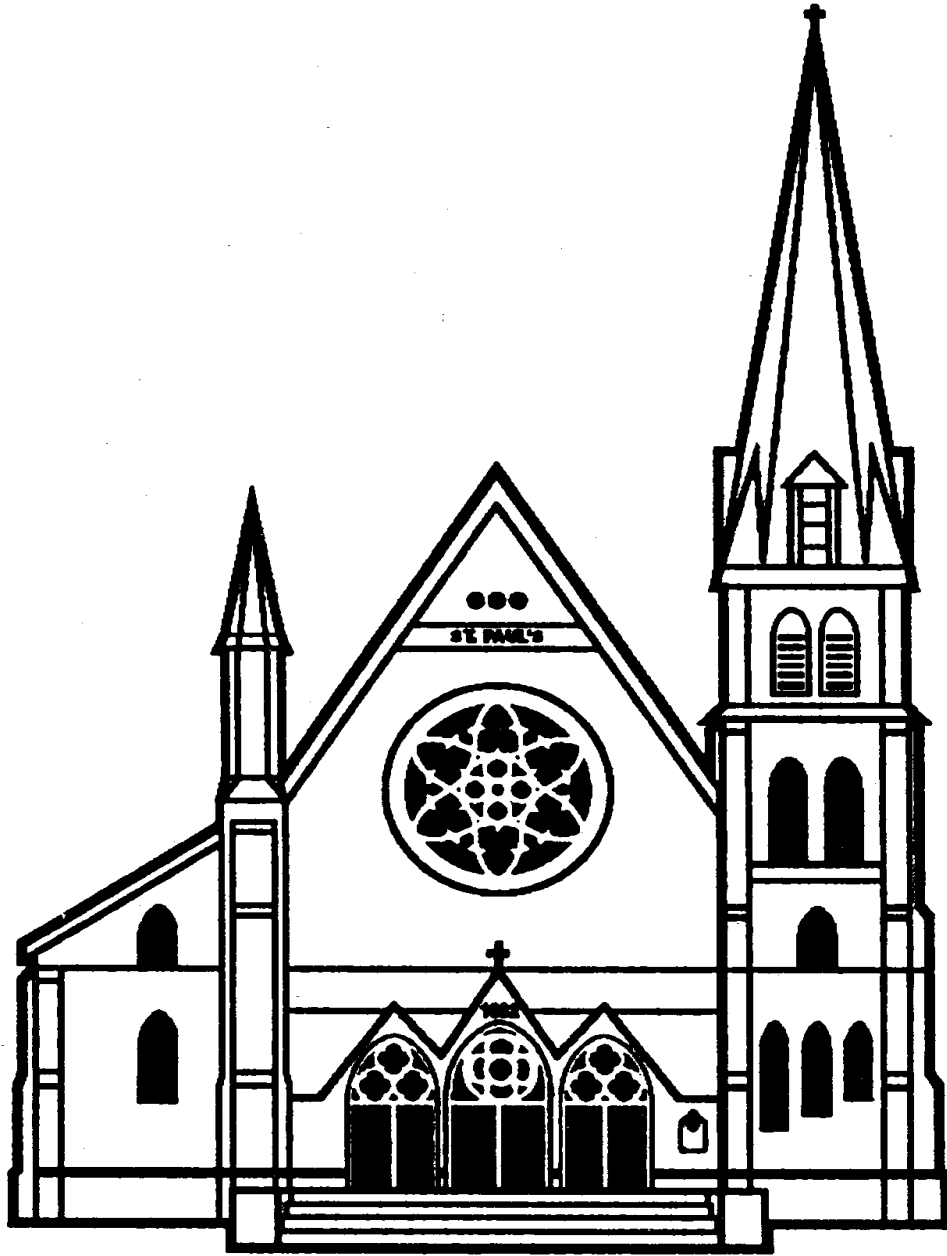


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2012 Annual Report

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IN MEMORIAM

Sisk,	Margaret Cooper	January 1
Estey,	Phyllis Irene	January 6
Middlemiss,	Elizabeth Helen	January 19
Forsyth,	George	February 12
Howe,	William Melvin	March 19
McFarlane,	Howard William	March 23
MacPhail,	Andrew Lawrence	April 18
Ralston,	Ruth Lynn	May 18
Inch,	Ruth Evelyn	June 8
Morrison,	John Wiley	June 9
MacMillan,	Laura Irene	July 10
McAllister,	Norma May	July 15
White,	Roderick	September 30
Tupper,	Edith Maude	November 6

Rev. Lori Beth's Message

“On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’- Mark 4:35-41

One of my favorite scripture images is that found in Mark 4:35-41 of Jesus calming the storm. I think it is a powerful image that speaks about our life experiences. As people of faith, there are times when we will experience turmoil, the waves beating against us. God shows us that during the storms of life we are never alone. St. Paul's United Church has weathered many storms over the years and has experienced many positive changes. There is a great energy here and we are experiencing growth. The Holy Spirit is in this place.

In July 2012, St. Paul's experienced another change in welcoming me as your new Minister and welcoming my husband James. It was a change for us to move from a rural multi-point pastoral charge to a large city church. It is hard to believe that 6 months have passed. I still remember clearly my first Sunday Service with you on August 5th 2012. It is a humbling experience to preach from the pulpit of St. Paul's with the congregation sitting both in the balcony and below. My knees were shaking that first Sunday. It didn't take long to experience hospitality and to be welcomed into the caring community that is St. Paul's.

The Holy Spirit continues to work through and with the congregation of St. Paul's. We are acting as the hands and feet of Christ through programs like the Brown Bag Lunch, the Pantry, operating affordable housing apartments and hosting congregation building events such as fellowship dinners. This is a congregation that has a spirit of wanting to reach out to the wider community and to grow closer to Christ. I am blessed to be able to serve a community who reaches out to others.

This has been a busy year. I represented St. Paul's at the 41st General Council in August. I was able to network with clergy and laity from across the country. It was a powerful experience to vote and make decisions about our United Church. Locally I have participated in the roundtable discussions on poverty through the "Better Together" initiative. I was a guest speaker at the Prayer Service for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. I have also been involved with some of the interfaith activities such as the Prayer and Carol Walk before Christmas.

We've had some successful events at St. Paul's. It is amazing what can happen when we as individuals come together. The Advent Carol Festival was a wonderful event which saw the sanctuary filled in support of the food bank. At our Christmas Eve services we had great turnouts to worship the Christ Child.

We may face some rough times ahead in the waters of life, but I am confident that St. Paul's has a bright future and will continue to be a beacon of hope in our society. I am excited for what the future may bring for St. Paul's and may we continue *"to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God"*. – *Micah 6:8*

Yours In Christ,

Reverend Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles

*Minutes Annual Meeting
St. Paul's United Church
February 19th 2012 - 11:45 a.m.*

Constitution of Court:

David Thorne, on behalf of Blaine Irving, Chair of the Congregation, called the meeting to Order.

Devotions: Reverend Dr. Peter Short opened the meeting with prayer.

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by Alan Rayner and seconded by Lynne Naugler that the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Minute of Silence as Reverend Dr. Peter Short read "In Memoriam"

Motion for Time of Adjournment: Moved by Malcolm MacFadyen and seconded by Tammy Coughlan that the meeting should adjourn by 1:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The Chair advised that the meeting was being held in Accordance with the provisions of the Manual - **Section 5.8.3 of the Basis of Union** and **Section 113 of the By Laws**.

Nominations and Elections for the Positions of Chairperson and Secretary: moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Alan Rayner that Blaine Irving be elected Chair and Jane Blakely be elected Secretary. There being no further nominates the incumbents were acclaimed.

Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting of February 20th 2011: Moved by Jane Blakely and seconded by Harold Raper that the Minutes be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Adoption of Annual Report: Moved by Jane Blakely and seconded by Ed Bujold that the Annual Report be adopted as circulated. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Secretary Jane Blakely reported that there was no correspondence.

Nomination and election for vacancy on Ministry and Personnel Committee: Moved by Ross Mathers and seconded by Bill Paterson that Hope Brewer be elected to Ministry and Personnel for a two year term. Motion carried.

Review of 2011 year end finances (unaudited): Treasurer Glen Sheppard moved acceptance of the Financial Statement as presented. Seconded by Ron Naugler. Motion carried.

Review of 2011 Restoration Committee activities/ pending work: Committee Chair Mary Dingee Jacobs reported on the fundraising work of the Restoration Committee in 2011. She thanked the donors and fundraisers for their support. Alan Rayner, Chair of Trustees, advised that there will be the need for approximately \$600,000 more work on top of the \$550,000 spent to date. The longer the work is left, the more it will cost.

St. Paul's Foundation proposal: Moved by Mary Dingee Jacobs and seconded by Bud Bird that the Congregation direct the establishment of the St. Paul's Foundation. The St. Paul's Foundation would have three goals:

- ◆ Raise and sustain capital funding to maintain the physical and architectural integrity of St. Paul's;
- ◆ Assist in operational issues from time to time with funding and administrative support as resources permit;
- ◆ Offer the membership of St. Paul's the opportunity to be involved in the church's mission.

A Board and a group of champions (with approximately 25 members) would lead the Foundation. This would replace the Restoration fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Joint Search Committee update: Ralph Simpson advised that the committee is at the interview stage. Although the mandate is 1.75 FTE the committee is focusing on finding one FTE at this stage.

Committee reports Q & A: – Committee Chairs

Review of pending building maintenance issues: Property Committee Co-chair John Hart and Trustees Chair Alan Rayner reported that the furnace is continuing to be a big problem as pipes are plugged and valves stuck open or shut. The relatively new boiler is failing because it has to work so hard to circulate the water.

Manse conversion proposal: Alan Rayner presented a proposal to convert the Manse property to a multiple unit rental property. The Financing looks feasible with \$160,000 (for a 4 unit) of potential (grant) funding from the Province and a mortgage on the Turner property for the balance of the estimated \$275 – 290,000 cost. It was moved by Lynne Naugler and seconded by Carol Peacock that:

Be it resolved that on the recommendation of the Trustees and the Congregational Board, the congregation of St. Paul's approves the conversion of the property at 242 York St. (known as "the Manse") into a multiple unit rental property.

The Motion carried unanimously.

*Agenda Annual Meeting
St. Paul's United Church
February 19th 2012 - 11:45 a.m.
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Adoption of Budget for the year: Treasurer Glen Sheppard presented the proposed budget for 2012. Ron Naugler pointed out that there is the need for a financial stewardship committee to promote PAR, envelopes, wills and the donation of securities. Moved by Glen Sheppard and seconded by Darryl Bruce that the Budget be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

Appointment of Treasurer: Moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Alan Rayner that Glen Sheppard be appointed as Treasurer for 2012. Motion carried.

Appointment of EPR Daye Kelly & Associates: Moved by Ron Naugler and seconded by Harold Raper that EPR Daye Kelly & Associates be appointed to conduct the Financial Review for the year ending December 31, 2012. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Moved by Reverend Dr. Peter Short and seconded by Tammy Coughlan that the meeting adjourn at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried.

Benediction: Reverend Dr. Peter Short closed the meeting with prayer.

Annual Report 2012 Congregational Board

Dear Community of St. Paul's United Church

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. (1 Corinthians 1; 1- 10)

In 2012, the Congregational Board came to realize how true the Apostle Paul's words are. Here at the Church named in his honour we are not lacking in any gift and we must and do agree to be in the same mind and judgment. It is truly staggering to look back over the year and realize what can be done when we unite.

This was a year when we said adieu and thank you to Rev. Dr. Peter Short and Rev. Lena Medeiros. Both remain treasured members of our St. Paul's community; Peter close at hand amidst his many travels, and Lena as she pursues her ministry calling in Saint John. The Board frequently appreciates and refers to Rev. Peter's insight in the development of our governance model and the role that we are called upon to play. Together we are learning what it means to be an Elder and Board member in this new diversified structure.

2012 was a year of new beginnings, as we welcomed Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield Bowles in a .75 FTE capacity. Rev. Lori Beth has so adeptly stepped into her role that it is difficult for us to believe she has been here such a short time.

We also welcomed Sexton Joe Robicheau this year and we have quickly come to appreciate Joe's cheerful organization and wealth of experience. These valuable additions to our community did not happen without a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes and we are grateful to the Joint Search Committee and M&P for their dedication and continuing efforts.

The Board has been gratified and amazed to see what groups of inspired people in our community can do when they unite. There are far too many successes to list here, but some examples include the restoration fund "Hearts for St. Paul's" dinner, the Pantry, the wealth and variety of worship services, the cleaning/painting/fixing, the delicious and creative UCW fundraisers, the vibrant Sunday School, the Manse project and the music that accompanies our life together as this St. Paul's community (thank you Alexis Ervin). We said "if it needs to be done, do it" and you have come together in committees, working groups and gangs to make wonderful things happen.

One of the practical examples of the spirit of unity that Paul describes and the beauty of simple, if time intensive, inclusiveness is the work of our Facilitation Committee.

The Board is so grateful to this small but mighty team for contacting everyone – everyone! – to see how people want to be involved in the life and work of St. Paul's. The list they produced is an invaluable resource to the Board and to all the committees. It is and will continue to be used daily. The response from all who responded is equally gratifying. Thanks to each and every one of you for wanting to be involved as we discover and explore our gifts; in this we are united.

Unity is not perfection and there are still issues every day. The Board recognizes that finances will continue to be challenge for operating, capital and restoration budgets. We are grateful to the Trustees and the Finance Committee who so carefully manage our money, along with Cathy Simpson who so ably manages the business side of our operation.

We all share responsibility for the stewardship of our ministry and our earthly assets here at St. Paul's. As we go forward we will need to work together more closely than ever to ensure that future generations of our community will have the ability to answer God's call in their day. The Board is looking forward to 2013 as a year of renewed stewardship and growth. Together we can make amazing things happen.

Nurturing our relationships and supporting the many missions of our community calls for copious and effective communication. A priority for 2012 was to re-establish our presence in the virtual world: a new website, a Facebook page and continuation of e-mail "blasts" have been achieved and will be maintained. In 2013 we will be testing out a full "menu" of additional communication options including more sharing from the pulpit, written updates, bulletin boards and telephone calls. Communication goes two ways and your Board needs to hear from you about what you need to know, what we need to know and the most effective ways of making sure that exchange takes place.

So forward we go, in unity, joy, gratitude and determination. *God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.* Thanks be to God.

Sincerely

Your Board:

Blaine Irving, Chair; Jane Blakely, Secretary; Ann LeBlanc; Bill McGillivray; Mel McGuigan; Sadie Miller; Lynne Naugler; David Thorne; Bob Forbes (Life Member); Rev. Lori-Beth Sheffield Bowles.

St. Paul's United Church Proposed 2012 Maintenance / Repair Projects

Repair ceiling in sanctuary on the bell tower (York St.) side estimated at:	\$12,000	R
Repairs to church's steam heating system (test, flush, repair leaks etc.)	\$15,000	M
Complete roof over George Street Parking lot stairwell estimated at:	\$31,942*	R
Masonry repair on east wall fronting George Street parking lot:	\$175,000	R
Masonry repair on west (York Street) wall & bell tower estimated at:	\$350,000	R
Repairs to the Frasier Memorial Hall Roof estimated at approximately:	\$100,000**C	
Repair and paint church storm windows and sills:	\$18,000	M
Repair, paint and replace fascia board on south and east wall of Frasier Hall:	\$15,000	M
Re-varnish Frasier Memorial Hall floor:	\$5,000	M
New water softener for boiler:	\$2,000	M
New carpet throughout sanctuary, front entry, stairs etc.	\$25,000	M

Total all projects	\$748,942
10% contingency	\$74,894
Total with contingency	\$823,836
HST (Credit @ 6.5%)	\$ 53,549
Grand Total	\$848,128
Total Restoration (R)	\$568,942
Total Maintenance (M)	\$80,000
Total Memorial Fund (F)	\$0
Total Capital Fund (C)	\$100,000**

Note:

* Work started Nov. 2011 on \$45,632 contract – \$13,690 disbursed in 2011.

**There is currently \$45,000 reserved in the Capital Account that will help offset the estimated \$100,000 cost.

February 16, 2012

Property Committee 2012 Annual Report

The Committee completed its second year of existence and there were some changes in the member lineup. Members are Bob Blakely, Ann Gale, John Gaskin. Derrick Grant Vice Chair, Kyle Mathers Vice Chair ,Harold Raper and Greg Morton (Chair)

Work Completed in 2012

- ◆ Spring clean-up day May 19 was a success with a good turn out and much work done.
- ◆ The Sanctuary heating/ plumbing system was our high priority this year and was completed at a cost of \$20,000+. This project took up most of our budget for 2012
- ◆ The following were included in our painting work, two of the offices, a Sunday school classroom, the outdoor shed, the main floor men's washroom, the hall from the ladies parlour, the area going from the office to the Sanctuary and most of the brown doors using the new color scheme recommended by an interior decorator
- ◆ The wall base of the Choir room was painted
- ◆ The repair of the ceiling and wall in the west balcony was completed by Harold Raper and John Gaskin (saving us over \$10,000 as per a contractor quote) and other balcony wall and ceiling touch ups were done
- ◆ Repaired the caulking, repaired and painted the outer door behind the organ
- ◆ Repainted the parking lot divider lines
- ◆ The Fraser Hall kitchen floor was stripped and waxed
- ◆ A much needed new carpet was installed in the Sanctuary
- ◆ The Church and Hall alarm systems were reviewed and updated
- ◆ An updated Emergency Evacuation plan was put in place
- ◆ New outside sand boxes were built and painted
- ◆ Commenced repairing the nicks and gouges in the woodwork in the Narthex and Sanctuary and will continue this delicate and arduous work
- ◆ The Company Masontech was requested to inspect and review their December 6, 2002 Masonry Condition report in order we can set our Restoration priorities for the future and their report is expected shortly.

Property Committee (continued)

Work for consideration in 2013

- ◆ Repair the Hall roof as there is leaking in certain rooms of Fraser Hall. Quotations were obtained for resurfacing the roof (\$80,000). High priority
- ◆ Repair the Fraser Memorial Hall soffit and fascia and install a rain gutter, quotes are being requested -high priority, will depend on budget availability
- ◆ Insulate the area above the Fraser Memorial Hall ceiling and the roof-medium priority after roof and soffit/rain gutter projects are completed-medium priority
- ◆ The YMCA room Windows will be repaired after the roof and soffit projects are completed -high priority for spring
- ◆ Strip and varnish the Fraser Memorial Hall floor will be done in 2013 if the budget permits
- ◆ Repair the George Street Fire Escape-medium priority
- ◆ Repair the roof over the entrance to the boiler from the George St parking lot –medium priority
- ◆ Repair and paint Sanctuary storm window frames and sills, delayed until spring-low priority
- ◆ Asphalt the walkway between George Street and Charlotte St parking, to be considered with Manse project-low priority
- ◆ Asphalt the Turner House parking lot, to be considered with Manse project-low priority
- ◆ The choir loft area will be painted at a later date-low priority
- ◆ Upper Room storage area to be cleaned up-low priority
- ◆ Clean up Church basement-low priority

We work closely with the Sexton and we are pleased with our new Sexton Joe Robicheau's progress to date

We will diligently continue the maintenance and upgrade of the Church, Fraser Hall and the Turner and Manse properties

We encourage St. Paul members to pass along any deficiencies, ideas or suggestions to the Committee

ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
2012

The accounting system at St Paul's has separate ledgers for The Church Building and Fraser Hall Operations, The Restoration Fund, The Housing Operations, Trust Funds and Capital Fund.

The finance committee's responsibilities include monitoring the financial affairs of St Paul's on a regular basis and in a professional manner.

The committee works closely with all committees in our Congregational Organization and with our Board representative Blaine Irving.

It is also our responsibility to offer financial advice and provide recommendations to the various committees and the Board. As chair of finance I am one of three signing officers for cheques and other documents!

During the year we met 5 times to review the church's financial operations and financial position.

We work very closely with Cathy Simpson, office administrator and as a committee member to provide timely, accurate and meaningful financial information. We regularly compare the actual income and expenditures for each month and year to date with the 2012 budget and offer suggestions for financial and operating improvements.

We also review the accounting procedures and controls and suggest improvements.

Although we are not responsible for Stewardship we do encourage your regular givings. Please continue to use church envelopes and you are **encouraged** to join PAR.

Givings to the OPERATING ACCOUNT for the year were less than we budgeted for 2012! .THANK YOU for your continual financial support to St Paul's!!

Many thanks to all those who have performed many duties for our church including maintenance and repairs, painting and other duties which have saved St Paul's many thousands of dollars! Also, thanks to our dedicated tellers!

We also prepare the ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET and some long term financial projections!

2012 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
(continued)

EPR Daye Kelly & Associates performs our Financial Review.

Many thanks to Cathy Simpson who prepares the information for them in a timely efficient manner.

The finance committee reviews the preliminary and final financial statement for December 31 from EPR Daye Kelly & Associates before the final results are presented to the congregation.

Many thanks to the committee for their valuable contributions to this very important aspect of our church operations.

Many thanks to the committee members who are:

Cathy Simpson

Greg Morton

Glen Sheppard

and myself!

John Hart was also a member for the first part of 2012

Ron Naugler

Chair of Finance

St. Paul's United Church Board of Trustees Annual Report for 2012

The Board of Trustees held 7 meetings throughout 2012. One of the benefits of the new governance model is that it has reduced the need for Trustees to meet as frequently as required in previous years.

The Board currently consists of the following individuals: Mary Dingee-Jacobs, Royal MacDonald, Bill Paterson, Ron Naugler, Frank Goddard, Malcolm MacFadyen (life member), Alan Rayner (Chairman). The Ex-Officio members being: Rev. Lori-Beth Sheffield-Bowles, Cathy Simpson (Secretary) and Glen Sheppard (Treasurer). Bill McNamara is the Congregational Board representative to Trustees.

Although the work load has been reduced under the new governance model, Trustees are still tasked with having the authority and responsibility for the church's assets, acquisitions and disposals. The Property Committee, reporting directly to the Congregational Board, has now undertaken a lot of the maintenance and repair work that had been previously done by the Board of Trustees.

Greg Morton, Chair of the Property Committee, has identified in his annual report a list of minor and major repair work undertaken in 2012. He has also identified work that his committee is recommending to be undertaken in 2013, or as soon as funding is available. Trustees will be working with the Property Committee in developing a long term plan around the maintenance and preservation of the church.

Mary Dingee-Jacobs, Chair of the Restoration Committee, has also been working hard to try and raise the necessary funds to undertake extensive masonry and other restoration repairs needed. Her report will identify the results of her committee's efforts and the strong congregational financial support she has received to date.

The Board of Trustees thank both Mary and Greg along with their committee members for all of the hard work they are putting in on behalf of St. Paul's. I know John Gaskin and John Hart among others have also completed a lot of repair work behind the scenes in the last year. A special thanks to Harold Raper for looking after the Turner House rental, and Harold and John Gaskin for repairing the balcony ceiling above the door in the sanctuary. Their work alone has saved the church several thousand dollars. Thanks to others not mentioned who give so freely of their time!

The YMCA After School Child Care Program continues to be a positive community and church activity that addresses a need in the community, and is a part of our outreach in introducing young families to the church. It also continues to be a source of annual revenue for the church.

Board of Trustees Annual Report for 2012 (continued)

In November 2011, Trustees entered into its third roofing contract with Boudreau Sheet Metal Ltd., Moncton. This third contract was to undertake repairs to the copper roof over the George Street parking lot stairs. The value of the contract was \$45,632. The contractor started work in November and after stripping the old copper and placing a thin weatherproof membrane material to make ready for the new copper, they left the job. However, Trustees were able to make arrangements to obtain the copper required to complete the work and to get the contractor back in early March to successfully complete the job by mid April.

Building on the success of the Turner House project in assisting households in need of affordable housing, the Board of Trustees sought and received Congregational and Presbytery approval to undertake the conversion of the former Manse into a four unit rental apartment. This process was started in January 2012. Although it has been a long difficult process, as a result of a number of setbacks encountered along the way, the positive results are quite visible with the work that has been ongoing since November. We received three bids on this project and were fortunate to be in a position to award the contract to E & R Toner Renovations Ltd., for an amount of \$294,930. As a result of negotiations and good co-operation from the contractor, we were able to realize an approximate \$30,000 reduction from the original bid.

Some of the setbacks did increase our costs slightly and delayed the project several months, however we are fortunate (as of the date of this report) that we are within budget and the project is scheduled to be completed on time and ready for occupancy by May 1, 2013.

There will be two - two bedroom units for families and two - one bedroom units for non elderly singles. As well, two of the four units will be wheelchair accessible. Because our project is targeted for households in need of affordable housing, the project has been approved for a Federal/Provincial housing grant representing about 46% of the actual cost of the project.

In Summary:

The Board is grateful for the continued financial support it receives from the various church groups such as: the UCW, St. Paul's Quilters, and other church groups. As well, we appreciate the many donations made to St Paul's in memory of loved ones and to those remembering St. Paul's in other ways, thank you all!

I would like to again acknowledge Cathy Simpson for her diligent work and leadership in the day-to-day office administration of the church, and Alexis Ervin for her music. Thanks to Joe Robicheau, our Sexton, for his work in keeping the church clean and tidy and in helping out in many other ways.

Board of Trustees Annual Report for 2012 (continued)

The Board also acknowledges all the volunteers who have given so generously of their time and skills in many ways throughout the year.

I wish to acknowledge and thank all of the other members of Trustees who so freely give of their time, wisdom and support in making the church what it is today.

Finally, I wish to thank the Rev. Lori-Beth Sheffield-Bowles for her spiritual guidance and leadership, and to the congregation for its continued support to St. Paul's United Church. Consequently, the church has again realized another successful year in all areas of church life.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Rayner, Chair of Trustees

January 18, 2013

ANNUAL REPORT 2012 ST. PAUL'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The Worship Committee held several meetings in 2012 and discussions were held on various special services of worship including Palm Sunday, Easter Services, Thanksgiving, Anniversary, Remembrance Day, Advent Carol, Advent and Christmas Services. Communion and Services of Baptism were also part of our discussions.

At each of our meetings, details and various logistics for each service of worship were discussed and work teams to handle the preparations for these services were established. The Rev Dr. Peter Short led the congregation in worship until May 2012; Rev Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles began her tenure at St. Paul's United in August 2012.

Chair Isabel Green organized the Communion Services and Coffee Roster; Roger Miller secured scripture readers, greeters and ushers for each Sunday.

Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services were well attended; a delicious pot luck dinner preceded the Maundy Thursday Service of the Shadows. Sheffield and Wilmot United were invited to join St. Paul's for this special service. On Easter Sunday, Wilmot United and St. Paul's took part in a Sunrise Service on the banks of the St. John River. An enjoyable breakfast followed at St. Paul's United, coordinated by Barbara Cull-Wilby. The Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m. included Holy Communion.

"Love Fredericton" was coordinated by Roger Miller; various "random acts of kindness" were extended to Fredericton residents by participants at this event.

Joint services of worship for Wilmot and St. Paul's United congregations were held during the summer months; this plan facilitated holidays for the ministers in the respective churches.

A Memorial Hymn Sing, a very successful event in support of the Restoration Committee, was held on October 21 at the 10:30a.m. Service. The choir performed several selections specially chosen to remember loved ones who have contributed so much to our lives and the work of the church. The program included vocal and piano solos and congregational hymns and raised over \$9500.00 in support of the Restoration Fund.

The Honourable Justice Bradley V. Green was our guest speaker for the 180th Anniversary Service of St. Paul's on November 4th; a Reception followed the service in the Fraser Memorial Hall.

Padre Mike Gibbons was our guest speaker on Remembrance Day Sunday, November 11th.

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ST.PAUL'S WORSHIP COMMITTEE
(continued)

The Senior Choir, under the direction of Alexis Ervin, hosted the Annual Advent Carol Festival on December 5th; the event, in support of the Fredericton Area Food Banks, was very well attended and raised over \$5000.00!

The many details for the four Sundays in Advent were planned with families participating in a reading and candle lighting at each of these services.

Isabel Green was able to involve several of our families in these special services.

Also, Holy Communion was administered during the Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Candle Light Services were held at 7 and 11p.m. on Christmas Eve.

St. Paul's and Wilmot had a joint service at Wilmot on December 30th; Rev. Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles and Rev. Ellen Bearisto presided at this service.

Communion Report:

February 12th (135 people were served communion)
Easter Sunday (180)
Thanksgiving Sunday (138)
Fourth Sunday in Advent (127)
Christmas Eve at 11 p.m. (75)



Committee members:

Florence Bartlett	Larry Buick	Ed Bujold
Isabel Green	Ann Krause	Gary Llewellyn
Roger Miller	Jean Street	

Respectfully submitted,
Ann E. Krause, Secretary
Isabel Green, Chair

The following statistics were recorded for the year of 2012

Baptisms: children	05
adults	02
Marriages	06
Funerals	14
Received by Confirmation	0
Received by Profession of Faith	01
Received by Transfer of Membership	04
Removed by Death	18
Removed by Transfer of Membership	05
Number of Households under Pastoral Care	310
Total Number of Resident Members	368
Total Number of Non-Resident Members	768

St. Paul's Senior Choir 2012

The Senior Choir welcomed alto Debbie Allison and tenor Julian Walker to our ranks this year.

Under the skilled and patient leadership of Music Director and Organist Alexis Ervin, the choir performed at all worship services and, on request, at funerals. Additionally, St. Paul's choir performed at the Memorial Hymn Sing raising about \$11,000 for the Restoration Fund. Alexis and the choir organized, hosted and performed at the 23rd Annual Advent Carol Festival raising \$5000 for the Fredericton Food Bank.

The choir held its plant sale, raising \$500 for new sheet music and a light for the Organist.

For fun and fellowship, we had a Christmas pot-luck at über-decorator Doug Warman's home and a summer gathering at Mary Dingee Jacob's courtyard.

We also participated in the celebration of Peter Short by serenading him with one of his favourites: *On the Road Again*.

Alexis and the choir have been blessed this year by Iris Kim, an extraordinarily talented young pianist. She provides accompaniment help to Alexis at our Thursday evening practices and at Sunday worship services. All the Senior Choir members greatly appreciate her skills and her good humour.

The Inter-Church Refugee Committee

Two families have arrived from Iraq through/via Syria. They lived as refugees in Syria. One family had a new baby born in December, 2012 after arriving in Fredericton.

We are still maintaining contact with the family from Ethiopia, who lived in Nairobi as refugees prior to coming to Canada. This family also have a child that was born in Canada, a lovely little girl.

All families are now permanent residents of Canada.

Many of the adults are employed and also attend English language instruction as needed.

These families are very appreciative of the assistance they have received.

Signed Anna Dawn Goddard
Representative from St. Paul's Church on the Interchurch Refugee Committee

**PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2013**

I'm Maude McNamara, I'm one of four(4) members of the Partnership Committee.

We have an operating budget of \$4850.00.

Donations are given to nine(9) different organization. We also supplement the Brown Bags and The Pantry when necessary.

We set up The Pantry to start at the beginning of September 2011, but word really got around by the end of October of that year.

We have about sixty(60) families registered, but about thirty(30) on a regular monthly basis.

The Brown Bags are for the homeless people who come in off the street. For the year 2012 we filled three hundred eighty six (386) bags.

Maude A. McNamara

WEDNESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

This small group meets every Wednesday morning in the Quilter's Parlour for worship discussion, a cup of coffee and a cookie. Each member takes their turn for the program.

This year we visited Government House to see the display of hooked rugs and Provincial Archives for a display of paintings.

In the summer we attended two strawberry suppers; Magaguadavic and Woodland on the Royal Road. In the fall our annual outing took us to Ellen's Kitchen in Stanley.

New members are always welcome. Helen Craig—for the group

Archivist

St. Paul's participated again this year in the Door Open Fredericton. Two members of St. Paul's were available to give a short tour and answer questions about the history of St. Paul's.

Contributions have been received from St. Paul's library and individuals. Thank you.

It is important to preserve examples of our history such as early church bulletins and programs, recognition awards, newspaper clippings and magazine articles, books, photographs minute books of groups, etc. - Helen Craig

St. Paul's Quilters

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2012

ON HAND January 1, 2012 **\$ 389.96**

RECEIPTS

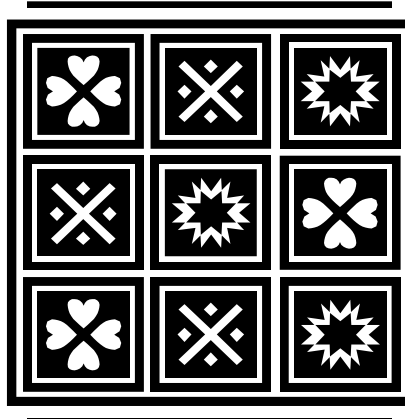
Baby Quilts sold	\$ 100.00	
Quilts Quilted	\$ 796.00	
Bazaar	\$ 98.00	
Donations	\$ 28.00	
Petty Cash returned	\$ <u>12.47</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1044.47	\$1434.43

DISBURSEMENTS

ST. PAULS OPERATING FUND	\$1200.00	
BANK CHARGES	\$ <u>24.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1224.00	

BANK BALANCE DEC 31/12 **\$ 210.43**

JEAN KINGSTON,
TREASURER



*United Church Women
Annual Report 2012*

Statement of Purpose

To unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ through Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

St. Paul's UCW has completed another busy and successful year which was highlighted by the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the UCW.

- ◆ Members of UCW conducted a church service at St. Paul's in June.
- ◆ Two lovely banners were made for the occasion by Chris Grant and Caroline Simpson.
- ◆ Members attended the spring rally in Harvey.
- ◆ We held a general meeting at St. Anne's Court.
- ◆ Presented a life membership to Ann Forbes.
- ◆ Helped work in The Pantry during the year.
- ◆ Supported the Brown Bag lunch program.
- ◆ Attended a service of Prayer of Christian Unity at St. Paul's sponsored by the Women's Inter Church Council with Ann Raper as President.
- ◆ Made mincemeat pies and frozen casseroles for the Christmas Bazaar.
- ◆ Provided the lunch for the Advent Carol Festival.
- ◆ Made donations to the Operating Fund of St. Paul's, Transition House and Chimo.

We would like to thank all those who have assisted us in the past year, with special thanks to Clergy, Cathy Simpson and Joe Robicheau.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Naugler, President UCW

St. Paul's United Church Women
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the period January 1,2012 to December 31,2012

Receipts

Projects & Dinners	\$ 1,584.50
Envelopes and donations	\$ 1,562.70
Catering	\$ 4,508.75
Christmas Bazaar—2012	\$ 4,657.70
Miscellaneous	\$ 46.00
Interest	\$ 0.39
Total receipts	\$ 12,360.04

Disbursements

Catering	\$ 988.95
Christmas Bazaar	\$ 508.86
Kitchen and hall	\$ 400.00
Red Cross	\$ 300.00
Church-flowers	\$ 28.17
Transition House	\$ 150.00
CHIMO	\$ 100.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 380.00
Stamps & Cards	\$ 88.41
St Paul's -Trustees	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 12,644.39

Disbursements in excess of receipts	284.35
December 31,2012 Bank Balance	\$1591.22

Chris Grant—Treasurer



Beaver Colony

- ◆ Our youngest members, age 5-7 continues with 4 members.
- ◆ They enjoy their hour of games, crafts, stories and activities in the parking lot.
- ◆ They had a sleepover in the Hall and sold popcorn.
- ◆ They learned about trees at a meeting in Odell Park instead of the usual tree planting.
- ◆ They recorded their activities on the bulletin board, learned about Queen Elizabeth reign through Canadian stamps with the Cubs.

Cub Pack



- ◆ The registration for the Cubs, age 8-10 continued with 6 members.
- ◆ One Cub earned all 6 stars and went on to the Scout Troop.
- ◆ Two Beavers moved up to Cubs.
- ◆ They had a sleepover in the Hall when they raced their Kub Kars that they had built. Some went on to race at the Brookside Mall.
- ◆ They sold popcorn while Scoutrees became an evening meeting in Odell Park.
- ◆ In September the pack enjoyed a weekend camp at the Girl Guide Camp at Oromocto Lake.
- ◆ Some of our costs are covered by our collecting of pop tabs, cans and bottles for refunds.

Helen Craig



Scouts Canada Groups at St. Paul's 2012

St. Paul's continues to sponsor Scouting and supports the groups in the respective activities. There was a church parade on a Sunday during Scout-Guide week in February. During Exhibition week in September they had a fundraiser buy parking cars and trucks on a lot on Argyle Street. For the first time since apple Day began in 1932, Apple Day had to be cancelled due to heavy rain. Our groups assigned location was out of doors.

Our 7th Fredericton Venturer Company did not renew its registration in September due to the lack of members as no one moved up from Scouts. They had met with 3rd Fredericton (Parish Church) in the Upper Room for many years with shared leadership. Chris Arsenault, their last member, received his Queen's Venturer Award in November. He was been a Beaver, Cub, Scout and Venturer at 7th. He received a Scouts Canada scholarship and is presently attending Mount Allison University.

Karoline Barr received her Silver Acorn and her husband, Keith received his bar to the Silver Acorn at the same ceremony at the Provincial Legislature in November.

We appreciate the financial assistance for registration fees from members of the congregation. All the leaders participated in the new Scouts Canada required training on Child and Youth Safety and Accessibility and signed a Code of Conduct. Their Police Record Checks continue to be renewed every three years. New leaders and new members of the Group Committee must also take additional Scouts Canada training courses before they can participate in youth activities.

Our Group Committee is still in the reconstruction process. Additional volunteers would be appreciated.

7th Fredericton Scout Troop Annual Report 2012

The troop continues to carry out its activities with 3rd Fredericton on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 pm. Here are our activities for the year 2012:

January	Christmas Tree Pick-up, Pioneering badge and snowshoeing with 1 st Springhill Scouts
February	All Section Camp at Greenhill Lake camp, Shrove Tuesday supper and Church parade
March	Games and Campfire night
April	Food Drive
May	Greer Camp weekend, canoe training, canoeing on Spendic Lake Victoria Day weekend, and Scoutrees.
June	Scub camp, community service at Royal Road School and Provincial Linking Camp
July and August	Summer program of exploring the city on Tuesday nights
September	Dusk to Dawn and Run for the Cure
October	Hike in Odell Park, Highway Clean-up, Jamboree on the Air/Internet (Skyping with a troop in England) and archery
November	Remembrance Day Parade and making Scout chairs
December	Christmas Camp at Yoho, bowling and caroling

The troop was sad to see Scouter Dave Brothers leave us in the spring and in the fall welcomed Ian Dupuis to the leadership team. The troop has grown from 2 Scouts to 4 Scouts this fall.

Respectfully submitted

Karoline Barr
Troop Scouter

Please bring this
Report to the
Annual Meeting with you
on March 17, 2013
(11:45 a.m.)