

**St. Paul's United Church
(Tisdale) Annual Report
February 24th, 2013**



**God is our rock and our fortress.
In God we find our hope and our strength.
Generous God, help us to see clearly
what is needed by our church
and by the world around us and how we can best
share our gifts to match that vision.**

From: Ministry Matters and Kathy Murphy United Church

Hello to St. Paul's United Church Family

It has been an interesting year for our church to say the least. I took over duties as Chairperson on the Board in May. Carol Skauge, our church secretary resigned in June due to health problems. Fortunately May Bilash took over her duties on August 1st.

Our minister, Reverend Evelyn Rigby resigned as minister for St. Paul's July 1st. As a result of this a Joint Needs Assessment Committee was formed and there were different ideas put forward. Some of these were : looking to unite with other congregations, or hiring a minister on a third time basis. Some work has been done but we have more to do.

In June heavy rains caused sewer backup and flooding at the manse. The damage has been repaired and we are waiting for approval from Presbytery to sell the manse.

I want to thank all the Board members for their work and effort to keep our church going. A special thanks to the Worship Committee for looking after pulpit supply.

I hope this coming year will not be as eventful as the last one.

God Bless everyone.

Winston Newman; Chair St. Paul's Board

Search Committee

The Search Committee consists of Mary Grant, Maureen Donald, Cindy Jordison and Winston Newman, from the local congregation and Jean Perkins of Bridging Waters Pastoral Charge as Presbytery representative.

We still need a clergy representative which Rev. Emmanuel will appoint. We hope to have a committee meeting prior to the annual meeting and a report to present that time.

Submitted by Winston Newman

**Be not dismayed nor be surprised
If what you do is criticized.
Mistakes are made, I'll not deny
But only made by those who try.**

- Author Unknown -

Marriages

“Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4 - 7

Jocelyn Sophia Saranchuk & Michael David William Hilkewich
July 7th, 2012

In Memoriam

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me.”

Psalm, 23:4

Meyers, Helen Tressie	Jan. 7 th , 2012
Snyder, Margaret Glynn	Jan. 28 th , 2012
Manton, Dorothy Elizabeth	Mar. 22 nd , 2012
Pilon, Anna May	Mar. 28 th , 2012
Miller, Thelma Corinne	Aug. 21 st , 2011/Buried June 16 th , 2012
Rooke, James (Jim) Alexander	Aug. 8 th , 2012
Sealey, Muriel Isabelle	Aug. 15 th , 2012
Staples, James Arthur	Sept. 3 rd , 2012
Morgan, Beverly Mae	Oct. 14 th , 2012
Schell, Maurice Benjamin	Dec. 14 th , 2012
Rosvold, Winifred Margaret	Dec. 26 th , 2012

St. Paul's United Church Annual Meeting

Feb. 24th, 2013

Agenda:

Opening Prayer

Nominations for Chairperson

Nominations for Recording Secretaries (2)

Motion to extend voting rights to Adherents

Agenda – additions

Motion to accept the Agenda

Minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting (errors or omissions)

Motion to accept the 2012 minutes

In Memoriam List/Marriages/Chairperson's Letter

Committee Reports:

- . 1. Search Committee
- . 2. Financial
- . 3. Worship
- . 4. Christian Education
- . 5. Ministry and Personnel
- . 6. UCW
- . 7. Women's Fellowship
- . 8. Newmarket Manor Aux.
- . 9. Sasko Park Lodge
- . 10. Tamarack Presbytery
- . 11. Meals on Wheels
- . 12. Property
- . 13. Visitation – no report
- . 14. Choir – no report

Motion to accept all reports

Nomination of new members to committees

New Business/Discussion

Motion to Adjourn

Closing Prayer

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 25, 2012**

**The Meeting was held in the Lower Hall in conjunction with a
A Service of Worship**

- 1. Lighting of the Christ Candle**
- 2. Meditative Hymn - #318 V.U. "Spirit of Life"**
- 3. Opening Prayer – Rev. Rigby**
- 4. Nomination of Chairperson MOTION: Edith Dahl/ Howard Saelhof: nominated Caryl Skauge. There were no further nominations. Carried.**
- 5. Nomination of Recording Secretaries (2): Alice Newman/Deana Gruending: nominated Mary Grant; Ellen Burgess/Marilyn Thompson: nominated Joyce McPhee. There were no further nominations. Carried.**
- 6. MOTION: To extend voting rights to adherents: Ed Laxdal/Winston Newman: That voting rights on Temporal matters, according to the United Church Manual, be granted to adherents of St. Paul's United Church present here today. Carried.**
- 7. Acceptance of Agenda: There being no additions to the Agenda, acceptance of the Agenda was approved on a MOTION by Gary Rice/Ken McPhee. Carried.**
- 8. Presentation of February 13, 2011 minutes for review. No errors or omissions were noted. MOTION: to accept the Minutes as presented: Howard Saelhof/ Jim Grant. Carried.**
- 9. Presentation of Committee Reports**
 - (a) Rev. Rigby gave notice of request for a change in Pastoral Relationship (letter attached)**
 - (b) In Memorium List: The names submitted for the In Memorium were read by the Chairperson. Names of the Marriages and Baptisms were also read.**
 - (c) Financial Report – Chairman Gary Rice/Treasurer Caryl Skauge - Gary Rice explained that the partial payment to M&S in 2011 was caused by the necessity of reconciling PAR records. The balance will be submitted. The proposed budget indicates a more equitable amount for 2012. Ministerial salary had been budgeted for a lesser amount than was needed as our clergy situation had not been**

determined. We expect a break-even year on GST, as 50% of GST will be returned to St. Paul's. (\$2465.00) Caryl Skauge presented the Bank Balances and a chart indicating income/expenditure. New software – Simply Accounting – has been installed. Church watch account is on ledger. Sheila Heisler has greatly assisted with the implementation of these programs. Projected deficit is \$19,573. MOTION: Ken/McPhee/Maurice Taylor: that the Board call a Congregational meeting at an appropriate date to discuss the future of the congregation and its financial situation. Discussion followed; a vote to approve the 2012 Budget was not called for.

- (d) Property. A verbal report was presented by Jim Grant and Dennis Scutchings. Appreciation was expressed for yard maintenance and snow removal. Jim Grant reported that Dean Rathgeber has donated a warmer for the snowblower. MOTION: Joyce McPhee/Alice Newman that someone be hired to handle the grass and snow removal. Speaking against the motion, Sharon Whiting enquired about resources for payment of same. Suggestions were put forward for volunteers. Judy Krantz volunteered to assist. Those in favor: eight (8); opposed – one; majority abstained; motion defeated.
- (e) Worship – as attached. Thanks expressed to Caryl Skauge and May Bilash for their work with the Sunday School.
- (f) Choir – attached.
- (g) UCW – attached. Thanks to Caryl Skauge for the beautiful banner she made for the UCW 50th Anniversary – available for viewing in the Runciman room.
- (h) Women's Fellowship – no report
- (i) Visitation – no report
- (j) Sasko Park Lodge Auxiliary – Attached. Mabel Schmidt reported a shortage of funds. A rummage sale is planned, donations welcomed.
- (k) Newmarket Manor Auxiliary – attached
- (l) Meals-on-wheels – verbal report by Alice Newman. Thanks to all drivers.

10. Tamarack Presbytery Report – Of the \$6000.00 St. Paul's pays yearly to Presbytery, \$1000.00 helps support the North

- Saskatchewan Chaplaincy program; a portion is paid to
Conference and a portion supports Presbytery meetings**
- 11. Chairperson thanks all Committees and Rev. Rigby**
 - 12. MOTION: that all reports be accepted as presented: Dennis
Scutchings/Ed Laxdal. Carried.**
 - 13. MOTION: to adjourn: John Scott**
 - 14. Closing Prayer – A Prayer for Homes and Families #557 V.U.**
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Hand Delivered at St. Paul's United Church Annual Meeting
March 25, 2012

Secretary of Tamarack Presbytery
Karen Mitchell
(forwarded by email this date)

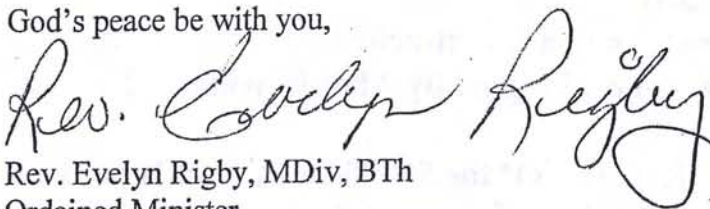
✓ Secretary of St. Paul's United Church
Pastoral Charge, Official Board, Tisdale, SK
Mary Grant (Hand delivered at St. Paul's United Church Annual Meeting)

Notice of Request
for a change in Pastoral Relationship

This is my notice to request a change of pastoral relationship effective July 1, 2012,
in order: to end the relationship to be available for call, settlement or appointment;
due to the health of a family member.

Prayers ascending as we now begin to walk different pathways on our sacred journey.

God's peace be with you,


Rev. Evelyn Rigby, MDiv, BTh
Ordained Minister,
St. Paul's United Church Pastoral Charge
Tisdale, SK

Finance Committee Report

Following are the St. Paul's 2010, 2011 and 2012 Financial Statements and the 2013 Budget.

The 2012 net income is substantially better than projected, primarily due to our not having a minister for the last six months of the year, with the subsequent major reduction in ministerial expenses.

The 2013 budget is based on the Joint Needs Assessment Committee recommendations of attempting to contract a 1/3rd time minister until June 30th, 2013 and then hopefully being able to participate in a shared ministry for the balance of the year.

Submitted by: Gary Rice, Howard Saelhof, Dennis Scutchings

St. Paul's United Church BUDGET PLANNING

Revenue	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
Local offerings	67,095.84	68,284.38	70,000.00	63,874.56	66,000.00
Loose offerings	1,685.90	2,666.55	900.00	120.35	0.00
M & S Offering	4,477.00	4,766.25	4,100.00	3,196.00	3,200.00
Building fund offering	1,093.00	15,569.00	1,000.00	401.00	500.00
Use of Church	4,205.00	3,675.00	4,000.00	4,860.60	4,500.00
U.C.W.	9,031.79	10,100.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	4,000.00
U.C.W. - M & S	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Upper room	3.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Term Deposit/Savings Interest	2,076.17	2,654.95	2,000.00	2,715.47	2,000.00
Improvements	308.94	261.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fall Supper	7,850.00	7,313.52	7,000.00	7,468.15	7,500.00
Memorial Donations	560.00	60.00	300.00	902.00	750.00
Sunday School	96.85	56.00	100.00	128.40	100.00
GST Rebate	407.36	300.52	500.00	0.00	0.00
Easter Lillies/Poinsettias	375.00	190.00	350.00	400.00	350.00
Lunches, Pie/Cake Auctions	870.51	578.00	1,500.00	391.00	500.00
Voices United/More Voices	160.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
LAC Conference	0.00	73.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	1,015.26	70.23	200.00	2,270.76	1,000.00
Food Bank	140.00	208.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	102,951.92	118,326.88	96,050.00	90,728.29	91,900.00

Expenses	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget
Advertising	456.93	590.24	700.00	592.50	500.00
Office supplies, Postage	2,052.39	2,731.07	2,000.00	2,090.87	2,500.00
Telephone	1,560.37	1,722.19	1,800.00	1,403.65	1,500.00
Minister's Phone	329.16	480.00	600.00	360.00	400.00
Utilities	4,253.43	6,028.17	6,500.00	5,347.12	6,000.00
Insurance	1,779.00	1,658.00	1,700.00	1,855.00	2,000.00
Elevator License & Maintenance	404.00	80.00	400.00	125.00	400.00
Janitor supplies	584.67	73.32	300.00	652.71	600.00
Janitor wages	2,315.61	1,936.00	2,300.00	1,650.00	4,000.00
Church repairs & maintenance	1,102.79	18,225.76	2,000.00	1,434.08	2,000.00
Mission & service	5,119.00	3,822.75	7,500.00	6,726.50	4,700.00
Publications	55.00	20.12	50.00	309.16	100.00
Presbytery	5,837.13	5,993.00	5,600.00	5,846.00	6,000.00
Fall supper	3,031.19	2,369.89	2,600.00	2,905.96	3,000.00
Salaries - Office	11,998.84	11,941.14	10,000.00	5,780.38	7,000.00
Salaries - Ministerial	14,967.44	26,346.00	40,230.00	18,164.12	20,000.00
Salaries - Music	2,880.00	2,370.00	2,800.00	1,890.00	2,500.00
Pulpit supply	3,202.51	1,730.50	1,044.00	4,192.59	2,000.00
EI - Minister		865.12	1,006.00	676.20	700.00
EI - Staff		227.09	175.00	70.39	100.00
CPP - Minister		1,195.36	1,992.00	304.70	310.00
CPP - Staff		279.10	347.00	72.95	75.00
Pension plan - Minister	11,518.60		3,943.00	3,009.22	
Core Group Ins - Minister			2,890.00		
Restorative Care - Minister		5,050.72	705.00	2,498.51	5,500.00
Employer indemnity - Minister			68.00		
Employer Assist Prog. - Minister			98.00		
Minister Mileage	3,929.32	1,774.88	1,000.00	0.00	1,500.00
Sunday School	165.81	221.04	300.00	255.75	300.00
Worship	2,230.48	1,895.07	1,500.00	202.24	500.00
Books, Cont Education	1,306.44	894.01	1,600.00	722.33	800.00
Other Ministerial expenses	0.00	7,520.18	200.00	30.00	200.00
Manse Utilities	0.00	1,535.17	1,000.00	380.00	600.00
Manse taxes & insurance	0.00		2,500.00	4,527.40	3,000.00
Music	288.70	27.55	100.00	0.00	0.00
Photocopier	515.84	1,894.50	1,500.00	1,015.10	1,200.00
ADP payroll service fee	0.00	194.21	300.00	162.48	150.00
Interest, Bank charges	10.50	0.00	50.00	24.16	50.00
Interest on long term debt	0.00	2,845.23	4,560.00	4,066.00	1,400.00
GST paid	0.00	0.00	0.00	383.01	400.00
Easter Lillies/Poinsettias	0.00	20.00	265.00	292.32	300.00
Audit & Accounting	74.80	257.25	300.00	3,088.69	4,000.00
Youth group	85.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	1,524.52	728.60	1,100.00	168.54	500.00
Total Expenses	83,579.47	115,543.23	115,623.00	83,275.63	86,785.00
entered as....	83,584.54				
Net Income (Deficit)	19,372.45	2,783.65	-19,573.00	7,452.66	5,115.00

Worship Committee

Committee Members: Cindy Jordison, Sharon Whiting, Judy Krantz, May Bilash and Carol McPhee

During the past year our committee helped arrange for a baptism, communions, special services, banners in the sanctuary and decorations for special services for our church community.

Pulpit Supply: In the absence of our minister the Worship Committee with the help of our congregation did some services. We also had Rev. Charles McKenzie, (Communions and Baptism), Beth Baerwald, Cindy Jordison, Veronica Wasylyk, Val Bodnaryk, Diane Berge, Judy Krantz and Carol McPhee help us with some services. We shared July and August services with the Presbyterian Church.

Special Services: Pentecost, Thanksgiving, Hanging of the Greens, Sunday School Pageant for Christmas, Christmas Eve Service, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Projects: Teen Bibles for Grade Five Students

Christmas Flower Arrangement Project

Hanging of the Greens

Memorial Book

Stew Luncheon – St. Patrick's Day

Mother's and Father's Day Services

Start-up B.B.Q Picnic for Sunday School (Sept.)

The Worship Committee appreciates the support of the Congregation when looking for Greeters, Communion servers, readers and others participating in services in any way. Thank you to Mary Blacklaws for finding Greeters and Communion Servers. Thank you to all who helped out.

Submitted by Sharon Whiting

Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee was dormant until April of 2012. That meant that anyone who volunteered to teach Sunday School did so without support. In April, a new C.E. Committee began to organize. The members were Judy Krantz, Loretta Seabrook, Caryl Skauge and Deanna Gruending with assistance from Sandra Dancey and Rev. Rigby.

Parents, grandparents and congregation members responded, and due to their efforts, Sunday School continued to the end of June, 2012. Caryl Skauge had been very generous with her time and artistic talents, and the Sunday School had embarked on the "Kids for Goats" project where the kids offered a Mission and Service offering of goats to other kids and their families in Africa. Sunday School kids brought pennies to church as offering, and members of the

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congregation brought their pennies to help the project. Caryl also initiated wonderful murals, art projects and dramatizations done by the Sunday School that thrilled the congregation after lunch and as part of one service.

In the fall, Sunday School began again with parents and members of the congregation providing leadership and guidance. The C.E. Committee decided that the total responsibility of Sunday School should be shared, and so two adults would be in the Sunday School room each regular Sunday. In this time of financial restraint, the curriculum was borrowed from the weekly "Seasons of the Spirit" suggestions for service. Using "Seasons of the Spirit" had the advantage of using the same theme in Sunday School as was presented in the Sunday message. Though the crafts were simpler than those done in the past, the adult leaders could elaborate or do different crafts, and the children were delighted in making gingerbread houses out of graham wafers and milk cartons. We thank the parents for their ingenuity. The kids had a great time.

As well, kids learned traditional carols for the Sunday School /Young People's presentation on the history of carols in December. Again, adults like Margaret Mehler made her talents available for accompanying the carols, and Judy led the older kids in their narration. Hats off to our two young gentlemen: Sam Dancey and Pierce MacDonald, and our young ladies: Emily Donald, Danielle Norris-Pott and Bailey Norris-Pott for an excellent presentation.

The other C.E. rejuvenation was the re-introduction of C.O.O.L. (Created Out Of Love), the young people's program held every other Sunday evening, with leadership of Judy Krantz. C.O.O.L. kids have a room of their own in the basement, and they have done apple bobbing, spider-making, Old Testament exploring, media examining and candle-making, a craft that will be on sale at the next UCW craft and bakesale. And then there were the races! All kids who go to TMSS are welcome.

The Christian Education Committee is growing, with the addition of Margaret Mehler, and that just means more activities and ideas. The penny gathering will continue in 2013, although the kids have already bought 2 goats and 30 chickens thanks to their efforts and the generosity of the congregation. We look forward to 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Gruending, Chair C.E. Committee

M&P COMMITTEE

The M&P committee was re-formed in September at the request of the Church Board. Members of this committee are: Peggy Scutchings as chairperson; Donna Dobson as secretary; Alice Newman and Nora Teale.

The committee feels very fortunate to acquire the services of May Bilash as office administrator for the Church. May attended the office workers workshop at Calling Lakes in Oct. Members of the committee are filling in when May is on vacation or needs to be away from the office. We are checking the phone messages and doing the bulletin as necessary. May will be on vacation from March 10 - Apr 2, 2013.

The M&P committee is in the process of conducting annual reviews with our staff.

We will try to have quarterly meetings to deal with pertinent issues in the church. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any concerns you may have.

Submitted by Peggy Scutchings
Chairperson

St. Pauls' United Church Women Financial Report December 31, 2012

Receipts

Memberships	\$125.00
Projects	\$360.75
Spring Tea	\$1,039.85
Christmas Tea	\$1,389.00
Rummage Sales	\$5,749.99
Funerals	\$4,972.50
Donation	\$45.00
	<u>\$13,682.09</u>

Bank Balance Dec. 31/11	\$4,690.97
Petty Cash	\$40.31
	<u>\$18,413.37</u>
Less Expenses	<u>-\$8,466.33</u>
	\$9,947.04

Expenses

Presbyterial	\$125.00
Donations	\$1,950.00
Local Church	\$4,000.00
Kitchen	\$854.58
M & S	\$1,500.00
Bank Charges	\$12.75
Miscellaneous	\$4.00
Delegates	\$20.00
	<u>\$8,466.33</u>

Bank Balance Dec. 31/12	\$9,862.69
Petty Cash	\$84.35
	<u>\$9,947.04</u>

Submitted by Ellen Burgess, Treasurer

Audited by Marilyn Thompson

Ellen Burgess
Marilyn Thompson



Annual Report – UCW 2012

2012 was a very good year:

Financially – with 10 funeral lunches, 2 – Tea & Bake Sales, 2 – Rummage Sales and a Noon Lenten Soup and Sandwich Lunch at the Golden Age Centre.

Outreach – Birthday Teas, Visiting and Entertainment, Tea and Bake Sales at Sasko Park Lodge and Newmarket Manor. Serving lunch at the World Day of Prayer held in our church.

Memberships – our numbers are now down to 24 UCW members as sadly two ladies have passed away – Bev Morgan from the Afternoon UCW Unit #9 and also Helen Meyers from the Evening Unit #7. During the year 3 UCW Life Membership pins were given to UCW members Evelyn Keays, Verlyn Donald and Bev Scott at their UCW Afternoon Unit #9 meeting.

Presbyterial – Ellen Burgess and Edith Dahl traveled to Prince Albert, Sask. on April 21/12 to celebrate UCW 50th Anniversary, "Our Tapestry of Love" held at Calvary United Church.

Budget for 2012 –

Local Church \$4,000.00 ,
 M&S - \$1,500.00,
 Calling Lakes Centre - \$250.00
 Camp Tapawingo - \$300.00,

St. Andrews College & Bursary -\$200.00
 TACACL - \$200.00,
 North East Outreach - \$100.00,
 Tisdale Renal Dialysis - \$300.00

Social Committee – New Prices –
 Funeral Lunches and Catering Prices for 2013

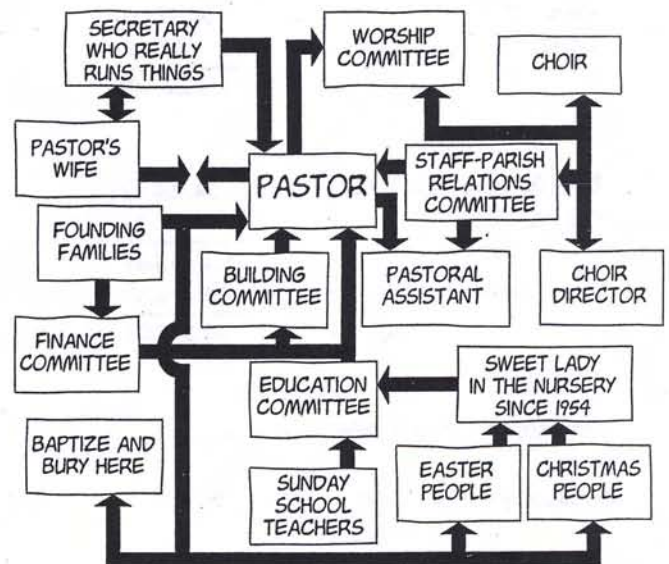
Funerals serving

- Cheese and Fruit Bread - \$3.50
- Sandwiches and Dainties - \$5.00
- Suppers - \$10.00

No change in Executive UCW General Officers

Through our units it was decided that we continue to use the Silver Tea Services for both our Spring & Christmas Teas As a part of the Tisdale Ministerial Association – United Church Women donated a tin of Christmas baking from our Christmas Tea to be given in appreciation to the EMT, RCMP, Hospital & Lodge workers.

Submitted by Edith Dahl -
 UCW General Pres.



James Cook



St. Paul's United Church UCW 50th
Anniversary Celebration 1962 – 2012, June 3/12

Our celebration began with a Sunday Worship service led by Rev. Evelyn Rigby – “Our Tapestry of Love” which included a Litany of Celebration read by Esther Hugie, Eileen Pugh and Evelyn Keays . followed by a Candle Lighting Service with lighters and readers – Edith Dahl, Orlah Schell, Ellen Burgess, Mary Blacklaws, Sharon Whiting and Alice Newman. General UCW President Edith Dahl, led us in repeating the UCW Purpose.

Caryl Skauge presented us with her lovely handcrafted corsages. UCW 50th Anniversary pins were presented to 24 ladies by Rev. Evelyn Rigby who congratulated us on our dedicated work and service to our units and our church over the years. A big thank you went out to Caryl as she created our lovely banner which was pictured on the bulletin cover. As our church secretary, Caryl also had sent out invitations, advertized the event in the Tisdale Recorder, arranged for the food for the luncheon including a beautifully decorated Carrot Cake from the Co-op. Mary Grant helped Caryl set up tables and chairs and do decorations. Thanks Mary for the use of your yellow tablecloths. Thanks ladies for sharing your time and talent decorating for us UCW ladies. Thanks again to the Board who provided funding for the event. It was a very special day being recognized for all the work we do for the church. As this was our day we were not allowed to serve or do dishes.

Pictures were taken by Gary Stoker and Sheldon Dahl. Maurice Taylor and our Choir provided the Ministry of Music. Gary and Jean Rice were ushers and greeters. Edith Dahl provided a display of UCW History and decorations to go with the theme of our 50th Anniversary.

Approximately 70 people attended the service and luncheon including out of town guests Sheldon, Kristi and Ireland Dahl from Ft. Qu'Appelle, Sask. and daughters Jossie and Shannon Dahl from White Fox, Sask.

Thanks “Everyone” for your attendance, good wishes and support throughout the years for our events and fundraisers – without your help we couldn't do the work for our church and community.

Submitted by General UCW Pres. - Edith Dahl

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

The Women's Fellowship Group meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at members' homes. The primary focus of the group is that of friendly fellowship. Meetings are informal and usually include a guest speaker, activity, theme or discussion topic. The topics are wide-ranging and chosen as interests, current events or issues arise and often provide the basis for candid and lively discussion and the sharing of interesting points of view. In 2012 a variety of topics were identified and, among others, included the following: Alzheimer's (discussion on the book *Still Alice*); bullying; self-esteem; the *Because I Am A Girl* movement; the humanitarian work being done for third world women to address obstetrical fistulas; the book *Wheat Belly*; diet and personal wellness; food security; medically assisted suicide; corporal punishment; and school security.

In March the group wrapped daffodils for the Cancer Society for distribution in the community. A cash donation was given to the UCW for their Christmas Tea and, in lieu of the traditional gift exchange at their annual Christmas gathering, members chose to make a donation to the local Food Bank to go towards providing a traditional Christmas dinner for a family in need.

New members are always welcome -- please contact the church office if you would like to come out to a meeting.

Submitted by Donna Dobson

Newmarket Manor Aux. 2012

Due to the many activities and musical entertainment Newmarket is a bright and cheerful place. We have dinner outings, monthly birthday teas, penny carnivals, game nights, a Thanksgiving family dinner, and a Christmas party with Santa gifts. This year we had our own resident Santa in Dale Maleskewski.

Some purchases made:

Photo printer

TV Coverage

Glockenspiel

Christmas Gifts for the residents

Contributions to the activity director for necessary items.

There is a need for a permanent Gazebo. (The old one was destroyed by the wind).

Fund Raisers are: ticket raffle, Anniversary Tea and Bake Sale (June), 2013 being the 25th anniversary. Selling car raffle tickets for the CNIB for which we are reimbursed.

Thank you for all the many volunteers for giving so freely of their time.

Thank you to the Musicians for brightening the lives of the residents.

Aux. Meetings are the first Monday of every month. New members and visitors are welcome.

Submitted by Esther Hugie

Sasko Park Lodge Auxiliary Report 2011-2012

Our Aux. is made up of 9 paid organizations and 15 individual members. There is an affiliation of 5 organizations that assist with teas, birthday parties etc.

At the present time there are 33 long term care beds and one individual suite (not in use).

Others are used for office space.

The sod turning ceremony was held on Sept. 6th/2011 to launch the beginning of the new Long Term Care Facility. Progress is being made, and the hope is to have it completed by 2014.

Patients from New Market Manor will be moved into the completed building and then New Market Manor will be renovated. When this is all completed the Sasko Park Lodge residents will move in also.

We had three fund raising events, all termed a success:

A spring tea and bake sale, crafts, new to you and a fish pond.

A yard sale that had to be held indoors due to wet windy weather. We raised \$1,000.

The Christmas Party and Santa.

We raffled off two large baskets of Kitchen & Culinary items. It went over very well.

In June we sponsored and enjoyed an outdoor picnic with the residents. Club members made the delicious salads. The chicken and dessert was purchased. We also supply chicken once again in the winter months.

A Mother's Day Spa was enjoyed by the female residents, followed by tea and a carnation.

We funded the petting zoo again this year (\$250.00). Once again the animals were let free to roam free among the residents within a fenced enclosure. The kittens seem to be a favorite pet.

Our Club covers the cost of the birds and the cat, the large print calendars, any therapeutic kitchen needs plus mileage for musicians. The music really brightens up the afternoons for the residents and dancers alike.

We would like to acknowledge the individuals that volunteer their time and all the 'Acts of Kindness' that go on behind the scenes such as: the Club members making dainties, helping decorate the Lodge for Christmas, visiting residents, helping take them out for meals and drives in the country as well as seeing the Christmas lights, etc. These 'Acts of Kindness' enrich our lives so much as it does the Residents. The bedding plants on the walk way are just a bright finishing touch.

In honor of thirty two years of dedicated service to the Residents, Staff, Families and Friends,

Rosalee Janzen was the Guest of Honor at a farewell party at Sasko Park Lodge on Aug.

16/12. One hundred & thirty guests signed the register. Rosalee was presented with a purse of money, cards, yellow roses and a laminated Aux. Prayer. Eugene Nagy's Band and fellow musicians supplied some lively dance music. The Aux. members supplied a delicious lunch. In

closing Rosalee thanked everyone and a brief musical interlude was provided by her niece, Heather Dyck. Taking Rosalee's place was Noreen Kushniruk beginning Sept. 15/2012.

(Noreen's husband passed away and she had to take time off but is back at work now).

Submitted by Mabel Schmidt

Tamarack Presbytery Report 2012:

Here are the highlights of the October 2012 Meeting. The meeting was addressed by Darrell Reine, the new President of Sask Conference. -Conference structure has been reorganized with fewer committees and more networking. The 2013 Conference will be at Estevan. He has been attending Truth and Reconciliation Meetings. This is a very sad situation. He asked that we spread the knowledge of the past which led to the present.

The new U.C. Crest is ready for use. The change is in the colour of the four quadrants to reflect the four directions of aboriginal spirituality.

His challenge to us: **We are the face of the church. What do we have to change to make our face known?**

Each division of Presbytery met. Reports were made to the general court.

Urgent nominations are needed for Education and Students Committee – 1 lay & 1 ordained, a male Sexual Response & Prevention person, a treasurer (after the death of Joyce Thurston) a secretary, (after the retirement of Karen Mitchell, in June 2013).

The Tamarack Telegraph- a newsletter of events in Tamarack Presbytery - will be sent out electronically to delegates. Please submit your coming events and successful past events to lking1255@yahoo.com

Ruth Griffith is the convener for the Resource Pool Workshop Mar. 5-7
Katie Kouris has been appointed as SaskYouth Personnel.

Although Camp Tapawingo had a successful year they had to meet some major structural challenges in the mess hall, the camp dorms and washrooms. Tamarack Presbytery backed their loan and helped them access grants.

Letters of concern from pastoral charges to the appropriate authorities are encouraged regarding the closure of the PFRA tree farm and pasture programs and also regarding the ending of funding for

The P to P program (person to person - inmate to volunteer) in federal correctional institutions. More info available on the Sask Conference website.

Mission Support grants are to be received by LaRonge and Shellbrook -Leask. Grants are available for technical improvements, church modification, manse modification, Green Initiatives. See Sask Conference website.

The Ministry and Education Committee reports there have been 6 interviews for lay worship leaders, 2 student minister applications, 1 enquiry for discernment, 2 more showing interest in programs.

Five Pastoral Care oversight visitations are complete, 2 are pending for this year and 5 are planned for next year. **The JNAC Report from St Paul's Tisdale was accepted.**

Arborfield gave notification of intent to disband - approved.

A reminder from the North Saskatchewan Chaplaincy that, at the time you are admitted, you must say you belong to the United Church or the chaplain will not be able to visit you.

A budget of \$71,677 was approved **Tamarack Presbytery Allocation** - Each year St. Paul's Congregation, as all congregations sends an amount of money to Presbytery; this allocation is based on the number of members supporting our church with donations of \$50.00 or more (sourced from the statistics forms we fill out in Feb. after income tax receipts are issued).

St. Paul's allocation for 2013 is around \$6,000.00.

The next meeting of Tamarack Presbytery is Feb. 15- 16 at Calvary United Church in Prince Albert.

Your delegates are Carol McPhee, Alice Newman (and Maureen Donald, Alternate)

Submitted by Maureen Donald

Meals on Wheels Report

The Meals on Wheels Program is one in which St. Paul's has had a part for many years. It is a combined effort between the Tisdale Hospital which prepares the meals, and packages them for delivery, and volunteer "carriers" from various organizations and churches who deliver the meals to the homes of persons who are shut-in or who are unable to care for their own nutritional needs, as pre-determined by Home Care personnel.

In the month of March St. Paul's provides volunteers to deliver these meals. In 2012 eight meals were delivered daily Monday to Friday.

We give our thanks in appreciation to these people who gave of their time and effort last year, many of whom have volunteered for several years in past years as well:

Don and Donna Dobson

Winston Newman and Don Davidson

May and Terry Bilash

Dennis and Peggy Scutchings

John and Bev Scott

Respectfully submitted, Alice Newman

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

- Ordered two cans of "Flex Seal" to repair the leaks in the metal roof. Don Dobson and I discovered that when the metal sections were screwed down, that the screws were not all placed into the wooden stringers and now allow water to seep in. I hope that the Flex Seal will seal them off. Some foam caulking will be required to form a 'dam' to divert water from under the overhang above the metal roof.

- The heating system will operate more efficiently with the Sanctuary doors and the doors to the choir loft kept closed when it is not in use. The fans should be left running on low speed to circulate the heat. We have discussed installing a programmable thermostat. That has not been done because of the irregular use of the Sanctuary.

-The lawnmower should be replaced as the drive shaft is bent and the vibration it creates renders it very difficult to operate. The chute that directs grass into the bag no longer is useable.

- The snow blower requires a maintenance overhaul to the engine.

-The metal downspout tubes should be replaced with flexible ones on the west side and southeast corner of the building. Kids seem to enjoy riding their bikes over them and when squashed, they fill with leaves and dirt causing the gutters to overflow and drain down the west wall and into the basement. We need to have some dirt brought in, filled and sloped against the west wall.

- "Thanks" to Joyce and Jim McPhee for faithfully attending to the Memorial Garden by weeding, watering and planting throughout the summer.

- We recommend that two or three more people be appointed to committee who will be ACTIVE by committing to the upkeep and maintenance of the building and grounds. We intend to have a clean-up work party in the Spring to 'spruce up' our place of Worship.

Submitted by Jim Grant and Dennis Scutchings