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St. Paul's Anglican Church

Annual Vestry Report

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**The mission of
St. Paul's Anglican Church is**

*"To know Jesus and
make Him known."*

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, LINDSAY

ANNUAL VESTRY REPORTS

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Dear friends,

Welcome to our annual meeting of the parish.

2013 marks my fifth year at St. Paul's Church. As Incumbent, it is gratifying to see the many positive changes and movements forward that we have experienced in the last five years.

2012 had its challenges, but to reassure those who think the church is in dire straits, I share Mark Twain's famous quote who after hearing rumours about himself said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated!".

The church still has lots to do, but let me say that St. Paul's has more activities, ministries and spirituality than it has had in many years!

With the strong leadership of your wardens, the ministry of this parish did not stall in the face of difficult challenges, but continued to excel and grow!

There are not enough words of thanks for the hard work and determination of your wardens- Barb Truax, Dave Golding and Frank Wills, as well as the dedication, hard work and support of the Parish council.

A special thank-you also goes out to all the volunteers who put in countless hours in supporting our church ministries and activities.

Into that great team, we welcome this year Donna Banks as Deputy People's Warden who will not only bring insights and experience to the leadership team, but will be a great asset to the parish.

As mentioned, the parish moved forward in 2012. New worship services such as the Advent Taize services and the Blue Christmas Service were added, as well as a bus supported Vacation Bible School which attracted 105 children, Youth ministry went full-time, and the city provided a grant to build an accessibility ramp into the hall.

A once a month Youth Sunday service began that included the participation of youth doing the readings and prayers. There was some music involving the youth, but it is hoped that a new music director will be able to do some teaching and expand the youth music program.

Our Youth Ministry keeps growing with the addition of a community garden and sports programs and we look forward to the youth mission trip to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia in August. A more detailed review can be found in the youth ministry report.

Through the financial support of Diocesan and Area grants as well as designated givings, Dave Edney was increased to full-time providing more opportunity to reach out to the youth in our community. He has done an amazing job in a very difficult ministry!

Financially, we have come a long way since I began in 2008. When I came to St. Paul's I inherited a deficit that resulted from years of dependence on income from the post office. No stewardship teachings or initiatives had been done during the seven years of additional income from the post office. There was no preparation for financial difficulties nor from loss due to an aging congregation.

Three years ago, we lost the income of the post office along with the loss of KPP from the Rectory at the same time, hitting us with a double whammy. We suffered a loss of revenue of almost \$40,000.

Faced with this new reality, over the last two years the wardens and parish council have worked hard to address the shortfall by paring back expenses and looking at new ways to increase income. A stewardship committee was started using Gerald Armstrong's "Call to Action" as it's starting point.

However, the committee had just started to meet when the focus had to be put on the Diocesan "Our Faith Our Hope" campaign in 2011.

With the campaign successfully behind us, in 2012 the committee came together again to set out to improve the PAR program and to put together a Narrative Budget to tell the story of our ministry in a clearer and understandable format.

The Narrative budget talks about what we do, how much it costs, and how many volunteer hours are involved in each ministry.

The narrative also explains how our time and talent make ministry happen and how your donations contribute to the ministries of our church.

The Narrative will be followed up by more information later this spring with suggestions on how you can help support our many ministries and programs and meet our goals and dreams.

The good news story is that from 2011 to 2012, the financial vacuum left by the post office dropped from \$35,000 to just over \$15,000! A decreasing of the deficit by a whopping 57% !

In 2013, we anticipate a better than balanced budget with a small surplus.

To ensure continued financial progress, a new financial committee will be formed to support the work of the wardens and parish council.

Members will be appointed by myself and the wardens to include representation from the wardens, as well as areas of stewardship, fundraising and investment.

In 2012, we moved one step closer to providing an Architectural drawing for a small building expansion into the courtyard that will provide main floor office space, a real front entrance off Russell St. W., and accessibility into the main part of the building.

With changes to the Provincial accessibility laws, the expansion will also include the long anticipated elevator to all levels of the building. More program space upstairs and new choir rooms are also planned.

The hope is to present the concept drawings in late spring for review, with a capital campaign to follow once revisions are approved at a special vestry.

Outside financial resources such as an additional C.H.E.S.T Fund grant from the City of Kawartha Lakes, a Trillium Grant from the Province and Diocesan grants will be explored.

As we move forward into the future, my goal for the parish has always been to ensure a well-rounded and comprehensive approach to ministry at St Paul's.

I have always believed a successful parish ministry should be inter-generational encompassing all ages.

As the city expands and the 407 Highway is extended, I believe more working families will be looking for affordable housing accessible to the Greater Toronto Area.

I experienced that phenomena during my 15 years in Barrie, but while I don't see the explosive growth seen in Barrie, I do see growth to our city and a gradual shift in the demographics of Lindsay and area.

Are we ready for growth? Do we have the facilities and programs? Are we ready to welcome new people?

I truly believe, that as the only Anglican Church in Lindsay, we have a religious and social obligation to the residents of the city. We need to become a multi-staffed program sized church. But we must continue to plan for the future.

We have established a Youth Ministry, but there are gaps in our overall parish ministry. With that in mind I propose the establishment of two more part-time positions.

The first is a part-time Senior's Ministry position to support the present Lay Pastoral Visitors program and the second is a part-time Children's Ministry position.

I envision the Senior's ministry position to include more home visits to shut - ins and nursing homes, more communion services, as well as the establishing of study groups in some of the many Senior's residences in town.

Included in the plan may be the establishment of more small groups to meet specific needs of seniors as well as to support the fledgling widow/ widowers group.

An expanded Children's ministry would bridge the gap between the nursery and our Youth Ministry.

A Children's ministry would include the set-up of a weekly children's club for elementary aged children and tie into the Sunday School classes. Oversight of the present King Albert Christmas and Easter programs would be included. Other groups would then be created and extend from those important ministries.

The new position would include oversight of an annual VBS and possible March Break program, as well as ministry to families and parents.

By providing these two important areas of need, St Paul's will be one of the only churches in the community providing active and in depth ministry and support from "nursery to nursing home".

As with the establishment of the youth ministry, I will investigate grant sources as seed money for both positions including new funds from the "Our Faith, Our Hope" campaign which become available this year. A provision for additional staffing for ministry was one of the goals of the Diocesan campaign.

In 2013 we will be looking at adding more programs to meet the needs of our parish family, including the addition of a new and exciting kitchen program to build upon the success of Cook's Fare. Please note that any ideas for new groups and ministries are always welcome!

In 2011, when we celebrated our 175th anniversary I pointed out that we currently enjoy the benefits of the hard work of past generations. A strong foundation was laid by hard working and dedicated individuals allowing us to worship and do ministry today.

The torch has been passed. Will we let the flame go out?

The future holds many challenges for all churches, but our future is made today . What we accomplish in the next few years will determine the future of our parish.

Change is never easy. It wasn't for our ancestors and parents and isn't easy today. But the seeds we plant today will bear fruit for generations to come.

Through hard work and the establishment of new ministries and outreach through the dedication and hard work of our volunteers and leaders, we ensure our church will exist for our children and grandchildren.

To accomplish our goals we need to be well resourced, providing a place for learning and spiritual growth not just for our members but for the community at large.

To better equip myself for the work ahead, the Bishop has granted me a Sabbath leave beginning May 1st. My time off will include educational opportunities within the area of Congregational Growth and Development. I will return to the parish September 1st.

As we look to this coming year, remember that we are called by God to be the guiding light which draws people to the Hope of Christ. That is our mission!

With that in mind, I plan to focus on our Mission and Core Values in upcoming sermon series at different times through the year.

By the grace of God, we have been doing the work of Christ for 176 years in our community. By the grace of God we will continue to fulfil our mission and to honour God through our ministries.

Working together, we will move forward into the next five years as a place of learning and spirituality, participation and fellowship, and a place of Promise and Hope for all people.

May God continue to bless us and guide us through the work of the Holy Spirit as we bear witness to Christ and move into the future.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Warren

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Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2013
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. 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, both in your parish and in reaching out to the marginalized and vulnerable in your community. We deeply appreciate the prayers offered week by week in the churches of the diocese that sustain and encourage us in our ministry!

We give thanks to Almighty God for what was achieved at all levels of our Diocese during the past year. We applaud the wonderful response to the *Our Faith, Our Hope: Re-imagine Church* campaign by the faithful of our diocese. Your generous response is indicative of your commitment to a theology of abundance, responding in kind to God's abundance of generosity. As a result of your giving, our Diocese is positioned to engage in exciting, innovative and life-giving ministry in the years ahead. We are increasingly a mission-shaped church as a result of the vision and courage of clergy and laity who are committed to being in the words of Archbishop Rowan Williams, "a mixed economy church," rejoicing in our heritage and embracing the future creatively in service of Christ's mission.

The completion of over 100 surveys in the Natural Church Development program gives me much encouragement that so many of our parishes are intentionally seeking to understand themselves better and work hard to contribute to our Diocese living out its vision of 'building healthy, vibrant communities of faith.'

As a diocesan family, we will continue to invest in people, programs and ministries that will enable this mission to be achieved. I thank those, both clergy and laity, who have been taking the lead in this, for their dedication and exemplary leadership. Your financial support through parish allotments, FaithWorks, and *Our Faith, Our Hope* makes possible grants to parishes for new ministry and support in transition, episcopal ministry, curacy training, support for theological colleges, parish revitalisation, leadership development, the work of the national church particularly in the North, and outreach to the vulnerable in our communities. Our common life depends on each other's gifts.

Only a year ago, the 'Occupy Toronto' movement reminded us that all is not well in our communities, challenging us not to respond with indifference to the pressing daily needs and concerns of so many among us. With this still in our minds, we are now equally challenged to attend to the grave concerns of our Aboriginal sisters and brothers. It is scandalous that there are still many unresolved issues that Native peoples battle with every day. Too many live in appalling circumstances. We should not be distracted by the divisions within the First Nations' leadership. This is no different than the political diversity within the rest of our society. The issues are complex and there are few quick fixes. But that does not relieve us of our duty to act. Our diocese has one of the largest Aboriginal populations in Canada.

While we appreciate that a meeting of the Prime Minister and First Nations' leaders took place in January, we need to press for a sustained effort by governments at all levels to ongoing consultations that will result in just resolutions and action. Our mission is one with our Saviour's: "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free," *Luke 4: 18*. The gospel imperative demands of us that we stand with our Aboriginal sisters and brothers, strongly advocate for their right and just treatment, and work to make it so.

Last year, Diocesan Council granted \$100,000 from the Ministry Allocation Fund for the Anglican Council of the North's Suicide Prevention programme. The Bishop's Company helps fund an Aboriginal priest in Toronto. Many people in the diocese are engaged in support of the Truth and Reconciliation hearings locally and nationally. We thank the many of you who individually and collectively bear faithful witness in seeking to bring hope and meaning to the lives of others in the pursuit of justice in Christ's name.

Please visit our Diocesan website to read and learn about the amazing range of opportunities that are taking place in our Diocese: www.toronto.anglican.ca The 7th annual Vital Church Conference will be held January 31-February 2, 2013 at St. Paul, Bloor Street, Toronto. This conference provides a wonderful learning opportunity for parishes looking for innovative and inspirational ways to live out their ministry. I remind you of the annual Churchwardens and Treasurer Workshops, Area Ministry Days and especially the Diocesan Outreach Conference to be held October 5, 2013 at Holy Trinity School, Richmond Hill with the theme of 'Where is the Spirit working?' Find details on all of these on our website.

Finally, I know that you will join me in expressing our profound thanks and gratitude to Bishop George Elliott as he retires at the end of April. For three and a half decades, Bishop Elliott has been a faithful priest and bishop of our church and has made an invaluable contribution to life and work of our Diocese. We wish George and Linda God's blessing in his retirement.

Please uphold in your prayers the nominees who will be offering themselves as candidates in the upcoming Episcopal election to be held on April 6, 2013 in St. James' Cathedral.

Once more, on behalf of the College of Bishops, I express our 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. You make a difference in the Church and in our world for Christ's sake.

May God who enriches all of us with His life grant you every blessing in the year before us.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. To the left of the signature is a small, stylized cross symbol.

The Most Reverend Colin R. Johnson
Archbishop of Toronto



Trent Durham Pastoral Letter for Vestry 2013
to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's Annual Vestry meeting

Dear friends in Christ,

There are moments in our lives when we can sense that something is about to change, something new is about to emerge. Whether that sense arises from careful analysis of the signs of the times or from our own intuition we become aware of imperceptible shifts, nuances and changes that signal something much bigger. I believe we are on the cusp of new and exciting possibilities in the Church!

Recently the news of the church has been discouraging. Decline, financial uncertainties, and aging buildings have kept us focused on losses. Yet something else is in the air too. All of the deaneries of our Area completed the Reimagining Church course over the past year, catching a glimpse of what we are called to do and be in new ways. Although many churches struggle financially, stewardship plans and commitments have brought stability and new hope. Fewer parishes are in serious debt!

In the last round of Reach Grant applications four of the five grants approved were from the Trent-Durham Area. These are grants for ministry to reach those with no church connection – new, risky ideas that will stretch our vision and create new possibilities. (Check the Diocesan website for application deadlines and information <http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/parish-life/mission-shaped-parish/grants/>) Redeem the Commute has been launched as the foundation for building a new community of God's people in Ajax through connecting with people online. I also hear anecdotes of growth in other ways – new members and spiritual development – and of new experiments in networking between parishes sharing personnel and resources. Like the first buds on the trees as a sign of spring, these are the signs something new is emerging in the Church.

In scripture, when God starts something new in the midst of a difficult time, we often read a response in a hymn or poem of praise – Moses' song in Exodus after crossing the Red Sea; Hannah's song of hope as she becomes pregnant, echoed again in both Mary and Elizabeth in their pregnancies. In the midst of what the world sees as death or shame, new life emerges and God's people shout with joy and praise at the subversive ways in which God fulfills promises and brings change. God is doing something new in our midst. Our call is to be ready to recognize, welcome, join in and shout in praise!



A Vestry Meeting is an opportunity for your parish family to plan for your future. At your Vestry Meeting I ask that you plan prudently by passing a balanced budget for 2013 remembering that whatever we vote for we are committed to achieving together. I also ask that you take time to discuss more than finances and building needs. Discuss your vision for ministry and the purpose of the Church in your community. Share ideas – dream new dreams – listen for God’s voice through scripture, through one another and in prayer.

I extend a note of thanks to all who exercise leadership in the parish. Most are volunteers who give sacrificially of their time and skills to strengthen the life of the parish. Please honour and thank those whom you entrust with leadership as you pray for them in their roles. Special thanks go to your Churchwardens as they care for the daily life of the building and congregation.

Please also thank, as I do, your clergy! I am deeply grateful for the faithful leadership and pastoral care exercised by all of the clergy of our Area and for their participation with me in wider diocesan responsibilities.

I pray that your congregation will be encouraged and ready to join in whatever adventure God is placing before you in 2013. Whether you are renovating your building; starting a new ministry of outreach and compassion or deepening spiritual growth and faith, may God’s surprising grace and energy fill you with hope.

*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 God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever.
Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20,21

Yours in Christ,

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

ANNUAL VESTRY MINUTES– JANUARY 29, 2012

The vestry to review the year 2011 and plan for 2012 was held on January 29, 2012 with 66 people in attendance. Rev. Warren Leibovitch opened the vestry with prayer. He then appointed Paul Carpentier as Vestry Clerk.

It was pointed out that to be a voting member of vestry you must 1) be 16 years of age, (2) been a member of the parish for at least 6 months, and (3) have taken communion in the parish at least 3 times in the past year.

Moved by Jim Dyson, seconded by Helen Roberts: **“the minutes of the January 30, 2011 vestry be accepted as printed in the circular, with the one date correction.” Carried.**

Moved by Norm Davies, seconded by Bill Henderson: **“Committee reports be accepted as written and contained in the circular.” Carried.**

Carrie Terry reviewed the 2011 financial results, pointing out that receipts were down significantly over 2010 due to the post office sale and the rectory being vacant. We withdrew \$30,000 from the \$80,000 in GIC's set aside by last years' vestry (from post office sale) to pay for rectory repairs (windows/hardwood floors amounting to \$28,036).

Harold Stephenson asked if it was still parish policy to invest 50% of any bequests that were not designated by the donor, and if the same had been done with the \$2,000 donated in 2011. It has not, and no one at vestry recalled this ever being St. Paul's policy. Warren will find out if it was a policy and advise Harold. If it was not a directive from a past vestry it would be up to the current wardens to decide how undesigned bequests would be allocated.

Harold Stephenson also asked if grants were available from the Diocesan Carlton Bequest for rectory repairs. Warren said that it is only used for rectories that are occupied by an Incumbent.

Don Brohm once again advised vestry that the designated “Community Facility” zoning for the rectory really restricts the potential uses. We may well have to apply for re-zoning to get a tenant.

Moved by Bill Witham, seconded by Joseph Cloutier: **“the 2011 financial statement as presented and printed, be accepted.” Carried.**

Moved by Betty Tyndall, seconded by Lois Hunter: **“the 2012 budget as printed be accepted.” Carried**

Moved by Dave Golding, seconded by Betty Drummond: **“the nominating committee report be accepted as printed.” Carried.**

Moved by Helen Roberts, seconded by Frank Wills: **“Dave Golding move up to Peoples' Warden from Deputy Peoples' Warden.” Carried.**

Moved by Betty Hooper, seconded by Helen Roberts: **“Bill Gosling be elected Deputy Peoples' Warden.” Carried.**

Moved by Bill Henderson, seconded by Ron Morgan: **“nominations be closed for the remainder of the positions on the nominating committee report”**. Carried.

Therefore the following are elected:

Synod delegate #1	Bob Coleman
Synod delegate #2	Beverly Baxter
Deanery Rep. #1	Betty Hooper
Deanery Rep #2	Jo Aldrich
Member at large	Harold Brown

Rev. Warren Leibovitch mentioned a few points:

- The wardens are making the rental of the rectory a priority. It was suggested by Paul Carpentier that if a family adopted an upstairs room/area for painting (with guidelines from the wardens) we could further improve the appeal to prospective renters at a minimal cost.
- Gerald Armstrong has been heading up a Stewardship Committee with Marg Steffler, Tom Ross and Barb Truax. We can expect to hear more from them soon.
- A special ideas evening was held and the suggestion is being made that we seriously promote the idea of pre-authorized giving. Not only does it smooth out the impact of “cottage time/snowbirds” givings, but it also helps reduce “catch-up” situations.
- A “Narrative Budget” is coming by summer. Using our newly stated Core Values, it will be determined what we need to be doing in the near and medium future, to meet those values. The narrative budget indicates how we are going to proceed with, and how we are going to finance these actions.

Don Brohm reminded vestry that the slate on the upper part of the church roof requires replacing in the not too distant future to prevent leaking. He now has a written quote of \$34,000 (down from verbal \$50,000) to install steel roofing to match the lower half.

Dave Golding spoke on behalf of vestry and the corporation, to thank Don Brohm for his dedicated/conscientious service as a warden for the past six years. He presented Don with a t-shirt bearing the caption he made famous....“JUST SO YOU KNOW....!”, and a gift card from the parish. Vestry joined in a boisterous round of applause for Don. Dave informed vestry that Don has agreed to help out as Property Manager and remain on the “emergency call” list.

Don thanked God for the privilege of serving this church. He thanked the congregation for always being so willing and helpful with our time and talents. He spoke of the opportunities he has had by being part of this parish and how awesome it is to see the third generation of his family worshipping here at St. Paul’s. He thanked Anne Tamlin for all the effort she is putting into a very successful Sunday School program. He also announced that he is reviving the “Ordinary Joes” to carry out maintenance around the church. They will meet on Monday mornings starting the second week of February. Ladies are welcome to join (will a name change be needed?).

Barb Truax thanked vestry and the congregation for all their support over the year, and then spoke to a few items:

- Barb thanked Muriel Kent for looking after the coffee hours for the past year. She had Gina Coleman speak to the idea of getting more than one person to look after the coffee hour, since Muriel has retired. It was suggested that there be 2 or more team leaders who would rotate being on duty and getting people lined up. It will be worked on, as we do not consider this social time being dispensable.
- She thanked Joan Boulton for coming on as Funeral reception co-ordinator.
- She informed us that by having the books audited by an accountant (Don Brohms' son-in law) we are now eligible for consideration to receive more grants from government programs.
- She thanked Warren for "keeping us all hopping", and to keep it coming.
- Barb also thanked Carrie Terry for the countless hours she spends on the church finances.

Elsie Stephenson questioned why the Core Values did not include people who are now confined to their homes. There was an update on the program Helen Roberts tried to co-ordinate after the last vestry. It didn't get off the ground. Warren advised that the core values are not yet carved in stone, and that the pastoral committee will once again re-visit the shut-in issue.

Ron Morgan mentioned the update to the church pictorial and demonstrated how to attach it to the original copy.

Norm Davis thanked Paul Carpentier for the work he does at St. Paul's.

Moved by Harold Stephenson that we adjourn.

Vestry closed with all saying the grace; followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted

Paul Carpentier
Vestry Clerk

Vestry motion 2013 Request

We as Christians are called by our scriptures to care for exiles and strangers (Exodus 22:21). Many of our congregations have sponsored refugee claimants who have made Canada their home and enriched our society through their contributions. Some members of our congregations, or their parents before them, came to Canada as refugees themselves.

On June 28, 2012, the Canadian government signed into law Bill C-31, the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act, a sweeping revision of our refugee and immigration system. This new law contains discriminatory provisions which will place vulnerable people in danger, and we, as Anglicans, cannot in conscience support it.

Motion: that this vestry recommend to the Government of Canada the repeal of the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act, and its replacement with legislation more in keeping with this country's traditions of justice and hospitality.

2013 WARDENS' Report to Vestry

Greetings to all with a hope that you enjoyed this past Christmas Season and we wish you a Happy New Year!

As the year 2012 began, we asked, "What will 2012 hold for us?"

1. Continue to address our budget deficit
2. The rental of the Rectory
3. Replacement of the church roof
4. Total accessibility to the entire Parish Hall.

These were promises we made to you.

1. Throughout the year increased profits from our fundraising events, generosity of the congregation, the receipt of several successful grants and careful monitoring of the 2012 expenditures (church operations) have provided us with a small financial surplus.

2. In the Spring of 2012, we began negotiations with Midwives of Kawartha Lakes (MLL) as potential tenants of the Rectory. These went well. Subsequently, with approvals from the City of Kawartha Lakes for parking, fire, accessibility, and finally from the Diocese of Toronto, MLL was able to join us as tenants. MLL has proved to be a very compatible neighbour.

3. After inspection of the church slate roof, we found that simple maintenance (replacement of missing and broken tiles and some repairs to the turret) was all that was needed to correct the situation at a considerably reduced cost than was originally forecast. Having received our allocated portion of monies from the 'Our Faith-Our Hope' Diocesan campaign and from donations from parishioners, this work was undertaken and completed in September. An annual maintenance sum will be inserted into the 2013 and future budgets for maintenance and repairs.

4. Accessibility - In December, we received \$28,400.00 from the City of Kawartha Lakes C.H.E.S.T. fund to construct a barrier-free ramp at the west door of the Parish Hall. This construction will begin once inclement weather has passed, around March 1.

THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL'S.

As mentioned, the success of St. Paul's usual calendar of events including the Pancake Supper, Strawberry Supper, the Fair Booth, Harvest Happening, the Mystery Dinner Theatre, Men's Breakfasts, Women's Breakfasts, the Lenten Series, our three Wheelchair Services, Community Care Luncheons, the Christmas and Easter programs for the students of King Albert Elementary School, Lay Pastoral Visiting and Outreach, Tree Lighting, Evensong, Ministerial Choral Sing, Harvest Happening along with so many others have contributed in a major way to forward our march toward a balanced budget.

SHOPPING CARD sales have been one of the greatest contributors to our financial improvement and we believe this will continue to grow in the upcoming years. Many thanks go to Bill Witham and Kay Smith for launching and maintaining this successful venture.

OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER served 130 individuals to those who would have otherwise been alone over the Holiday Season. We thank Paul and Phyllis Carpentier for being a major part of this.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is again under the direction of Ann Tamlin and her teaching staff. With a BAKER grant from the Diocese, the Sunday School was relocated to the upper hall behind the stage. Here they will have classrooms, a play area and a computer area. The Sunday School acted out the story of Christmas for the enjoyment of the congregation.

YOUTH MINISTRY is alive and well under the care of Youth Pastor, Dave Edney. Dave was married in the summer of 2012 and, thus, has brought along his wife, Ellen, to counsel with him. There are regular programs for these 40 kids including spiritual guidance, sports, cooking, and some fundraising (see Youth Pastor's report for their wonderful initiative next summer!). This youth group is being integrated into our church community and we welcome their presence and energy!

MANY NEW PROGRAMS/EVENTS began in 2012. To name a few,- Vacation Bible School began in July. This was attended by 105 children and youth. Literally, every single area of the church and Parish Hall was used to provide space for their program. A Theatre Outing to a performance at the Orillia Opera House was organized by the Social Committee, the monthly Book Club was established, the Preauthorized Receipt (PAR) method of giving was offered as an alternative way to submit offerings and the Stewardship group finalized its Narrative Budget for presentation to the congregation.

NEW NEWS! A successful application was submitted to the Diocesan REACH fund for youth equipment and programs, bibles and a computer.

WE HAVE BEEN SO FORTUNATE FOR THESE FUNDING GIFTS!!!

In November St. Paul's hosted the BISHOP'S COMPANY DINNER. Over 110 people from area churches gathered to enjoy fellowship, one of Paul's delicious dinners and a very successful Silent Auction. Proceeds from these dinners provide financial assistance and equipment to clergy who may have been ill or disabled.

A PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR (PAD) was purchased for the church with some financial support from the Mikey Foundation. Some of our members have been trained in its use and others will be trained in 2013. This assistive device on site will be very beneficial to our members in case of emergency. (Please note the signage around the church and Parish Hall as to the location of the unit).

THREE DESKTOP COMPUTERS were donated to the church from the **Technology Alliance Group (TAG)** in June when that organization was forced to close its doors after losing its government funding. These were readily put to use with two going to the 'Youth Library' and one to the Sunday School.

OUR AUGUST BOAT CRUISE was enjoyed even if it occurred on the rainiest day of the summer!!

OUR COMMERCIAL COPIER limped into disuse at the end of November. Because of printing savings, trade-in credits, some grant money and a more efficient piece of equipment we were able to purchase a newer copier that will allow us to do more printing in-house.

TWENTY YEARS of the annual Mystery Dinner Theatre were celebrated in 2012 with a Mad Hatter's Tea Cup Party. A sold-out crowd marked the occasion.

THE GRAPEVINE, our quarterly newsletter is edited by Betty Tyndall. She has been in this position for over 15 years. Thanks, Betty, for your hard work and attention to detail!

VISA AND MASTERCARD has been beneficial to us as an alternative to cash or cheque. This may be used at any of our functions for ticket purchases or offerings, shopping cards etc. In addition, a donation button has been placed on the web site so that you may access tickets or submit offerings from the comfort of your home.

Speaking of OUR WEB SITE, please visit it. (www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca)

Our webmaster, Mary Sullivan, keeps this current for us. If you see any omissions or ideas that you think might improve this site please speak to one of the Wardens to pass along to her.

Well Done Everyone!

Many Hands Make Light Work!

We extend our appreciation to Valerie Call, our secretary and to Dave Hillman, our custodian for all the assistance they have given to all of us so that we may achieve this success!

To Pastor Dave, - we appreciate your hard work and dedication to the fledgling youth group and wish you much success in 2013.

To the congregation we thank you for your generous support and "rallying to the cause" in time of necessity.

And to - REVEREND WARREN, who works with so much dedication and energy to keep St. Paul's in the forefront of the community with new services. This year, at Christmas, we enjoyed the four TAIZE services as well as the Blue Christmas service. We find it difficult to keep up with you!!

An important note: Rev. Warren will be off on a 'Sabbath Leave' for three months beginning in May. He will enjoy an earned rest as well as study while away. We wish you good fortune in these endeavours. Many thanks for your guidance, hard work and support !!

The Wardens

Dave Golding, Barb Truax, Frank Wills, Donna Banks

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT – 2013

ELECTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>
PEOPLE'S WARDEN	DAVID GOLDING*
DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN	DONNA BANKS*
SYNOD DELEGATE # 1	ROBERT COLEMAN*
SYNOD DELEGATE # 2	BEVERLY BAXTER*
DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE #1	BETTY HOOPER*
DEANERY REPRESENTATIVE #2	JO ALDRICH*
MEMBERS AT LARGE	HAROLD BROWN*, JOAN HUMPHRIES*
AUDITOR	CHRIS BUITENWERF (CMA)
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON	JANE WHITFIELD**
PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY	DONNA GUSHUE**

APPOINTED POSITIONS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>APPOINTEE</u>
RECTOR'S WARDEN	BARBARA TRUAX*
DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN	FRANK WILLS*
TREASURER	CAROLYN TERRY*
TREASURER ASSISTANTS	BILL WITHAM, NORM DAVIES
OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	GAIL PAYNE*
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	BARBARA TRUAX*
CHANCEL GUILD	BETTY HOOPER*
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	ANNE TAMLIN*
SIDESMEN CHAIRPERSON	NORM DAVIES*
SIDESMEN ASSISTANT	JIM BUCHANEN
NEWCOMERS/ WELCOMER	BETTY TYNDALL*
SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON	JANE WHITFIELD*
PASTORAL CARE REPRESENTATIVE	ETHEL MORRIS*
MEMBERS AT LARGE	BARBARA BROWN*, BILL WITHAM*
SYNOD DELEGATE ALTERNATE	TOM ROSS
ENVELOPE SECRETARY	MARG BROHM
ENVELOPE SECRETARY ASSISTANT	BRENDA BURT
NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR	MARG BROHM
ST. PAUL'S/COMMUNITY CARE LUNCHEON CHAIRPERSON	SUSAN SCHRIER
SEXTON	HAROLD JAMES
ARCHIVES	PAT and ROSS SMYTH
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LIBRARIAN ASSISTANT	PHYLLIS CARPENTIER
GRAPEVINE EDITOR	BETTY TYNDALL
PUBLICITY/ADVERTISING	SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
ST. PAUL'S WEB SITE CO-ORDINATOR	MARY SULLIVAN
FUNERAL RECEPTION CO-ORDINATOR	DENISE BANHAM
VESTRY CLERK	LUTIE ANNE PRESLEY

* ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT PARISH COUNCIL

** TO BE ELECTED/RATIFIED BY 2013 PARISH COUNCIL

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St. Paul's Parish Register

2012

Baptisms

Rachel Elizabeth Hart
Reid William Halstead
Avery Anne Halstead
Keira Anne Bonnetta

Frances Maeve Todd
Raymond Bruce Gauthier
Michael Gallo
Oscar Mckenzie Warpula
Noah Jonathan James Drury

Confirmation

Michal Baxter
Jamieson Leibovitch

Katie Lilly
Anthony van Buskirk

Re-Affirmation of Baptismal Vows

Lutie Anne Presley
Barbara Brown
Harold Brown
Susan Dalton
Melanie Hillman

Norma Gordon
Marg Steffler
Gail Payne
Elsie Broughton
Donna Gushue
Lorna Kay

Weddings

Ellen Elizabeth VandeBerg
Ruth Evelyn Knapp
Patricia Anne McGuirl

and David Stephen Edney
and William Louis Storey
and Reaume Paul Bouvier

Burials

Eva Edith Woodcock
John Wellington Bell
Hazel Elizabeth Harpur
Elizabeth Anne Metcalfe
Anne Lily Louisa Holland
Colleen Lois Tullet

Janette Lavina Meyer
Doris Irene Ralph
Canon H. Stanley Hanes
Frances Gertrude Smith
Roy Charles Richards
Robert Edward Stuart Wright
Nels Eric Isaacson

ST. FRANCIS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The St. Francis bible study group meets in the church library from 1:30 to 3.00 P.M. on the first and third Mondays of most months. This group began in 1968 and still has some of their charter members. (which shows how interested their members are in bible study) Over the years we have studied many books of the bible and special themes, like Prayer, the Holy Spirit, certain prophets, etc. This year we have been studying "A Gentle Thunder" by Max Lucado. We are about to choose our next endeavour. Come and join us.

Submitted Bette Witham

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

PHYSICAL SPACE: The most important change for the Sunday School in 2012 was the establishment of a permanent physical space for the children and helpers. The room previously designated as The Board Room became the space for a permanent arrangement of tables and chairs for children to use. The Nursery continued to be used for that purpose, in addition to being used for the circle gathering for music, stories, and lessons. The back room that had previously been the bell group's practice room became an activity room for children to use. The room, equipped with a laptop computer, was designed to be used for tabletop games, painting, drawing, creating with play doh, making crafts, and creating displays. These changes have been most beneficial as the children are using all three spaces for different purposes and interests. Helpers do not have to set up tables, chairs, and equipment each week and this has been a huge help. All rooms were painted and refreshed and an open space "window" was recreated between the center room and activity room in order to be able to see the children in both rooms.



ATTENDANCE: Attendance was usually between 6-10 children on average (usually excluding nursery numbers). Children ranged in age from 3 to 11. Although a relatively small number, the children were regular attenders and participated eagerly in learning songs, sharing personal ideas and connections to Bible stories and lessons, creating crafts and other representations, and playing games. Although Warren had hoped to have new faces return in the Fall after the successful summer program, this was not the case; however, 2 boys returned after the Easter program with King Albert School, and have been attending ever since.

CURRICULUM: A curriculum was purchased for the Early Elementary age group by David C. Cook, called Bible-In-Life. Originally, this curriculum was chosen to try for one session (December to February) and was found to be quite satisfactory, so was purchased for March-June, Sept-November. The curriculum was reasonable in price, was readily and quickly available, and could be ordered in individual quantities (not in sets). Student books, Make-It-And-Take-It books, and Take Home pamphlets were ordered for each student, as well as 2 Teacher Guides and the package of Teaching Aids.

HELPERS: We were fortunate to have Marg Brohm, Debbie Moore, and Shirley Williams volunteer their talent and time with ideas, supervision, and help with crafts. Their help has made the program workable with such a wide age range of children.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND GIFTS: The kids chose to have sundaes as a special year-end treat in June, and participated in a birthday party after the Christmas concert with cake and ice-cream. Despite poor weather, Mary, Joseph, the angels, the shepherds, King Herod, the inn keeper, the animals, the wise men, and the youth group narrators all arrived for the Christmas pageant. Boys and girls (and men) enjoyed being the stars in retelling the story of the 1st Christmas, and the congregation was very appreciative of their talents! For their effort and participation, each child was given a small gift from St. Paul's Sunday School.

SNACK: Juice boxes were purchased from Mr. Grocer and handed out each Sunday.

SUPPLIES: Special craft supplies were purchased to supplement the curriculum choices for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. Binney and Smith donated some paper, markers, and crayons.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE:

Although we are a small group of God's army, every Sunday is a joyful experience. Boys and girls love to share their own experiences as we try to relate God's word to our own lives. Singing and playing musical instruments is an integral part of

our worship time, and using the nursery as our meeting area allows younger nursery children to hear our praise and participate as they can. When one of our older boys from King Albert School commented one morning that he loved coming and that he looks forward to Sunday mornings, we recognized how blessed we are to have been given the opportunity to support this child. When the kids remember the names of other kids in our group that are not able to be with us on any given Sunday, and include them in our song and prayer, we recognize the power of love, inclusion, and community. As young as they are, these children are becoming familiar and comfortable with the church and their church family. There is no doubt that these children are instruments of the Lord! We thank St. Paul's for your continued financial and spiritual support.

NEEDS:

Additional leaders, able to run a Sunday once in a while, or to be on-call for bad weather and emergencies, **are needed**. I have moved to Bobcaygeon and will continue as leader for the time being; however, Shirley and I need additional support in the event that neither of us can be here. We would like to see the older kids have the opportunity to split off with a leader and be involved in deeper discussion and/or activities.

As always, **helping hands** are the most important part of this important ministry. Our dedicated helpers would like to be "receivers" (attend the church service) on a more regular basis, but cannot do this without **extra hands** to help.

We are currently looking for a **television and DVD** to have a movie Sunday once in a while.

We would like to **repair/replace costumes for the Christmas pageant**. The crèche also needs repairing.

We would love to offer more craft opportunities, but need **helpers to prepare supplies** (and possibly package in individual containers for ease of handing out).

Submitted by Anne Tamlin

BOTTOMLINE YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT

We have grown in all aspects this year in our ministry. We have an amazing core group of students who have really made this church their own. We have come a long way from just three students in our church. It's been a long hard road at times but a road worth walking. I'd like to thank the church and everyone in it that has supported the youth ministries at this church. I personally would like to thank all of our parishioners for the support you have shown my family and myself this year. In this report we will touch on all of the programs in 2012 and the upcoming events and programs in 2013.

Looking back on 2012

Tuesday night has grown not only in numbers but also in the student's spiritual growth. They are asking deeper questions about their faith and what it is to truly love Jesus and walk according to the Gospel. Here is a quick outline on our Tuesday night program.

- (Drop In 2:30-5:00pm) The youth play pool hangout, use the xbox and tv. The café is a open for their use. We usually play games; the youth can also do homework.
- (Dinner 5:00-6:30pm) Paul and Phyllis have fed our students from the very beginning of our ministry. The kids eat a full blown meal every Tuesday. For some of our students this is the only full meal they will eat all week.
- (6:30-7:00pm) Clean up from dinner.
- (7:00pm-7:30pm) We play games in the upper hall.
- (7:30-8:30pm) We have our sermon or small groups. We have a time of prayer and worship.
- (8:30-9:00pm) Youth wait for their rides, they play pool or just hangout.

Our format can change on any given Tuesday due to the weather or season. Our students really thrived on the building of relationships not only with our leaders but also each other. It's been amazing to see our core group of students come together. We have a solid core group of 15-20 students that are at our church every week. Our numbers peak in the spring and summer and we see upwards of 30-40 students.

Friday Nights

Friday nights are our sports night with our boys. Every Friday we meet at the church and play ball hockey or other sports. The doors open at 2:30pm and close at 5:00pm, the boys have grown closer as friends due to sports night. We have seen bonds formed that will last a lifetime. We have a core group of 5-10 boys that meet every Friday. In the spring and summer we see 15-30 boys on any given Friday. In the spring we play baseball, football, soccer, rugby and Viking ball. Sports night has seen many of boys walk off the street and into our church. There has been two brothers who came out by chance one Friday to play ball hockey and have been apart of our program ever since.

Girls Nights

Once a month all of our girls in our ministry meet at a leaders house for dinner movies and a sleepover. We have a core group of girls that ranges from 5-15. It's a great program that helps formed lasting friendships with our girls and leaders. The girls have a chance to discuss the bible and Jesus together and really hatch out their faith on girl's night.

Sunday Mornings

Sunday morning is a great way for our students to make this church their own. Sunday mornings is an uphill battle for us, its hard to get our students from the community to our church for Sunday service. A lot of this has to do with transportation and the view of Sunday being just another Saturday. This will take time to overcome, but we are winning the battle slowly but surely. I can't stress enough to be patient with this process. We have started a study on Crazy Love by Francis Chan; this book is all about understanding what it truly is to love God with all your heart, soul and mind. We have a strong core of students of 5-10 on Sunday.

Garden Program

We were able to plant and harvest an amazing garden last year. The garden was student planted and student harvested. All the work in the garden was done by students (With the supervision of Pastor Dave). I couldn't be more proud of the heart and soul the students put in to the garden last year. The Garden produced five large harvests throughout the season. The garden showed our students what it is to work hard and to serve their community. The Students really loved the whole process of the Garden.

Looking ahead 2013

We are looking to grow leaps and bounds in 2013. We have a really solid group of core students to work with and grow with. Our hope is to see our core group grow even stronger this year in their faith. If you have a good core you will build a solid ministry for years to come. We have lots of new and amazing programs that are in the works for 2013. Below I will list the changes to some of our programs and the new programs we plan on getting off the ground in 2013.

Tuesday Night Changes for 2013

The biggest change we are making is a new cooking program headed up by Mary-Anne Wills. The kids will be able to learn some life lessons in the kitchen while growing together with their chums and some new faces from our church. The cooking program will be a huge tool in mentorship and learning. We are looking forward to see what this program will become.

Friday Night Changes for 2013.

The major change with Friday nights will be a half hour Bible study before we play any sports. The format will be changing in the winter. We find that the sports program slows down in the winter due to the weather. So we will be looking into changing our format a bit.

Gym Night (NEW).

We will be adding once a month a group gym night for all of our students both female and male. We are looking to find a gym that is the right fit for us.

Girls Nights (New)

The format of Girls night will stay the same for 2013. The only change we are hoping to add in the coming year is a once a week Bible study for the young ladies at the Church.

Sunday Mornings (Changes for 2013).

Sunday will remain the same for 2013. We will be finishing our Crazy Love study and then moving into a Bible study that will take us through the New Testament. We are serving breakfast for the kids in the basement in the coming year.

Garden Program (Changes for 2013).

We will expand our Garden this year to two plots. We will be switching who we give the produce to this year from the dream center to the food source. We will also be building a shed to store all of our garden tools as we expand. The shed will be built by the youth under the supervision of Pastor Dave and Dave Golding and Frank Willis. We are looking to the Lord for another amazing harvest.

Mountain Men (NEW)

Mountain men is a program that will teach our boys life skills and will help our kids grow in every aspect. This program will see our boys building cabins and setting up a small campground in the middle of the forest. This program will run once a month for two days beginning in April. The boys will have to build a cabin from the ground up as well as a fire pit. The boys will enjoy fishing and swimming. More information will be released in the coming months. The hope of this program is to teach the boys a healthy and strong work ethic as well as responsibility. We are looking forward to this program.

Cape Breton Missions Trip (NEW).

We are taking a group of students to Cape Breton, to help serve and work at a church called Lighthouse church in Glace Bay. The kids will be doing a ton of different work from building projects to BBQs at skate parks. The youth will be setting up fundraisers throughout the year. Keep your ears and eyes posted.

Please feel free to contact me at any time. Email: pastor.dave.edney@gmail.com ; Cell Phone: (705) 341-7959;

Submitted by Pastor Dave Edney

CHANCEL GUILD

This past year has been fairly routine for the Guild, only one wedding and few funerals.

We did have additional services during Advent with the Tazie services, and a Blue Christmas all of which were new to the Guild. The candelabras have been refurbished and have been used on different occasions. We're hoping to have the paraffin candles for the Advent wreath for next year, as the wax candles cost a fair bit of money even though we try to recycle some of them each year.

We welcome Lutie Ann Presley to the team and June Craig returning from Oshawa.

Please note that Palm Sunday and Easter are early this year so the Palm crosses will be made on Saturday 23 March. Please come out and help, many hands make light work.

Easter Sunday we are hoping to build a floral cross again as we did last year, children please come in the doors on Russell St. to select a flower and show us where on the cross you would like to have it.

Many thanks to all those who came forward to help the guild and for donating to the flower fund, your support is very much appreciated.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

SIDES - TEAMS & GREETERS COUNTERS

I will begin by thanking all of you for your co-operation this past year. With special thanks to Alan Eades for being a great help for the past 2 years as Assistant Chairman .Unfortunately because of sickness and family matters he is unable to give his time for this task. We are still in the need of more help on a week to week basis because of holidays, sickness and other commitments. We did not have our annual breakfast meeting last fall. It was a particularly busy time for Paul and his helpers. We will be having one in the early spring.

There is one thing I would appreciate that when using Kleenex during the service that you take them with you instead of leaving them on the pews for sides- teams to pick up.

Submitted by Norman Davies

LECTORS

Our Lectors, under the direction of Rev. Warren, very ably read the Scripture Lessons at the 10am church services.

During the past year Vicki Baxter and Judy Sedgley returned but Vicki has resigned once more and we also sadly accepted Margaret Steffler "leave of absence". We are thrilled to welcome; Lou Clement - Hobbs and Michael Green to our list.

The current roster of Lectors is as follows:

Phyllis Carpentier, Gina Coleman, Jessica Drury, Rosemary Mallin, Tim Middleton, Lutie Anne Presley, Helen Roberts, Tom Ross, Barbara Truax , Judy Sedgley, Lou Clement Hobbs, Michael Green and Beverly Baxter.

We would be pleased to welcome anyone interested in helping with this important contribution to the enlightenment and beauty of our Liturgy.

I take this opportunity to thank these fine men and women for their dedication during this past year.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Baxter

LAYREADERS REPORT

Under the direction of Our Incumbent, the Layreaders have covered the 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. services. The Layreaders read lessons, serve, and administer the Chalice or the Bread; whatever Our Incumbent decides.



The roster of the Layreaders consists of Joan Humphries, Ethel Morris, Gail Payne, Laine Brohm, Deb Brohm, Lutie Anne Presley, Dorothy Heaslip, Sue Dalton, Kathy LeGresley, Don Brohm.

We thank all these individuals for their participation in the services of St. Paul's over the year 2012.

Respectively submitted by Donald Brohm

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS

Some Lay Visitors go to the hospital once a month to do their visiting. With a full schedule of visitors, this would mean that at least once a week, Anglicans in hospital would be in touch with a representative from St. Paul's.

Teams of people hold informal, interdenominational services once or twice a month at the nursing homes. Former parishioners are visited at these residences. Weekly Sunday Church bulletins and copies of the parish newsletter '*The Grapevine*' help these people to remain aware of "what's happening" at St. Paul's.

Many Anglicans unable to be part of our congregation have special needs. For those to whom Holy Communion is of great importance, being unable to attend services regularly is devastating. Two of our Lay Readers are allowed to take bread and wine, consecrated at a Eucharist Service in the church, to shut-ins who request it. Others may have concerns best brought to the attention of our Priest; the visitor can communicate that to the Incumbent. People who have contributed financially to the church all their lives are happy to have someone who will deliver their 'givings' envelope to the church.

Because some parishioners are still in their own homes, but unable to get out Sunday mornings and attend a service, we are developing a program to phone people we have not seen for some time. We need to find out how they are feeling and let them know that they have been missed.

As people's lives change (and end), Lay Pastoral Visitors who have been part of our group are forced to retire. The number of retirement and nursing homes is increasing. We need new people to meet the challenges of serving those who have served their church and community in recent decades.

Submitted by Ethel Morris

CHOIR VESTRY REPORT

We have had quite an eventful year Under Arlene and Ken Grey's leadership, we have had Kawartha Lakes Singers concerts presented at our Church. This group of professional and semiprofessional, gave us very high caliber performances. Ken had lined up a touring Bell Choir from Estonia (The Arsis Bell Choir)

Wow what an amazing performance! Those who attended have seen and heard a once in a life time performance, words cannot truly express the skill and the beauty of such a sound.

Arlene has accepted a position as musical director at St Georges in Peterborough, very much her home turf; as she is well known there because of the Treble Troup, and the Bonichord male Chorus, that she is director. For her tenureship of the last six years, she brought us more upbeat and varied styles, Cantatas and Choral. All wonderfully challenging and enjoyable both for the Choir and the learning of same, and for the enhancement and enjoyment of worship. We shall miss her talents and bubbly nature.

Through retirement our Choir has been shrinking over the last two years and we are presently about half the size (18 when I first joined St Paul's). We are so very thankful for the many years of past service such as George, Lou, Lois, Lorna, May, Lynne, Tom and Marg and remember those that are with our Lord i.e. Howard Armstrong, Las Gale, Eric Kay. As you can see there is plenty of room for new membership. We welcome Shirley Hanes.

The advertisement has gone out for a new Organist and choir director, and we are grateful for Doug Copp, Stephen Peasgood and Bob Tompkins, for stepping up to the plate and sharing the load whilst we search.

It will come, i.e. a Youth Choir and yes, their choice of instruments. You have witnessed Tom Toms flutes and Oboes in the senior Choir. Everything has a place, and works when you have skilled and talented participants.

Submitted by David Golding

ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Looking back on 2012 I am pleasantly surprised by what we managed to do in the Parish. Our committee is small in number but very big on being a viable group. Our only disappointment would be that you, the parishioners, do not feel comfortable discussing with us ideas for enhancing Parish Life. All of us are very approachable and we trust that in the coming year we will be able to identify where and how we can be of help and support to our Parish family.

Our 2012 Activities were:

- Sunday, July 12, 2012 – Hosted the Parish Shower for our Youth Pastor Dave Edney and Bride to Be, Ellen Vandenberg
- Thursday, July 23, 2012 – Theatre Day in Orillia with lunch at St. James Anglican Church.
- Sunday, December 2, 2012 – Advent Evensong/Tree Lighting – Provided refreshments after the service.

We are looking for anyone interested in joining our group. Please contact Jane Whitfield, 705-324-7659, we would love to have you be a part of the Social Committee!!

Submitted by, Jane Whitfield, Chair

MENS BREAKFAST REPORT

Sadly a dear friend and member of our Church passed away this year, I refer of course to Stuart Wright, and he is missed by our group. We honour his name by continuing our study on Angels a gift of audio CD's that Stu gave us to study. It has been a very interesting and enlightening learning. The men have enjoyed it thoroughly.

Our speaker last year was Pastor Dave Edney.

This coming year we have three speakers lined up, and two more audio presentations to complete our Angel study. This will carry us through to June. We need a new subject or venture for September if we are to carry on.

The men and I are so very grateful for Paul Carpentier's commitment in preparing the breakfast for this activity.

We meet once a month on the second Saturday of the month at 8-45 a.m., breakfast is served at 9 -15 a.m.

Submitted by David Golding

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Outreach Committee had another successful year initiating and continuing several programs which I have summarized in this report.

Outreach and Designated Givings were allocated as below:

Quarterly Allotments

Local: Hospice Kawartha Lakes; Women's Resources; Habitat for Humanity; RBC Ministries;

National: Anglican Appeal, Arctic

Diocese; LOFT; Seafarers International

International: JSH;FINCA;MSF;SAMS



Designated Givings for #215 covering January to December 2012 as follows:

Kenya Outreach; Karangwa; A Place Called Home; Congregations Act; Kenya Outreach; Faithworks; Heritage Christian School; Karangwa; Kenya Outreach; Council of the North; P.W.R.D.F; Christmas Dinner

Special Services

In the spring we arranged a special service around the Congregations Act program. Dr. Margaret Steffler spoke about her experience with the effects of malaria witnessed while working in Nigeria. She explained the research of Dr. Kevin Kain around a new and inexpensive treatment for children with cerebral malaria. Our congregation generously raised \$787 for this important research.

In the fall we helped with a service focusing on the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's work worldwide. The confirmation class presented a dramatization based on the PWRDF's support of many microcredit initiatives.

Foster Children

There was some turnover in the children we support through SOS Children's Villages but we still support 4 of their children in Central America. We continue to support a girl in Guatemala and a boy in Haiti through The Arms of Jesus.

Fair Trade Coffee

We continue to support small coffee farmers in developing countries by offering "Fair Trade" coffee for sale at cost. We appreciate your prepaid orders on the first Sunday of the month, with delivery the next Sunday.. Regular and decaffeinated coffee is available.

Lenten Series

We ran a Lenten series based on World Religions once again. This series concentrated on rituals and customs of Judaism, Islam, Native Spirituality, Hinduism and Buddhism. Interest and attendance remained high among our community.

Refugee Sponsorship

Karangwa has just 2 more courses to finish his degree at Brock University. He is taking one now and one next January as he works part-time. We support him financially with a cheque for \$2000 at the beginning of each term.

Angel Tree

The committee and helpers bought, wrapped and delivered Christmas gifts for 7 children this year. These gifts are at the request of an incarcerated parent and are given on his/her behalf. The gifts are always enthusiastically received.

Kenya Outreach

In 2012 we entered a 2 year partnership with St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Peterborough to support the education of 2 young women in Kenya. These women are part of the extended family of one of St. Barnabas' parishioners and are AIDS orphans. Both women are taking technical school catering courses and are doing well.

Pennies from Heaven

This fund raising project of PWRDF has been well supported by our parishioners. The final tallies are not yet finished as the program just ended on Dec. 31.

All are invited to attend our quarterly meetings held in Mar., June, Sept. and Dec. We meet after the 10:00 a.m. service on the second Sun. of these months. Come, bring your coffee and join us in this important way we reach out to God's people.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Payne Chair, Outreach Committee

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Following on the heels of our 175th Anniversary year in 2011, the Communications looked forward to a successful 2012.

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH If you are interested in the history of St. Paul's, throughout 2011, Pat and Ross Smyth provided many wonderful historical articles that were printed in The Post to inform the wide community about us and our activities. These articles were compiled into booklet form and are available from the Church office.

BROCHURES Our recently updated St. Paul's brochure is situated in the two vestibules at the front entrances to the Church. Be sure to obtain one to store on your refrigerator at home. It provides church service information and contacts. Located beside this brochure is our "Church Walking Tour". Have you taken this tour yet? It contains interesting information about the stained-glass windows and furniture around the church.

THE GRAPEVINE Our quarterly newsletter, "The GrapeVine" is the major source of information gathering and the disseminating of Church news. Betty Tyndall is our very capable Editor and we thank her for her attendance to the details of this newsletter. The Grapevine is totally self-sustaining. Hazel Armstrong obtains sponsorships from various local businesses to cover its printing and postage costs allowing us to send this newsletter to you. We encourage you to patronize these businesses and thank them for their support to St. Paul's.

DISTRIBUTION Each edition of The Grapevine is sent to you via Canada Post. Pre-sorting of these newsletters at the Church allows us postage as Publication Mail that is considerably less expensive than using regular postage rates. To do this pre-sorting, another group of individuals meet to complete this task.

FILL THE GAP MINISTRY This ministry 'fills the gap' from the time of Baptism through to the age of Church School. Each year a card is sent out to the child on his/her Baptismal Anniversary date. A special invitation is sent the year they would be starting Church School. We consider this to be a very important ministry in the church.

WEB SITE HAVE YOU VIEWED THIS SITE YET??? (www.st-pauls-lindsay.ca) We think you will be impressed! Mary Sullivan, our webmaster, continues to update our site to provide all kinds of church information. Church Services are listed there along with upcoming events, historical articles, Parish news and The Daily Bread readings. There are also photos of recent events.

COMMITTEE Sincere thanks is expressed to these committee members who undertake their responsibilities with thoughtfulness and good humour on your behalf.

—Gina Coleman, Barbara Brown, Susan Schrier, Barbara Appleton, Betty Tyndall, Beverly Baxter, Helen Roberts, Tom Ross, Hazel Armstrong, Barb Truax and Jane Whitfield.

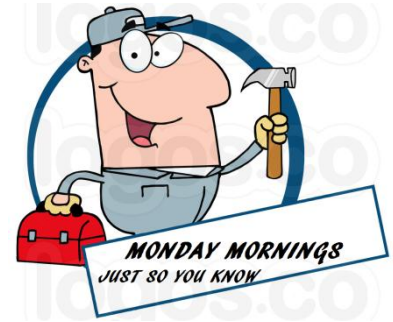
ORDINARY JANES & JOES REPORT

This Group is made up of people who volunteer their time and talent on Monday mornings to work on the fabric of Our Church Building.

The year 2012 has been busy with many jobs accomplished. These jobs range from painting, repairing lights, repairing ramps, unplugging vents, repairing doors and the list goes on. We have been spending a great deal of time cleaning up the basement under the Church and are working towards adding more shelving and getting items up off the floor and clearly marked.

For the year 2013, the list doesn't look any shorter; so no unemployed here and yes; we do take coffee breaks. Just so You know.

On behalf of St. Paul's, our many Thanks to all who give of their Time, Talent and Treasure to this Group.



Respectively Submitted by Donald Brohm

ST. PAUL'S / COMMUNITY CARE LUNCHEON REPORT

I coordinated luncheons held the last Tuesday of January, March, April, May, October and November. The attendance averaged 70 – 90 persons, including volunteers.

The delicious meals were prepared by Paul Carpentier and his kitchen crew.
Volunteer musical entertainment was enjoyed by all.

Other parishioners participating with this luncheon are.

Betty Drummond – table setting and servers

Don Brohm – Table set up

Barb Appleton and Hazel Armstrong – Tickets sellers and takers

Betty Tyndall – Church Activity Handout

Susan Schrier – Entertainment Arrangement

Linda - representing Community Care and a Blood Pressure Team as well.

Thank you to all involved

Submitted by Susan Schrier.

CRAFTY LADIES ANNUAL REPORT

Our group continues to work Thursday afternoons at 1.00 p.m. We have an enthusiastic group of women who knitt, sew, crotchet, and occasionally do craft work.

Once again this year we have supported both Women's Resources and A Place Called Home with personal care bags. This is a continuous project that takes a great deal of items. We try to put a toothbrush, tooth paste, soap and shampoo, a comb, and deodorant in each hand made bag. The small hotel size items work best. We appreciate the continuous support from our church family for this most worthwhile project. We will accept any donations at any time of the year. Please leave them on the sewing machine in the library.

We had three fund raising events this year and managed to contribute over \$1,200. to our church. We were also able to contribute \$100. toward the annual Christmas Day Dinner that St. Paul's provides for the community.

Our first event was the Strawberry Supper; the 2nd was a table at Harvest Happenings, and the 3rd, at the November luncheon for Community Care.

Once again we invite any woman of the parish to come out and join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Submitted by Shirley Hanes

PROPERTIES REPORT

The year 2012 sees all of St. Paul's properties rented. Midwives have rented The Rectory and this appears to be working out great. The Rectory has gone from being a cost center to contributing to our income. We have also received some very nice compliments about the improvements made to the Rectory. Midwives are turning out to be not just good Tenants but Great Tenants.

Our Houses are all rented out and they too have contributed to our balance sheet. Just so you know; we do indeed have people asking if there are apartments for rent. We are building a very good reputation as Landlords. Each year repairs are required to be made to the buildings but all in all; it has been a very good year for our properties.

I wish to thank St. Paul's for their support and especially The Wardens and Rev: Warren; it has made being Property Manager very rewarding Stewardship.

Respectively Submitted by Donald Brohm

COOKS' FARE VESTRY REPORT

In September 2011 (and continuing on through 2012) Cooks' Fare took on the challenge of covering the cost and preparing the Tuesday night meals for the Youth Group, in addition to covering the costs for repairs and new equipment/supplies for the kitchen. This proved to be a significant undertaking, so in February we spear-headed the Linger Lunches (in partnership with the Youth Group) to help off-set some of the costs. We spent \$2291 on the Youth dinners, which was reduced by \$817 (Cooks' Fares share of Linger Lunch profits), for a total of \$1,474. (NOTE: Linger Lunch recap enclosed).

Included is a recap of the Cooks' Fare financials since September 2009. Last year we did \$11,367 in sales, bringing the total to date to \$35,360. To do this business we spent \$4, 826 on food in 2012, thereby realizing a profit of \$6,541 on food which was used to defray the following expenses from the church:

10% to St Paul's for utilities	\$1, 137
Supplies	875
Equipment	209
Fridge/freezer repairs	3,496
Youth Group meals	1,474
Total	\$7,191

COOKS' FARE RECAP - AUGUST 2009 to DECEMBER 9, 2012

ITEM	2009	2010	2011	2012	TOTAL	
SALES	1,889	11,679	10,425	11,367	35,360	
FOOD COST	736	5,090	4,079	4,826	14,731	41.7%
PROFIT ON FOOD	1,153	6,589	6,346	6,541	20,629	58.3%
TO ST. PAUL'S	100	1,168	1,042	1,137	3,447	9.7%
SUPPLIES	N/A	N/A	1,236	875	2,111	6.0%
EQUIPMENT	183	4,690	1,787	209	6,869	19.4%
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE		870	1,547	3,496	5,913	16.7%
YOUTH GROUP	N/A	N/A	278	1,474	1,752	5.0%
DONATIONS	N/A	N/A	490	462	952	2.7%
TOTAL EXPENSES	283	6,728	5,890	7,191	20,092	56.8%
PROFIT	870	-139	456	-650	537	1.5%

F.Y.I. There was \$19, 640 (average of \$378/week) of food & supplies carried into the kitchen in 2012. We used \$18,950 of gift cards on these purchases, which netted St. Paul's \$947.50 in gift card revenue!

These expenses of \$7,191 netted a loss of \$650 for 2012, but when coupled with the carry- over of \$1,187 (from 2011), we end 2012 with a closing balance of \$537.

Since September 2009 Cooks' Fare has gifted St. Paul's over \$20,000 of deferred expense!

As well as contributing financially to St. Paul's, and helping out the Youth group, there has been a lot of good fellowship within the group. This year we have more than doubled in membership, with 7-8 showing up on an average Friday morning.

We accomplished several good works, and had fun doing it. We supported each other on our Christian journey and in the trials that life threw our way. Likewise we realize we have many blessings.

LINGER LUNCH RECAP

DATE 2012	SALES	FOOD COST	PROFIT	COOKS FARE 50% of PROFIT	BOTTOMLINE	
					50% of PROFIT	TIPS
FEB	285	85	200	100	100	105
MAR	295	91	204	102	102	110
APR	305	69	236	118	118	110
MAY	240	80	160	80	80	150
JUN	350	90	260	130	130	215
JUL	205	40	165	83	83	97
AUG	NOT HELD					
SEP	NOT HELD					
OCT	NOT HELD					
NOV	300	82	218	109	109	125
DEC	260	69	191	96	96	85
TOTALS	2240	606	1634	817	817	997

Cooks' Fare ceased operations on January 27, 2013. We wish to thank you once again for the tremendous support you gave us in purchasing our product, and as a parting gift have topped up the cutlery supply (app. \$550). The remaining inventory (app. \$1,100) has also been turned over to the wardens to use as they see fit, along with our closing balance of approximately \$550.

Submitted By Paul Carpentier

COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE AND SENIORS WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

We hosted three services last year and all were well attended but the last one. Weather was a problem on the day we held the Christmas service however our volunteers were in good spirits.

It is a wonderful opportunity for us to reach out to our community with God's word .Thank you to all who make that happen.

Submitted by Denise Banham

CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD REPORT

The Central Food Cupboard continues to assist those in need through food and we are always very pleased to receive the food left at the back of the church as well as the monies received through our designated givings #35. This helps in purchasing milk, eggs, and personal sundries.

The churches involved are Queen St. United Church, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Bethel Missionary Church, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and St. Paul's Anglican Church. The Food Source supplies the CFC with food and personal necessities; and St. Paul's continue to help supplement these needs with their generous support of the above needs.

The financial report for the CFC will not be ready until February 2013, when they have their audit done.

The statistics are rather upsetting but we are pleased that at least some help can be given our clients.

In <u>2012</u> , Lindsay area clients assisted:	Households	2110
	Adults	2989
	Children	4788
		<u>7777</u>

New clients 299 (44 clients up from last year)

Volunteer Hours 5272 Hours

Respectfully submitted: Joanne Morgan, Chair Central Food Cupboard

SHOPPING CARDS REPORT

This was the third year of our Shopping Card, (Gift Card) project and each year it improves as more parishioners are involved.

YEAR	PURCHASES	EARNINGS
2010	\$210,000.	\$13,137
2011	\$272,000.	\$17,074
2012	\$312,000	\$19,400

So, since inception, this project has put \$49,611. In our coffers. It hasn't replaced the post office but it sure has softened the loss.

For 2013, we have budgeted for earnings of \$21,000. To obtain this we must purchase \$350,000. In cards. It means we must purchase \$40,000. more in 2013 than we did in 2012; the same improvement 2012 saw over 2011, so all of us have to be involved.

Before parishioners can purchase the cards, St. Paul's must buy, or invest, in them. The maximum the church has invested is \$52,000 and on that investment we earned \$19,400 or 37%. Compare that with the 3.7% we earn in the Synod Trust Fund; the 3.9% we earn on our Guaranteed Investment Certificates or the 9.6% we earn on our Glenelg properties.

The shopping card project is a worthwhile venture but it requires the participation of the whole parish to be truly successful.

Submitted by Bill Witham

DEANERY REPORT

Changes have been made to the Deanery meetings. We are now meeting in the mornings at 10 during March April May June, then in the Fall Sept. and Oct. During Oct. meeting Rev. Ted McCallum reported that the Area Council had money available for Youth ministry. Rev. Warren and Judy Dickson crafted a letter and submitted it for funds for our deanery. We were overjoyed to receive ten thousand dollars for Youth projects in the deanery especially Vacation Bible Camps as most curriculums 's cost approximately a thousand dollars, also funds were secured by Rev. Susan Spicer (St. James Fenelon) for supporting Dr. Sylvia Keesmat's education ministry in the deanery. Most churches in the deanery will be gearing up for the Shrove Tuesday pancake feast, and then quiet lent.

Submitted by Betty Hooper

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY REPORT

2011 Goal : To create a network of small groups that help people grow spiritually and enhance their experience of community at St. Paul's.

2011 Actions completed: (1.) Inventory of existing groups/activities;
(2). Descriptions of many groups; (3). Descriptions of ten existing bible or Prayer groups in winter issue of The Grapevine
(4) 2012 plan for a group for those who suffered the loss of a spouse, and a new home prayer group.

2012 Actions Completed :

(a) Bereavement: Two lunch meetings took place with eight recent widows for the purpose of assessing the needs of this group within a fun, supportive atmosphere. A Member of that group has been negotiating with the Community Care Bereavement Coordinator, Michelle Griepsma, to plan follow-up with a facilitator

(b) Prayer Group. Five parishioners have met every second Thursday morning at a member's home from 10-11:30 am. The small book used is: "The Breath of the Soul—Reflections on Prayer by Joan Chittister.. This book has served the group well given the various levels of knowledge/experience of prayer among the members.

2013 Plan:

(a) Bereavement Group: Hopefully this spring a specially trained bereavement counsellor will facilitate a St. Paul's group of widows/widowers to share their experiences, concerns, and enable them to be supportive of others in the same situation. There are other excellent resources at www.hospicekl.ca describing other groups, workshops and courses.

(b) Prayer Group. A one year evaluation is that this Thursday morning group wants to continue but would **welcome others** to join who are available **Thursday** morning and who would like to explore being in a prayer group. As well, one member is interested in any time but Thursday morning. If anyone is interested please call and a new group can be initiated. Please note the other prayer and bible study groups are also open to welcoming new people.

(c) ETA (Encouraging Traveling Alone) is planned to be a variety of groups or activities to meet the needs expressed by those who have been bereaved. However, any planned event will be **open** to anyone who is alone including those with a partner not participating and any couple who is willing to mix.

Respectfully Submitted Donna Gushue, Small Group Ministry Facilitator

PARISH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
DESIGNATED FUNDS ACCOUNT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

<u>GOAL NO.</u>		<u>START</u>	<u>OUTREACH</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>END</u>
5	OUTREACH CONTINGENCY	287	700	1000	587
8	ADOPTION OF FOSTER CHILDREN	1060	2724	1999	335
35	CENTRAL FOOD CUPBOARD	0	3157	3157	0
44	SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH MINISTRIES	0	16677	16677	0
60	PWRDF	0	865	865	0
67	RENOVATIONS	0	670	670	0
90	HANDBELLS	2233	356	345	2222
95	ROOF RENOVATION	600	3565	2965	0
100	A PLACE CALLED HOME	0	1025	1025	0
101	MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0
102	SCHOLARSHIPS - THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS	110	0	0	110
112	LIBRARY, BOOKS, TAPES, ETC. CHAUSABLE	0	0	0	0
138A	CHANCEL GUILD FLOWERS	0	2151	2151	0
146	CHOIR GOWNS, MUSIC	663	477	560	746
150	FAITHWORKS	0	1792	1792	0
200	LOCAL OUTREACH	721	857	791	655
215	SPECIAL OUTREACH PROJECTS	0	5186	5186	0
222	REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (Karangwa)	225	4000	4074	299
225	ST BARNABAS/KENYA PROJECT	220	750	928	398
250	SPECIAL (RECTOR)	0	5720	5720	0
	TOTAL	6119	50672	49905	5352

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S VESTRY REPORT

St. Paul's Stewardship Stairway

There are approximately **407 families** that make up our community.

\$100 - 6 families

\$95 - 1 family

\$90 - 1 family

\$80 - 1 family

\$75 - 2 families

\$60 - 1 family

\$50 - 3 families

\$45 - 1 family

\$35 - 7 families

\$30 - 7 families

\$25 - 14 families

\$20 - 17 families

\$15 - 20 families

\$10 - 26 families

\$5 - 51 families

\$4 - 15 families

\$3 - 8 families

\$2 - 12 families

under \$2 - 40 families

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 233 families on the stairway, *please join our team.*



RESULT:

If all 233 families moved up

\$1.00 the impact would be:

$233 \times 52 \text{ weeks} \times \$1.00 = \$12,116.00$

Additional resources for ministry and education.