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## ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS FOR 2009

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Dear friends,

Before I comment on the past year at St. Paul's, I want to thank everyone who contributed to the parish through their dedication of time, talent and financial contributions. Only through your efforts does our parish do so many wonderful and diverse ministries and projects.

I want to thank all committee and group leaders for their hard work and to all the members of groups and committees for the countless hours you spend in meetings and doing the work of the parish. A thank-you to Carrie and Marg who keeps our finances on track, Arlene and the choir for our beautiful music, and for Valerie who keeps me and the wardens in line, and for the Wardens, Gerald, Richard, Lutie-Anne and Don for countless hours devoted to this parish.

I especially want to thank those who have completed their terms; Mal Hickson, Gerald Armstrong, Judy Stuckey, and Elsie Stephenson.

As our Wardens, Mal and Gerald are beyond value! Both have served more than their share of time and have been a great support to me in my first year as Incumbent. I am very grateful for all they have done to ensure the parish is still running! I also want to thank Rev. Elsie for her ministry of pastoral care over the last five years. Thank you Judy Stuckey who is stepping down as Sunday School Coordinator this spring. Judy was instrumental in putting in place our new group structure which will help grow our Sunday School. While she will be stepping down from this role, she will be helping to create a youth group for our parish.

There are many to thank, and I risk forgetting a name. Thank-you to everyone who quietly and faithfully work for our Lord Jesus. The Crafty Ladies, sidesmen, lectors and layreaders, church ladies, Paul, the kitchen crews, the helpers at the wheelchair services and Christmas dinner volunteers, and Betty our Grapevine Editor.

St. Paul's Church is a busy place. We reach out to parishioners and the local community in many ways. We provide weekly worship for the nursing home residents and special wheelchair services three times a year. We provide food and money to help families in need by supporting the Food Cupboard and the Food Source.

We ran an educational outreach through the Lenten World Religion series. We have weekly worship services and bible studies which offer the seeker a chance to worship and grow in their faith. In 2009 we offered for the first time Vacation Bible Schools for our children and the children of the neighborhood, as well as the annual Easter and Christmas programs for King Albert School.

There are many other programs and events throughout the year which are only made possible through your financial support and your time given to the church. To help you understand how your efforts make a difference, we will be putting together a Narrative Budget before the spring. In it you will see that between staff and volunteer time, St. Paul's combined hours worked is over 23,000 hour to run our church!

Throughout the past year I have had a chance to meet with members of the parish to get to know you better and to listen to your concerns as well as your hopes and dreams for the future. A summary of the discussions shows that you are happy with the parish. Concerns include a worry over the decreasing number of able bodied volunteers, the need for a better variety of fundraisers and to spread them out through the year, more familiar music, and the number one concern- attracting more families and children to the parish.

The concern over our aging congregation is very real. I noted last year at vestry that we only have a five year window of opportunity to continue growing through seniors only. After that point, the early retired will

be your children who for the most part do not attend church. They will not suddenly become active supporting members.

The focus needs to be on attracting two groups to ensure the survival of our parish. The first is the Freedom 55'ers and older, and the forty year olds and younger with children. We have started to address some of the needs through the development of an Ad Hoc New Members group, but there is a lot of work ahead of us.

The only way to make it happen is for a major shift in attitudes, a review of styles of worship and programs, and to hire staff trained to focus on the needs of the two targeted age groups. Until this happens, the parish will continue to suffer from volunteer fatigue and loss of volunteer support, shrinking of membership and a smaller financial base.

To be able to hire staff, the finances of the parish need to improve. After reviewing the envelope giving chart, and by eliminating 44 non-parishioner givers, only 208 of 428 families contribute to the parish. A few members may not use envelopes, but the open offerings do not show considerable givings.

The reality is that more than half the parish doesn't give a penny to the upkeep of the fabric of the church or its ministries. Of the 208 identifiable givers 39 give the highest share of donations. Most of the supporting funds come from only 100 families. The remainders give very little.

Before you shoot the messenger, I am only stating facts. In a recent review by the wardens, financial contributions are generally flat-lined over the last six years. This means most who do contribute have not raised their donations over the years while expenses have increased. For example, insurance has risen from \$10,000 to over \$18,000 over the last six years.

We are a parish with money in the bank, yet if it wasn't for the funds from the post office we would be running a far worse deficit. Our parish has the potential to bring in double the money if EVERYONE in the parish contributed. We would be able to staff for growth and to stop using fundraising to pay the bills.

In the coming year we need to get back on track and plan for growth. Funds need to be made available for staff as defined by our vision and plan for growth. This can only be done through a Stewardship plan and by implementing a Planned Giving program.

Without the financial resources to invest in growth for the future, we will have no future.

While no one wants to hear about financial needs, I want to mention that in 2009 we finished the year better than expected considering it was the worst economic year in decades, Thank-you to those who contributed to our church to make this possible.

Over the coming year you will hear more about the exciting plans for our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Special services and events are being planned including a Homecoming Weekend Service and Dinner in November 2011, more information to come through this year.

We are on a journey towards the future. We have accomplished much and will continue to move forward. Whatever we do, we need to remember it is all about Jesus, not about you or me. We gather as a church to worship and glorify God and to worship His Son. We do ministry not for our glory, but for the glory of God. We do ministry in love because God loved us first and calls us to continue the work of Jesus. As long as we keep the focus on God and our Lord Jesus Christ, we can and will achieve our goals. This is Christ's church, and He will equip us to do His work.

Yours in Christ

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warren" followed by a small cross symbol.

**Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2010**  
*to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting*

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners  
**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**



Greetings in the Name of our Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

As you gather for your annual vestry meeting, the College of Bishops of Toronto offers you our prayerful support and good wishes for the year ahead, the beginning of a new decade. We are profoundly thankful to all of you for your faithfulness and commitment to worship, work and witness to the Christian faith as members of the Anglican Church in Canada.

I am humbled by the number who called, wrote or in person offered me good wishes and prayers on my assumption of new ministry as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. How grateful we bishops are for the prayers offered week by week in the churches of the diocese that sustain and encourage us in our work!

The past year was filled with uncertainty and challenge as many individuals and businesses felt the impact of the poor economy and financial loss. For some the impact has been slight but for others it meant loss of income and jobs. However, as we embark on the year that is before us, there is cautious optimism that financial recovery is on the way. How does all of this speak to us in the context of our faith?

As a community of faith, hope plays an important part as we look to the future. It is not a groundless hope but one born of a deep conviction that God is very present in our daily lives and that God invites us to trust that in the future we walk daily with Him as our companion. I said in my sermon at the Levee in the Cathedral on January 1 that we are a covenant people in relationship with God who has been and will ever be faithful to the relationship He has with us. This faithfulness does not mean the absence of difficulty but rather assurance of His abiding and transfiguring presence even when we are confronted by these trials.

Many in our communities live with misfortune as their daily companion: the homeless and the under-housed, those living with HIV/AIDS, a parent unable to care for a child, the unemployed, the abused, and so many others. I continue to encourage Anglicans across our Diocese to be advocates for and supporters of these persons. You can be an agent of hope and a sign of God's presence. We must do our part while also inviting others to do theirs. I thank those parishes and individuals who have been engaging their MPP's, civic leaders and their own communities to find ways to address these concerns. Thanks, too, to those parishes engaged in meaningful outreach ministry to the poor and marginalized in your local community and beyond, both by your direct involvement and through your support of FaithWorks.

We are living in exciting times in the midst of challenge and uncertainty. We are living in a post-Christian era but not a post-Christian one – Christ is still alive and active in this world. As a Diocese we are intentionally working to be shaped for mission in response to what we believe God is already doing, and what God is calling us to be and do with Him. Our Synod last May explored what it might mean to be a Mission-Shaped Church (not a church-shaped mission!) This will

include both fostering excellence in our traditional ways of parish life and trying innovative ways of reaching out to those who are outside our doors. In this Diocese, we are investing in people, programs and ministries to do both. We are building healthy, vibrant communities of faith that can both attract and welcome many and have the imagination to reach out effectively to others with the Good News of Christ.

I thank those, both clergy and laity, who have been taking the lead in this, for their dedication and able leadership.

Once more, on behalf of the College of Bishops, I express our profound thanks and appreciation to the clergy of our Diocese, and to the churchwardens and lay leaders of our parishes for the work that you do so faithfully and tirelessly for Christ's beloved Church.

I wish each and every one of you every blessing in the year before us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by the name "Colin R. Johnson" in a cursive script.

The Most Reverend Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto



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**TO TRENT-DURHAM AREA PARISHES**

*Pastoral Letter for Annual Vestry Meetings 2010*

Dear friends,

The past year has been a challenging one in many ways! The economic situation around us has put strains on many households and parishes, especially in places reliant on manufacturing jobs. Yet our congregations have worked hard to sustain ministry and through 2009 the Trent-Durham Area had very few congregations that were in financial arrears to the Diocese and those that were tackled the situation energetically.

On a brighter note our Diocese is seeking new ways to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our communities. Our May Synod focused on ‘**Fresh Expressions**’ of church under the leadership of Canon Phil Potter (UK). We are committed to what Archbishop Rowan Williams has called a ‘mixed economy’ of churches – traditional parishes serving those with church roots and new expressions of church that can reach out to the many who have no connection to any church and no Christian memory. We are all experiencing the challenges of declining membership and aging congregations which will demand our willingness to reach out and ways that for many of us are new – sometimes scary – and exciting in their possibilities.

Some people in our communities are still open and curious about the church, about God and about faith. ‘Back to Church’ Sunday in September 2009 invited us to invite others to share in our community life and meet God through us. We will be engaging in **Back to Church Sunday** again this year on **September 26, 2010** and asking all parishes to reach out to friends and family with no current church affiliation to ‘Come as you are’!

To meet the challenges ahead we need to be proactive and strategic. In this year I expect every parish to work on a strategic plan for mission and ministry. How will your congregation reach out into the community to build relationships that share Good News? How will your congregation welcome people in 2010? What needs to change? What needs to be improved? What resources do you need for the plan? A helpful tool in assessing your current parish life is **Natural Church Development** (NCD). Through a survey of the parish NCD identifies eight key areas for healthy parishes that are essential for growth and strength. Where parishes in the diocese have used NCD over several years we are seeing renewed strength, health and growth! The Trent-Durham Area Council has set aside funds to assist with the first survey to encourage your participation.

Every parish has its own unique gifts and context. You – the people of the parish – are responsible for your future. The Area Council, diocesan staff and me will support you in every way we can – but the commitment and the resources for your future are among you. You are God’s people! Often what we most lack is simply confidence that with God’s help we can and will meet the challenges ahead. Trent-Durham parishes are known for their tenacity in meeting such challenges and I trust that together we will discover what God’s ‘mixed economy’ looks like for us.

Our Area Day – *Waters of Life – Travelling Together with God* - on March 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Cobourg offers an excellent opportunity to explore ministry! Workshops will be offered on NCD, Fresh Expressions; Back to Church Sunday; Prayer, Stewardship, Scripture; Music, the Anglican Communion and others. Do come with a parish team to share in this day that is always full of energy and fun. Watch for the registration package coming soon.

Let me extend my deep appreciation to all who serve in leadership in the parish. The Wardens carry a heavy burden of responsibility for the finances, property and lay staff of the parish and I know that they give extraordinary service and many hours of their time to supporting the ministry of the Parish. Your clergy offer their lives in leadership and service with passion for God and a deep commitment to you and to the wider Church. Many laity chair committees, organize events, supervise Church Schools, lead choirs and support the ministry that every one of you is called to in the community. We are blessed indeed by their service. Do take time for thanksgiving.

It is my privilege to serve with all of you in God's service to the Trent-Durham Area and to our 'beloved' Anglican Church. I am grateful for the ongoing support you offer to me and to Heather Burton, whose knowledge of our Area and efficient care for the office keeps us all on track.

*"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."* Ephesians 3:20,21

With blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda Nicholls". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls  
Area Bishop of Trent-Durham  
& Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto

# ST. PAUL'S VESTRY MEETING MINUTES: FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> 2009

This Vestry meeting was held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Service. Lunch was provided and Reverend Warren led the Vestry Meeting in Grace.

The Wardens had copies of the Annual Vestry Report, and the Annual Vestry Financial Report. Minutes of last year's Vestry meeting were also handed out. 2008 Agenda and Reports are in the Vestry Book.

Incumbent Warren welcomed the members of the congregation and named Ray Marshall as the Clerk for this Vestry Meeting.

## **Minutes:**

There was discussion on the minutes and there was a motion to accept the minutes of the 2008 Vestry Meeting.

- Motion made by Harold James and second by Ethel Morris *Carried.*

## **INCUMBENT'S REPORT:**

Warren Leibovitch read his report and asked for comments. There is a copy of this report attached to these minutes.

## **WARDEN'S REPORT:**

Gerald Armstrong read parts of this and answered questions from the Vestry Members.

After some discussion about the Glenelg St. W. properties and the lot lines, which now go up to five feet from the south wall of the Church.

Gerald asked for a motion to proceed to have the surveys completed to take off 60 feet off the lot lines and to provide space for a fence and snow banks. John Walden has been helping with this work up until now.

- Motion to proceed was made by Bill Henderson and second by Betty Drummond. *Carried.*

This motion will go to the Diocese Council. There was more discussion and questions, which were answered by Gerald Armstrong.

## **DIOCESE SCREENING POLICIES:**

Lutie Anne reported and read some of the updates concerning Police checks for Staff and Volunteers at St. Paul's.

There is a new company, TOTAL SECURITY MGMT. SERVICES INC. who will be streamlining all Police checks concerning St. Paul's staff and volunteers. New forms, renewed every 3 years, and the prices are as follows. \$21.00 for Volunteers and \$29.00 for Staff.

There was discussion on 'high risk and low risk', and Reverend Warren said there is a letter going to the Diocese Council with the Warden's concerns.

## **THANKS:**

Warden Don Brohm thanked Carolyn Terry, and all the Wardens for their hard work this year, and to Dave Lawson for all his work in the kitchen on most Sunday Coffee Socials.

Don Brohm also apologized to Ron Morgan for the 'off the cuff' comment that was made at last year's Vestry meeting.

Fire Department; Don read out a list of house jobs 'that should be done in the near future. Most of these have to do with doors and detectors.

He also asked everyone to write this down. *Approved Capacity for the main hall is 200.*

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Carolyn thanked all the people present on their hard work on assisting with this report and to everyone who has given time and money for the future of St. Paul's.

Each page was reviewed and it was noted that we have had an excellent effort in fund raising and out reach projects.

- Motion to accept the financial report as circulated was made by Carolyn Terry and second by Norm Davis *Carried.*

Mal Hickson thanked Carrie for all her work on the financial report.

## **2009 BUDGET REPORT:**

There was discussion. Notes include,

- office renovation on main level, Windows in upper hall, doors off north Hall entrance,
- Number of dollars for Archive Dept. budget. The number showing was an over site and the requested amount will be added in its place.
- Motion to adopt the 2009 budget was made by Mal Hickson and second by Bill Henderson (with the one change to Archive Dept.) *Carried.*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: notes include. There will be one more delegate for Synod and this person will act as a back up as needed. After 6 years Joan Humphries has stepped down as our St. Paul's / Community Care Lunch co-coordinator. After some discussion this position is still pending.**

Motion to add one more Synod delegate was made by, Rev. Warren, second by Al Flowers. *Carried.*

- Motion to accept the Nominating committee report was made by Paul Carpenter and second by Norm Davies *Carried.*

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Poverty Issues** - A letter submitted by Bishop Colin Johnson to the Vestry of St. Paul's was part of the Vestry Report.

- Motion to adopt this letter was made by Bishop Colin and second by Rev. Warren. *Carried.*

There were questions, comments and a letter to the Premier of Ontario is pending.

As Property Warden, Don Brohm updated the Vestry meeting on # 40 Glenelg St. W.

Notes include; needs more money to spend on bricks, mortar, and roof. Not worth more than \$60,000. as is , and two contractors have suggested we tear it down and put some grass in its place. There is no basement. Mr. Brohm recommends it get torn down and asked for a motion to proceed.

- Motion made by Harold James and second by Bob Coleman. *Carried.*

Other notes on property include;

- a) water in basement of church, in a couple of areas to be repaired in the summer,
- b) church lighting has been looked at and in a couple of years we may be able to replace the main lights with L.E.D. bulbs
- c) generator, size, cost in case of black outs.
- d) kitchen manager is still up for some discussion to make 'common ground'.

No other new business for the good of the Church.

**Motion to adjourn:** Bill Witham. *Carried.* Followed by a Prayer.

# St. Paul's Parish Register

## 2009

### Baptisms

Misty Marie Bolan  
Cora Marie King  
Haidee Lynn Bastos  
Kieran Robert Alexander Bisson  
Evelyn Taimi Kivioja Armstrong  
Jamie Mathew Miller  
Montana Lynn Beaumont

Ethan Joseph Yurick  
Luke William Martin Armstrong  
Peighton Lynn Hussey  
Logan William Hussey  
Sandra Wynne Bell  
Abigail Elizabeth Weir  
Rian Lewis

### Confirmation

Sandra Wynne Bell

### Reception

Gail Bell

### Weddings

Stefanie Jane Goard	and	Zachary Richardson Kennedy
Marnie Elizabeth Langdon	and	Mitchell Barsevich
Jodi Joan Reg Cafik	and	Travis Richard Windsor
Joan Vera Tobias	and	Burritt Gibson Branch

### Burials

Iris Bryan  
Lawrence Alvin Bovie  
Ford Thomas Rowan  
Eugene Russell Wilson  
Albert Edward Bain  
Mildred Mary Freeman  
Elizabeth Lovatt Murphy  
Dorothea Marguerite Johnson  
John Onciul  
William Edward Henstridge  
Emily May Wilson  
Hilda Irene Cox

Jennie Eileen Poole  
Winnifred Daisy Gilbert  
Reginald Peter Truax  
Thora May Trider  
Bernice Fountain  
Mark Edward Isaacson  
Jules Lovis Greenberg  
Edward Philip Bryan  
Jacqueline Laura Francis  
June Christina hallett  
Melville Robert Montgomery  
Howard Victor Armstrong

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – 2010

## PARISH COUNCIL - ELECTED POSITIONS

### POSITION

PEOPLES WARDEN  
DEPUTY PEOPLES WARDEN  
SYNOD DELEGATE # 1  
SYNOD DELEGATE # 2  
DEANERY REP. # 1  
DEANERY REP. # 2  
MEMBER AT LARGE

### NOMINEE

DON BROHM  
DAVID GOLDING  
SUZY JAFFRAY  
BILL GOSLING  
BETTY HOOPER  
JO ALDRICH  
HAROLD BROWN

## PARISH COUNCIL - APPOINTED POSITIONS

### POSITION

RECTORS WARDEN  
DEPUTY RECTORS WARDEN  
TREASURER  
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON  
PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY  
OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON  
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIRPERSON  
CHANCEL GUILD  
CHURCH SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR  
SIDESMEN CHAIRPERSON  
NEWCOMERS/ WELCOMER  
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON  
PASTORAL CARE REPRESENTATIVE  
MEMBER AT LARGE  
MEMBER AT LARGE

### APPOINTEE

LUTIE ANNE PRESLEY  
RICHARD STUCKEY  
CAROLYN TERRY  
JOAN HUMPHRIES  
LINDA CLOUTIER  
GAIL PAYNE  
BARB TRUAX  
BETTY HOOPER  
\_\_\_\_\_(OPEN)  
JUDY STUCKEY  
DON TYNDALL  
BETTY TYNDALL  
JANE WHITFIELD  
ETHEL MORRIS  
BARB BROWN  
BILL WITHAM

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## PARISH POSITIONS – APPOINTED

### POSITION

SYNOD DELEGATE ALTERNATE  
ASS'T TREASURER  
FINANCIAL REVIEWER #1  
FINANCIAL REVIEWER #2  
ENVELOPE SECRETARY  
ENVELOPE SECRETARY ASSISTANT  
NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR  
SIDESMEN ASS'T  
DINERS CLUB CHAIRPERSON  
SEXTON  
ARCHIVES  
LIBRARIAN  
GRAPEVINE EDITOR  
PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING  
ST. PAUL'S WEB SITE CO ORDINATOR  
ST. PAUL'S WEB SITE TECHNICAL ADVISOR  
COFFEE CO-ORDINATOR  
FUNERAL RECEPTION CO-ORDINATOR  
VESTRY CLERK  
KITCHEN MANAGER

### APPOINTEE

BEVERLY BAXTER  
NORM DAVIES  
ART TRUAX  
IAN PEPPER  
MARG BROHM  
BETTY BERRY  
MARG BROHM  
ROSS GRAHAM  
LOU CLEMENT HOBBS  
HAROLD JAMES  
SUSAN SCHRIER  
SUZY JAFFRAY  
BETTY TYNDALL  
CHURCH SECRETARY  
CHURCH SECRETARY  
TOM ROSS  
\_\_\_\_\_(OPEN)  
BETTE WITHAM  
PAUL CARPENTIER  
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PREPARED BY THE 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: David Golding, Mal Hickson, Richard Stuckey

## 2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – Note from the Wardens

Prior to the 2010 Nominating Committee began to generate nominees and appointees for the various Parish roles the Wardens conducted a review of the makeup of Parish Council. This was done with the goal of ensuring proper representation on Parish Council by the various core groups that define our Church and at the same time maintaining a manageable size for the Council membership. The positions were split into three sections – Parish Council Elected Positions, Parish Council Appointed Positions and Parish Positions. The Elected positions along with the Wardens and incumbent constitute the minimum requirements for Parish Council and the Appointed Council positions allow for each major Parish group to be represented on Council. The Parish Positions are non council positions such as assistants or support to group leaders on council or event specific roles.

After reviewing the Council representation it was decided that the Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Paul's should have a representative on Parish Council so a new position has been added for 2010. The Wardens would like to stress that any member of the congregation is welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings either as an observer or if they have a concern or thanks they wish to convey to Council.

### WARDENS REPORT TO THE 2010 VESTRY MEETING

With the arrival of the annual vestry meeting on January 31st, we bring the events of 2009 to a close and look forward, hopefully, but not without some trepidation, to what may be in store for Saint Paul's in 2010.

The past year has been a busy and challenging one. Our incumbent, Warren Leibovitch, has completed his first full year among us. His new home is now substantially finished and he, Annette, and the boys are well settled in. Warren is also well settled in at Saint Paul's. He has carried on a series of "Getting to know you" visits and gatherings in many homes throughout the parish. These gatherings have provided the opportunity to get to know us all better. Many thanks to all those who hosted these gatherings!



Our beloved deacon, Elsie Stephenson decided to retire from regular service in June. While we were sorry to see her go, we all recognize the tremendous load she was carrying, not made any easier by her commute to and from Bobcaygeon in all kinds of weather. We celebrated her ministry among us with a dinner at Eganridge in June. An Ombre has been constructed by Eric Kay and will be dedicated shortly to recognize Elsie's service as our deacon.

A new set of doors for the Russell Street entrance were constructed and installed by Frank Wills.

Our usual calendar of events unfolded throughout the year. Mal Hickson produced another delicious Pancake Supper for all to enjoy. The Strawberry Supper, the Fair Booth, Harvest Happening, the Mystery Dinner and the Christmas Dinner were all successful events. The Christmas Dinner in December served well over one hundred people from our community. We hosted three wheelchair services, several Community Care Luncheons and various other events. These events would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of many volunteers in our church community.

Ethel Morris's idea of Organ Recitals continued in the New Year, raising food and cash donations for the Central Food Cupboard. These recitals have been excellent and well received by the community at large.

Our Sunday School has been evolving under the direction of Judy Stuckey and her volunteers. They produced a wonderful Vacation bible School this past summer and also at winter break in March. Their Christmas program was a delight to all.

Lay Pastoral visiting has continued throughout the year. Our programs in local nursing homes and in the hospital are an important spiritual outreach. As well, the children's Christmas and Easter programs for the students of King Albert School have continued to be a success. Well done everyone!

What about the coming year, 2010?

A note about wardens: A warden's term is usually four years. As you know, this term was extended for some of our wardens due to a protracted interim ministry period. Warren is now firmly in the saddle (so to speak) and we are moving toward regularizing these terms once more. Mal Hickson stepped down as Senior Rectors Warden on 30 June 2009. Warren has appointed Richard Stuckey as his replacement. Gerald Armstrong will be stepping down on 31 January 2010. Dave Golding has been nominated to replace him. These are subject to the approval of Vestry. Lutie Anne Presley will step down as Deputy Rectors Warden in June of 2010. At that time Warren will appoint her replacement. This timetable will bring us back onto a regular schedule.

During 2009, work began on a strategic plan for our parish. We are focusing currently on the future of the several properties held by Saint Paul's, and what their future disposition should be. The Severance of the parking lot area from the rear yards of the Glenelg Street houses is expected to be finished in the first quarter of 2010. At that time, the Wardens will consider what the future of the Glenelg houses is to be.

We have been dealing extensively with the diocese over the issue of tenant leases (or licenses as the diocese prefers to call them). This has raised some significant insurance issues for us, particularly in reference to the Post Office, which will be difficult to resolve. Meetings and discussions are ongoing. Stay tuned!

As you are aware, we have been operating in a deficit position for the last two years. Gerald Armstrong has been working extremely hard on this issue and on your budget for 2010. The wardens have discussed a number of possible approaches aimed at eliminating this deficit. These will be discussed at the vestry meeting. This will be a major focus in the coming year.

We are your wardens. We thank you for your suggestions. We ask for your continued support and participation as we embark on a new decade. We will be celebrating the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of Saint Paul's Congregation in 2011. Let us work together to continue the tradition of our church as a meaningful place of worship and fellowship for our community in the century ahead.

Gerald Armstrong, Don Brohm, Richard Stuckey, Lutie Anne Presley

### **ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY REPORT**

The St. Francis study group divided this year to accommodate the members. There is now an afternoon group and an evening group. The afternoon group meets on the first and third Mondays at 1:30 in the church library and are studying Travelling Light by Max Lucado. The evening group meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays and are studying The Jesus I never knew by Philip Yancey. Both groups welcome new members. For more information please contact Bette Witham 324 2654 for the afternoon group and Ethel Morris 324 4555 for the evening group.

Submitted by Bette Witham

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VESTRY REPORT**

As always our young people keep our church busy and this past year was no exception. Together, we grow in the knowledge of God and His word. In January we continued with the "Special Children's Programs" along with our regular Sunday School.

With a lot of work and dedication from church members who came forward with their enthusiasm and energy to make our March Break Vacation Bible School (VBS) successful. Through games, crafts and devotional time we kept the children and youth growing in God's word.

For Remembrance Day Service the youth respectfully made their own wooden crosses, painted them white, pasted poppies they coloured on the crosses and placed at the foot of the Memorial Wreath. The youth recited Flanders Field along with a poem "Why we wear a Poppy" As always our children showed their respect and understanding of what Remembrance Day is all about.

We were all entertained and enlightened during the Christmas season when the youth presented "Not the Last Straw" We thought it was time the "young" folks taught the "older" folks something new. We disrobed and celebrated with a birthday party for Jesus. Christmas Eve we also had a birthday party for Jesus. It was well attended and the children had fun celebrating Jesus' birthday!!

We collected pennies throughout the year and with the generosity of our church family we were able to pack 9 Shoe Boxes for Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child. Every year we continue to pack more boxes as we continue to be Jesus' hands and feet.

With much work our Sunday School was revamped this summer with the September introduction of our four age groups with groups names and logo. We have a great leadership team who rotate throughout the year. There have been a lower number of children this September, yet the children and youth who do attend have fun and it is great to get the children/youth together in their own age groups.

**We will continue to grow with the enthusiasm, energy and prayers from our church family.**

Submitted by Judy Stuckey

### **CHANCEL GUILD**

This has been quite a year for chancel. While we acquired new members we had many upsets to contend with. We currently need new members and have asked past members to help out while some of us are on vacation, hospitalized, and bereavement. We didn't have many weddings this year but baptisms and funerals kept us busy. Flowers are a wonderful way to celebrate anniversaries or to remember loved ones. If you would like to donate towards floral tributes please mark clearly your envelope for flowers and for the date you would like them. They do make a service special. Thank you for your continued support.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

### **SIDESMEN, GREETERS AND COUNTERS**

The dedicated parishioners who make up this group maintain our services in an orderly manner. As the prayer book says, "reverent and seemly". In most instances they serve for a month at a time and do this about three times a year. Not only do they manage the sound system, pass out service leaflets, greet and welcome the congregation, particularly newcomers, direct the saints during the administration of the Eucharist and count the offering but they also restore the nave to an orderly fashion after each service.

For the past two years the writer and Ross Graham have been in charge but in 2010 Don Tyndall will once again take the helm ably assisted by Ross. We can always use more partners so if you are thus inclined, speak to Don or Ross.

Submitted by Bill Witham

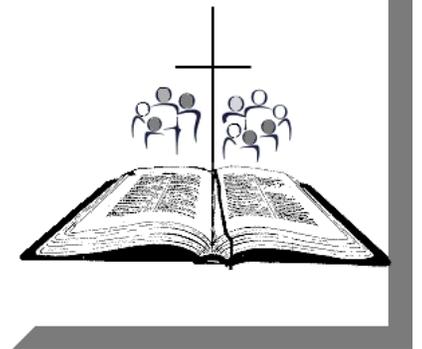
### **LECTORS**

Under the direction fo the Incumbent, the Lectors have covered the 10:00 a.m. Services with readers for the lessons. During the past twelve months, we have seen the departure of Susan Sindrey, Graham Tate and Tricia Evans as well as the stepping down for the next year of Jessica Drury as she prepares to become a mother.

The roster of Lectors consisted of the following person- Beverly Baxter, Gina Coleman, Jessica Drury, Tricia Evans, Vince Jones, Rosemary Mallin, Tim Middleton, Lutie Anne Presley, Helen Roberts, Tom Ross, Judy Sedgley, Susan Sindrey, Graham Tate, Barbara Truax and Bill Henderson.

We thank all these individuals for their participation in the services of the parish over the year, 2009.

If there are any members of the parish who would be prepared to help in this service, we would be very happy to welcome them into the role of Lector.



Respectively submitted by Bill Henderson

## **CHOIR REPORT**

We continue to work in the ministry of music for the parish as hymn/song leaders, psalm response leaders and the singing of anthems. We love what we do and hope that this year will be as satisfying as last year. The most recent lessons and carols service was well received and we hope to do an Easter cantata sometime in April.

A new praise/worship song will be added to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month with a pre-service teaching time.

Our choir numbers are dwindling so if any of you wish to join, come out to a Thurs. Evening rehearsal 7:30.

Thank you to Paul Carpentier our library organizer.

Thank you to our supply organists, Doug Copp, Bob Tompkins and Dr. Fred Weir.

We will miss Howard Armstrong as he was a big part of our choir in the past. We wish a happy retirement to George Morris and Lorna Kay. Sing!..... Just Because!

Submitted by Arlene Gray

## **HANDBELL CHOIR REPORT**

We the bell choir have been having a lot of fun! That's the main thing. We enjoy each other's company. We appreciate it greatly when everyone is attending (no missing notes. Yea!!). And some of us enjoyed the opportunity to run off to Ottawa for a weekend last June for the biennial Ontario Guild of English Handbell Ringers Handbell Festival. We got to meet a wonderful and inspiring clinician, Timothy Waugh, and ring with almost 400 other ringers from across Ontario. A real highlight for many people.

We've also been working of lots of challenges. In short: membership expansion, musical challenges/difficulty, skill ringing ability (to accommodate the musical challenge). These challenges do sometimes add to the fun. We get a sense of accomplishment and pride, and in turn know how to support new ringers who join us, because we know what it's like to be like them.

We deal with the music difficulties as they come during rehearsals, but also have the opportunity to work on, and be introduced to, new skills at events such as OGEHR's annual Fall Workshop, and at the Festivals.

We seem to have a 'core' membership, which allows us to ring 2 1/2 octaves of bells. For a few weeks we get lucky and can expand to 3, but 'life' shows up and bells don't seem to work out for them. Yet, as it happens in all this, we have a new gal and her name is Agnes who seems really enthusiastic about ringing with us amid her schedule of working with the Boy's and Girl's Club, and doing some post secondary school courses. When you see her next time we ring, give her a nice welcome!

Submitted by Kenneth Gray

## **LAY PASTORAL VISITORS**

We are very fortunate at Saint Paul's to have an active and dedicated group of Lay Pastoral Visitors. Our visitors provide bi-weekly services at Victoria Manor, Frost Manor, Caessant Care Mary Street, Residence on William Street, and Lakeland Village. Weekly visiting is also done at Ross Memorial Hospital and monthly at Caessant Care McLaughlin.

The residents in the nursing and retirement homes appreciate the time our volunteers dedicate to visiting and the provision of worship services. Many residents who were not originally members of Saint Paul's attend these services and enjoy the outreach and fellowship.

Lay pastoral visiting is a particularly rewarding ministry. Not only are we following the Great Commission to spread the gospel, but also because our efforts are so greatly appreciated by those we serve!

We have lunch meetings at the church during the year where we hear from speakers as well as discussing any issues which may have come up in our ministry. These meetings also give us a chance to share information among the various visiting teams. We are also able to enjoy the fellowship of a group of people with similar interests in ministry.

We can always use more help. We particularly need help in providing music for our services. Old familiar hymns are most special to those we serve and bring them great pleasure. Music adds a great deal to the worship services.

If you feel that this ministry might appeal to you, please feel free to speak to any member of our worship teams. Come with us for a visit if you would like to see what we are all about! We would be delighted to welcome you into our volunteer group.

Submitted by Lutie Anne Presley

### **LIBRARY REPORT**

The library is open on Wednesday mornings and Sunday after Church. We have many new books to look at, as well as some new Videos and some CD's. Elsie has been especially generous to give us some real goldmines! Thank you so much for these new additions.

Rosemary, Phyllis and I are buzzing around trying our best to get everything catalogued, as time permits. Come on in and enjoy browsing!

Submitted by Suzy Jaffray

### **ORDINARY JOES**

The year 2009 has seen the use of the Ordinary Joe's reduced. The key members have gone through a period of physical illness and been unable to provide the leadership and service in this area to St. Paul's.

The time has come for a younger and healthier group of parish members to step up to the plate and once again provide the workforce to keep the fabric of the building in good maintenance.

Respectively submitted by Bill Henderson

### **SOCIAL CONVENOR'S REPORT**

This year we hosted two more organ recital/Evensong receptions in April and in October. The social convenor (and assistants) worked with the wardens in planning retirement parties at Eganridge and in the church Hall for the Rev. Elsie Stephenson. Coffee and snacks were organized for the Lenten Series evenings and lunch was provided for two of the workshops held on Saturday. Two innovations this year were a women's luncheon (and speaker) convened by Gina Coleman and a women's breakfast and speaker organized by Lou Clement-Hobbs.

Because being social convenor often seems to involve "riding off madly in all directions" in the fall a committee was organized to define responsibility for social activities and to look for ways to enhance our opportunities to enjoy time together as a church family.

**THE COMMITTEE** – Lou Clement-Hobbs, Jane Whitfield, Ken Gray, Joan Humphries, Gerald Armstrong, Judy Sedgely, Gina Coleman and Ethel Morris – have worked together productively and enthusiastically. This committee will continue into the new church year under the chairmanship of Jane Whitfield.

Submitted by Ethel Morris

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST REPORT**

Last January I was given the go ahead to start a men's breakfast. The intent is to get the men of the Church together in an informal gathering, have some social time, a nice breakfast and then watch a DVD of a spiritual nature followed by an open discussion afterwards.

I have to say that it has been very well received and attended, with our numbers usually from 16 to 20 in attendance. We are drawing presently from about 26 to 30 of our men that come when they can, as work or vacation or family commitment permits.

We have had two speakers, Rev Warren, and Karangwa Theogene. We had one cancellation due to a very large funeral on the same Saturday, and we do not have breakfasts in July and August (our supposed to be best summer months.)

From breakfast extra donations by our men, from my rhubarb donations and from a matching of our funds by Rev Warren ( discretionary fund) we were able to send off \$577.00 to the PWRDF for their overseas African SOLAR OVENS project.

We have so far shown only 8 of the 22 DVD's that are in the current series. It is therefore my joy and privilege to serve our Church members in this way into 2010 and beyond. All made easier by the fine breakfasts that Paul Carpentier prepares for us. Thanks to the wisdom of our Wardens in moving forward with a kitchen manager and the continued wonderful support of all that volunteer in the many activities that this Church of St Paul's are involved in.

Respectfully submitted by David Golding

### **NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE REPORT**

At a fall Parish Council, Warren requested a volunteer to chair a Newcomer's Committee. Donna Gushue volunteered as a newcomer at the end of 2008 and Betty Tyndall volunteered to help with her knowledge as the Newcomer Welcome Person on Sundays. Elsie Broughton, another newcomer was asked to join the initial meeting.

There was one meeting in 2009 and at the introductory one hour meeting the group brainstormed many "likes" and 6 "concerns", developed a list of 16 problem statements and a few possible solutions.

***The mission of the Newcomer's committee is to develop a framework for:***

- ***Welcoming new persons***
- ***Follow-up of these new persons***
- ***Integration into the parish family and to our community***



The three present members of the committee have the names of several members to join the group and are in the process of expanding the committee; we are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join us.

Submitted by Donna Gushue, Chair

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Your Outreach Committee had a successful year in 2009. Meetings were held in March, June, September and December with an attendance averaging about 10 members per meeting.

The committee allocated Designated Givings and Outreach funds for the four quarters as follows:

#### **Outreach Funds**

Local: A Place Called Home  
National: Yukon Diocese  
International: Medecins Sans Frontieres

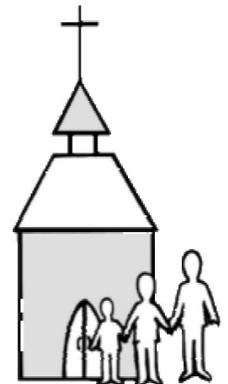
Local: Kidzfest  
National: LOFT  
International: CBM

Local: Prayer Day/Telecare  
National: Mission To Seafarers  
International: MSF  
Local: Hospice Kawartha Lakes  
National: Arctic Diocese  
International: Foster Children

#### **Designated Givings**

Community Care  
PWRDF  
SAMS  
Vacation Bible School  
Women's Resources  
Elizabeth Fry Society

Faithworks  
Kawartha Food Source  
Christmas Dinner  
Place Called Home  
LOFT  
PWRDF



### **Refugee Sponsorship**

We continued to support Karangwa Theogene as he graduated from Fleming College and moved on to continue his studies at Trent University. We are now giving him \$1000/term to help with expenses. Karangwa obtained Canadian citizenship in September. On September 20 we celebrated this important achievement with him in a reception held after the 10 o'clock service. He is a very proud Canadian!

Mary Dut is continuing her undergraduate degree at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University. She is doing well and still being funded by WUSC. We therefore transferred the remaining money in her account to Karangwa's account.

### **Foster Children**

We maintain support for one child in Pakistan, one in Guatemala, two in Honduras and one in each of El Salvador and Nicaragua.

### **Fair Trade Coffee**

We sell "fair trade" coffee at cost on the first Sunday of the month with delivery the next week. We try and use this coffee for church sponsored functions when possible. This program has been stable over the past year.

### **Lenten Series**

During the 6 Wednesdays of Lent in 2009 our committee organized a series on World Religions in order to increase our understanding of other faiths and cultures in our community. Our invited speakers taught us about Islam, Judaism, Native Spirituality, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. Attendance was outstanding, including many from outside our congregation. We learned much and look to learn more.

### **Angel Tree Christmas Program**

Through participation in this program we supplied Christmas gifts to 4 children on behalf of an inmate serving a sentence in our local jail. We also presented their mother with a small gift and invited the family to our Christmas Eve Birthday Party.

### **Special Services**

We celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PWRDF with a service and speaker in May. In the fall we held an Outreach service focused on Faithworks with a guest speaker as well. Our plan is to continue to hold Outreach services twice per year.

### **Other**

Jo Aldrich attended a Diocesan Housing workshop.

We have initiated Designated Givings #3 in support of the rehabilitation of Francine Mijimbere, sponsored by the PWRDF. Francine is the Burundian woman whose arms were severed by her own husband.

Through the Contingency Fund provided by Vestry last year, we provided funds for the Warm Fuzzy project at the school in Dunsford, the Council of the North, the Angel Tree project and others.

We sold the double CD set One Voice in support of the PWRDF.

We thank the Rev. Leibovitch, the wardens and the entire congregation for your support over the past year and we look forward to being agents of God's mercy and grace in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Payne

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

1. The Lindsay Post is publishing a 'by-line' column now for St. Paul's. Our inaugural column appeared in late November outlining our Christmas Day dinner for those alone at Christmas. Included, also, was an outline of our new Church School program. This column will be published every two months or more frequently as we have additional targeted information to disseminate. Watch for the upcoming one in January!
2. Over the past year, we have begun sending you "The Grapevine" through the mail. As some of our couriers were having delivery problems, particularly in winter, we sought to find an alternative. Negotiations with Canada Post proved to be very successful. We are able to send this newsletter to you through a Publication Agreement at .35 cents per copy compared to the regular mailing cost of \$1.18 per item. Financially, we have not increased our expenditures. Previously we sent out about 100 copies to out-of-town parishioners at the \$1.18 per item plus envelopes etc. This mail rate costs out to the expenditures we were incurring.
3. Because our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary is approaching in 2011 we are attempting to renew our usual pamphlets, brochures and written publications. Two revised brochures are displayed at the two entrances to the church.
4. We are preparing a Visitors' package that will include all church information. This should be available soon. Watch for these!

### **Continuing on-**

1. Our Self-guided walking tour pamphlet is out and is currently placed in display boxes at the entrances to the church. You are welcome to try doing this tour on your own, but, if you wish a guide please contact Valerie in the office (324-4666) and she will set up a date.
2. Advertising and Promotion – There is a month-by-month schedule that has been developed to access other churches and the community, place advertisements in the newspapers and, of course, our lawn sign that has been used increasingly over the past year outlining special services and events.  
Don Tyndall, supported by Betty Tyndall, has been developing and tweaking this over the past many years, has decided to step down.  
We owe him a tremendous ‘thank you’ for all his care and diligence in trying to keep St. Paul’s in the forefront in the community. Thank you, Don, we will miss you!!  
Assuming this role is Valerie James, our Church Secretary. Her position as Church Secretary provides a pivotal opportunity for the receiving and dissemination of church news. Welcome aboard Valerie!
3. Fill The Gap – this ministry ‘fills the gap’ from the time of Baptism through to the age of Church School. Cards are sent out annually on the Anniversary date with a special invitation when they would be starting Church School. We consider this to be a very important ministry in the church.

The Grapevine is supported by our many loyal advertisers. Since the inaugural issue of the Grapevine thirteen years ago, M&M’s, a business of Ron and Barbara Baldwin has been one of our advertisers. We have lost them due to retirement and the sale of their business at Whitney Town Centre. We wish them a relaxed and healthy retirement! Thank you, Barb and Ron for all the support!

The Communications Committee continues to work to provide information about our events, church school, special services in an attempt to elevate our awareness in the community. We continue to be a member of the Lindsay and District Chamber of Commerce enabling us to contact over 600 area businesses

My thanks to our committee members who undertake their responsibilities with thoughtfulness and good humour on your behalf. They are -  
Gina Coleman, Barbara Brown, Susan Schrier, Barbara Appleton, Betty Tyndall, Don Tyndall, Ethel Morris, Beverly Baxter, Helen Roberts, Tom Ross, Hazel Armstrong,

Submitted by Barbara Truax

### **ST. PAUL’S/COMMUNITY CARE LUNCHEONS REPORT**

Since April 2009, presiding as chairperson for community care luncheons, there have been approximately 90 persons attending, enjoying full dinners and entertainment on the last Tuesday of April, May, October, and November of the above mentioned year. Diners were appreciative of the delicious meals provided by Paul Carpentier and listening to the varied talented volunteer entertainers.

The community at large was very generous donating coupons for these events.

Community Care blood pressure clinic provided a worthy service for those in need.

The outreach is a blessing to the diners and volunteers.



Submitted by Lou Clement-Hobbs

### **CRAFTY LADIES REPORT**

Our group has continued to work again this year without a leader. This has not deterred us from fun and fellowship as we work on projects together.

We contributed to three events since our last report.

- 1) We had a table at the Strawberry Supper again and it brought in roughly \$100.00. This was given to Fr. Warren to help with the summer Children's programs to be used at his discretion.

- 2) Harvest Happenings was our largest sales event which brought in about \$800.00. We thank our Parish Family most sincerely for helping us with donations of all kinds to this table.
- 3) At the November Community Care Luncheon we again had a table. This was poorly supported. There were many Christmas gift items that were taken to the back of the church for Women's Resources, so it was still a worthwhile effort. We topped up our petty cash box to \$100.00 and sadly there was nothing left to contribute to the Church coffers.



We have been busy continuing to collect small personal care items to add to "cloth sewn bags" for Women's Resources. Before Christmas, we delivered 25 bags and the Staff was beyond thankful for our efforts. We hope to continue working on these as an ongoing project. We will gratefully accept all donations for this cause throughout the year. We especially need toothpaste and tooth brushes for each bag. Please place any items on our sewing machine in the library.

We meet now at 1.00 p.m. every Thursday afternoon in the library and welcome any woman of the parish to come out and join us for fellowship and a cup of coffee.

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Hanes

### FUNERAL RECEPTIONS REPORT

We only served at 7 funeral receptions this year but 3 were in the month of Jan. 2009. We appreciate all those who are able to help on such short notice. If you weren't called be assured we haven't forgotten you. We are still in need for some help as leaders. It isn't a tough job it is just that some of us are getting a little too old to cope to put in the full time. If you could help we really would appreciate it.

Submitted by Bette Witham

### COOKS' FARE REPORT

Cooks' Fare is a project that recruits like minded people to use their talents and time to raise money specifically for the kitchen. We offer our services to help ensure the kitchen is well maintained without using church funds. Further, the services and products we will offer are of a high calibre that will bring positive recognition to St. Paul's' and benefit the congregation.

In the first five months of operating the COOKS' FARE project we did \$1889.85 in sales, with \$695.95 of expenses, to produce \$1,193.90 of profit.

From these proceeds the following have been purchased/donated:

- Various small wares (with a retail value over \$350) were purchased for \$151.80.
- A donation of \$100 was given to St. Paul's' general account.
- A donation of food worth \$71.36 was made towards the Christmas Dinner.
- Additional gifts of preserves &/or product were made to Karangwa, Harvest Happening and individuals in need.

As of December 30, 2009 there is a balance of \$870.74 in the Cooks' Fare account upon which we will build, with your continued support, to further equip and enhance the kitchen.

The larger "**hopes for 2010**" include permanently fixing the backsplash walls by the dishwasher with stainless steel, painting the kitchen, re-building the dish compliment (new pattern) up to 160 settings (originally 144) and building the cutlery up to 200 settings (with double amount of dessert forks and teaspoons). We also wish to continue the process of securing matching patterns, in the needed quantities, for accessories that are truly required.

Submitted by Paul Carpentier

## CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD

The Central Food Cupboard continues to distribute food to 600 needy families each month. It is an outreach program of five Lindsay churches and is truly ecumenical.

The majority of the food distributed comes from the Kawartha Food Source which supplies eleven food banks in the City of Kawartha Lakes of which the Central Food Cupboard is one of the largest.

We are open Monday and Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monetary support as well as food is received from the member churches.

The concerts at St. Paul's featuring Bob Tompkins, Arlene Gray and Doug Copp raised well over \$2,000 for the cause and allowed us to distribute fresh vegetables, eggs and other foods not available from the food source.

Each church has two members on the Board of Directors. St. Paul's is represented by Joanne Morgan and the writer. Several parishioners volunteer at the Food Cupboard when it is open.



Submitted by Bill Witham

## VICTORIA HALIBURTON DEANERY COUNCIL

Deanery council meets six times a year, in the more clement weather, to discuss and take action on matters concerning our area. This past year we were asked by the Area council to allow Area Council to utilize the 2000 dollars allotted to us, but not applied for in 2009, for youth funding for the Trenton Durham Youth Social Justice coordinator. We will review the position performance and decide on the 2010 funds after reviewing what funding is required for youth work in our deanery. Money is still available for Vacation Bible School's this summer. Our next meeting will be in April.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

## SYNOD REPORT 2009

Suzy Jaffray and myself were graciously elected to attend this year's Synod. We thought that Synod was very well organized, yet with a caring and loving atmosphere—not a small feat for a community college setting. Bishop Johnson was in his usual chipper mood and his enthusiasm was contagious. At the opening ceremony there was a procession of colourful banners followed by Bishops in full regalia. The Worship Group was superlative and never ceased to flow in an upbeat tempo. Overall, the affect was very encouraging and pleasing.

Having never heard Bishop Johnson's preaching before, we were both energized and took frantic notes. His sermon was rich in depth and very thought provoking. Some points of major interest were:

- **First**, "the church must invite people into a fuller life with Jesus Christ."  
He explained that our patterns of weekly activities have changed drastically following the 1950's. The way we relate to our neighbours, shopping patterns, changes in networks of transportation—all of which helped to bring about changes in our culture. This was also sped along by the explosion of TV and specialization of radio stations which brought about changes in our church culture with the elimination of some of the evening services as people stayed home for "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "Bonanza".  
Along with the above, the changes in the transportation methods brought about further destruction of most Sunday Schools as people took their children to ski-hills and arenas for sports activities.
- **Secondly**, Bishop Johnson pointed out that the smaller churches became more spiritually driven rather than religiously driven. People became more interested in smaller intimate meetings rather than larger impersonal congregations.

These above factors have led to the concept of a "missional church" whereby the traditional church is complemented by new expressions of spiritual awakening, such as ministry in the workplace, home gatherings and small social gatherings.

- **Thirdly**, the mission is not shaped by the church but the church is shaped by the mission. “How can the Kingdom of God be expressed here”?

The missional church adds to the old, it is not an either/or situation but an expression of diversity that complements existing ministries. “A way of engaging society and offering that which it needs.”

Our keynote speaker was Canon Phil Potter who proceeded to teach us, by successful examples, of what a missional church is. His concept? “The fact is, you can have everything running smoothly, but there are many people on your doorstep who don’t get it and whom you will never reach.” “I had to find new ways of connecting with those people.”

We had two sessions of his teachings, accompanied by pictures and video. These presentations were very enlightening and thought provoking. One could see how appealing and inspiring these “fresh expressions” could be. This method of missional church is a way of reaching out to people who have no history in any church, for example our children and Grandchildren. It is a “pick and mix” but not a “pick and choose” scenario, putting the good news of Christianity in a language that others understand while in no way diminishing the great richness of our tradition.

- **The fourth point** of interest was the placing of a great emphasis on the using of the Indaba Process to communicate with others who have different viewpoints. This is a method of discussion used at the Lambeth Conference/2008. It stresses listening very carefully when in discussion with others of different viewpoints. This process was introduced by the African Bishops at the Conference and was found to be a very fruitful system of seeking God’s will, while learning to listen to and respect others who have a variety of backgrounds in the area of religion.

- **The fifth** and final point of interest dealt with the issue of same sex blessings within the Anglican Church. Here the discussion was rather brief with Bishop Johnson stating that he “was tired of sex” and would like to move on to [other] Christian programs and needs. This issue was left in the hands of the individual Bishops who have the power to grant permission to a parish to proceed with a same sex blessing, when and if, requested.

The proceedings were extremely informative regarding the direction the Anglican Church needs to take in order to maintain meaningful and Christ like congregations. Thus you will see new flavours or expressions of Christianity added to the already rich, traditional Church life.

## **SYNOD–PART TWO**

The Synod was split into two meetings this year with the first meeting dealing with the political direction of the Church and the second meeting dealing mainly with the financial position of the Church although some other matters were also discussed. The first of these was the passing of a motion supporting Environment Day, which will be celebrated on Rogation Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This is in support of the Governments recognition of Earth Day.

Canon 15 was the subject of another motion to be known as section (h) but after some discussion it was recognized to have some weakness in its wording and so it was decided to delay this until next year. This was found necessary because of conflicts of interest occurring in the appointment of Wardens in the smaller parishes. Motions on several other adjustments in Canons were still in the process of being written and thus these were also set over until next year.

After reviewing and passing the financial statements the main item of interest was the motion that reduced the assessment rate that the parishes donate to the diocesan budget; 22.65% for the year 2010, a decrease of 1.35% from 2009.

We found the experience of this day’s proceedings to be somewhat frustrating, as the Canon Laws needed revising before we could proceed, and this had not been dealt with.

In conclusion, we found Synod to be a challenging and inspiring exercise. There was a great deal of input, on the part of the Synod representatives, into church affairs and proved that Synod can be effective.

Submitted by Bill Gosling and Suzy Jaffray

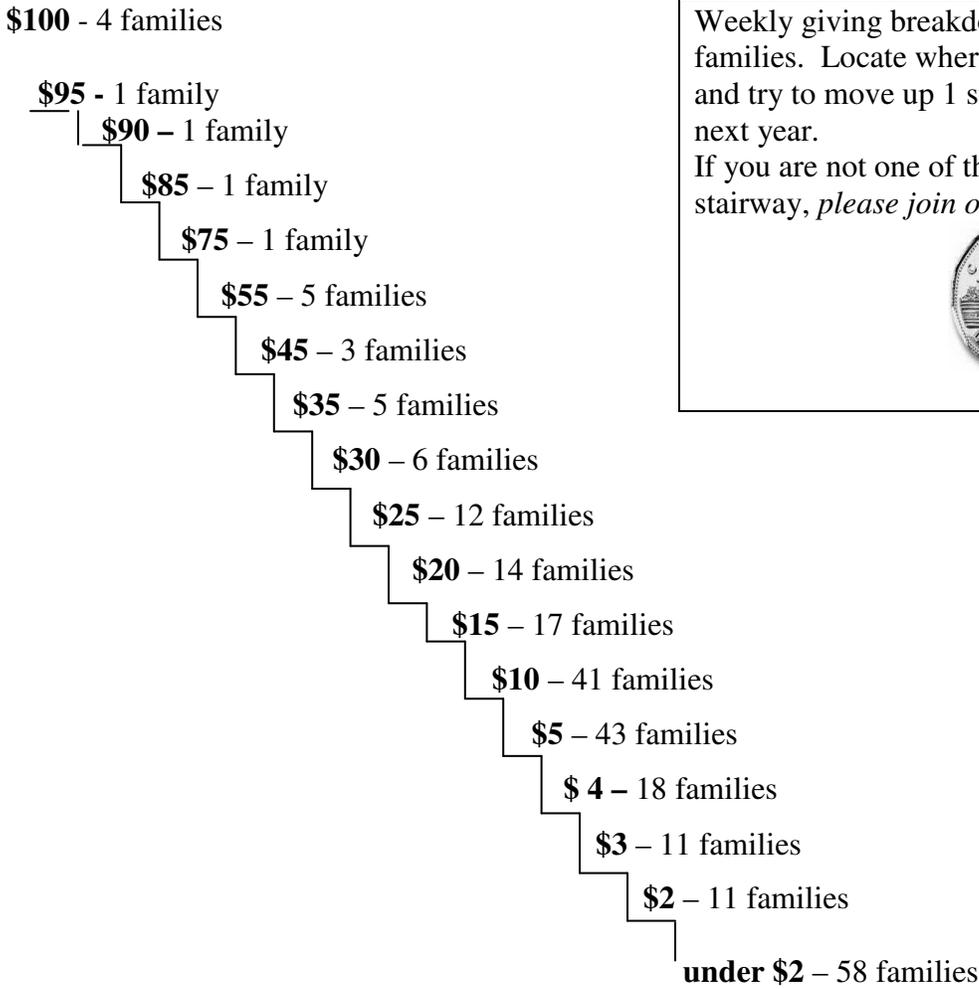
**PARISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT**  
**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2009**

<b><u>GOAL NO.</u></b>		<b><u>START</u></b>	<b><u>OUTREACH</u></b>	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>END</u></b>
<b>8</b>	ADOPTION OF FOSTER CHILDREN	1220	2434	2588	1374
<b>35</b>	CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD	0	2764	2764	0
<b>44</b>	YOUTH GROUP	3032	2714	0	318
<b>60</b>	PWRDF	0	1883	1883	0
<b>67</b>	RENOVATIONS	0	800	800	0
<b>71</b>	GARDENING	8	66	58	0
<b>80</b>	CHURCH PROMOTION	0	964	530	(434)
<b>90</b>	HANDBELLS	2856	45	120	2931
<b>99</b>	ORGAN RECITALS	0	1695	1695	0
<b>100</b>	A PLACE CALLED HOME	0	199	199	0
<b>101</b>	MISCELLANEOUS (VBS)	323	1499	798	(378)
<b>102</b>	SCHOLARSHIPS - THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS	110	0	0	110
<b>112</b>	LIBRARY, BOOKS, TAPES, ETC. CHAUSABLE	0	0	0	0
<b>138A</b>	CHANCEL GUILD FLOWERS	0	2225	2225	0
<b>146</b>	CHOIR GOWNS, MUSIC	825	1493	763	95
<b>150</b>	FAITHWORKS	0	1461	1461	0
<b>200</b>	LOCAL OUTREACH	286	1067	1170	389
<b>215</b>	SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECTS	0	5191	5191	0
<b>222</b>	REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (Karangwa)	4299	2500	1165	2964
<b>250</b>	SPECIAL (RECTOR)	0	1050	1050	0
<b>2009</b>	Retirement Gift	0	170	170	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12959</b>	<b>30220</b>	<b>24630</b>	<b>7369</b>

**ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S 2009 VESTRY REPORT**

**St. Paul's Stewardship Stairway**

There are approximately **428 families** that make up our community.



Weekly giving breakdown by number of families. Locate where you are on the stairway, and try to move up 1 step (i.e. 1 loonie a week) next year. If you are not one of the 252 families on the stairway, *please join our team.*



**RESULT:**

If all 252 families moved up  
\$1.00 the impact would be:  
 $252 \times 52 \text{ weeks} \times \$1.00 = \$13,104.00$   
Additional resources for ministry and education.