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Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless,
but because **they're priceless.**

- Sherry Anderson

From JIM

I grew up surrounded by the sounds of my father's favorite records (yes – vinyl) –country and folk music.



Through that experience I discovered Pete Seeger's songs of protest. An American folk icon, persecuted during the McCarthy era of the American 1950's and a folk hero of the 1960's and the protests against segregation in the South and the Vietnam War. As I was contemplating what to write for this year's report, a Pete Seeger tune and one line of that song was caught on an endless loop in my mind:

"Keep your eyes on the prize – hold on"



Keep your eyes on the prize.

This year again, as this congregation has done for over 100 years we kept our eyes on the mission – this is a place and a people where we are strengthened, taught and encouraged to be more effective followers of Jesus Christ in all the aspects of our lives, the community and the world.

Ultimately, that's what all of this is about and directed towards – your growth.

And one particular goal continues to be – a renewed facility for house and launch our mission from – a restored and expanded sanctuary brought up to date in terms of technology as well as a rebuilt or new Christian Education Facility structured around the various ministries we have.

Keep your eye on the prize.

Are we going to slow or too fast people ask me. We are going as we are going.

Somewhat like birth I suppose, paint drying, trees growing to bear fruit, a home renovation – choose what image you may – it unfolds as it is.

We may wish it to happen sooner and things do tend to happen in their time.

So with a healthy dose of faith, lots of encouragement, a teaspoon full of due diligence, a cup of hard work, a pinch of anxiety and bucket of hope, prayers for the continued resiliency of the roof, a desire to seize the opportunities and the hard work and support of countless people...

We are where we are and we continue to move forward. To me that means we are exactly where we should be.



And miracles never cease – the part of the building we plan to tear down – the annex has found short term new life as the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter.

Miracles never cease for those willing to be open to them.

Along the way this year – we've said some sad goodbyes to old friends through death and relocation and we've welcomed some new friends along for the journey.

The following pages expand upon this story...

Church life never fails to delight me – today previous to my penning these thoughts, the St. Stephen's congregation said goodbye to Cathie Malenstyn along with other friends in the LUC sanctuary which was packed to overflowing.

During the prayer time I watched one of her young great grandchildren pick up the stuffed toys that are at the front of the church and give them one by one to her family members in the front row, including her great grand father who I think got the stuffed animal...to hold for comfort during this sad time.

Before the service someone said – it's so hard to explain death to children and I wonder what they understand.

For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear – there is always God's grace. It is the ground we walk upon and the air we breathe.

Thanks for another great year and the part you have played in it.

Thanks for your continued care to myself, Cathy and our family.

It remains a privilege and an honour for me to serve you and this community as one of your staff members...blessings JIM



Have
Faith
in
GOD

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE LADNER UNITED CHURCH

“A HEART FOR GOD ... IN THE HEART OF THE VILLAGE.”

THE PURPOSE OF LADNER UNITED CHURCH

“GOD IS CALLING THE PEOPLE OF LADNER UNITED CHURCH
TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN THE SHARING
OF THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST ...
THROUGH

- MEANINGFUL AND UPLIFTING WORSHIP
- EXPERIENCES OF CHURCH COMMUNITY AND FELLOWSHIP
- RELEVANT AND FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
FOR ALL AGES AND PEOPLE
- EVANGELISM THROUGH WORD AND ACTION
- FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF OUR TIME, MONEY, PROPERTY, BUILDINGS,
ABILITIES AND GIFTS
- OUTREACH – LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL”

The Values of Ladner United Church

- We value** being faithful to the Scriptures, worshipping with music and prayer, and listening to discern what God is calling us to be and do.
- We value** dealing openly and constructively with dissension, conflict and opposing views.
- We value** serving, as people called into ministry by Jesus Christ, not only the needs of our own congregation but also reaching out in mission (outreach) and evangelism to the larger community and world.
- We value** being compassionate people.
- We value** continued moderate growth and welcoming new people into our faith community.
- We value** being inclusive of all ages and people.
- We value** being good stewards of the resources God has given us - time, ability, money, people, the earth, and using them wisely and without waste to accomplish our goals.
- We value** the pioneer heritage of our church in the community of Ladner, feel pride at its continued existence and accomplishments, and look to God to continue to lead us into the future as a faithful community of Jesus Christ.
- We value** the opportunities for Christian community, provided amongst our members through Sunday Worship, bible studies, educational opportunities, service and social events.
- We value** our participation within the larger United Church of Canada and the Christian community of South Delta.

Ladner United Church Cornerstones

A Visual Guide to the Cornerstones: The whole of the Church can be visualized as a person - as we breathe in we **Nurture**, as we breathe out, we reach out to the world (**Outreach**). The air we breathe is our **Programs, Facilities** and **Activities**. The body we use is our **Resources**.

1. NURTURE

At Ladner United Church people of all ages experience spiritual growth, active understanding of faith and the opportunities to follow their passions in meeting the needs of God's world.

We actively worship God with all our hearts, minds and strength, freely and joyously sharing our gifts in praise of God, our firm foundation.

2. OUTREACH

We strengthen the fabric of our community as we welcome people at all stages in their life journey to participate in sharing their lives and passions in a multi-generational community of respect and caring. We cherish the strength provided by human contact within the community.

Ladner United Church fosters the transformation of body, mind and spirit. We do this:

- through inclusive community activities
- by being a place to ask for and receive assistance in times of challenge
- through providing, by education and outreach, the opportunity to participate in the Global Village.

3. PROGRAMS

We offer programs that enhance the physical, spiritual and intellectual health of our community as we travel and support each other on the path God has shown us. Our programs strengthen the fibre of all families.

At Ladner United Church people facing challenges discover existing community resources, receive spiritual counselling and find advocates when no services exist; we are a place to make connections and get connected.

4. FACILITIES

Ladner United Church is a cornerstone of the Village, both physically and spiritually, drawing people to its peace and quiet strength.

We are a place where the community comes together to celebrate the arts and participate in community dialogue.

We strive to be in harmony with each other, our community partners and the environment.

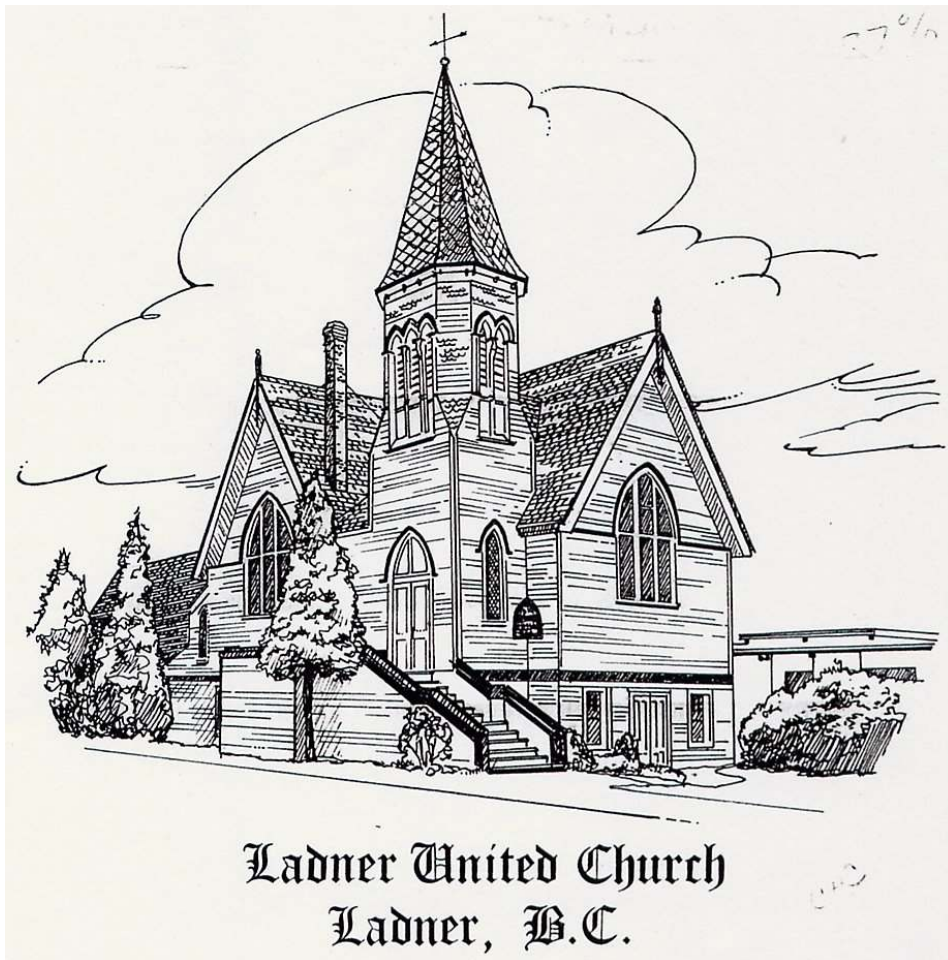
5. ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

We encourage people to gather, to participate in community dialogue and celebrate the cultural and social experiences that connect individuals and build a caring cohesive community.

6. RESOURCES

Inspired and empowered through participation in the community, congregation members and others contribute funds, gifts, time, facility donations and appropriate program fees to nourish and extend that community.

If we begin to realize our visions to be a place of active, fulfilling worship, a place where the social fabric is rewoven and renewed, a place where hurting people can come expecting some relief, where people of all ages are honoured within a community, then people will want to share in maintaining that community. "It is in giving that we receive."



LADNER UNITED CHURCH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Another wonderful year has sped by...and what a year it was! We serve in a congregation in which God's Spirit has been at home within us throughout our endeavours.

We were happy to welcome two new members on Council this year when Rod Retallick and Jill Spencer joined us. It is a blessing having new people serves on Council giving us the impetus to examine more deeply decisions we make and have made, and as seen by new eyes.

How fortunate we were to engage the services of the greatly talented, Kenn Hutchinson-Surette as our Organist/Choir Leader! We are so blessed to be led in music worship by Kenn. As well as playing for us and leading the choir, Kenn is becoming involved with a community choral group. He also encourages new musicians and includes them in our services. We give thanks to God for our good luck!

Sadly, we had to bid good-bye to our Minister Emeritus the Rev. Cliff McMurtry last December. For many years, Cliff had visited the sick and home bound, praying with them and cheering them. This he did with great dedication and caring, representing God and our church with great devotion.

When needed, Cliff led us in worship and I recall once having to call him on a Saturday night (the arranged substitute minister having fallen ill) and he didn't hesitate...he was in the pulpit with a new sermon on Sunday morning! He was a great man we will not quickly forget nor replace.

What exciting events the various Committees and Groups celebrated over the past year.....Senior luncheons, Guest speakers, Bazaars, Garage sales, details will be recorded in their herein printed reports and we are grateful for their dedication and hard work. Christ is alive in our Church!!

We continue to move forward with actions to eventually lead to our renovation and building plans. As agreed to at a Congregational Meeting in late November, we signed an MOU with Pacific New Technologies wherein they examine with the Corporation of Delta possibilities for the South three properties. At a recent meeting with PNT, we were pleased to meet their new partner Kirkhoff Construction Ltd, a firm well and favourably known in the construction of churches and high-rise buildings etc. Meetings with the Corporation of Delta will commence shortly.

I would like to give thanks to all members of the Leadership Council: Don Ross, Bonnie Rae Bailey, Nellie Bennett, Maria Morrison, Sue King, Rod Retallick, and Jill Spencer. I am grateful for the leadership and support of Rev. Jim. Thank you all for your services and commitment over this past year.

God's blessings to all

Respectfully submitted
Joan Rogers, Chair

LUC Annual Report of the Building Project Special Committee*

The Special Committee (SC) was established in 2009 by the Leadership Council to explore ways and means for the development of the church's properties that would enable it to achieve its vision to remodel the sanctuary and rebuild the Celebration Centre. Based on discussions with local builders and developers it was concluded that the best opportunity was with Pacific New Technologies (PNT) whose principals first met with us in 2009 and continued on in 2010.

On November 28, 2010, the Congregation approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PNT to explore the feasibility of realizing the Church's vision. The following are the conditions which Ladner United Church (LUC) has stated are to be fulfilled in the MOU:

1. PNT will provide Project Management Services to Develop and Finance a Project to realize a return to LUC in excess of \$1.2 Million and sufficient to provide to LUC the financial resources for the:
 - a. Renovation and repair of the Sanctuary, generally as set forth in the plans completed by the Architects, Keith Sullivan Donald,
 - b. Remodeling or replacement of the Celebration Centre,
 - c. Establishment of a commercially viable Real Estate facility on the said three properties which conforms to the values, principles and mission of LUC and the City of Delta.
2. LUC will not contribute to or compensate PNT for its services. Rather PNT's fees and expenses incurred during the execution of the project will be paid from the financing of the project and the proceeds from the sale of the said Real Estate facility.
3. LUC will assume no financial risk from or fulfill any role in the ongoing management of the Real Estate facility.
4. LUC's representatives will have full and complete access to all Project records including but not limited to technical, financial and environmental matters.

The MOU is in effect for one year with an option to renew for an additional six months. Since the signing of the MOU, PNT have entered into an agreement with Kerkoff Construction (KC) as Project Coordinator. KC have had previous church experience and have been in the construction industry for many years.

+ Special Committee members - Annie Rambo, Neil Caldwell, Rev. Jim Short, Joan Rogers, and George Plant.

CAPITAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN 2010

BALANCE SHEET

2010

January - December 2010

January 1, 2010	Checking Account	\$24,595.87
January 1, 2010	TD Waterhouse	\$359,502.03
January 1, 2010	BALANCE	\$384,097.90
<u>Income</u>		
	Deposits	\$15,422.00
	GST rebate	\$2,133.11
	<i>Waterhouse Income/Interest</i>	\$3,070.41
	TOTAL INCOME:	\$20,625.52
<u>Expenses</u>		
	Office Supplies	\$54.59
	Contracts	\$671.32
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$725.91
December,31, 2010	Checking Account	\$41,425.07
December,31, 2010	TD Waterhouse	\$362,572.44
	TOTAL ASSETS:	\$403,997.51

INCOME STATEMENT

2010

January - December 2010

GST Rebate	2,133.11
Deposits (pledges & donations)	\$15,422.00
Waterhouse Interest/Income	3,070.41

TOTAL INCOME:	20,625.52
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office supplies	54.59
Keith McDonald (Architect)	671.32

TOTAL EXPENSES :	\$725.91
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NET INCOME FOR 2010:	19,899.61
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Dec.31/11	Checking Account Balance:	\$41,425.07
Dec. 31/11	Waterhouse Account: (Market Value)	362,572.44
Dec.31/11	TOTAL ASSETS:	403,997.51

**Ladner United Church
Congregational Annual Meeting
February 14, 2010**

The Annual General Meeting of Ladner United Church was held on Sunday, February 14, 2010 in the Celebration Centre.

Co-Chair Sue King called the meeting to order at 11:55am.

Co-Chair King declared a quorum present.

Approval of Voting Rights and Corresponding Privileges

MOTION: That all those present be granted voting privileges for all temporal matters at this meeting of the congregation.

Moved by Pat Rogers and seconded by Ken Atkey, carried.

Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for the meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by Trish White and seconded by Patricia Hewitt, carried.

Minutes of Congregational Annual Meeting

MOTION: That the minutes of the Annual meeting of February 15, 2009 be approved.

Moved by Jon Jessiman and seconded by Claire Maynard, carried.

There were no matters arising from the minutes and no correspondence.

Remarks from the Pastoral Charge Ministry Personnel

Rev. Jim Short

Rev. Jim thanked the congregation for the support he received while away in Afghanistan and for the time settling back into Ladner. He thanked the staff (Wendy, Yoon, Kenn, and Christine), Parish Health Ministry (Agnes), and the congregation. Special thanks to Rev. Dr. Cliff McMurty for his care of the people of the congregation and his support of Rev. Jim. He was very happy to tell Claire Maynard, retired treasurer that the overdraft was re-set to zero on December 31, 2009. Thank you to the congregation for stewardship.

Rev. Doug Graves

Rev. Graves spoke of the strong attendance at St. Stephen's East Delta, and the children who attend Sunday school. The building will be getting a new roof this year funded partly by a trust fund and partly by the government because it is a heritage building. He appreciates the support from Rev. Jim and Ladner folk. He thanked Lee Fraser and Wendy Bily and the East Delta community.

Dr. Rev. Cliff McMurty

Dr. Rev. Mcmurty said that he was very happy to be a part of the congregation and part of the pastoral charge. He spoke of the rich program in health care, youth pastoral care work, minister's bible study and satisfying Sunday service. He is still in touch with people by phone and is a "minister at large" for the curlers and lawn bowlers in the community.

Remembering those who died in 2009

- Remember those who have died this past year and earlier years.
- Help those who have had a death and don't have any connection to a church but ask for help.
- Prayer

Appreciations from the Ministry and Personnel committee

Judy Appleby of the M&P Committee expressed her appreciation for the following people;

Rev. Jim Short

Yoon Park

Kenn Hutchinson-Surette

Wendy Fraser

Christine Schoening

Jane Pallan

Pat Rogers

Dr. Rev. Cliff McMurtry

Neil McCrae

Agnes Bauer

St. Stephen's – Rev. Doug Graves, Wendy Bily, Lee Fraser

Rev. Jim Short gave a special thank you to Joan Angrignon, Laurie Prak, John Clement, and Shirley Baker for their work with the youth and children. He said that the church was blessed to have these four mature, committed, articulate, faithful people who work consistently with our young people. They were presented with gifts.

Ladner United Church Building Project

Rev. Jim Short reviewed the Building Project as it stands to date by referring to the Congregational letter of September 2009, Capital Fund Raising Campaign – Income and Balance Sheet 2009 (pages 11 & 12 of Annual Report), Building Task Force Report (Page 9 of Annual Report) and Steering Committee report (page 9 of Annual report).

Opportunity for any questions and none were received.

Presentation on the establishment of the Extreme Weather Emergency Shelter for South Delta at Ladner United Church

from Debbie Mitchell. (Reviewed handout)

Questions

From Cliff Beaumont – would you need a kitchen?

Reply – would be nice but the shelter would not be able to use the existing kitchen.

From Ken Atkey – any idea of the number of people that would need it?

Reply – the police advise approximately 5 people.

From Anna Zellweger – would need someone to supervise?

Reply – B. C. Housing would supervise with paid personnel and a couple of volunteers

Review of Various Reports in the Annual Reports

Thank you to Wendy Fraser for putting report together.

MOTION: To accept all reports as printed in the 2009 Annual Report.

Moved by Ken Atkey and seconded by Isobel Benedict, carried.

Financial Statements

Presented by Nellie Bennett

Nellie thanked those who helped her take over the position of church treasurer in April 2009. She presented the budget and congratulated the supporters of Ladner United Church for eliminating the overdraft, for balancing revenue and expenditures. It was a very good year financially. The budget is as lean as it can be while still allowing the church to have a ministry. She encouraged the members to review their financial commitment for the year through envelopes or pre-authorized giving.

MOTION: That the financial statements ending Dec 31/2009 be accepted.

Moved by Ken Atkey and seconded by Jill Spencer, carried.

Review of Budget for 2010

Opportunity for any questions and none were received.

MOTION: That the Proposed Budget for 2010 be accepted as printed in the Annual Report.

Moved by Nellie Bennett and seconded by Jennie Jessiman, carried.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The following members were presented for nomination

Leadership Council

Rev. Jim Short, Minister

Joan Roger (Chair)

Sue King (Co-Chair & VSP)

Nellie Bennett (Treasurer)

Bonnie-Rae Bailey (Secretary)

Maria Morrison

Don Ross
Rod Retallick – new member
Jill Spencer – new member

Christian Education and Worship

Joan Angrinon (Coordinator)
John Clement
Joyce Reinsch
Shirley Baker (Assistant Coordinator)
Trish White
Carol Lynka – new member
Kenn Hutchinson-Surette
Rev. Jim Short

Congregational Board of Trustees

Sue King (Chair)
Rev. Jim Short
Joan Rogers
Matt Rogers
Juggy Pallan
Don White
Allan Russell

Ministry and Personnel Committee of the Pastoral Charge

Duncan Furniss (Chair)
Judy Appleby
Nancy MacLennan
Sandie Green
Ken Gulick
Dewar Harper

Lay Representative to Vancouver South Presbytery (3)

Sue King

John Appleby was thanked for his work on the Leadership Council over the past 2 years. New members were introduced and thanked. Carol Lynka was not present. Further nominations were asked for from the floor but none were received.

MOTION: To approve and accept these nominations with permission to add individuals to committees throughout 2010 as required and requested.
Moved by Sue King and seconded by Pat Rogers – carried.

New Business

Dr. Rev. Cliff McMurty commented that the congregation should be proud of the fact that the church has a balanced budget and the M&S Fund is over subscribed. A strong congregation gives so much to others.

Dr. Rev. Cliff McMurty led a closing prayer.

MOTION: to adjourn the Annual Congregational Meeting was made by Sandy Holland.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10.

Ladner United Church
Minutes of Congregational Meeting on Sunday November 28, 2010.

The meeting was called to order immediately following the Sunday Service at 11:10am in the sanctuary.

Approval of Voting Rights

Moved that adherents of Ladner United Church be accorded voting privileges at this meeting for all temporal matters.

Moved and seconded by Karen Furniss and Nellie Bennett, carried.

Corresponding Privileges

Moved that all guests and other persons present at this meeting be granted corresponding privileges.

Moved and seconded by Helen Stevens and Trish White, carried.

Neil Caldwell explained what the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was and what the process was leading up to it. He gave a brief introduction of Pacific New Technologies (PNT).

Annie Rambo answered questions from the congregation.

Don White asked about an exit strategy and who has the first right of refusal.

This is a feasibility study only.

John Jessiman asked for clarification on paragraph 9.

Paragraph is being omitted from the MOU

Heather Hutchinson asked for references on PNT as it appears that the principles are from a foreign country.

This question was addressed by George Plant who had done some research on PNT and a Maple Ridge project, White Rock Project and he is

satisfied and has confidence in PNT. He also checked the references that are on the website.

Judy Appleby asked if the cost of the feasibility study will be included in the future price.

George Plant answered no.

Juggy Pallan asked if there are parking restrictions and if anyone has seen the financial statement of PNT.

George Plant answered that the Maple Ridge project has financing. The Developer will work with city hall to push the parameters. PNT has successful projects in other communities. Rev. Jim mentioned that he has met with City Hall as well.

Don White asked again about right of first refusal.

Rev. Jim said that this is only a memorandum of understanding and indicates that while they are doing the feasibility study, we will not be talking to anyone else. PNT is accepting the risk that we will not want to go any further once the study is completed.

Ken Atkey asked about a time line.

Annie Rambo answered that there is a 12 month expiry date with a possibility of a 6 month extension.

Judy Appleby asked about the 30 day clause and if that is enough time for the process.

A followup agreement will be renegotiated if necessary.

Sandy Holland asked about any money that was owing on the properties.

The mortgage is not affected.

At this point the purpose of the MOU was reviewed. There will be no financial risk to LUC.

John Jessiman explained that he has a conflict of interest but he also gave a definition of the MOU, that it is a non legally binding document. He said not to worry about the risk.

Don White said that this sounds like a reasonable opportunity.

Annie Rambo said that what they (PNT) learn or what we learn is transparent.

Motion: The Congregation of Ladner United Church authorized the Leadership Council on its behalf to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Pacific New Technologies dated 23 November 2010 subject to the deletion of Paragraph 9 and any further modification suggested by LUC's lawyer, Raymond P. Froh. Moved and seconded by Judy Appleby and Gayle Waddell, carried (unanimous) with John Jessiman abstaining.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

IN MEMORIAM:

The Reverend Doctor Cliff McMurtry

Elsie Sowerby

Ernest Harry (Ernie) Davies

Kathleen Ruth Parry

Marie Florie Hanson

Frederick George (Fred) Herbert

George Henry (Harry) Booth

Alice Margaret Low

Joan Rumsey

Trudy Peterson

Karolyn Norman

James Duthie

Patricia Hewitt

William Kadyschuck

Jack Martin

WEDDINGS:

Aaron William Harvey & Sierra Denise Lawrence	June 12, 2010
Daniel Grant Roberge & Leslie-Anne Elina Brooke	June 26, 2010
Derek Edward Cockram & Carol Joan Lynka	July 25, 2010

BAPTISMS:

Kennedy McInnes Taverner	January 10, 2010
Nathan Edward Kowalski	April 4, 2010
Luke Anderson Beauchamp	May 30, 2010
Cole Jonathon Beauchamp	May 30, 2010
Kristen Melissa Walz	June 13, 2010
Travis John Nowlin Rogers	December 19, 2010

PRESBYTERY REPORT
LADNER/ST. ST. STEPHEN'S PASTORAL CHARGE

The Vancouver South Presbytery meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month. This past year VSP has once again gone through a change on the Executive and Rev. Blake Field is now the President. The format continues to be modified and we are once again meeting firstly for worship and discussion and then we have a short time for fellowship prior to moving onto the business portion of the meeting. This change gives our Clergy a time to worship and be together. At present we are alternating between Brighthouse United and St. Stephens, Vancouver. One of the main tasks that is still in process is the Pastoral Charge Oversight visits. Ladner/St. Stephen's are to be visited this year and will require input from the congregations so your involvement will be requested. This will be a time that we as a Church family will have the ability to celebrate our accomplishments and to discern what or where changes may need to be made. The Manual gives an overview of the requirement for this task to be completed and the responsibility for the oversight. So our blessings and prayers will be with all that are involved in this undertaking.

The work of the Presbytery is varied and encompasses many facets of Christian life. Some of the duties are the approving of vacancies for pastoral charges, the oversight of Joint Needs Assessment committees and Search Committees all of which require volunteers and Clergy to sit with members of the respective Pastoral Charge. The appointing of Ministers, receiving Candidates for Ordination, appointing of Discernment Committees and to ensure communication is received and disseminated from the larger National body of the United Church of Canada is only some of the work involved at the Presbytery Court level. I continue to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee and the nominations and at present I am also the representative for Naramata for VSP.

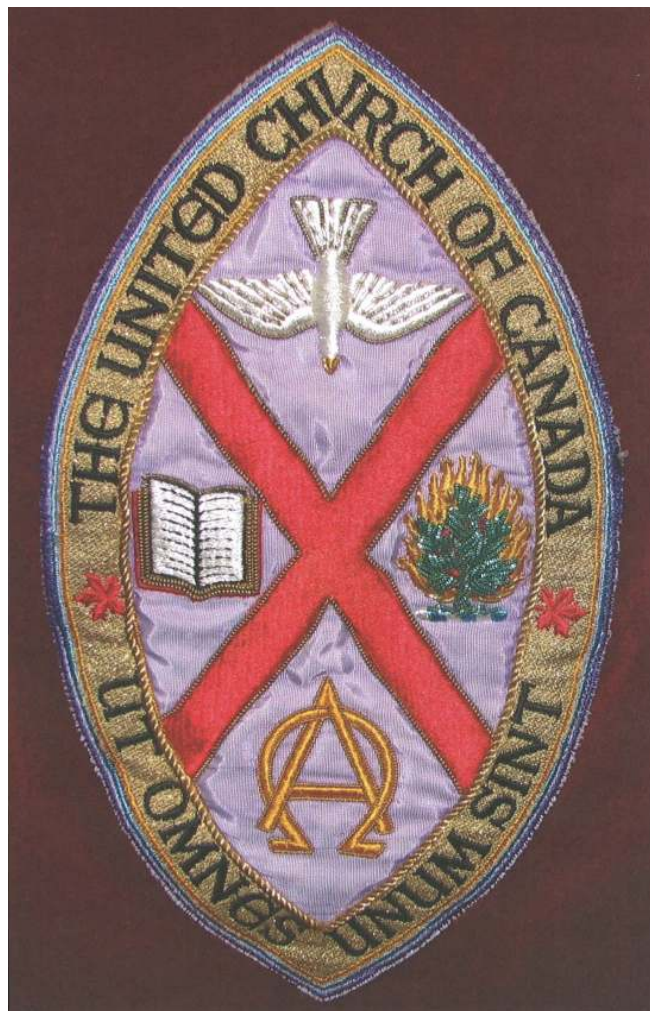
It was with great sadness that with the passing of our beloved Minister of Emeritus Rev. Cliff McMurtry, the position of caring for the seniors and the pensioners for Vancouver

South had to be changed, but, we are blessed in that Rev. Doug Graves so graciously accepted to take on this task.

Once again I would like to invite anyone to attend a meeting with me as a guest with the possible intentions of becoming a representative to Vancouver South Presbytery.

I graciously thank you once again for allowing me the opportunity to serve in this capacity for Ladner/St. Stephen's.

Blessings,
Sue King



Ministry and Personnel Committee

This year remembers the passing of Reverend Doctor Cliff McMurtry, a man of great ecumenical significance, who is missed for many reasons, but the committee knows the void he leaves behind in the role of Minister Emeritus will be hard to fill. Our Music Director Kenn Hutchinson-Surette is a delight to us all, we were pleased to conclude his probationary period early this year, and welcome him as a permanent, full time employee. Major the Reverend Jim Short's reduced military role has enabled him to give us more of his time and attention. Christine Schoening continues to keep our busy building clean and in good running order. Reverend Doug Graves and Reverend Wendy Bily continue with their pastoral responsibilities at Saint Stephens. Lee Fraser continues in her role as Music Director at Saint Stephens, and her sister Wendy Fraser continues as the Secretary at Ladner. We are grateful for the dedicated service of these talented individuals.

A special thank you goes to all the volunteers without whom the Sunday School, Youth Group, Parish Health, Pastoral Care, Healing Touch, etc. would not happen, announcements would not get to us, the flowers would not be there, the banners would not be up, the coffee and goodies would not be there, the lights would not be changed, and so many more things that quietly get done.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team who are willing to donate their time and expertise to the work of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Thank you to Dewar Harper of Saint Stephens; Sandie Green and Nancy MacLennan. We wish to acknowledge the faithful service by Judy Appleby, as we accepted her resignation from the Ministry and Personnel Committee to enable her to assist with the building project. We are pleased to welcome Ken Gulick to our committee; and we thank all the families for their support and understanding. Finally, thank you to the Congregation for your support, encouragement and many creative ideas.

Respectfully submitted

Duncan Furniss, Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2010

The Board of Trustee for Ladner United Church are; Sue King, Chair, Joan Rogers, Matt Rogers, Don White, Alan Russell, Juggy Pallan and Rev. The Major Jim Short.

As another year passes the Trustees responsibilities have been relatively quiet. One of the major changes that was looked into and followed up was our Insurance and Liability. This task was ably undertaken by Joan Rogers and we are thankful for her knowledge in this area. Other minor situations have arisen and been cared for through this committee. The Trustees' responsibilities continue to ensure that due diligence is completed prior to the spending of monies and also that monies received are secured and accounting practices are in place. As monies are still being received for the Building Fund we give thanks to Laurie Prak and Louise Hutchings, Treasurers for The Capital Campaign and Joan Rogers for overseeing that our investments have been secured over the market's continuous trends movement.

Alan Russell continues to oversee that the housing rental agreements are in order and in compliance with the rental legislation for B.C., thank you Alan for your continuous service in this area.

The Board of Trustees over the coming year will be taking a more active position as our Ladner United Congregation continues to pursue through a Memorandum of Understanding with Pacific New Technology the visions and possibilities for our future growth in our endeavours to renovate and make decisions regarding our Church properties and building and to ensure due diligence is met. Keeping in mind that a major decision for approval is always put before the Congregation in the form of a Congregational meeting.

Thank you to all members for your continued care and dedication for Ladner United.

Blessings

Sue King

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & WORSHIP COMMITTEE
Annual Report 2010

The CE/Worship committee is responsible for ensuring that the congregation is given opportunities to worship in a number of ways and that there are programs and opportunities to learn more about our Christian faith. Ladner United is blessed to have many people take part in worship through lay leadership, music, ushering, reading scripture, serving communion and being there.

WORSHIP

We continue to welcome new people and families to our Ladner United family. It is exciting to see young families and their children coming to worship and learn with us. This year we were blessed to have Kenn Hutchinson-Surette join us as Music Minister. He continues to work to involve people of all ages to share in this ministry. Our weekly worship services involve many people and it is important to say Thank You! for your quiet commitment each week..

Scripture Readers/ 9:00 Ushers – Shirley Baker
Flowers– Sandie Green & Gardening group
Banner Hanging – Carol Evans
Communion Preparation – Joan Rogers
11:00 Ushers – Dorothy Lenney
Prayers of the People – Trish White
Advertising – John Clement
Music –Kenn Hutchinson-Surette; Jane Pallan; Pat Rogers; Music Leadership Team (MLT); Voices of Vision (adult choir); Kids of the Kingdom (Youth and Children) as well as the many vocal and instrumental participants through the year.

We are blessed to have so many people who participate as ushers, greeters, readers, prayer leaders, candle lighters and worship leaders – worship is the work of the people – in a very true sense. In June we were able to share the church's 85th anniversary with Tsawwassen United and churches across Canada as communion bread was made using flour milled together and sent to all the churches.

Special times of worship included the Wandering Worship; Easter Sunrise service; Prayer service; and the Christmas Pageant. During the summer months we were blessed with lay leadership during Rev. Jim's vacation time – Jon Jessiman, Kenn Hutchinson-Surette, Judy Appleby, the St. Stephen's team, John Clement, Karen Furniss and Duncan Furniss – thank you for sharing with us. We have also been blessed with the leadership of Rev. Neill McRae when Rev. Jim has been away.

Life's passages – weddings and funerals give us another opportunity to celebrate and support families – both in the congregation and the wider community. Our hosts offer a

special outreach to these families and friends who often need small things looked after
..thank you!

As we move into 2011, we are always looking for ways to enrich worship – if you have any ideas please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

Submitted by Joan Angrignon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2010 was a year of new learning and program offerings. Jim offered book studies and in the spring the book club started.

The **Sunday School** continues to offer a time for the children to hear the stories of the Bible, make crafts and share time together. Their annual Christmas pageant was, as always, a lovely gift to the congregation..

The **TGIF** (Youth Group) remains a strong group with Laurie Prak and Shirley Baker providing organization and leadership. The fall saw a change as more young people were welcomed and Shirley, John Clement, Duncan Furniss and Rev. Jim participated. A huge Thank You! to Laurie for her years of commitment to the program. Special times to have our church family enjoy fellowship together are very important. The Picnic at the Bowing's and the Advent Event were both wonderful times of "breaking bread" and visiting together.

The **Library** continues to have many wonderful resources – we encourage people to take a look and "borrow a read".

The **Healing Prayer** group has grown this year and the requests for their time continues to grow.

The CE/Worship committee is blessed with many people who also serve in many other areas of church life.

Thank you to Rev. Jim Short , Kenn Hutchinson-Surette, Joan Angrignon, Shirley Baker, John Clement, Joyce Reinsch, Trish White and Carol Lynka – we thank you for all you do providing leadership at Ladner United.

Respectfully submitted
Joan Angrignon

Ladner United Sunday School
2010 Annual Report

The Ladner United Sunday School continues to enjoy the attendance of many young people – it is always a blessing to see their shining faces.

Each Sunday we share our stories – at times providing support to each other for sad times and celebrating the happy events. Then, we share a story from the Bible and sometimes music – using the Seasons of the Spirit resource. Next year may see some changes as this resource will be changing for next fall.

The children are always willing hands as we make soup most months for First United. Their willingness to peel and chop is wonderful as they learn about how this outreach helps those with not enough to eat.

The Christmas pageant was wonderful as some of our younger children took on reading parts – and did a great job. The story is the same but it is always wonderful to hear it.

The Sunday School can only be successful when there are adults there to prepare and lead the programs. Joan Angrignon and Shirley Baker led most classes – and all assistance from others is welcome. Those who take part in the summer are a welcome blessing.

We are always looking to have more leaders help during Sunday School and if you are interested, please speak to Joan or Shirley – what you will receive from these wonderful young people will enrich your life!

Submitted by Joan Angrignon, Coordinator



Property and Finance Committee 2010



This year, as in recent years, we have done what had to be done to the buildings to keep them safe to use as welcoming as possible without spending great amounts of money. With the plans for the refurbishing of the buildings proceeding we do not want to do major repairs that will be duplicated.

We did have to do repairs to the roof at the front door because water was coming in. There was water damage to the sanctuary wall from this that had to be repaired. The roof over the hallway to the meeting rooms in the Heritage Hall was recovered with plastic rather than have the roof replaced.

The three furnaces had to be repaired to be able to keep the building warm.

The old nursery in the Heritage Hall required some work to have the Emergency Cold Weather Shelter located there.

Howard Empey, Cliff Beaumont, Matt Rogers and Bob Sisler are some people who helped out with some of the repairs. I thank you for this help. Thanks to the rest of the committee for coming to the meetings and sharing ideas.



The three rental houses are occupied and being kept in as good repair as possible without spending large amounts of money as they are included in the plan to renovate and rebuild the church properties.

Submitted by David Perry

Martha Group – Annual Report – 2010

Once again it is time for Annual Reports. Our group raises funds through catering; mainly for funerals but we do have some happy occasions i.e. birthdays or a special anniversary or luncheon. Our funds are used for THE SPECIAL NEEDS of our church. New members are always welcome! Please come ... bring a sandwich and join us for a cup of tea and bring any ideas you may have for fund raising. Special thanks goes again to Trish White for organizing all those gorgeous baskets which certainly are a drawing card for the Christmas Bazaar. Thanks to all the Martha Group members who help at the various stations; make soup, tarts, baking; and our wonderful church family who donate baking, crafts, books, set up tables, wash dishes, etc. etc.

Statement of Income and Expenses 2010

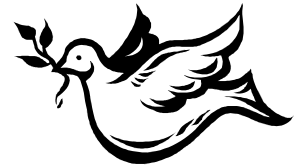
<u>INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Catering – Funerals	4758.00	Donations to Ladner United Church for:	
Spring Bake Sale	603.00	Coffee Fund	530.86
<u>Luncheons</u>		Kitchen Rental	600.00
Go-Go Grandmas	291.05	Donation to Gen. Fund	2500.00
Meals on Wheels	75.00	Bake Sale	603.00
Bazaar Luncheon	808.05	Bazaar Luncheon	808.05
Interest	14.63	Food for Bazaar Lunch	183.18
		Tea Kettle	27.98
		Dishwasher Repair	99.86
		Food for Funerals & Luncheons	214.36
		Flower Fund and Gifts	65.58
	INCOME: <u>6549.73</u>		EXPENSES: <u>5632.87</u>
Income	6549.73	Agrees with Bank	
Less Expenses	<u>-5632.87</u>	Current Acct.	643.26
	919.86	Savings	<u>1734.18</u>
Year End 2009	<u>13705.83</u>		2377.44
		Term Deposits	<u>12245.25</u>
Year End 2010	<u>14622.69</u>	Total:	<u>14622.69</u>



*Baking for the
Christmas
Bazaar*

The Parish Health Ministry (TPHM)

Annual Report for 2010



The Parish Health Ministry (TPHM) welcomes Sandy Green to our team which consists of Joan Angrignon, Nellie Bennett, George Plant, Trish White, Jim Short, Sandy Holland RN and Jane Marynowski RN under the Leadership of Agnes Bauer. We have formalized meetings four times a year. The Parish Health Ministry emphasizes the wholeness of body, mind and spirit rooted in the vision of Christ as a healer.

The following is a description of work done by TPHM in 2010:

The Breath, Body and Spirit group under the leadership of Diane Schmidt continues to teach us how to be peaceful.

The Walking group and Diabetic support Group were discontinued in June 2010 because TPHM team wished to explore new programs.

A home and hospital visiting program in collaboration with The Pastoral Care Elders enables us to keep in touch with people who are ill or can no longer attend church.

Thank-you to the drivers who drove Cliff McMurtry to his dialysis appointments. Cliff was a powerful advocate for TPHM and we miss him.

TPHM team began a meaningful dialogue with The Healing Prayer group in December 2010 which was both supportive and educational

Five Seniors luncheons with health information and entertainment joyfully happened.

Sepia Sharma from The Fraser Health Authority presented a Falls Prevention Course which was well received.

The University of Victoria's department on Aging presented a self-management course on Better Balance which was well attended. Rhonda Carriere of LUC is our liaison person with the UOV.

On October 15 and 16, 2010 Dr. Gabor Mate presented two workshops, one on Children in Chaos and all day workshop on Stress and Addictions.

TPHM wishes to thank "EVERYONE" who volunteered in so many ways to enrich all TPHM activities. 2010 was an exciting and challenging year for The Parish Health Ministry.

Submitted by Agnes Bauer January 20, 2011.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS COMMITTEE REPORT—2010

The Pastoral Care Elders Committee meets the first Wednesday of every month. Hosts for every Sunday service are arranged, so that each person who comes through the front door of the Church on a Sunday morning is greeted by a warm and friendly welcome. Drivers have volunteered each week to bring those folks to Church who are in need a ride and have no other way of getting there. The PCE Committee has taken as its mandate to present a welcoming face especially to visitors and those who are perhaps worshipping with us for the first time.

The PCE Committee coordinates the phone fan, under the capable direction of Claire Maynard—a system whereby members of the congregation are kept informed each month of the latest and important events happening in our faith community. Those folks who have email receive the messages via their email, and those who don't, receive a phone call. Claire is the “keeper of the lists”. What would we do without her and the wonderful work she does for us. Thank you, Claire!

The PCE Committee forms the basis of our congregation's Prayer Chain—coordinated by Dorothy Lenney. Anyone in the congregation is welcome to access the Prayer Chain for prayer requests. All requests are kept confidential, and prayed for by all the members of the committee until such time as it is mutually agreeable to be taken off the prayer list. At any such time in the life of the Committee there are between 40 and 50 concerns being prayed for. The feedback to the Committee has always been very positive and appreciative. Thank you, Dorothy, for your caring and thoughtful guidance in keeping the Prayer Chain up-to-date, and spearheading this most important ministry!

Charlotte Green is in charge of sending cards to folks in times of bereavement, or illness or occasions that she feels are appropriate for a card to be sent in the name of the congregation, on behalf of the Committee. Thank you, Charlotte, for doing this most excellent service.

Isabel Benedict is our most capable secretary who keeps the Minutes of the meetings up-to-date, and reminds us to update our Criminal Record Checks. Thank you, Isabel, for your work in this area.

In April, the PCE Committee hosted a Newcomer's Lunch to honour Newcomers to our congregation in the form of a Pot Luck Luncheon, which was well received. Around Easter, the Committee members took part in Holy Communion services at Augustine House, and the Waterford Retirement Home. It was decided to offer that service again, as it was particularly well attended at the Waterford.

In October, we began a group of knitters and crocheters who are making Prayer Shawls for those in need of one. We meet once a month to knit/crochet, pray, and discuss our projects. It is also a good time to be social!! The completed shawls will be blessed during a worship service, and distributed accordingly as they are ready. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to anyone who wishes to be a part of this wonderful work—thank you to the members of

the PCE who are very supportive of this new ministry in our congregation. I am sure that those folk who receive a shawl will feel most blessed.

I would like to thank all the members of the Committee who are there working faithfully, often behind the scenes, sharing their faith and living by example the love of God shown to us in Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Pallan, Chair

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE-2010



Over the past 5 years Ladner United Church has been blessed with a dedicated group of people willing to share their faith and prayer life with us in leading the prayers of the people. The ministry of the prayers of the people is a way to enrich yourself in your development of your faith, prayer life and leadership skills while sharing your own style of prayer within the context of the church service.

This year we have had 4 new people join the leadership team but we were very sad to lose The Reverend Cliff McMurtry as part of our team- as you well know he was a valuable asset to the team. So at present we have 14 people who will continue to share with you their prayers for the Prayers of the People portion of our church service. They lead us in prayer one to two Sundays a month for both the 9:00 am and 11:00 am service.

If you feel called to be part of this ministry please contact Trish White at 604-946-2444 as we would welcome new people with their prayers to our ministry.

Respectfully Submitted by Trish White

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY- 2010

This past year- 2010 was a very busy year for the healing prayer team. For the past few years we have been joyfully providing healing sessions for people 1 and 2 times a month as well as practising our skills once a month. Then in March there were a great number of new requests and we started providing healing session 4 to 6 times per month. We also moved over to All Saints for the months of May and June and provided healing sessions there as we are an outreach to both church communities. We have left one massage table there which we use on a continual basis. We continue to have updates in the All Saints Newsletter.



We made bookmarks this year which sit in the pews for people to access if they would like to phone for an appointment. We have also designed and printed a brochure to also hand out that explains more about the ministry itself. You can find the brochures on a poster board in the hallway leading to the Celebration Center or on LUC's website: www.ladnerunited.org and we are under programs/ healing prayer group. We post meditations or prayers as well as our session dates on the webpage so keep checking in.

In September we held a Healing pathways Phase One workshop at All Saints and we had 15 participants spend the weekend learning about healing touch. Most of the people attending were from our local communities. We were grateful to have the space at All Saints and it all worked out very well. As well we have new members who have joined our group from the training. We can now say we are providing healing prayer to 3 faith communities and to people within the community itself.

This year we were also able to provide the "Soaking Prayer" at our annual Advent meditation in December which was well attended.

We continue to practise and provide healing sessions in the Sanctuary and this year we provided 122 sessions. We continue to provide "balancing " sessions and we have also provided sessions for back issues as well as two other techniques- a mind clearing and the "Heart of Christ Connection". We provide two sessions a month- one on a Tuesday afternoon or a Tuesday evening. You can contact the church office at 604-946-6254 to book an appointment.

We would welcome anyone who wished to explore and receive the gifts of healing prayer.

Yours respectfully,
Trish White

LADNER VILLAGE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR-2010

Can you believe it – a year of great weather for our bazaar- what a day we had!! We had a lot of people come and visit, purchase and enjoy our famous fun and fellowship.



There is a saying –“if it’s not broke, don’t fix it” and that can certainly apply to the Martha’s tea room which year after year continues to provide amazing soup/lunch for those happy shoppers. The Craft group out did themselves this year and the sewing items were wonderful. Young and young at heart flocked to the busy bottle game. To finish off in the Celebration Center we had the ever popular baking, the jams, jellies and candy, the fancy collectable area and Marilyn selling both her advent cards and the new Ladner United Cards .We had a new section this year- a Garden center which was a great place to get that gardener in your life a Christmas present. Our “village” signs were up and our greeters were busy greeting and guiding people where they wanted to go.

The Silent Auction was again held in the Sanctuary and out in the front Narthex- I think the baskets were amazing this year and our way of “adopting” a basket continues to make the whole process of collection, storing and creating so much easier. Many thanks to all the people who came out and helped with putting the baskets together at the church and for the help with the Silent Auction. Your help was invaluable! The old saying is very true- many hands make light work. Our continued support from our local businesses continues to be wonderful. We also had people exploring down the hallway to the Fellowship Room where the children had a room dedicated just for them and fun, fun, fun. We had to change the book area due to the cold weather shelter which was in use that evening. I did say we had nice weather but it was cold. But we managed to find a other space than the Nursery. We also welcomed Kenn and the carollers which just add a whole new dimension to the Bazaar.

Then what everyone wants to know-how much did we make? From my perspective we were already so successful because we had so many people take part that the \$10,500 that we made was just a reflection of all the hard work from everyone who participated.

The other exciting aspect of this bazaar was the number of new volunteers increased from last year- some of you are also new to the congregation and I hope you felt part of the team and I know some of you just dived right in and worked wherever you were needed.

Thank you to everyone who helped out- we were successful because of you!!

Respectfully submitted,

Trish White
Church Bazaar Coordinator

Ladner United Church Garden Club

The LUC Garden Club has 6 faithful members who meet on the 2nd Monday of the month (Apr-Nov).

We maintain the gardens around the church,plant annuals in the front garden in the spring and divide perennials for the annual garage sale.

Our hard work is rewarded mid-morning with coffee,fresh muffins or cinnamon buns. (Thank you, Joan.)

New members are welcome. It's a good time of fun and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by Sandie Green





Delta Extreme Weather Shelter

Answering a request from the Delta Police, Ladner United Church became home to the only Extreme Weather Shelter serving North Delta, Ladner and Tsawwassen. Delta's Extreme Weather Shelter has been operational since November 1, 2010 and has been called in use, due to extreme weather, 30 nights so far. Initially the shelter hours were 11pm until 7 am but in short order the hours were changed to 7pm until 7am. Occupants using our shelter at the beginning numbered 0 - 2; the last 15 nights of opening we welcomed 2 - 4 guests each night.

BC Housing has approved a budget to help with the running of the shelter that includes funds for food, laundry, cleaning supplies and provision for a stipend of \$20 / hour for those helping with the 7 pm to 7 am duties. There are always 2 people 'staffing' the shelter during those hours to welcome and care for the folk who use the shelter for the night.

At least 44 volunteers are on call when the extreme weather alert is sent. They help by putting out posters advising that the EWS will be open, making muffins and soup, setting up the shelter prior to each night of use, 'manning' the night in any of a variety of time slots, cleaning the shelter after a night of occupancy, shopping and administration. The volunteers come from the Delta community, from LUC, from the larger faith community and outside the faith community. They all come with an enthusiasm to help those in need, giving generously of their time and themselves.

Due to the largely unpredictable nature of the shelter use and the business of life, more volunteers are always necessary and very welcome. When I receive the alert that the shelter is needed I then pass it along to my stalwart list of volunteers who get back to me with their availabilities. Some may not be available at all for the time needed so it then becomes a challenge of stitching together the various times of those who are able to give some time. But what a beautiful quilt it becomes!

The response to the Extreme Weather Shelter has been overwhelmingly positive. People are eager to help in some way. It has been my very great pleasure to be a part of this outreach ministry.

Debbie Mitchell



2010 Junior Choir KOK Annual Report
Ladner United Church



The junior choir, Kids of the Kingdom, at Ladner United Church has move through transitions of various age brackets this year. Ages vary between 5 years old and 17. Weekly rehearsals maintain a consistent attendance for early and intermediate elementary grades. Two teenagers come on an inconsistent basis and we work with more difficult pieces over a long period of time. The group was split in the fall with two parts to the rehearsal. Beginning singers come for the first group and more advanced ages/abilities with the second group. Musical concepts that focus on the developing singer in younger choirs such as unison melody line, steady beat/rhythm, rounds and basic part songs is the aim in musicianship skills with this group. Working together building a sense of community in the music making process has also been a main focus.

KOK worked on pieces for regular church services 2 times a month and sang at the “Lift Every Voice” concert in April. At Christmas they were successful in the completion of a very difficult 2 part anthem called “Light A Candle”. We continue to work towards building the ensemble with new members and possibly adding a tone-chime choir with some of the choral pieces in the future. This type of instrumentation adds nice counter melodies and introduces the learner to hear harmony as does rounds, part-songs and focusing on reading octavos with two melody lines.

“You are God’s precious and perfect child. Your presence is a gift to us. You are loved, appreciated and welcomed with joy into our music making lives.”



2010 Adult Chancel Choir VOV Annual Report
Ladner United Church

The adult chancel choir, Voices of Vision, at Ladner United Church has had a very busy year. Continued weekly rehearsals show their dedication to providing leadership in worship for the 11:00 services and on special occasions. In the true spirit of community, they understand the importance of unity in making music together. They also sang at the “Lift Every Voice” concert in the spring, provided special inspirational music for Easter and Christmas services, ensembles were combined with the All Saints Anglican church choir for Good Friday. A combined choir was formed with Tsawwassen United Church to join us for a special anniversary service in late May. At the end of the spring/summer term, we shared a social gathering in the celebration centre for tea after the last June rehearsal. Again in the fall, the choir met for dinner at a local



restaurant for a gathering in fellowship prior to a Thursday night rehearsal. Requests for new music folders from the choir will be included in this year's budget. We have added two new members this year (one soprano and one alto). Our men's section needs to build in voices also so we are working on recruitment for that section. We appreciate the dedication of various instrumental and vocal soloists both from within the congregation as well as guests musicians that joined us throughout the year (flute, trumpet, violins, viola, and pianists). We continue to edify each other building a sense of trust and caring through creation of healing vibrations in an ensemble that holds dear each heart that takes part in this sacred circle.

Make a joyful noise!

Kenn Hutchinson-Surette, Music Director

Senior Choir (VOV) Financial Report 2010

Balance as of December 31, 2009		\$ 800.47
Receipts:		
Sale of Calendars	\$ 510.00	
Bank interest	.39	

	\$ 510.39	
Expenses:		
Cost of calendars	\$ 290.06	
		\$ 220.33
Balance as of December 31, 2010		\$ 1020.80

Respectfully submitted by:
Gezien K. Brigham



Music Leadership Team (MLT)
Annual Report
February, 2011 for 2010

The MLT has continued to lead music at 9:00 worship services singing hymns from Voices United and More Voices plus songs from the Iona Community and other sources. The aim is to enhance the ongoing development of the early service as a worship experience with a distinctive sound and atmosphere. The Team consists of Nellie Bennett, John Clement, Janie Goodwin, Debbie Mitchell and Kenn Hutchinson-Surette. Debbie also prepares the Power Point presentation which guides our worship and praise at 9:00. We practice on the last Thursday of each month to prepare music for the coming month and then polish our offerings before each service. All who love music are welcome to join us either occasionally or full time. Making music is its own reward. The fun we have doing it is a bonus blessing.

John Clement, MLT Coordinator



Mission and Service Fund Report 2010

St Stephen's East Delta United Church	\$ 2600.00
Ladner United Church Congregation	22108.73
Contributions in memory of The Reverend Doctor Clifford R. McMurtry	3270.00
Bank Interest	.43
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Total remitted to the United Church of Canada	\$ 27979.16

Respectfully submitted by:
Gezien K. Brigham

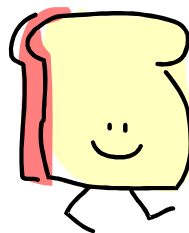


Sandwich Making for First United

We are a lively team who meet every third Monday at 10:30 a.m. to make approximately 18 loaves of sandwiches for First United mission church on the downtown eastside. Sharon Johnson organizes, buys supplies and makes egg, tuna and salmon fillings with neighbour Rhonda Coleman. Sunday evening, Debbie Mitchell slices the Cobbs bread from friend Katrina Jantzen and Nellie Bennett cooks a fresh ham making it ready to spread. Peanut butter and jam is used for the remaining loaves. Jean Bauck, Diane Catt, Christine Clement, Sharon Johnson, Shirley MacNutt, Claire Maynard, Margaret Phillips and Judy Rithaler make the sandwiches and Carol Lynka delivers them to First United.

Faithfully submitted,

Sharon Johnson



T.G.I.F. Youth Group **(Thank Goodness It's Friday)**

In September, under the direction of our Worship/CE Committee, we held a TGIF Planning Meeting to ask our youth what they would like to see for the coming year, their leadership, when to meet and the types of activities they loved from previous years and those for the coming year. The meeting was led by our Rev. Jim Short and was well attended with enthusiastic feedback. The annual sleep-over and camping trip were highest on the list of must-do's for the year.

The TGIF Youth group has been going strong for over 5 years and this year, to be inclusive of a younger group in our congregation, have changed the age to include anyone from Grade 5 and up. We meet two Fridays a month with friends welcome. Both age groups blend well together with amazing leadership from the older youth. We were also blessed to have two exchange students from Germany join our group, Raquel and Arianne and enjoyed their time with us very much.

Since October our activities have included a Halloween Party including decorating pumpkins, JC Rap, Candy/chocolate making, helping at the Christmas Bazaar, Christmas Party and cruising to Starbucks, Skating Night, decorating cookies for First United. Games and Murder in the Dark are a must to be included with each gathering. Our Friday nights are well attended with between 12-15 youth coming out. Although, at our chocolate making night, our kitchen was filled to capacity with over 20 in attendance. Participating in a car wash again, in the Spring, serving pancakes for Shrove Tuesday is planned along with our long awaited annual sleep-over.

Our TGIF Youth Group would not be a success without the assistance and leadership of Rev. Jim Short, John Clement, Duncan Furniss and the parents of our youth.

Our youth are a blessing to our congregation and the fun and enjoyment we experience with each other and having their friends join us is a testimonial to our church being a welcoming place to "hang out" together.

I would like to thank Laurie Prak for her vision for our youth and the years of dedication she gave to our TGIF Youth to whom she has set a pathway for others to follow in the future of our Youth Ministry.

Submitted by Shirley Baker, TGIF Youth Group Leader



Ladner United Church Library
Report for February 2011 AGM

The Library had another quiet year. Circulation has dropped and the Library Team is looking into updating the materials and resources. This will include weeding materials that are outdated. A recent purchase has been an updated version of the computer program used to maintain the shelf list and track circulation. Along with up-to-date materials that are relevant to congregational interests there is a definite need for a high energy campaign to bring library resources to the congregation's attention. Your library team hopes that one or more volunteers will take on this very important task.



Submitted by,

Jenny Jessiman, Karen Bowling and Christine Clement

Garage Sale Annual Report 2010

The 2010 Church Garage & Plant Sale was very successful with the funds (over \$1200) going once again to general operating revenue for the Church. There were great finds and wonderful plants. It is a great way to both recycle our things, as well as bring in the community. Thanks again to all the amazing volunteers that help to set up, work the sale, and most importantly clean up at the end! Most of the left over items are sent to the Salvation Army, Big Brothers, or other Thrift Stores. Every year it seems a smaller amount must actually go for disposal. We are looking forward to another sale – this year May 7, 2011. Mark your calendars and clean out your closets. As always everyone is welcome to participate and volunteer.



Jill Scott & Robin Lee

REPORT FROM THE LADNER UNITED CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group had 11 members this year, plus 3 knitters and 6 sewers. Due to travel itineraries and health concerns, we averaged six members per session on our craft days. Crafting takes place the fourth Monday of the month at the home of Karen Furniss. Prior to the Spring Bazaar, held on May 1st, we met twice a month. Starting in September, we met every Monday until the Christmas Bazaar on November 27th. We encourage each other to bring unique and interesting craft ideas for us to complete. Everyone takes turns bringing a snack for tea and a good time is had by all.

Louise Hutchings and Judy Rithaler supervise the sewing group which involves going through the fabric we have on hand and coming up with ideas to make from it. The sewers work on their own at home and complete many wonderful sewing projects, such as placemats, napkins, sock monkeys, garment bags, etc.

Our goal is to raise funds for the church by sharing a love for crafts. If you enjoy crafting and sharing fellowship we would welcome you to our group. If you have any suggestions for craft or sewing projects, we would appreciate your input. If you are looking for a specific craft or sewing item, please approach one of us and we will see if we can do to satisfy your needs.

We are always thankful for the support of the congregation in donating craft supplies and fabric, etc. Thanks to all who thought of us. These donations enables us to be able to sell items at greater profit than if we had to buy all the supplies.

We start the year with a \$100 float for craft supplies and a \$100 float for sewing supplies. When we have a sale, all money over a \$100 float is donated to the church for operating expenses.

Thank you for purchasing our crafts and cards.

Our sales for the year were as follows:

Spring Bazaar	\$ 607.98
summer sales	53.75
<u>Christmas Bazaar</u>	<u>2116.03</u>

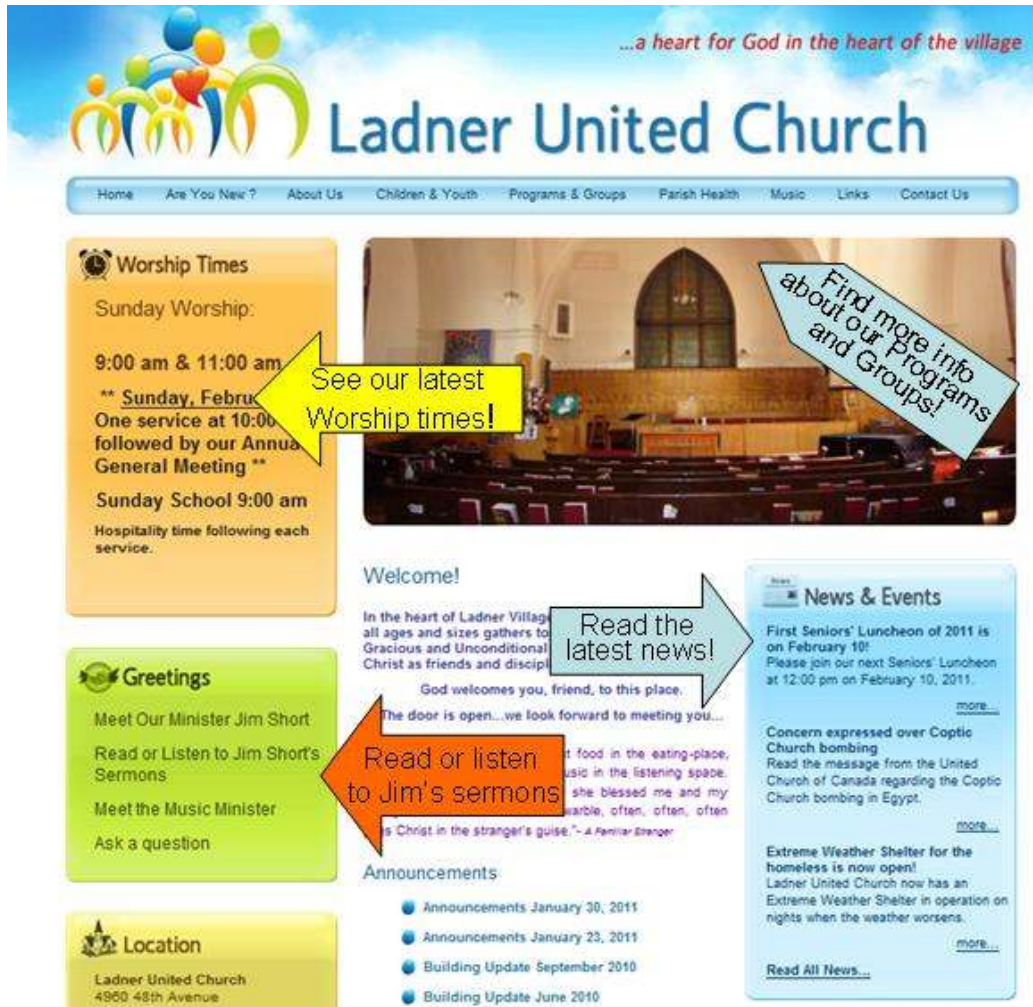
TOTAL FOR YEAR \$2777.76



Thank you to all who support us throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Rithaler, Karen Furniss and Louise Hutchings

Make sure you visit our website: www.ladnerunited.org



Treasurer's Report

Thank you for your continued financial generosity to the work and ministry of Ladner United Church. We had another very good year financially and we received many deliberate and thoughtful gifts to the Operating Fund, the Building Fund, the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada as well as to various special ministries and appeals.



When presented with the challenges, you rose up and met them. These are some snapshots of our year.

- Our offering revenue declined \$4000 in 2010 from 2009. We lost this year through death some very generous and long term financial supporters of the church
- The special envelopes distributed at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas brought in \$5700
- The decrease in the offering envelopes was offset by increases in other sources of revenue – cost sharing for building uses and the strong efforts from various fund raising events
- Those events – the Christmas Bazaar, Spring Mini Bazaar and Plant and Garage Sale were successful on many fronts – in terms of money but also in community participation. Our silent auction is very well known in this community and people come to the bazaar for just that reason
- Our premises were used more often and by more groups adding to the increase in revenue. Our low rates support many groups who otherwise would not be able to afford space
- Our expenses for 2010 were \$4000 over budget. Quality programs and ministries were still provided along side thoughtful financial stewardship. This included some unexpected roof repairs; work on the old furnaces and an upgrade of the sound system. It costs more each year to maintain our beloved old church building

For this upcoming year – please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider my following suggestions:

- consider increasing your yearly giving
- if you do not have offering envelopes yet – we can supply them to you through the church office – this ensures you receive a charitable tax receipt for your giving
- Sign up for pre-authorized remittance (PAR) so offering is automatically withdrawn from your bank account and deposited in the church's on a monthly basis. This low cost option to the church ensures a regular consistent monthly income to meet expenses

I am much blest to have so many wonderful people supporting me in my role as treasurer. My heartfelt thanks go to Olga Froud, who weekly, along with Gezien Brigham and Marilyn Atkey counts the offering and makes the bank deposits. Our secretary Wendy who handles the payroll and gives me support in so many ways. My thanks and gratitude to Joan Rogers and to Jim Short for their ongoing encouragement and support. Once more Claire Maynard stepped in and helped out while I was recovering from knee surgery as well as assisting in preparation of the budget. A big thank you to all of you.

A church is more than a building. It is people like all of you who are generous and caring and committed to the care of our beloved heritage church.

Thank you all and God Bless
Nellie Bennett



ST. STEPHEN'S MINISTER'S REPORT

If one were to name a highlight of our congregational life in 2010 it might well be the replacement of the church roof at a cost of \$16,000 - half of which came from a grant from the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia, and the other half from our own savings. Certainly we're thankful to our chair, Dewar Harper, for all the work that went into obtaining the Legacy Fund Grant.



Then again, we might want to choose C.J. Pentland's Delta Heritage Commission award for his essay and picture titled "The Cozy Little Church". If you haven't read this beautiful essay about our church, please check it out on our website. It was a well deserved award.

Or perhaps we could choose Susan Breisch's being recommended as a candidate for ministry in the United Church, or Lee Fraser and Jamie Hutton's sharing music and dance from their Metis culture during our Aboriginal Sunday celebrations in June. Perhaps we'd choose the Christmas Eve service – attended by 130 folk, only one of whom got stuck in the parking lot mud (Special thanks to Len and Kathy Botkin for coming to the rescue).

There are many highlights we might choose, but for me the real highlight is the faithful witness to God's love that our congregation provides week in and week out. In our worship and service, our welcoming of newcomers, the enthusiasm of our young people, our volunteer work in the surrounding community, our singing at Delta View, our generous support of First United Church, Delta Assist, The Vancouver School of Theology, and special appeals for Haiti and Bella Coola, we have truly been servants of God in East Delta.

In this our 120th year of life and work in East Delta it continues to be a great joy to work with Lee, Isla, Marilynn, Krista, and Wendy to offer worship that is worthy of the One to whom we offer it. And it continues to be great privilege to be part of the church in this time and this place with each and every one of you.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Graves

ST. STEPHENS' PASTORAL MINISTRY

Memorials:

Gilbert Lyon

Dorothy McConnell

Maine Carmichael

Weddings

July 3rd, 2010 - Stephen Smith and Tanya Muilwyk

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH
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2010 has been a year of celebration as we continue to serve our congregation and community. We have been able to maintain our support to all the community groups we have supported in the past – Deltassist, First United Church and Vancouver School of Theology. One Sunday a month congregation members visit DeltaView Hospital to sing hymns and share devotional readings. We also continue to make trips to First United Church in Vancouver to deliver food and clothing donated by our members. We are blessed with the support of our active congregation together with community supporters.

In June, as we do each year, we gathered at Marg Patron's farm for our congregational picnic. During the months of July and August our congregation is welcomed at Ladner United Church where we have the privilege of conducting one service during this period.

We continue to address the challenges of maintaining our historic building with the need for major repairs. In 2010 we were successful in obtaining a grant of \$7,937.00 from The Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia which covered 50% of the cost of replacing the church roof. The exterior of the building requires major repairs and painting, which will be our next project.

Snow didn't cause us to cancel our Christmas Eve Service this year, and our cozy church was once again filled with worshippers. Our thanks to Ladner United for sharing their costumes for the children to participate in the service. We once again were privileged to have Betty McDonald as our soloist. Thanks to Paula Bence and her helpers for decorating the sanctuary and ensuring the exterior lights were lit. This year heavy rains played havoc with our parking lot – resulting in several cars becoming stuck in the mud. The true spirit of neighbourliness was evident as many in attendance came to the rescue.

The continued operation of St. Stephen's would not be possible without the dedication of its Board members, volunteers and the excellent ministry of Rev. Doug Graves and Rev. Wendy Bily. The music of Lee Fraser and the leadership of the Sunday School by Marilyn Davis and Krista Harper are an integral part of our weekly services. Thanks to all.

We look forward to the challenges of 2011 as we continue our ministry.

Submitted by Dewar Harper
Chairman of the Board



Sunday School St. Stephen's 2010

In 2010 the young congregation of St. Stephen's continued to use their unique ideas and imaginations to enlighten our lives and remind us of God's Love.

Krista Harper and myself shared doing the youth time upstairs. The combination worked well and great fun was had by all.

The whole congregation joins in story time and Doug or Wendy usually read the from Ralph Milton's book "The Family Story Bible". The stories can follow the same scriptures and lesson as the adult service or not. We carry the theme up to Sunday School and work on crafts with a discussion on how the story applies to our lives. Krista and myself are for ever amazed at the young peoples insight and their theories. Our underlying theme was "Our Family" (church family, etc.)

In the spring, "The Family Story Bible" was presented to each Sunday School family so they could follow along at home.

Participating in giving Communion was one of the young people learning activities this year. Each Communion Sunday we learned more about the sacrament. The young people take the responsibility of contributing to this part of the service seriously and have done a good job.

Doug and Lee contribute to the musical component as does the congregation with our youth song book. The Sunday School practised a Christmas piece and we enjoyed listening to it one Sunday in Advent.

Christmas Eve impromptu pagent was again a success.

Our penny jar campagin was started in the fall 2009 and is continuing on probably until the Canadian Government stops making pennies.

\$90.00 to Haiti , \$25.00 for chickens, \$50.00 to Pakistan

Jamie, Sam, Jared, Raycheal, Erin, Josh, Mia, Rhiannon and Catroina, and Jacey all join us when they are able and guests are always welcome.

Many thanks to everyone. The support by the whole congregation to the youth is special. It shows what a loving Christian Family we are all apart of. The Sunday School painted and decorated grocery recycling bags for members of the congregation in appreciation of their support.



Respectfully submitted
Marilynn Davis