Ringer Workshops.

In November we hosted the Tranquility and Fairview Willow groups for our General Meeting. Christine Hossack our Staff Associate, shared her Faith Journey and experiences with us, followed by refreshments and a social hour.

Shut-ins are remembered with visits, cards and remembrances at special times of the year. We support the Outreach projects by contributions to Nova Vita, Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes, Mennonite Relief Kits, knitting squares for blankets for the homeless and lap robes for nursing homes, hats for babies and cancer patients and mitts.

As a special birthday gift for one of our 90 year old members, some of our ladies made an afghan for her as she entered a nursing home.

Together with the Fairview Willow and Tranquility groups, financial support is provided for Brownies, Girl Guides, Pathfinders, Habitat Brant and the Leprosy Mission.

Co-ordinator duties for O'Dell are shared by Franky Russell and Marilyn Watson.

In Christian Fellowship,  
Marilyn Watson

**Tranquility WUCC Unit**

President: Mary Millsap  
Secretary: Claire Steel  
Treasurer: Connie Wilks

Our goal is to have friendship and fellowship in the relaxed atmosphere of our homes and to raise money to support Fairview Church and its projects.

- ⊗ We had a successful yard sale to raise funds
- ⊗ We purchased tea and coffee for the kitchen
- ⊗ We catered a 90th birthday party
- ⊗ We took part in the world day of prayer
- ⊗ We helped with special requests for Nova Vita
- ⊗ We hosted a General Meeting
- ⊗ We helped with the tri-church luncheon
- ⊗ We helped at funeral receptions

- ⊗ We supplied cookies for the Scott Woods Concert
- ⊗ We visited our 7 shut-ins
- ⊗ We have supported Fairview's General Fund

Our meetings this year have consisted of games, speakers, pot-luck and crafts.

Each of us wrote a letter to one of our troops serving in Afghanistan. To date we have received 2 replies.

by, Respectfully submitted  
Claire Steel,

## The Fairview Willow Group

Secretary

The Fairview Willow Group meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Parlour with Leader: Sue Preston, Treasurer: Joyce Lowe and Secretary: Shirley Draper.

There are 19 members in our group with an average attendance of 13 -15. At each meeting we have Devotions and a Program, followed by a light lunch and social time. Sometimes we play cards and games after our meeting, and enjoy each others company.

One of our more interesting programs was hearing our Guest speaker Cheryl Fyfe, R.N. describe her trips to South Africa and Uganda as well as showing us her slides.

The following are the activities that we have been involved in during the past year:

- ◇ Made a donation to the Fairview Girl Guides
- ◇ Donated 44 bags (made by Marion LaSalle) for health and school kits and filled four of each of these bags
- ◇ Made donations to the Fairview Memorial Fund in memory of two of our members, Shirley Thompson and Betty Roswell
- ◇ Made a cookie contribution for the Reception after the Scott Wood's concert
- ◇ Catered the lunch for the funeral of a group member's husband, as well as contributing and helping with lunches for other functions within the Church
- ◇ Donated \$2,000.00 to Fairview United Church General Fund
- ◇ Filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes at our October meeting

Fairview Willow hosted the April 25, 2006 General Meeting for the ladies groups within the church. A cold salad supper was provided and enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Ron Robb, who explained and demonstrated the ancient art of paper folding, called Origami. This was very popular with all who attended.




For the past 5 years (January 2001 to December 2006) our Leader has been Marion LaSalle. We thank Marion for her leadership during this time. We now welcome our new Leader, Sue Preston who is a new member to our group and fairly new to Fairview Church.

by, Respectfully Submitted

## HELPING HANDS — SUPPLY AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE


Helping Hands is an outgrowth of the supply and social assistance program under the Fairview Women's Groups. While our knitting and crocheting has come primarily from the women's groups, opportunities for assisting others in all programs has been well supported by the entire congregation.

### *Handcrafted Articles*

- ◇ Blankets are assembled with rectangles knit by individuals and creatively fit together by Eleanor Lamb. Francis Stulen, a member of O'Dell Circle crochets the edges to develop a lovely finished product. Blankets can often be found displayed on the railing in the narthex. These have been donated to the Salvation Army for distribution to homeless people and to Nova Vita for use within the shelter and for those leaving to set up housekeeping. 
- ◇ A large number of smaller knitted and crocheted afghans have been donated to the Children's Aid Society, Nova Vita and a few to the Christmas Basket program.
- ◇ Hats and booties for newborn babies were given to the Hamilton Health Sciences. Baby outfits were donated to the local Children's Aid, Nova Vita and the Christmas baskets. 
- ◇ Winter woolen clothing consisted of hats, socks, scarves and a large supply of mittens going primarily to the Christmas baskets with a few to Children's Aid and Nova Vita.
- ◇ Other assorted items such as dish cloths, slipper socks and teddy bears were appropriately placed with agencies in need of them at the time. 

Many thanks to our busy workers: Jackie Archibald, Muriel Ferguson, Pearl Maley, Eleanor Lamb, Margaret Muir, Louise Martin, Thora Rogers, Phyllis Scrutton, Claire Steel, Bea Sutton, Marilyn Watson and Connie Wilks. Thank you also to members of St. George United UCW who regularly add rectangles to our pile for blankets and to the many who keep the wool box well supplied.

### *Collections*

- ◇ 52 kits were delivered to the Mennonite Collection Centre where assistance is given throughout the world. A special big thank you to Marion LaSalle who made the collection possible by the sewing of the bags.
- ◇ 60 shoe boxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child. A record number!
- ◇ Money from our jar purchased two bed kits for Sleeping Children Around the World. These will probably be delivered in February or March with a picture to follow later. 
- ◇ Three large bags of children's and ladies underwear and sleepwear were collected for Nova Vita from the ladies groups and the quilters. Thank you ladies for coming through on this special need.
- ◇ Used stamps, eye glasses and soup labels are collected in the blue boxes above the coat rack in the narthex. Stamps are given to the Bible Society to be sold to subsidize their programs, eye glasses give help to many unable to purchase them and soup labels are given to Central Baptist Academy to be traded for educational or sport supplies.

Thank you to everyone for your support in all areas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Renout

## FAIRVIEW "HOUSE SYSTEM"

It's hard to believe we have completed our 4th year of the "House System". They say time goes fast when you are having fun and that we have had during the past year. It is quite noticeable when you walk into the church on Sunday morning, everyone seems to know each other and with a sense of belonging.



We had a complete update of the enrolment by adding names of new members and deleting names of those who for various reasons stopped attending our church.

I would like to thank the House Leaders for a job well done. Their task is to get new people involved in the church when arranging greeters, ushers, lay readers, cookies and beverage after the service on Sunday morning.

Everything is going very well with very few hitches, and we look forward to welcoming more members into God's family with another year of fun and fellowship, as we grow spiritually.

The following are the House Leaders for 2007:

Louise and Dick Martin (January)  
 Donna and Dave Gilbert (February)  
 Jill Amos and Sue Preston (March)  
 Al and Cecelia Ljunggren (April)  
 Sharon Bliss (May)  
 Maisie Barnes and Isabel Rombough (June)  
 Muriel Ferguson and Mary Millsap (July/August)  
 Gary and Ruth Mills (September)  
 George and Brenda Weeden (October)  
 Bob and Dorothy Bayne (November)  
 John and Phyllis Hunter (December)

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Horsfield,  
House System Chair

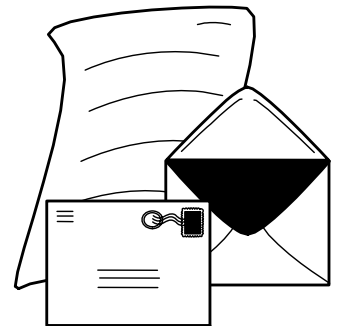
## GREETING CARD REPORT

In the year 2006:

30 cards were sent out:

20 Get Well Cards  
10 Sympathy Cards

Thank you to all who kept me informed.



Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia Ljunggren

## MEMORIAL FUND

The memorial fund received funds from relatives and friends in memory of loved ones.

From these funds we purchased a microphone for use in the sanctuary. The white folding tables used in the fellowship hall during coffee hours and other events were purchased. Payment was made from memorial funds to enable a new design for individual name tags. Refurnishing of the main office to make it more efficient and attractive was a memorial fund project underway at the end of 2006. A deposit was paid to order a workstation. Delivery of the workstation, the purchase of a flat screen monitor and a file cabinet will complete the new look in early 2007.

Executive: Dorothy Bayne, committee member  
Chair and Treasurer: Connie Wilks



### MEMORIAL FUND 2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Opening Balance, January 1, 2006**  
**\$3,830.89**

#### Receipts

Donations	\$2,710.00
Bank Interest	2.22
Fairview-Willow Women's Group	200.00
O'Dell Women's Group Donation for Sanctuary Carpet	<u>100.00</u>

**Total Receipts**

**\$3,012.22**

**\$6,843.11**

#### Disbursements

Peter Simpson Carpets - Carpet for Sanctuary	\$ 616.78
Microphone	
176.09	
Refill Pages for Memorial Book	29.51
Engraving of Name Plate	5.75
Folding Tables for Fellowship Hall	455.88
Mainway Engraving Systems – Art Work	77.52
Workstation Deposit	<u>380.00</u>

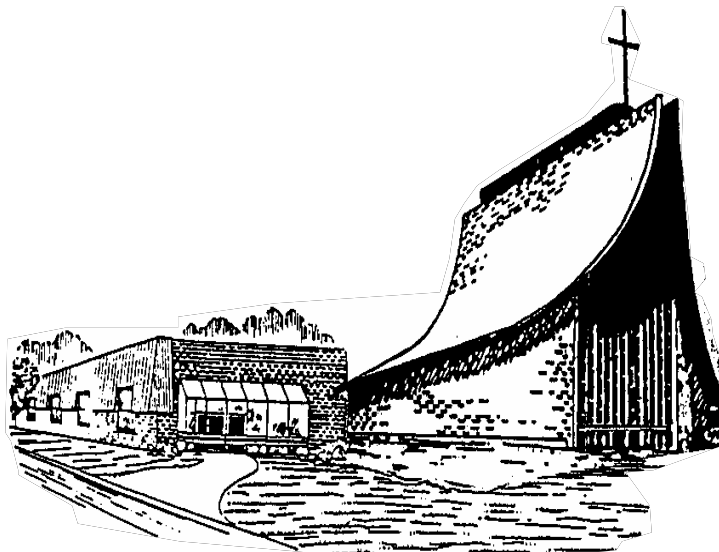
**Total Disbursements**

**\$1,741.53**

**BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2006**

**\$5,101.58**

# Other Group Reports



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## STITCH & CHATTER QUILTING GROUP

We have had another interesting and busy year. We have quilted 5 large quilts. In March we had a birthday luncheon for Eleanor's 90th birthday.

In March we received a partly finished yellow quilt, double wedding ring design. We finished it and sold it for \$350.00

In May we had a noon luncheon with the Bible Study group for Brenda Nesbitt who was leaving us for her own church. We gave her a knitted blanket which our members knit with yarn donated by our members.



We have knit rectangles for the homeless, hats and booties for preemies and also mitts and hats for cancer. Eleanor puts the rectangles together with other church members knitting the rectangles also.

We have quilted a wall hanging and finished it for Shirley Bealne.

We are always looking for more quilters.

We have given \$300 in groceries for the food bank, \$600 to the church general fund, and \$50 to Nova Vita.

We have a large quilt almost ready to come off with another one ready. Our quilter Jean Porteous leaves for Florida and always leaves us with a quilt.

Our members are:

Louise Martin — President  
 Eleanor Lamb — Treasurer  
 Jackie Archibald  
 Helen Jesseman  
 Jean Porteous

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP**

The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group meets weekly at the church on Friday mornings at 8 am. Following breakfast, served by rotating members, we enjoy a time of socializing and a short prayer period. We extend an invitation to all the men from the congregation to join us at any time if they are able to do so.

During the year we make ourselves available to assist other groups with set-up for banquets or other church functions. We also have been available to the Property Committee to assist in church repairs, snow removal etc.

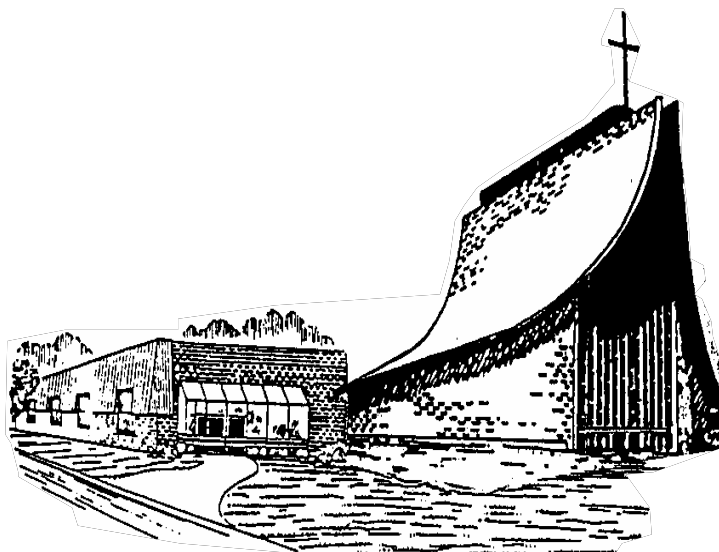
Special events sponsored by our group this past year were the Garage Sale in October and the Scott Woods Show in November. Both of these events are planned again for 2007. We also purchased flowers and lawn fertilizer for church landscaping.

Receipts for the year in the amount of \$4,500 have been directed to the general fund.

Regular members of the Men's Prayer Breakfast group are Al Ljunggren, Grant Wilks, Ed Jesseman, Dave Gilbert, Jim Steel, Don Camick, Bob Ming, Bob Bayne and Bob Moffat.



# Financial Reports



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## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

### *A look at our past*

Last year Carolyn Ralph ended her Stewardship Committee report in the annual report with this wish “May 2006 be the year that you are truly able to share your time and talents, as well as your monetary support for the continued well being of our Fairview Family”. Looking over the year-end figures of our 2006 income and expenses it would seem that people did indeed hear that wish and responded in an amazingly positive way. We had budgeted a deficit of \$38,650, but instead we actually ended the year with a surplus of \$5,037. This surplus didn’t just happen, it took a lot of thought and work to pull it off.

### *Statement of Receipts*

Looking at the individual givings last year, you will see that the Anniversary, Thanksgiving and Easter offerings did not meet our 2006 budget but the Christmas offering ended up over \$2,500 above budget – a true spirit of Christmas! Both the regular envelopes and PAR were well over the budget and the committee that was formed at our last annual meeting to pool ideas to create extra income was very successful in their endeavor. Some of their efforts resulted in the following income:

Coffee Cups Coins	\$2,636.00
Scott Woods Concert	\$2,000.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Yard Sale	\$2,000.00

Of course all of these events did not just help to balance the books, they created an atmosphere of satisfaction as people worked together as a family will when they see a need.

### **Detailed Expenses by Committee**

Next we look at the expenses in 2006 and it is gratifying to see how careful the committees were in spending your money. Almost every committee kept their actuals below the budget although there were some factors that contributed to these figures. We had budgeted for the full year for Brenda which included her salary, housing, education, travel and phone but since she finished her ministry with us in May, there was of course a saving from these expenses. Chris Hossack joined us in October as a staff associate and the 2007 budget is set for her for the whole year. A second unexpected saving occurred when our caretaker, Marilyn, left us to fulfill family commitments at the end of September and was not replaced until December 1<sup>st</sup>. We were all sorry to see Marilyn leave but were fortunate to have volunteers step in and carry on with her work until a replacement was found. The M & P hired a caretaker contractor so that salary has now been removed from the M & P budget for 2007 and will be the responsibility of the Property Committee.

### *A look to our Future*

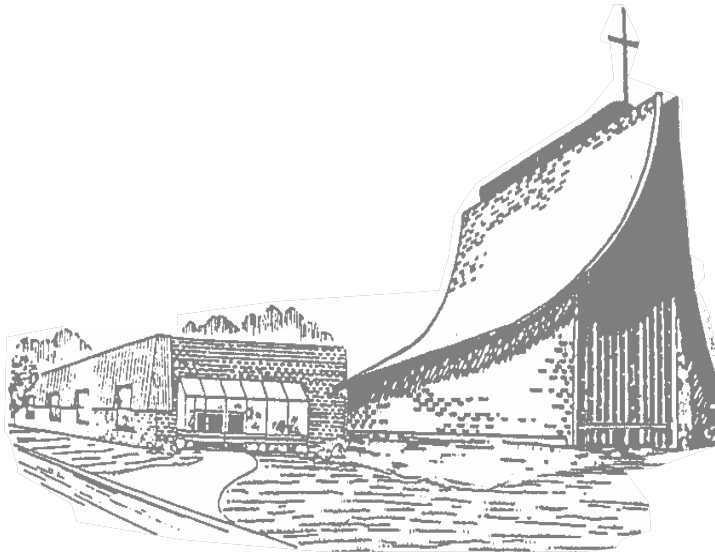
The Congregational Board has thoroughly reviewed and accepted the following budget with our expected income of \$205,550. and our expected expenses of \$229,364. leaving a deficit of \$23,814. for 2007. Every committee worked hard to submit a realistic budget but as all of us know when we plan for our own personal budget that there are certain expenses that must be included in order to keep things operating. Most committees came in with the same or smaller budget than last year. The Property Committee budget is up from 2006 but that of course has the added salary of the caretaker contract. Another item on property's agenda is to install a non-sophisticated security device for the safety of our secretary when she is alone in the building and they are possibly adding smoke detectors as a result of a recent fire hall inspection.

In conclusion I commend all of you for the work done at Fairview this year and wish that the figures for 2007 were more positive. I look back over what was accomplished last year and trust that the same enthusiasm and energy will emulate from the congregation to allow us to carry on God's work at Fairview.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Gilbert  
Treasurer and Chair of Fi-

nance



## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Fairview United Church

<b>OPENING BALANCES</b>	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actual
General Account	8,948	4,451	4,451
Sunday School	1,562	1,816	1,816
Choir	897	812	812
Memorial Fund	4,394	3,831	3,831
<b>Opening Balances :</b>	<b>15,801</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>10,910</b>

### RECEIPTS

Mission & Services	18,189	18,000	19,153
General Account	203,151	169,700	200,702
Sunday School	301	0	329
Choir	3,750	0	3,312
Memorial Fund	1,931	0	3,012
<b>Total Income :</b>	<b>227,322</b>	<b>187,700</b>	<b>226,508</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

Mission & Services	18,189	18,000	19,153
General Account	207,658	208,350	192,299
Sunday School	47	0	32
Choir	3,837	0	1,613
Memorial Fund	2,494	0	1,742
<b>Total Expenses :</b>	<b>232,225</b>	<b>226,350</b>	<b>214,838</b>

### CLOSING BALANCES - DECEMBER 31

General Account	4,451	-34,199	12,854
Sunday School	1,816	1,816	2,113
Choir	812	812	2,511
Memorial Fund	3,831	3,831	5,102
<b>Closing Balances :</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>-27,740</b>	<b>22,580</b>

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

	<u>2005 Actuals</u>	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actuals</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
<b>INDIVIDUAL GIVINGS</b>				
Anniversary Offering	1,857	2,000	800	500
Thanksgiving Offering		-	73	-
Christmas Offering	4,051	2,000	4,534	4,000
Easter Offering	1,636	1,800	1,084	1,500
Regular Envelopes	82,209	77,000	87,958	88,000
Via PAR	56,453	57,000	61,572	64,000
Initial	257	200	310	200
Loose	3,310	3,200	2,208	2,000
Caring Coins	1,341	1,300	1,143	1,000
Coffee Cup Coins	n/a	n/a	2,636	-
White Gift	21	-	-	-
Total Individual Givings:	<u>151,135</u>	<u>144,500</u>	<u>162,318</u>	<u>161,200</u>
<b>GROUP GIVINGS</b>				
Fairview Card Group	100	-	100	-
Fairview Chancel Choir	2,304	-	-	1,000
Fairview Men's Prayer Breakf	400	200	4,400	6,000
Fairview Stitch and Chatter	610	500	600	500
Fairview Women's Groups	4,135	3,000	5,000	4,300
Total Group Givings:	<u>7,549</u>	<u>3,700</u>	<u>10,100</u>	<u>11,800</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>				
United Pentecostal Church	10,500	4,500	6,900	n/a
Hall Rental-Other	1,920	1,500	1,945	1,000
Wedding Contributions	740	350	-	150
Trustees Contributions	8,420	11,500	11,900	9,200
GST Rebate	1,706	1,000	1,163	1,000
Hot Dog Luncheon	554	500	1,167	1,000
Bequests	11,133	1,000	1,000	1,000
Capital Expenditures Recover	-	-	3,017	
Pancake Supper	-	-	380	100
Miscellaneous	1,138	150	-	100
Total Other Income	<u>36,111</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>27,472</u>	<u>13,550</u>
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE GIVINGS</b>				
Mission and Service-Envelope	9,090	9,000	10,119	9,500
Mission and Service-via PAR	9,099	9,000	9,154	9,000
Canadian Foodgrains Bank			707	
Observer Subscriptions	182	-	224	-
Benevolent Fund	868	500	812	500
Christ Candle	125	-	123	see Worship
Humanitarian Aid	7,181	500	50	-
Total Special Purpose Givings	<u>26,545</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>21,189</u>	<u>19,000</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u><u>221,340</u></u>	<u><u>187,700</u></u>	<u><u>221,079</u></u>	<u><u>205,550</u></u>

## STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

	<u>2005 Actuals</u>	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actuals</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				
Sound System	2,231	-	-	
Sanctuary Carpet			2,831	
Office Desk		-	380	
<b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>2,231</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>				
CHRISTIAN LIFE AND NURTURE	2,287	3,650	1,821	3,400
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	12,027	12,850	12,271	12,650
MINISTRY & PERSONAL	149,575	156,000	145,707	151,206
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	338	650	402	1,250
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	25,416	24,900	24,632	32,908
WORSHIP COMMITTEE	5,442	7,350	5,050	7,350
TAXES PAID-all committees	2,287	2,400	2,259	2,100
<b>Total Committee Expenses:</b>	<b>197,372</b>	<b>207,800</b>	<b>192,142</b>	<b>210,864</b>
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REMITTANCES</b>				
<b>Total Special Purpose Remittances</b>	<b>26,244</b>	<b>18,550</b>	<b>20,689</b>	<b>18,500</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>225,847</b>	<b>226,350</b>	<b>216,042</b>	<b>229,364</b>

**SUMMARY**

TOTAL INCOME	221,340	187,700	221,079	205,550
TOTAL EXPENSES	225,847	226,350	216,042	229,364
<b>SURPLUS OR (X) DEFICIT</b>	<b>(4,507)</b>	<b>(38,650)</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>(23,814)</b>

## DETAILED EXPENSES BY COMMITTEE

## EXPENSES

**CHRISTIAN LIFE & NURTURE**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget
Adult Education/Christian Devel.	375	500	174	500
Confirmation	28	200	195	200
Youth Groups	50	250	51	250
Nursery	0	50	83	100
Police Checks	0	0	0	150
Reference Material & Library	304	300	119	300
Envelopes (Sunday School)	0	50	0	50
Sunday School Curriculum	1,024	1,500	642	1,000
Sunday School Supplies	69	250	76	250
Teacher Appreciation	23	50	60	100
Events	414	500	421	500
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>3,650</b>	<b>1,821</b>	<b>3,400</b>

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Computer Expenses	55	200	0	200
Copier Expenses	4,133	4,150	4,114	4,800
Bank & PAR Service Charges	1,101	1,000	1,171	1,100
Offering Envelopes	288	300	284	300
Office Equipment	58	100	0	100
Office Supplies	1,212	1,200	1,146	1,000
Postage	225	300	344	350
Presbytery Dues	4,909	5,100	5,082	4,400
Stewardship Program	0	300	96	200
Miscellaneous	46	200	34	200
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12,027</b>	<b>12,850</b>	<b>12,271</b>	<b>12,650</b>

**MINISTRY & PERSONNEL**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Salaries	100,000	103,000	97,076	98,631
Housing Allowances	22,500	24,000	21,208	23,500
Education Allowances	1,449	2,100	895	1,900
Travel	1,940	2,250	2,359	2,400
Phone	720	720	610	850
Benefits				
Canada Pension Plan	3,865	4,000	3,784	4,000
Employment Insurance	2,846	2,930	2,544	2,500
UCC Pension	8,070	8,300	7,848	8,300
Group Insurance	6,506	6,700	6,771	7,100
Provincial Sales Tax	490	500	514	550
Workplace Safety Insurance Board	736	750	725	725
Guest Speaker	0	350	0	350
Miscellaneous	453	400	1,373	400
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>149,575</b>	<b>156,000</b>	<b>145,707</b>	<b>151,206</b>

**DETAILED EXPENSES BY COMMITTEE**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Donations and Gifts	16	50	0	50
Guest Speakers	0	200	0	200
Link-Newsletter	322	400	402	400
Benevolent Fund	0	0	0	500
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>1,250</b>

**PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Fuel	8,923	9,500	9,654	9,500
Furnishing & Equipment	158	200	65	1,200
Insurance	5,054	5,600	5,243	5,500
Janitorial Supplies	611	600	775	300
Maintenance	2,505	800	1,533	800
Kitchen License	100	100	0	0
Phone - Church	2,264	2,300	2,062	2,300
Snow Removal	480	500	320	500
Utilities	4,833	4,800	4,389	5,000
Waste Removal	488	500	591	500
Salary--Caretaker, Contract	0	0	0	7,308
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>25,416</b>	<b>24,900</b>	<b>24,632</b>	<b>32,908</b>

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Advertising	2,209	3,000	1,703	3,000
Bulletins	596	600	628	700
Christ Candle	113	150	0	150
Communion Supplies	26	100	26	100
Copyright Licenses and Internet	266	350	441	400
Guest Artists / Speakers	425	500	175	500
Hymn Books	80	50	0	50
Music & Choir Supplies	673	1,100	587	1,100
Resources	398	200	285	200
Sanctuary Décor	131	450	547	400
Special Effects	0	100	0	0
Archivist	262	150	86	150
Miscellaneous	263	600	572	600
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>7,350</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>7,350</b>

**SPECIAL PURPOSE REMITTANCE**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
Mission and Service	18,189	18,000	19,273	18,500
Canadian Food Grains Bank	0	0	707	0
Observer Subscriptions	224	50	224	0
Benevolent Fund	650	500	312	see Outreach
Christ Candle		0	123	see Worship
Humanitarian Aid / Relief	7,181	0	50	0
Miscellaneous	0	0		0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>26,244</b>	<b>18,550</b>	<b>20,689</b>	<b>18,500</b>

**TAXES PAID - all committees**

	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actuals	2007 Budget
GST Expenses	2,287	2,400	2,259	2,100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>2,100</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

<b>223,616</b>	<b>226,350</b>	<b>212,831</b>	<b>229,364</b>
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## **REVIEWER'S REPORT**

I have examined the Financial Statement of Fairview United Church as at December 31, 2006, and the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year then ended, and have obtained all the information and explanations I have required. I have reviewed the accounting procedures employed and have made such tests of the records and supporting evidence as I thought necessary under the circumstances.

In my opinion, and according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books of the church, the accompanying financial statements are correctly prepared to present fairly the financial aspects of the church's work for the year.

submitted by,

Respectfully

John Baxter  
Reviewer

