



**2008
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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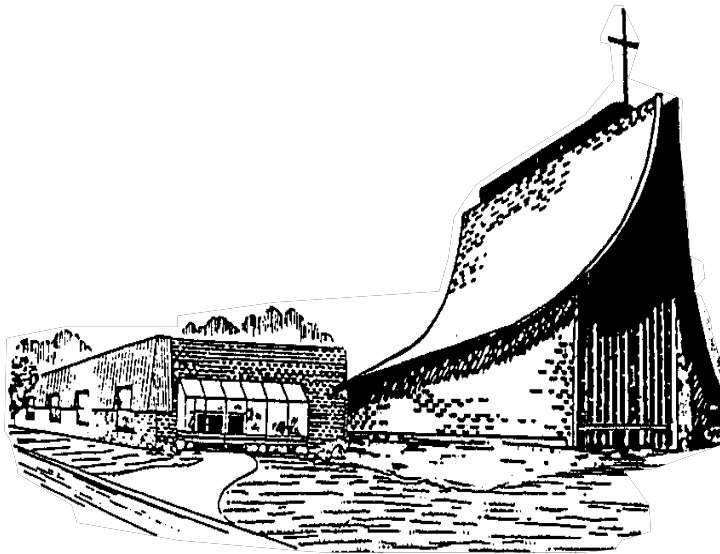
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2008 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE MINISTER

Greetings to one and all as we “Chart Our Course” for this new year 2009! Our faith journey will include many surprises, encountering some “Speed Bumps” along the way, sounding the depths of our Christian faith, and the very real need to join hands and pray.

Congratulations to you the members and friends of Fairview United Church in Brantford! With God’s leading, you have completed the year 2008 with a message for the people living in this neighbourhood.
Well done good and faithful servants; enter into the joy of Your Lord!

We have so much to be thankful for. I believe that Thanksgiving is so much more than sitting around the family table to enjoy a feast of turkey with all the trimmings. For me, “Thanksgiving” is a season of life in which we offer our thanks to God and to those people who have profoundly touched our lives with their sensitivity, compassion and their unconditional love. This verse from scripture appears on the front cover of a Thanksgiving Card. **“From the fullness of this grace, we have all received one blessing after another.” John 1:16.** The inside greeting says: **“May you have many joys and blessings to be thankful for today and all year through.”**

One of the highlights during the year of 2008 for me took place at Fairview, in the fellowship hall, on Friday evening, February 8th. A standing room only crowd gathered for “Julie’s Coffee House” as a gesture of support and “Extravagant Love” for one of our young families: Julie and Dwayne Ellis and their son Ben. This church and community expression of Unconditional Love and Partnership will be etched in my “Memory Album” for many years to come. Thanks to all of those people who volunteered their time, talent, creativity and energies to make this such a memorable expression of loyalty and faithfulness.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our fellow workers who each exercise their respective ministries that we might experience a creative and harmonious church family. Nancy Krause, our Music Director; Sharon Tracey, our Office Administrator; Marilyn Gellner, our Custodian; Debra Ward, our Chairperson of the Board and Sherrie Milla, Treasurer.

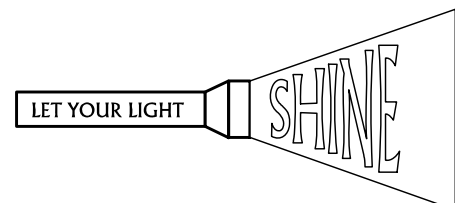
Each Sunday, the worship experience is blessed by the excellent variety of music that the Senior Choir and the Praise and Worship Team, Junior Choir, and soloists bring to this congregation. I am grateful to Les Attwood, our Technical Support Person, who makes certain that all of the finishing touches are in place.

The Fairview Family has appreciated the partnership and creativity of Christine Hossack, who has worked as Staff Associate since October 1, 2006. Her ministry with us has included leadership with the Sunday School children and teaching staff, the Youth Group, Intergenerational worship and educational events, worship services and leadership with Study Groups. We wish Chris God’s blessing and guidance as she ventures into the next chapter of her Faith Journey!

“Being the Church” in the midst of changing times, means that we must fully participate in the **Ministry of Encouragement**. God promises to be with those who encourage each other and who build others up. Each one of us can make a difference in releasing God’s gifts in others by empowering them with words and gestures of encouragement.

Yours in Christ’s living,

Rev. Barrie Bain



UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
A Report from the Staff Associate

Another busy year has come to a close for the congregation of Fairview United Church and another year begins. In some ways it doesn't seem possible that as of October, I entered into my third year as Staff Associate and in other ways it seems as if I have always been a part of the Fairview family. As your Christian Education Leader, I have been given the chance to share my gifts of ministry, which has provided me with an opportunity to grow in many ways. Although, I never dreamed that I would be bidding you farewell so soon, unfortunately our journey of life quite often takes us in a direction that we don't plan.

There are so many people to whom I need to extend my sincere thanks. From the perspective of Christian Education, I would not have been able to share my vision of ministry without the constant support and guidance of Beth McIntosh, Sue Kennedy and Cheryl Mann. Also to the Worship Committee, Faith Formation Committee, and the Official Board – thank you for so many occasions to learn and grow. The staff of Fairview United Church, Barrie, Nancy, Sharon, and Marilyn, is an exceptional team and it has been a pleasure working in an environment where work and fun frequently go hand in hand. With respect to my love of music, I appreciate the guidance of Nancy Krause and the warm welcome of the choir (whenever I have had a moment in time to sing with them). Last of all, but not least of all, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the Fairview family for the warm welcome, support, encouragement, and love that both my family and I have received during my time with you.

Since many of us don't like to say good-bye, I will leave you with the words of Ruth Duck in my heart and the music of Ron Klusmeier in my head:

Until we meet again,
Walk gently in the way;
Dwell in the hollow of God's hand,
Rejoice and sing, and pray!

Christine Hossack



REFLECTIONS ON 2008 FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

“Dear God... it’s me again ...” It’s a simple wooden plaque, given to me by a friend as a birthday gift. A hint at the fact that perhaps the busy-ness of my life, and the challenges that I have been attempting to manage on a daily basis would necessitate a constant “reaching out” for guidance from “above”.

That is exactly the case. In fact, our relationship has grown and developed to the point that I seem to be in constant conversation with God... expressing appreciation for the simple, the beautiful, the amazing/spectacular things and experiences I have every day, for the people who have come into my life, for the safety and security that being a Canadian affords me, and for the attentive way in which God watches over those I love most, for helping me just to get through my day. Our grandson Ethan hopes “out-loud” that God has a “good helper or two”, because “He would be busy enough just looking after our church and our Ward/Smith family”. “Ethan”, I assure him, “God does have a helper or two “.

Just look around at all of the amazing helpers that God has at Fairview – look at how hard everyone works together. Each of us has a job to do as members of the Fairview United Church family. We have each been gifted with different talents. “Thank God” there are those who enjoy gathering statistics and working with finances. Others can teach, and they lead our Sunday School, Bible Studies, or share a story with the children. Others are focused on reaching out, organizing projects that help those in our community, feeding the hungry, “Christmas Shoe Boxes” for children, and women in Africa working to feed their families through “10,000 Villages”. Others care, so ably, for our church building, some of them seem to spend more time at their Fairview United Church home than I am able to spend at my own home. Others serve on Committees or on the Congregational Board, helping to put plans into place, helping to make decisions that will move Fairview United Church forward.

We all have an opportunity to be involved in some way through the year, through our House System – greeting others with a warm smile, ushering, reading the Scriptures, assisting in the Nursery, and serving refreshments so that we might reconnect with others following the services each week. Others have listened to God’s call to serve as our Staff. They share of themselves so selflessly. Thank you Rev. Barrie, Christine, Nancy, Sharon & Marilyn for serving as leaders, mentors, guiders, administrators, and for caring so much about Fairview United Church. Thank you for helping us to grow as Christians, to live a “purpose driven life” and to have an “up-close and more personal relationship” with God.

I am thankful for the experiences that serving as Chair of the Congregational Board has afforded me over the past two years. I have learned a great deal about myself and others. As a person who has always **cared more about people** than “bricks, budgets, policies or procedures” I have been challenged to enter into discussions that would not have interested me in the past. God has a plan for Fairview United Church, and a plan for each of us. I would suggest that we need to listen with open ears, that we be watchful for opportunities, and that we be willing to act when we are called to action.

My wish for each of us for the coming year is that we might reach out to each other and to others in our community and that we might find comfort and guidance through a closer relationship with God... that we might find strength to face each day, that we might have the courage to “make a difference”, and that we might be challenged to inquire, to learn and to move forward on our Christian journey.

Debra Ward, Chair, Congregational Board

Call to Order — Rev. Barrie Bain**Election of Chairperson**

Nomination for Chairperson: Dave Hugman
Nomination carried

Election of Secretary for Annual Meeting

Nomination for Secretary: Liz Bonneville
Nomination carried

Appoint Scrutineers

Three persons to assist as scrutineers should the need arise for this.
Lori Haskings-Barber, Sue Preston and Connie Wilks will be the scrutineers

Voting and Meeting Guidelines

Members and adherents are permitted to vote on all items that will be discussed today.
All votes are determined by a simple majority.
Motion that members and adherents may vote today
Motion carried

Approve the Agenda

Linn Shea wants to add discussion of the term of office for members of the congregational board.
Dave Hugman refers this issue for discussion prior to approving the budget.
Motion to adopt the agenda
Motion carried

Adoption of the Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting

Motion to adopt the agenda
Moved by Shirley Draper
Seconded by Donna Gilbert
Motion carried

Review and note corrections to all reports within the 2007 Annual Report, excluding the Financial Report***Corrections:***

- ◇ Page 40, \$91 donated from “Central Unit Budget” should read “O’Dell Unit”
- ◇ Page 10, Linn Shea’s name was to be removed from the Faith Formation committee
- ◇ Page 10: Dave Gilbert will begin working with property this year, so starting year should be 2008
- ◇ Pages 10 and 11: Two people volunteered to serve after the board meeting in January, Janet Perrodou for the Memorials Committee and Morley Roswell as Member at Large. Andrew Steel has resigned from the Finance Committee.

Comments:

Motion that the board adhere to the constitution in regards to term of service for committee members.
Moved by Linn Shea

Seconded by Phil Shea

Dave Hugman: All those in favour of deferring this issue to the board, meaning we will no longer discuss it here, will vote yes by ballot. All those in favour of discussing this matter here, and not deferring it to the board, will vote no by ballot.

Sue Preston reports that 74 votes were counted. 52 voted yes and 22 voted no.

Dave Hugman: According to the vote, the issue regarding the term of service for committee members, as per the constitution, will be sent to the board for further discussion.

Motion to approve the Amended Reports

Motion to approve all amended reports

Motion carried

Review the 2007 Financial Report — By Donna Gilbert

Presented the finance report

Auditor's Report

Motion to accept the auditor's report as presented

Motion carried

Motion to approve the 2008 Budget (excluding M&S)

Motion to approve the 2008 budget

Moved by Donna Gilbert

Seconded by John Oliver

A total of 73 ballots were cast for the vote. 61 are in favour of accepting the budget and 12 are not.

Motion carried

Motion to accept proposed M&S objective for 2008

All those in favour of the proposed M&S objectives to 2008 raise your hand. Unanimous.

Motion carried.

Election of Auditor for 2008

Motion to nominate Dave Kelman as auditor for 2008

Moved by Glenn Watson

Seconded by Donna Gilbert

Motion carried

New Business

Motion that the employment contract for Staff Associate Christine Hossack be renewed for the time frame July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, with the terms of employment as laid out in the budget that was just accepted.

Moved by Sharon Bliss

Seconded by Nigel Scrutton

Motion carried

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Annual Meeting, February 10, 2008

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Staff Associate: Comments by Christine Hossack

Thank you very much, it has been an exciting journey. The Fairview Family has been a very important part of my life. If you had an opportunity to read my submission to this annual report, I spoke of a journey of faith. This journey for me was not a solo flight. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Reverend Barrie, Nancy Krause whose music is second to none, Sharon Tracey, the members of the Faith Formation and Worship Committees, the Sunday School teachers, Beth McIntosh for her leadership in the Sunday School, Les Attwood for the gifts he brings every Sunday morning and his patience and understanding, Sue Kennedy for her dedication to youth group, and to the members of the congregation and members of the official board.

Minister: Comments by Rev. Barrie Bain

I have the greatest job in the world, and I love what I do. I feel I have been given opportunity and permission to explore worship in creative ways. I appreciate the dedication, loyalty and courage of those in the congregation, no matter how long you have been here. I would like to offer a Sunday morning vignette: since the last time you were on the road between Brantford and Caledonia, there are many new potholes. Being a positive thinker and a risk taker, I am cautious but not afraid of the potholes and educated by the speed bumps. I am so thankful to be here; 2008 will be a year of challenge, but we will have mutual encouragement.

Ways and Means Committee

Bob Bayne discussed the Mission Statement and requested a list of ten names to go on the Ways and Means Committee, due to our large deficit in 2008. Those who volunteered their names included, Lori Haskings-Barber, Sharon Bliss, Morley Roswell, Sue Kennedy, Donna Gilbert, Conrad Church, Alexander Rey, Kim McClelland, Sue Dalglish and Mark Staffen.

Chair of Congregational Board: Debra Ward

If you don't take chances you can't do anything in life. Fairview is very much alive and kicking and we have a mission to fulfill. We have been given a challenge and with God's guidance, this will help us come through financially. I would like to thank our staff who have shown so much enthusiasm and hard work. I love being part of this family. I would like to thank all the members of the congregation, the board and committee members, Dave Hugman, Liz Bonneville and the scrutineers. From my heart I would like to sing "Jesus I Adore You", which is what it's all about. I would like to ask Rev. Barrie to adjourn this meeting.

Courtesies and Adjournment

Motion to destroy the ballots
Moved by Bob Bayne
Seconded by Sue Kennedy
Motion carried

Motion to adjourn the meeting
Moved by Sue Kennedy
Seconded by Dave Hugman
Motion carried

2009 CONGREGATIONAL BOARD

Chair

Mark Staffen (2007)

Vice Chair

Bob Scott (2009)

Minister

The Rev. Barrie Bain

Secretary

Liz Ryan (2009)

Past Chair

Debra Ward (2007)

Faith Formation

Beth McIntosh (2003)
Patsy Watson (2007)
Scott McDonald (2007)
Cheryl Mann (2009)

Finance & Administration

Don Camick (2006)
Sherrie Milla (2007)
John Oliver (2007)
Lee Thorsen (2009)
Peggy Walker (2009)
Linn Shea (2009)

Ministry & Personnel

Bob Scott (2007)
Jill Leedham (2007)
Sharon Bliss (2007)
Doug Malvern (2008)
Tom Smiley (2008)

Youth Responsibilities

Sue Kennedy
Linn Shea
Lois Pilkington

Outreach

John Richardson (2005)
Sue Preston (2006)
Cheryl Mann (2007)
Ruth Mills (2007)
George Weeden (2007)
Brenda Weeden (2007)
Conrad Church (2009)

Property

Grant Wilks (1992)
Les Attwood (1992)
Al Ljunggren (2001)
Bob Bayne (2001)
Ed Jesseman (2002)
Scott McKellar (2004)
Conrad Church (2007)
Dave Gilbert (2008)

Worship

George Weeden (2001)
Brenda Weeden (2003)
Yvonne McDougall (2001)
Diane Watkins (2003)
Cindy Smiley (2004)
Les Attwood (2004)
Cheryl McKellar (2004)
Jill Amos (2007)

Stewardship

Bill Anticknap (2007)
Morley Roswell (2008)
Dave Watson (2009)

Recruitment

Jill Amos (2007)
Shirley Draper (2008)

Trustees

Bob Murray (1975)
Bob Moffat (1987)
Yvonne McDougall (1996)
Dave Kelman (1997)
Glenn Watson (1998)
Gord Ferrell (2001)
Bruce Reese (2001)
Grant Wilks (2008)
Dave Gilbert (2008)

Memorials

Donna Ryder (2007)
Karen Anticknap (2007)
Janet Perrodou (2008)

Members at Large

Dorothy Bayne (2006)
Al Rey (2009)

House System

Jane Baxter (2009)

Women of United Church of Canada

Fairview Willow Unit
O'Dell Circle
Tranquility Unit
Representative to the Official Board:
Collectively Appoint Representative

Presbytery

Grant and Connie Wilks (2007)

Chancel Review (Special)

Glenn Watson (2007)
Diane Watkins (2007)
Grant Wilks (2007)
Donna Ryder (2007)
Leslie Leach (2007)

Tri-Church

Mary Millsap (1998)
Dorothy Bayne (2006)
Connie Wilks (2006)

Roll Clerk

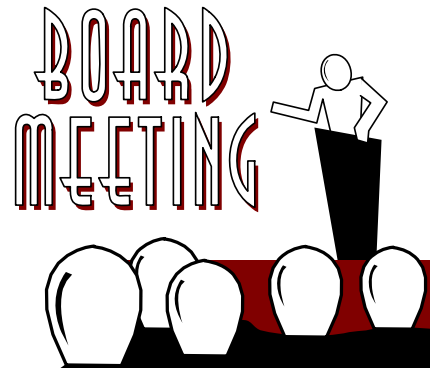
Morley Roswell (2009)

Archivist

Les Attwood (2005)

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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]).

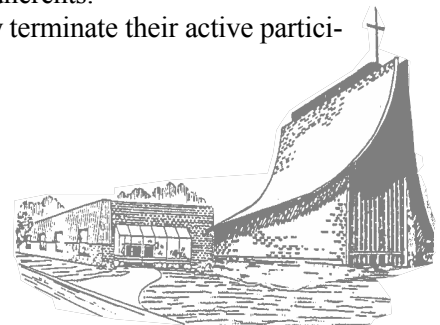
POLICY: The membership roll of Fairview United Church will be updated annually in accordance with the following principles:

- 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 Coordinating 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—2008

	<u>2008</u>		<u>2007</u>
Membership as of January 1	361		363
New Members received by Transfer	4	4	
New Members received by Confirmation	7	0	
New Members received by Profession of Faith	0	0	
Members Re-Instated, or received by Reaffirmation of Faith	0	0	
Total Members Received	11	<u>+11</u>	4
Total Members			
Members removed by Transfer	1	1	
Members removed by Board Action	16	0	
Members removed by Own Request	0	2	
Members removed by death	8	3	
Total Members Removed	25	<u>-25</u>	6
Total Members as of December 31		347	361
Non-Resident Members	50	<u>-50</u>	43
Total Resident Members		<u>297</u>	<u>318</u>





NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER

*Heidi Melick
Eva Quigley
Sue Dalglish
Martha Weavers*

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION

*Dan Kennedy
Sarah Kennedy
Megan Leedham
Hayley Pilkington
Alexander Rey
Lyndon Rey
Victoria Watson*

TRANSFERS FROM FAIRVIEW

Joy Reese

MARRIAGES

*Kimmerly Webber and
Douglas Hodd
May 10, 2008*

*Shannon Vaughan and
Alphonsus Krist
August 16, 2008*

*Diane Hutcheon and
Clive Watkins
June 27, 2008*

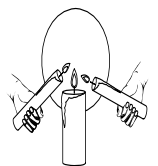
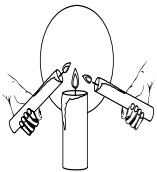
*Brenda Curtis and
Aaron DeMille
August 23, 2008*

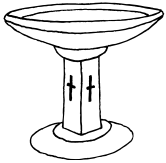
*Desiree Latendre and
Kevin Walters
August 9, 2008*

*Tracy Lynn Collings and
Gregory Wallace
September 13, 2008*

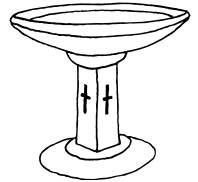
*Angela Cowie and
Robert Kinnaird
August 9, 2008*

*Laura McCaig and
Trevor Torelli
October 18, 2008*





BAPTISMS



Hunter McKinley Delaney
Son of Ryan and Lisa Delaney

**Joshua James Draper,
Jakob Jeremiah Draper and
Joseph John Draper**
Sons of Derek and Jennifer Draper

Jack Edward Ingram
Son of Dean and Christine Ingram
Attending Grandparents: Reverends Barrie and Margaret Bain

Greyson Scott McDonald
Son of Scott and Tanya McDonald

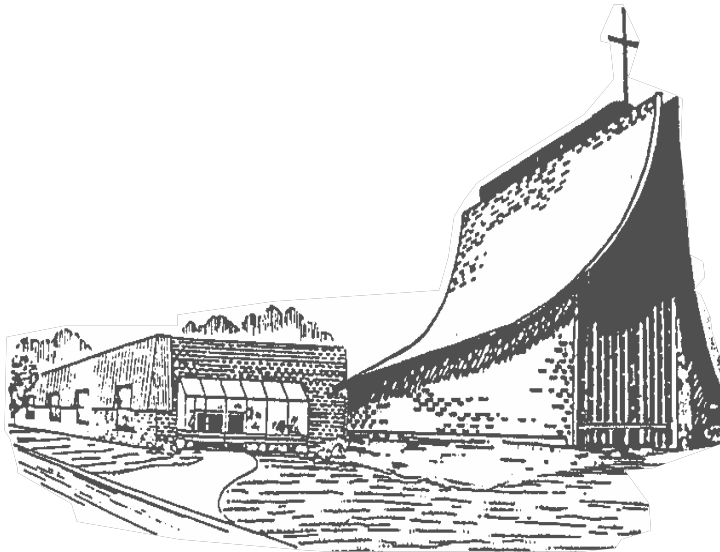
Kennedy Avery Venn
Daughter of Cheney and Karri Venn

Roslynn Mary Ruth Weavers
Daughter of Scott and Martha Weavers

IN MEMORIUM

Edith Crow	January 15, 2008
Linda Panton	January 19, 2008
Carol Chonka	January 24, 2008
Ken Pigeon	January 25, 2008
Tony Markus	February 2, 2008
Richard Martin	February 8, 2008
Ronald Carson	February 10, 2008
Helen Disher	February 24, 2008
Lawrence Young	February 25, 2008
Phyllis Young	April 21, 2008
Nela Smith	April 25, 2008
Helen Jones	May 23, 2008
Edna Martin	May 30, 2008
Julie Ellis (Hutcheon)	July 30, 2008
Doris Hughes	August 3, 2008
Edith Denne	September 27, 2008
Margaret Davidson	October 6, 2008
Margaret Muir	October 28, 2008
Leslie North	November 25, 2008
Bernice Gale	December 5, 2008

Committee & Group Reports



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 2008

- ◇ \$9,860.66 interest from investments was transferred to the church general account during the year.
- ◇ \$17,000.00 Province of Alberta 5% bond matured December 16, 2008. The principal from this bond has been reinvested in a General Electric Capital Canada Bond rated Triple “A”, paying 5.53%.
- ◇ In May the Trustees donated \$3,441.00 towards the purchase of the Powerpoint system in the sanctuary.
- ◇ The Willis Insurance Co. has indicated that insurance premiums for 2009 will be \$4,552.00 + \$318.64 GST for a total of \$4,870.64. \$5,000.00 has been budgeted to cover this expense—the same as 2008. This includes an increase of \$158,792.00 for a total of \$2,908,892.00 coverage on property of every description. This insurance plan continues to be far superior to that which was provided by the Co-Operators Insurance Co.

Total assets as of December 31, 2008:

<i>Asset</i>	<i>Estimated Market Value</i>	<i>% of Portfolio</i>
Government Bonds	\$ 50,064.69	35.9
Corporate Bonds	69,822.53	50.1
Common Stock.....	6,662.00	4.8
Canadian Equity Balanced.....	<u>12,771.27</u>	<u>9.2</u>
TOTAL.....	\$139,330.53	100.00

T.D. Trust Savings account balance December 31, 2008: \$5.05

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 \$1,729.71 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).

Respectfully submitted,

Gord Ferrell, Chair

CHANCEL REVIEW COMMITTEE

After considerable groundwork, the Chancel Review Committee decided on a recommendation for consideration regarding the chancel area at Fairview. The recommendation was formed after visits to several different churches, the immediate need at Fairview, and consideration of the budget situation for 2008. The committee had no budget, and did not feel it would be appropriate to present a recommendation that would affect the 2008 budget in a negative way.

A great deal of interest throughout the congregation became evident during the use of a Powerpoint projection system which was provided first by the Smiley's and later by the Hossack's. Many positive comments had been made, and a great deal of enthusiasm about the technology was evident. Spurred on by that, the committee obtained quotations on such a system from different companies, and also sought out what possibilities existed for implementing such a project at Fairview.

Support came from a variety of sources. The Memorials Committee viewed the project as a very suitable way to utilize some of its resources as a memorial to deceased members. The choir volunteered funds which they had raised from various projects. The Board of Trustees viewed this project as an appropriate way to provide tangible recognition of the generosity of an anonymous donor who had donated Bank of Nova Scotia shares to Fairview in late 2007. These three sources would provide sufficient funds to cover the total cost of \$8,441 for both the purchase and installation of a Powerpoint projection system. The recommendation that this project proceed was presented to the Congregational Board and approved.

Two phases were involved in implementing this project. Phase 1 involved relocating the cross to the side wall on the left of the windows. Scott and Justin McKellar volunteered their time and talents for this task. Phase 2 included the purchase and installation of the necessary equipment. Lee Thorsen volunteered his time, materials and expertise to provide electrical power to the motorized screen and also to the projector. Grant Wilks demonstrated his talent once again by constructing a base for the monitor for the choir. Gord Ferrell and Les Attwood helped in the selection and setting up of the choir monitor and the computer respectively. The project became a reality because of the generosity of the three contributing organizations and the assistance of the willing volunteers who gave of their time and talents.

The dedication of the committee members was very much appreciated. The committee members are Leslie Leach, Donna Ryder, Diane (Hutcheon) Watkins, Scott McKellar, Grant Wilks, Rev. Bain (ex officio) and Glenn Watson. It is our intention to present other phases that might be considered for the chancel area at some point in the future. In the meantime, Fairview has a Powerpoint projection system that has the potential to enhance our worship experiences in many other exciting ways as we become more familiar with its use and operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Watson, Chair

FAITH FORMATION

Encouraging Multigenerational Faith Formation in the Fairview Family

The Gospel calls Christians to learn and to teach. Teaching is an important means of communicating this central message of the Christian faith. The Word is proclaimed in preaching and in the sacraments, and it is also proclaimed in the teaching. Christian Education is at the very heart of the church. The people of God, gathered in community, grow in faith and in the ability to live out their faith in daily life. This faith formation is the life-long ongoing process by which every Christian, young or old, answers their baptismal call to follow Jesus. – (*Toward a Vision of Christian Education team of the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministry*)

During the year of 2008, the Faith Formation Committee of Fairview United Church encouraged, supported, and facilitated many opportunities for all generations to grow in their faith. Nevertheless, it was also a year of transition for the committee as changes in leadership occurred in the following positions: Faith Formation chairperson, Sunday school coordinator, and Nursery coordinator. As their faith journey takes them in new directions, we extend our sincere appreciation to Kim McClelland, Beth McIntosh, Sonya Staffen, and Lori Haskings-Barber for their time, dedication, and faith-filled gifts. In addition, we welcomed Cheryl Mann as the new Sunday school coordinator in September, and appreciate the new vision and enthusiasm that she brings to her continuing leadership.

The faith formation of the Fairview Family in 2009 begins secure with the Sunday school curriculum *Seasons of the Spirit* and the opportunity for adults to join a book study based on Marcus Borg's book *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary*. A new church year means change and change is never easy. However, through change there will be opportunities through which to teach, learn, and continue a journey of faith together.

On behalf of the committee,
Christine Hossack
Acting Chairperson for Faith Formation

Faith Formation Highlights of 2008

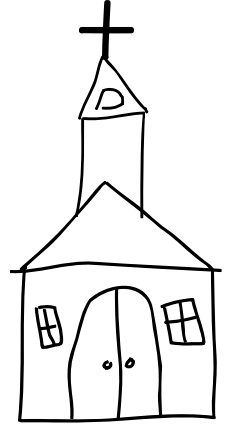
- Ø Movie Night – “Secret”
- Ø Lenten Study – “Singing a Song of Faith”
- Ø Adult Study – “Christianity 101”
- Ø Celebrate the Bunny – a Veggie Tale Easter Event
- Ø Maundy Thursday – Labyrinth and Upper Room Worship
- Ø Easter Sunrise Service – Fairview Youth Group
- Ø 10,000 Villages
- Ø A Teachable Communion – June and November
- Ø Intergenerational Worship – May and November
- Ø Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Lunch
- Ø Hot Dog Sundays
- Ø Seasons of the Spirit – Nursery to Teens – online curriculum
- Ø Nature Walk with Bob Scott
- Ø Confirmation Class
- Ø Advent Preparation – potluck supper, crafts, cards, and worship
- Ø Angel Tree
- Ø White Gift Sunday
- Ø Family Christmas Eve Service
- Ø united United Church Youth Events – December 28 and January 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2008

We've had an exciting year and a year of growth. As of December 31, 2008, there were 45 children/youth registered for Sunday School. Most of the growth was in the Kindergarten classes. The average attendance was 21.

Some of the 2008 highlights include:

- ☺ Mother's Day—the ladies received carnations from the children
- ☺ Father's Day—the men received Dad's cookies from the children
- ☺ June Party
- ☺ Nature Walk with Bob Scott
- ☺ Children's Sunday including the playlet, "Am I my Brother's Sister's Keeper?"
- ☺ White Gift Sunday including the playlet, "The Story of the Red Maple Leaf"
- ☺ Christmas Party including cupcake decorating, games and a movie
- ☺ A Children's Library was established in the lower Sunday School area.



In response to a need for a children's program during summer services, we offered a program of Veggie Tales movies and crafts. Thanks to Kim McClelland, Beth McIntosh, Cheryl Mann and Sonya and Mark Staffen for providing the summer program.

Thank you to our wonderful teachers for their time and continued education.

Teachers:

Shelley Gibbs, Lynn Shaw, Courtney Pilkington, Laura Barrieau, Lynda Oliver, Christie Hugman, Shannon Hugman, April Hugman, Sue Kennedy, Patsy Watson, Cheryl Mann, Martha Weavers, Leslie Leach, Beth McIntosh, Al Rey and Liz Bonneville.

Supply Teachers:

Morley Roswell and Jill Leedham.

Respectfully submitted

Cheryl Mann, Sunday School coordinator



FELLOWSHIP CLUB

The Christmas Fellowship Club meeting started with a delicious turkey dinner prepared and served by members and family of the Eastern Star. This group headed by Margaret Hewitson has catered our Christmas dinner for the past 16 years. Sadly, they will not be continuing this tradition as they are joining with the Paris Eastern Star group. Grant Wilks thanked the ladies.

Following dinner, Glenn Watson read a poem and had a joke or two for us. Christine Hossack led in carol singing.

Marilyn Watson introduced our guest, Doreen Pate, who entertained the group with interesting pictures and informative commentary on a recent trip to the Holy Land. Doreen was accompanied on the trip by her son. Connie Wilks thanked Doreen and her assistant, Ed.

GREETING CARD REPORT

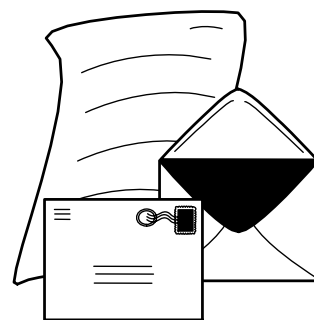
In the year 2008 there were 29 greeting cards sent out:

12 Get Well Cards

17 Sympathy Cards

Thank you to those who kept me informed.

Respectfully submitted,
Cecelia Ljunggren



HOUSE SYSTEM

We have just completed another active year in the House System. Some people have come and gone for various reasons, but the new people seem to be enjoying the friendly spirit of everyone.

This year we experimented by having cookies and beverages after the service during both summer months instead of just one month which seemed to go over very well. However, we are uncertain at this point if we will continue this for 2009.

I would like to thank the House Leaders and their teams for the great job they did by getting new people involved. They are responsible for arranging greeters, ushers, lay readers, cookies and beverages after the service on Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming more members into God's family with another year of fun and fellowship as we grow spiritually.

I will be stepping down after a 4 year term and wish much success to Jane Baxter who will be taking over as Chair.

The following are the House Leaders for 2009:

Patsy and David Watson	January
Donna and Dave Gilbert.....	February
Sue Preston.....	March
Al and Cecelia Ljunggren	April
Sharon Bliss	May
Florence Horsfield.....	June
Muriel Ferguson / 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,

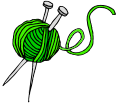
Florence Horsfield,
House System Chair

HELPING HANDS — SUPPLY AND ASSISTANCE

Helping Hands is the Outreach area of the Women's groups and has been well supported by many members of the congregation. Projects have consisted of hand-crafted articles and collections to support people locally and throughout the world.

Knitted and crocheted articles

- ◇ 20 large blankets, primarily consisting of individually knit blocks were completed through the help of many hands. These were put together by Eleanor Lamb and edged by Francis Stulen and donated to the Salvation Army and Nova Vita.
- ◇ 9 smaller knitted or crocheted afghans and a few lap robes and shoulder blankets have been completed. These were donated to the cancer society for chemotherapy patients and to Nova Vita or the Children's Aid Society.
- ◇ An emergency blanket was crocheted by Claire Steel. You will see this lovely contribution hanging below the defibrillator case. Thank you Claire for realizing the need for this.
- ◇ A total of 64 hats for newborn babies and hats for cancer patients were delivered. Baby hats went to Hamilton Health Sciences and the adult hats went to the Cancer Society for use in Brantford and Hamilton.
- ◇ Baby sweater and hat sets were delivered to Hamilton Health Sciences, Nova Vita and the CAS
- ◇ Claire Steel again knit 5 shrugs to be given to some of our own shut-in members at Christmas
- ◇ A few assorted objects — mittens, dish cloths and some health care objects were welcomed at Nova Vita.
- ◇ A special hurried request for knitted dolls for an orphanage in Malowi was met by 4 dolls.



Thank you to the following people for your work on these projects: Jackie Archibald, Muriel Ferguson, Wilma Ferrell, Eleanor Lamb, Pearl Maley, Louise Martin, Mae Prichard, Claire Steel, Francis Stulen, Ada Thacker, Peggy Walker and Marilyn Watson.

Thank you also to members of St. George United Church for your generous contributions of blanket blocks. Your assistance does make a big difference.

Collections:

- ◇ 50 shoe boxes were completed for Operation Christmas Child
- ◇ 27 School Kits and 18 Health Kits were delivered to the Mennonite Central Committee for distribution. Bags for the kits were sewn by Francis Stulen and Claire Steel
- ◇ Money from the small change jar purchased two bed kits for Sleeping Children Around the World. One kit has already been delivered and the other will probably be shipped in March. Our jar has a good beginning for the purchase of its first 2009 kit.
- ◇ Used stamps, eyeglasses and soup labels are collected in the blue boxes above the coat rack. Several bags of used stamps have gone to the Bible Society to be sold to subsidize their programs. Eyeglasses give help to those unable to purchase them and the soup labels were taken to Central Baptist Academy to be traded for educational or sports equipment.



The organization of "Helping Hands" is changing slightly. Each unit will be looking after the collections of a few different areas. As always the main work is in the hands of those who faithfully support the projects. Collections will continue to run in the usual manner. Any changes will be addressed by the particular group looking after it.

I wish to offer my personal thanks to all who have continued to contribute to these projects. Your time and talents spent on hand-crafted articles as well as the enthusiasm and participation in charity collections speaks to a caring groups of people. Thank you for making this task easy.

In faith and service, Betty Renout

MEMORIAL FUND 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2008 **\$ 3,009.94**

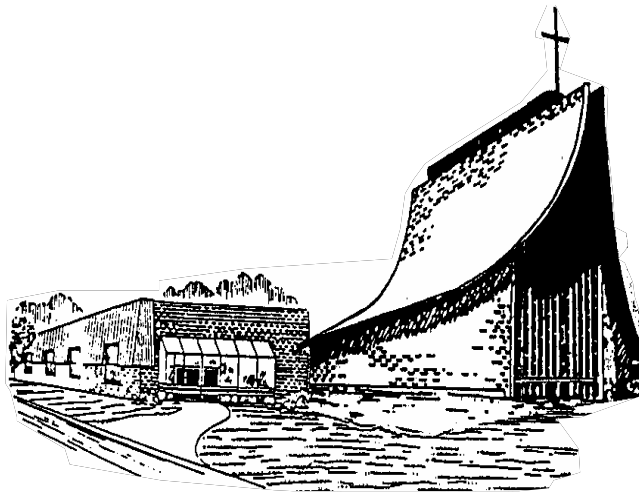
Receipts

Donations	\$4,075.00	
Bank Interest	1.40	
<i>Total Receipts</i>		+ 4,076.40

Disbursements

Payment toward the new Powerpoint System.....	<u>3,000.00</u>	
<i>Total Disbursements</i>		- 3,000.00

BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2008 **\$ 4,086.34**



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST GROUP

Meeting every Friday morning for breakfast at 8 am, the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group had a busy, productive year. We enjoyed a time of socializing and a short prayer period and great breakfast served by rotating members. We extend an invitation to all the men from the congregation to join us at any time if they are able to do so.

In 2008 we sponsored the Scott Wood's Shows, with three shows on November 28th and 29th. Close to 700 people attended. A special thanks to everyone who helped with this most successful event.

Receipts for the year in the amount of \$6,300 have been donated to the general fund.

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



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Prelude to start off the New Year of 2008 was 'A Time for New Beginnings'. Although much of what

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His Presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. Psalm 95:1-2

we did this year was not 'new beginnings', we experimented with keeping the Church open throughout the summer months. This meant that we needed to find musicians to fill in for Nancy's holiday and soloists, or choir, for the whole summer. The choir, after checking their schedules, found they could only be available for one Sunday in the summer. So my search began in late May and early June to find soloists. And I was successful in finding soloists or duets for eight Sundays. My heartfelt thanks go to Donna Ryder, Gord Ferrell, Barb and Dan Parker, Chris Hossack, Cindy and Tom Smiley, Jane Baxter, Kim McClelland, and Nigel Scrutton. The pianists were John Richardson and Judy Norman. Linda Gillis also enhanced one of the services with a clarinet solo.

The choir learned and sang (very beautifully I would say) 42 anthems – all to the glory of God. As well, they led the congregation in choral openings, hymns, choral closings, baptismal and communion responses. Some anthems had solos included in them. Donna Ryder, Jane Baxter, and Cindy Smiley helped out with these anthems.

The Praise and Worship team, (consisting of Deb Ward, Cindy Smiley, April Hugman, Kim Richardson, Tom Smiley, Gord Ferrell, John Richardson, and Nancy Krause), led three services this year. Gord Ferrell retired from the group after having given several years of faithful service.

The Junior Choir was very active this year. Although small in numbers, they make a beautiful sound. They sang on nine occasions. The members of the choir are Kate Bonneville, Lauren Oliver, Victoria Rey, Hali Cartmel, Keara Duchesne, Kennedy Pilkington. The leaders are April Hugman and Nancy Krause.

Leslie Leach and Judy Queen enhanced our music with flute solos or accompaniments several times this year. Also John Richardson and Nancy Krause played some piano duets for Offertories. On Easter Sunday Alan Queen performed on the trumpet, and bells were played by Bea and Ron Klinck, and Lyndon Rey. Stefanie Stuart played the piano.

For our Anniversary Service, Dave Kelman gave us a visual record of Fairview's past history. Also at that Service, Tom Smiley sang a very lovely Ray Boltz song entitled 'Thank You'.

In November we had a young guest violinist – David Rose. He played Arioso by Bach.

On December 7th Peter Doran was our guest soloist. He chose to sing 'One day at a time' which was a favourite of Joyce Neddow. Kim McClelland aided him with the vocals. On December 21st a Ladies Trio, (consisting of Donna Ryder, Sandy Surette, and Cindy Smiley) sang 'The Christmas King'. Also that day a bell choir (Donna Ryder, June Attwood, June Haines, Peggy Walker, Claire Steel, and Jill Amos) played offertory music.

Lynne Gibson sang a lovely contemporary solo for Christmas Eve entitled 'Mary did you know'.

And our final Service of the year included John Richardson ably playing the piano and Judy Queen performing a wonderful flute solo.

This year we had a three event Scott Woods Concert (Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and Saturday evening) in November sponsored by the Men's Breakfast Club. The tickets sold well and everyone went home humming and tapping their toes. Well done Scott!

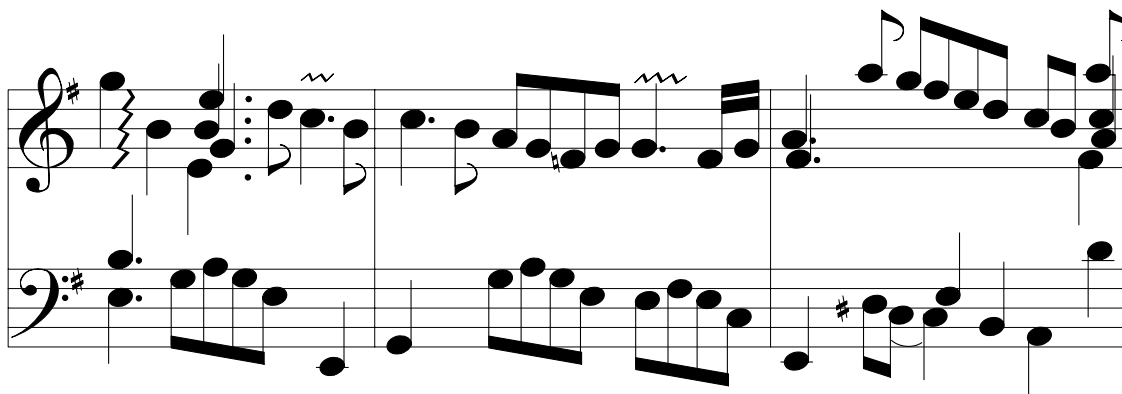
Once again the choir hosted 'The Fairview Family Christmas'. We had fun singing the old familiar carols. We listened to some corny jokes and tried our hand at a quiz. Piano players included Alexander, Lyndon, and Victoria Rey; Kate Bonneville; Victoria and Patsy Watson. Cindy Smiley and Deb Ward sang a duet. Tom Smiley, Chris Hossack, and Lynne Gibson sang solos. The little combo band, the Jubilee 4, (Gord Ferrell – banjo, guitar, and vocals; Tom Smiley – drums, vocals; Linda Gillis – clarinet; and Nancy Krause – piano) played light songs like Silver Bells and the Christmas Polka. The choir sang a couple silly songs and then a lovely quiet song 'Still, still, still'. We finished the evening with hot cider and Christmas cookies provided by the choir. As the saying goes 'A good time was had by all'. A thank you goes to Les Attwood for tending the sound equipment.

Our choir members this year included Barbara Parker, Bette Sholer, Cindy Smiley, Brenda Weeden, Lynne Gibson, June Haines, Chris Hossack, Cheryl McKellar, Eleanor Lamb, Yvonne McDougall, Peggy Walker, Sandra Moore, Kim Richardson, Donna Ryder, Sandy Surette, June Attwood, John Richardson, Tom Smiley, Gord Ferrell, 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
 Gowns – Cindy Smiley

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Krause
 Music Director



SENIOR CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance, January 1, 2008 \$ 2,457.01

Receipts

Collections	\$ 136.36	
Bank Interest	0.17	
Fairview Family Christmas.....	162.51	
<i>Total Receipts for 2008</i>		+ 299.04

Disbursements

Flowers.....	\$ 62.14	
Christmas Gifts and Dinners.....	267.97	
Slide Screen Donation	2,000.00	
Bank Charges.....	\$ 2.40	
<i>Total Expenses for 2008</i>		<u>- 2,332.51</u>

Balance on Hand December 31, 2008 **\$ 423.54**



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This year, as in the past, the Outreach group made sure that the congregation remembered the Brantford Foodbank. The one big event was the Brown Bag Food Blitz, held in April, where the contribution by all was overwhelming, 833 lbs to be exact! By year end, 1,745 lbs had been donated to the Brantford Foodbank, thanks to the support of all.

OUTREACH SHARE

As the Outreach group is always looking for suggestions, this year we introduced the Blessing/Celebration tray. While visiting another church Jane Baxter was so impressed with the idea, she brought it to the group's attention. Hopefully you've had a chance to be involved.

A new twist this year was turning a Sunday hot dog lunch into a Friday Alzheimer Information Night. This was held in September, run by Nicole Zinn-Schadenberg from the Alzheimer Society and assisted by our very own Morley Roswell. They provided a wonderful program with about 25 in attendance. Donations were made directly to the Alzheimer Society. A wonderful spin-off from this night was that the Alzheimer Society now makes use of our church space for support group meetings.

Outreach was also fortunate enough this year to help facilitate the donation of a defibrillator to our church. Thanks to the generous donation of Joan Horn, along with work from Grant Wilks and Claire Steel, this "AED" has been installed in the church. Cheryl Mann has generously donated her time and skills to train as many people as possible in the use of this equipment. This is going to be one of those gifts that you don't ever want to open up, but will be

glad it's there if needed.

If you have any ideas for future Outreach projects, please get in contact with a member (Sue Preston, John Richardson, George and Brenda Weeden, Cheryl Mann, Conrad Church, and Rev. Barrie Bain) and share. We already have a few ideas for 2009 but are always looking for more, and would welcome your involvement.

P.S. Thanks to everyone for the continued support to the benevolent fund in the form of Zehr's tape donations and to Kristyn Richardson for her patient work tabulating them all!

Thank you for all your support.

The Outreach Team



PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee continues to take care of the ongoing maintenance of the church building and property. There are always lights, switches, ballasts that have to be replaced, plumbing to be repaired or replaced. In the summer there is grass to cut, shrubs to be trimmed, etc.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group purchased and planted flowers and try to keep them growing in all kinds of weather.

Thanks to Dave Watson for providing fertilizer again for the lawn.

A snow fence was erected in November on the front lawn and will be removed in the spring and replaced again next November. It helps considerably to prevent snow from drifting against the front doors and windows.

Air conditioners for the 3 offices have to be installed in the spring and removed from the windows in the fall.

The men's washroom was painted in the summer.

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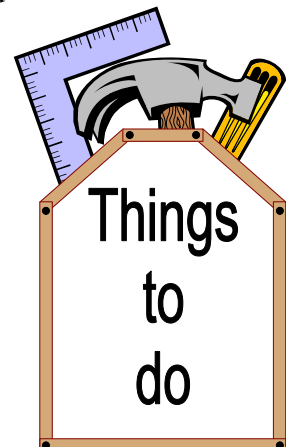
- ◇ Les Attwood for looking after the sound system, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire alarm system, telephone, programming and looking after the heating systems.
- ◇ Neil Little for keeping the plants in the solarium looking so healthy year after year.
- ◇ Gene Jeffery for his help on property, yard sales and many other tasks.
- ◇ Conrad Church, Don Camick, Dave Watson, Bob Scott, Doug Malvern and Dave Gilbert for looking after the snow removal of the steps, ramp and sidewalks
- ◇ Marilyn Gellner for another great year of caretaking of the church building.
- ◇ Many thanks to the men of the committee and the Men's Prayer Breakfast group for setting up for yard sales, meetings etc.

The Property Committee members are:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Al Ljunggren, Chair, Property Committee



STITCH & CHATTER QUILTING GROUP

We had another enjoyable year with 5 of us off and on most of the time, some of us take holidays. We took 2 weeks off over the Christmas holidays. We have donated \$550 to the general fund. Quilting hours are 1 to 3:30 on Thursdays. We would like to see new members as we seem to keep busy with orders. We had to turn away one person with 3 quilts last week—09, our first time ever. We keep busy at home with knitting rectangles, hats and booties for the premies and mitts and hats for cancer. Eleanor busies herself also with putting the rectangles together. Helen comes up with yarn at yard sales for us.

Our members are:

Louise Martin

Eleanor Lamb

Jackie Archibald

Helen Jesseman

Jean Porteous

Submitted by Louise Martin



WOMEN'S GROUPS OF FAIRVIEW

O'Dell Circle

The ladies of the O'Dell Circle meet the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm in the church parlour. We have 16 members in our group.

The duties of leadership, secretary, devotions, programs and lunch are shared each month by members of a rotating basis. Our co-ordinators for 2008 were Linda Camick and Marilyn Watson.

At each meeting, we have an interesting program presented by one of the members, followed by lunch and a time of fellowship. In June, a Potluck Luncheon was held at the home of Linda Camick. In December, to celebrate the Christmas season, we had a lunch at Tranquility Place, hosted by Franky Russell.

We continue our ongoing support of Fairview Church, with a donation made to the General Fund. Also, funds were donated for the purchase of kitchen supplies. As well, we assisted with providing food for catered events and cookies for the Scott Woods Concert held at the church.

Our General Meeting this year, which we hosted for the Tranquility and Fairview Willow groups, was cancelled due to the sudden passing of one of our dear members, Margaret Muir. Our sympathy is extended to the Muir family.

Shut-ins are visited by some of our members and are remembered with birthday and special holiday cards, as well as small gifts, occasionally.

Donations were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Dick Martin, Esther Ewing, Margaret Davidson and Margaret Muir.

We continue to support Outreach projects with contributions to Nova Vita, Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, and Mennonite Relief Kits. Along with the Tranquility and Fairview Willow groups, we have knitting projects to support various charities. The squares that are knitted for blankets for Nova Vita and the homeless are put together by two of our members, Eleanor Lamb and Francis Stulen.

Together, with the others women's groups, we also financially support four or five other worthy causes, some within our church.

"Ladies are most welcome to join us in faith, fellowship and outreach."

Linda Camick, Co-Ordinator

President: Dorothy Bayne

Secretary: Claire Steel

Treasurer: Connie Wilks

Tranquility WUCC Unit

Our meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month. Our goal is friendship and fellowship in the relaxed atmosphere of our homes, and to raise money to support Fairview Church.

This past year we:

- ◇ Hosted the General Meeting in February
- ◇ Helped supply a meal for 70 ladies for Joy Day
- ◇ Took part in the Proclamation Reading

- ◇ Held our yard sale
- ◇ Supplied coffee and tea for the kitchen
- ◇ Knitted, crocheted and quilted items
- ◇ Supplied food bank items
- ◇ Helped at the Scott Woods Show
- ◇ Visited our shut-ins
- ◇ Purchased 5 folding tables for the fellowship hall
- ◇ Donated \$3,500 to Fairview Church

All in all, we had fun! Please join us ... all ladies are welcome.

Claire Steel, secretary

The Fairview Willow Group

The Fairview Willow Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm in the church parlour. Our Leader is Sue Preston, Treasurer, Joyce Lowe and Secretary, Shirley Draper.

There are 16 members in our group with an average attendance of 10-12. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the women's groups at Fairview United Church, please come to one of our meetings, where there is fun and laughter—you will be most welcome.

At each meeting we have devotions and a program, followed by a light lunch and social time. Members of the group take turns doing the devotions, program and lunch. Our programs are interesting and over the course of this past year, four were especially so, when four of our members shared some background of their lives in the form of a "Who Am I"? We also enjoyed an evening of fun when our auction sale brought not only a money profit, but much laughter while bartering for the treasures we brought from our homes.

The Fairview/Willow host the April General meeting. This past April, our leader Sue Preston was our guest speaker. She told us how she set up her company "SaggiTaurus Needlecraft", which designs and manufactures counted cross stitch patterns. Sue has designed 99% of the patterns herself and showed many examples of her craft. Some people will request an item unique to their life, work, or interest, and then Sue designs it for them.

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

- ◇ Helped with lunches and other functions within the Church
- ◇ Donated \$1,150 to Fairview United Church General Fund
- ◇ Filled 12 Christmas shoeboxes
- ◇ Filled bags for health kits and school kits
- ◇ Donated \$100 to the Memorial Fund in memory of our late member Carol Chonka
- ◇ As well, we contribute monetarily, along with the other women's groups, to other worthy causes and groups within the church, i.e., Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and the Youth Group.

In December we deliver a poinsettia during a visit to our shut-in members. We also have a Christmas social and gift exchange after our December meeting.

Shirley Draper, Secretary, 2008

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2008 has been a very busy and rewarding year for the Fairview Worship Committee. With the support and planning of Reverend Barrie Bain and Staff Associate Christine Hossack, our year was put into action with caring, love and inspiration. The committee members are George Weeden (Chairperson), Diane Watkins, Brenda Weeden, Yvonne McDougall, Cindy Smiley, Cheryl McKellar, Les Attwood, Sue Kennedy, Music Director Nancy Krause, Liz Bonneville and Kim Richardson. Indeed this is a dedicated group of people ensuring that all worship experiences run smoothly.

Meeting the first Tuesday of each month, we review past services and plan future services and activities. We organize regular Sunday services as well as special services, including Communion and Baptism, Transfer of Membership, Profession of Faith, Praise & Worship and Intergenerational Services. Youth involvement in our services has been wonderful and we look forward to having them take part in the year ahead.

Thank you to Nancy and our choir for sharing their wonderful gifts of music through the year. We also plan worship services 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 summer Sunday services.

Besides our weekly advertising in the Brantford Expositor, we designed and printed flyers presented along with tulip bulbs, delivered to the Mayfair district 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. The flyers outlined various mid-week activities, gave dates of special services and activities to share with us. It included a warm greeting and message from Reverend Barrie and Staff Associate Christine Hossack. We delivered about 1400 flyers and bulbs in early October just before our special Anniversary service, called "Bits and Bites". Many thanks go out to all who participated in this very worthwhile project.

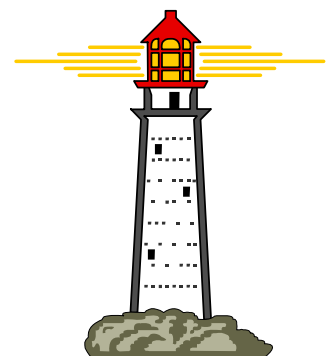
A pancake supper was once again successfully organized by the committee with much help from the Men's Prayer Breakfast group ... and their wives. An Ash Wednesday service followed dinner. These events were well-attended and had a special meaning for those in attendance.

The Worship Committee has been so fortunate to work with Reverend Barrie and Staff Associate Christine Hossack. Their loving manner and creative and inspirational ideas are very much appreciated.

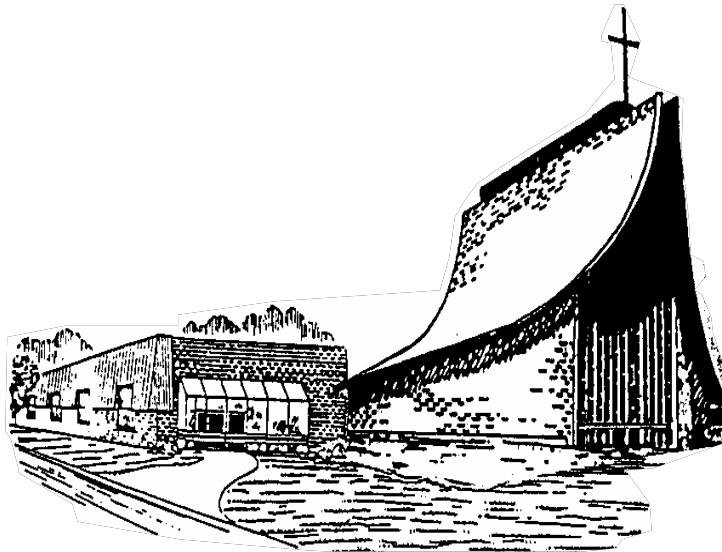
The dedication and enthusiasm of each and every member of this committee is very much appreciated. Each one has worked in so many behind-the-scenes ways, to make Fairview United Church a truly welcoming community as we continue to do God's work.

Respectfully submitted by

George Weeden (Chair)



Financial Reports



FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

When we started the year, we anticipated our expenses to surpass our revenues by \$24,927, as was reflected in the 2008 budget. And then, early in the year, one of our four furnaces had to be replaced, costing \$4,300.

However, the Fairview family dug deeper, both financially and in volunteer time to make this year a very successful one. Income generated from personal giving and the many fundraising efforts was \$18,165 higher than that reflected in the 2008 budget and committees held expenses to a slight increase of \$2,410 including the cost of the furnace replacement! Although our expenses surpassed our revenues by \$9,172, with the hard work of many, the picture was certainly a brighter one than that anticipated at the beginning of the year. In fact, excluding the furnace repair, our financial results were actually stronger than in 2007.

The 2009 budget reflects further improvement of our financial position with revenues exceeding our expenses by \$2853.

This is achieved with the following assumptions:

- Givings will increase by \$16,000, which includes \$5,000 of income from the transfer of ten Echo place members in the second half of the year; increases of \$8,000 in givings as reflected on submitted intention forms; and \$3,000 in increases through growth.
- Reduction in fundraising: reduced revenues of \$2,000 from the Scott Woods Concert and \$1,300 in contributions from the women's groups

Other assumptions include:

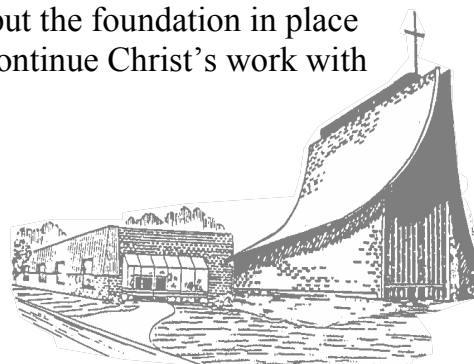
- Expenditure on a new furnace \$5,000
- A vacancy in the staff associate position resulting in a decrease in ministry and personal costs of \$5,000
- All other committee costs reflect minimum increases

The general account was in an overdraft position of \$7,617 at the end of December. This is anticipated to increase early in the year due to the timing of some expenses, but this should be reduced by the end of 2009.

The 2009 budget preparations provided the committees and board an opportunity to do some visioning for our future. There are many challenges ahead of us. We will all be required to work together to achieve the targets laid out in the 2009 budget and put the foundation in place to achieve further growth in 2010 and beyond, allowing us to continue Christ's work with each other and the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Milla
Treasurer and Chair of Finance.



Fairview United Church
Balance Sheet
 Consolidated - December 2008

	Current Year
ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Petty Cash	\$50.00
General Account	(7,616.86)
Choir Account	423.54
Memorial Fund	4,086.34
Subtotal Current Assets	(3,056.98)
FIXED ASSETS	
LAND AND BUILDINGS	
Land	400,000.00
Church Building	2,440,000.00
Furnishings & Fixtures	230,000.00
Subtotal Fixed Assets	3,070,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,066,943.02
FUND BALANCE	
Congregational Equity	\$3,066,943.02
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	3,066,943.02

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Fairview United Church

OPENING BALANCES	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
General Account	9,489	1,555	1,555
Petty Cash	50		50
Sunday School	2,113		n/a
Choir	2,510		2,457
Memorial Fund	5,102		3,010
Opening Balances :	19,264	1,555	7,072

RECEIPTS	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Mission & Services	20,165	19,000	18,835
General Account	199,134	188,043	206,373
Petty Cash	24		39
Sunday School	341	n/a	n/a
Choir	634	0	299
Memorial Fund	1,114	0	4,076
Total Income :	221,412	207,043	229,622

DISBURSEMENTS	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual
Mission & Services	20,165	19,000	18,835
General Account	207,067	212,970	215,545
Petty Cash	24		39
Sunday School	2,455	0	n/a
Choir	687	0	2,332
Memorial Fund	3,206	0	3,000
Total Expenses :	233,604	231,970	239,751

CLOSING BALANCES - DECEMBER 31

General Account	1,555	(23,372)	(7,617)
Petty Cash	50		50
Sunday School	0		n/a
Choir	2,457		424
Memorial Fund	3,010		4,086
Closing Balances :	7,072	(23,372)	(3,057)

SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
INCOME				
INDIVIDUAL GIVINGS	165,065	161,833	163,395	182,290
GROUP GIVINGS	12,523	10,500	13,226	5,300
OTHER INCOME	20,190	14,910	28,761	21,266
SPECIAL PURPOSE GIVINGS	21,521	19,800	19,825	19,160
TOTAL INCOME	219,299	207,043	225,208	228,016
EXPENSES				
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	3,383	0	8,040	0
FAITH FORMATION	2,323	3,250	2,188	2,525
FINANCE & ADMIN.	11,989	12,600	12,289	13,520
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL	150,350	162,840	160,859	155,728
OUTREACH COMMITTEE	1,210	1,350	255	1,200
PROPERTY COMMITTEE	30,486	23,260	25,094	25,750
WORSHIP COMMITTEE	5,198	7,550	4,145	4,900
SPECIAL PURPOSE REMITT.	20,475	19,300	19,090	19,040
TAXES PAID	1,818	1,820	2,420	2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	227,233	231,970	234,380	225,163

TOTAL INCOME	219,299	207,043	225,208	228,016
TOTAL EXPENSES	227,233	231,970	234,380	225,163
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(7,934)	(24,927)	(9,172)	2,853

STATEMENT OF INCOME

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	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
INDIVIDUAL GIVINGS				
Anniversary	1,070	750	721	700
Thanksgiving Offering	640	500	90	90
Christmas	2,267	2,300	1,328	2,300
Easter	2,344	2,000	1,210	1,210
Regular Envelope Givings	86,875	88,000	84,182	94,401
Via PAR	63,383	63,383	71,533	78,599
Initial	213	250	290	290
Loose	2,137	2,000	2,362	2,150
Caring Coins	466	500	279	300
Coffee Cup Coins	2,038	2,000	1,065	2,000
Yard Sale Match-Up	3,000	0	0	0
Sunday School	43	150	236	250
Poems and Prose Booklets	590	0	100	0
<i>Subtotal Individual Givings</i>	165,065	161,833	163,395	182,290
GROUP GIVINGS				
Fairview Card Group	100	100	0	100
Fairview Men's Breakfast	6,818	6,000	6,300	0
Fairview Stitch & Chatter	700	700	690	700
Fairview Women's Groups	4,800	3,700	6,236	4,500
Fairview Outreach Committee	105	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal Group Givings</i>	12,523	10,500	13,226	5,300
OTHER INCOME				
Hall Rental-Other	1,467	1,000	1,064	900
Brantford Village Squares	1,372	1,100	1,328	1,200
Wedding Contributions	0	0	230	230
Trustees Contributions	9,470	9,500	9,861	9,500
GST Rebate	1,345	910	736	736
Hot Dog Luncheons	1,094	1,100	1,094	800
Bequests	0	1,000	0	0
Capital Expend. Recovered	3,877	0	8,441	0
Pancake Breakfast	200	200	358	300
PST Refund	0	0	1,637	0
Miscellaneous	960	100	107	0
Scott Woods Concert			<i>Men's Breakfast Men's Breakfast Men's Breakfast</i>	4,000
Various Ways & Means Fundraisers	406	0	3,252	3,000
Ten Thousand Villages	0	0	654	600
<i>Subtotal Other Income</i>	20,190	14,910	28,761	21,266
SPECIAL PURPOSE GIVINGS				
M&S Regular Envelopes	10,145	9,500	7,729	8,500
M&S Via PAR	9,979	9,500	11,064	10,500
M&S From Sunday School	42	0	42	40
Canada Food Grains Bank	280	300	0	
Observer Subscriptions	0	0	257	
Benevolent Fund	726	500	733	120
Benevolent Fund-Outreach	320	0	0	
Humanitarian Aid-Relief	30	0	0	
<i>Subtotal Special Purpose Givings</i>	21,521	19,800	19,825	19,160
TOTAL INCOME	219,299	207,043	225,208	228,016

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				
Sound System	323	0	0	0
Office Furniture	1,683	0	0	0
Security System	1,377	0	0	0
Point Point Equipment	0	0	8,040	0
<i>Subtotal Capital Expenditures</i>	3,383	0	8,040	0
FAITH FORMATION				
Adult Education	393	500	150	350
Confirmation	0	200	185	100
Youth Group	0	200	17	100
Nursery	521	100	35	100
Ref. Material & Library	81	300	101	300
SS Offering Envelopes	0	50	0	50
SS Curriculum	716	1,000	946	1,000
SS Supplies	230	250	70	150
Teacher Appreciation	127	150	282	75
Events	78	300	353	200
Police Checks	0	150	0	50
Bulletins	179	50	49	50
<i>Subtotal Faith Formation</i>	2,323	3,250	2,188	2,525
FINANCE & ADMIN.				
Computer Expense	705	500	0	250
Copier Expense	3,303	4,000	3,922	4,000
Bank Service Charges, Interest Exp.	1,225	1,100	1,402	1,950
Offering Envelopes	314	350	369	400
Office Equipment	0	400	40	250
Office Supplies	1,072	1,000	970	950
Postage	197	350	358	300
Internet				720
Presbytery Dues	4,370	4,400	4,480	4,400
Stewardship Program	150	200	36	100
Miscellaneous	654	300	712	200
<i>Subtotal Finance & Admin.</i>	11,989	12,600	12,289	13,520
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL				
Salary-Minister	45,237	47,046	47,046	48,081
Salary-Organist	16,626	16,958	16,958	17,331
Salary-Office Administrat	22,493	23,088	23,088	23,596
Salary-Staff Associate	14,275	14,721	14,721	7,522
Salary-Caretaker	0	6,552	6,552	6,696
Housing-Minister	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,960
Housing: Staff Associate	7,500	7,500	7,500	3,975
Education-Minister	732	1,200	609	1,200
Education-Organist	324	300	397	300
Education-Staff Associate	312	600	141	300
Travel-Minister	1,892	2,400	2,125	2,600
Phone - Minister	450	450	450	450
Phone:Staff Associate	400	400	400	200
Employer Paid-CPP	3,564	3,750	3,497	3,723
Employer Paid-EI	2,542	3,000	2,662	2,750
Employer Paid-UCC Pension	8,570	8,900	8,856	8,960
Employer Paid Group Insur	7,538	7,800	8,195	8,932
Employer Paid PST	572	600	625	590
WSIB	727	725	827	712
Supply Staff	0	350	0	350
Miscellaneous	596	500	209	500
<i>Subtotal Ministry & Personnel</i>	150,350	162,840	160,859	155,728

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Budget
OUTREACH COMMITTEE				
Guest Speaker	50	150	0	100
Newsletter-LINK	475	0	0	0
Benevolent Fund	650	1,000	255	1,000
Miscellaneous	34	200	0	100
<i>Subtotal Outreach Committee</i>	1,210	1,350	255	1,200
PROPERTY COMMITTEE				
Fuel	7,830	9,660	7,127	7,600
Furnishings/Equipment	101	300	4,320	5,000
Insurance	6,648	5,000	5,146	5,000
Janitorial Supplies	189	300	149	250
Maintenance	1,504	500	1,548	1,400
Phone-Church	2,007	2,000	1,763	2,000
Snow Removal	280	500	1,170	500
Utilities	4,089	4,500	3,753	4,000
Waste Removal	530	500	118	0
Caretaker Contract	7,308	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal Property Committee</i>	30,486	23,260	25,094	25,750
WORSHIP COMMITTEE				
Advertising	1,073	3,000	1,030	2,000
Bulletins	705	700	146	500
Christ Candle	123	150	102	150
Communion Supplies	32	100	52	50
Copyright Licenses	844	350	345	350
Guest Artists / Speakers	525	500	460	0
Hymn Books	0	50	0	0
Music & Choir Supplies	1,247	1,000	756	1,000
Resources	316	300	382	300
Sanctuary Decor	115	300	50	200
Internet	0	700	717	0
Archivist	15	150	37	20
Miscellaneous	204	250	69	330
<i>Subtotal Worship Committee</i>	5,198	7,550	4,145	4,900
SPECIAL PURPOSE REMITT.				
Mission & Service	20,165	19,000	18,835	19,040
Canada Food Grains Bank	280	0	0	0
Observer Subscriptions	0	0	255	0
Humanitarian Aid-Relief	30	300	0	0
<i>Subtotal Special Purpose Remitt.</i>	20,475	19,300	19,090	19,040
TAXES PAID				
GST Expenses	1,818	1,820	1,930	2,000
PST Expenses	0	0	491	500
<i>Subtotal Taxes Paid</i>	1,818	1,820	2,420	2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	227,233	231,970	234,380	225,163

REVIEWER'S REPORT

I have examined the Financial Statement of Fairview United Church as at December 31, 2008, 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.

You will see attached to this report, a report showing the current estimated value of Fairview's land, building, and furniture and fixtures. I believe the report is self-explanatory. The values in it are what you might call "notional" since they are unlikely to represent value in the marketplace.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dave Kelman
Reviewer



MISSION STATEMENT FOR
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motivated by faith;
energized in worship;
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