

*St. Paul's United Church Fall/Winter Newsletter -  
2014/15  
Interim Minister - Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood*

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### **Finance Committee Report**

We hope all of St. Paul's congregation members have had an enjoyable summer, especially with our abnormally warm spell in late September. Many members are to be commended on their continued support during the usually quiet summer holiday season. We thank you for your very substantial contributions work wise and monetarily wise in enabling a very successful rummage sale and fall supper.

Unfortunately church expenses continue to exceed revenues leaving us with year to date (as of Sept. 30) total revenue of \$56,611.00, total expenses of \$65,642.00 for a Sept 30 net deficit of \$9031.00. Unless revenues increase substantially by year end we project a year end 2014 deficit of approximately \$12,000.00 and a probable 2015 deficit of approximately \$35,000.00. Although we currently have some reasonable reserve, these projected deficits will deplete them fairly quickly.

St. Paul's United Church in Tisdale has embarked on a **two year interim ministry.**

Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood will be with us for these two years. Part of the interim work involves the future of the church. We are considering the possibility of a ten year vision to keep the church open with full time ministry. This will require the support financially of the congregation and the community. When you consider the cost of full time ministry this will mean substantial increased givings on part of the congregation. We will pursue this vision and what it means in circle discussions in January, February and March. We look forward to working with you and we invite you to be a part of this Interim Time.

We have included PAR forms for your convenience in regular giving if you are not already a part of this program. Cheques can be mailed to St. Paul's United Church, Box 116, Tisdale, Sk. S0E 1T0 or dropped off at the church on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Income tax receipts for all contributions will be issued at year end.

God bless your support,  
Submitted by finance,  
Gary Rice and Committee,  
and Sharon Ferguson-Hood

## **Fall Greetings To All Of You From Sharon**

I arrived in Tisdale at the end of June and I have been at St. Paul's United Church since July 1. The church is a charming, lovely space and I am enjoying being with you at Sunday morning worship. The congregation is warm and welcoming and I appreciate your patience while I get to know you.

I am here for two years and have been appointed to do an interim ministry. There is a Transition Team in place and together we will fulfil the goals set out for this time. I have attached the members of the Transition Team, and our goals for the church.

Interim is an opportunity to explore who you are as a church and who you want to be. Or, at a time such as this in the history of the church we might ask, "How will we continue to be the church? How might we be an active church community for the next ten years with full time ministry?"

This is just the beginning of our two years together. I am hopeful that we will fulfill our learning goals, and that you will be ready to call a minister in 2016.

I look forward to our time together.

In the Spirit of Wisdom, I wish you a full & bountiful fall,

(Rev.) Sharon Ferguson-Hood

### **Interim Ministry Goals**

Learning Goals:

- 1) To explore conflict management, and to find ways to communicate conflict management skills. To teach all who are interested, particularly those people involved in leadership at St. Paul's United Church how to implement these skills.
- 2) Communication: circle conversations will be offered to give people the opportunity to talk about issues surrounding the church. We will explore issues like how people are feeling with the present situation of Interim Ministry. And we will explore the topics of trust, and healing if people are feeling hurt
- 3) Roles and United Church Structure: Explore United Church structure and how our local Board is structured. Review the roles we assume as leaders in the church.

4) Explore the future of the United Church at St. Paul's in Tisdale.

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The following are the members of the Transition Team:

Cindy Jordison,	Chair of TT	306-873-5018
Maureen Donald,	Secretary of TT	306-873-4649
Mary Grant,	Member of TT	306-873-2557
Alice Newman,	Member of TT	306-873-5476
Judy Krantz,	Member of TT	306-873-4270
Jean Perkins,	Presbytery rep	306-862-5993
Rev. Krystal Sherameta,	Presbytery rep	306-862-4108

Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood, Order of Ministry 306-873-2424

Please feel that you can call the above people with any questions or concerns that you have.

**The Transition Team are planning the work involved to complete the goals.**

**Goal #1** will involve a workshop led by Linda Anderson regarding conflict management. This workshop will be held on Saturday, January 17 and will take place during the day, including lunch.

**Goal #2** The TT has planned a series of circle conversations where we will discuss various topics that pertain to our church and its dynamics. These conversations will take place on Sundays following worship. They will include a potluck finger food lunch.

The dates are: Sunday, September 14

**Sunday, January 11**

**Sunday, February 8**

**Sunday, March 15**

**Sunday, April 12**

**Sunday, May 10**

**Goal #3** There will be a workshop on Sunday, September 21, 2014 from 1:15 pm - 3:45 pm. We will talk about our role in the church and how the Board at St. Paul's UC functions. This workshop will be led by Bill Wall.

**Goal #4** will be explored in 2015 in the fall. We will keep you updated.

### **Visiting & Phoning Report**

I believe it is important to keep in touch with those who are confined to home or can't be in Church for various reasons, so since going on the Committee, I have been periodically phoning shut-ins from the Church Family. It seems important to each one to be remembered by the church and it can break the monotony of their long days.

During summer and fall, I have made at least two dozen phone calls to seven Senior people, including Ted Lee at St. Brioux, all of whom are members of our Church Family. As well, I have made numerous visits to members who are residents at Cedar Villa.

It would be helpful if a Convenor could have the names of members and we could be assigned people to contact.

Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. It is rewarding for those who make the call too!

**Submitted by Mildred Staples**

***(If you would like to become a member of the Visitation Committee or feel that you could act as Convenor of this Committee please phone the Church Office.)***

### **UCW Activities for 2014**

Where has the year gone! Here are some of our highlights. Our membership is down to 23 plus 2 ladies who serve on general.

Funerals – 12 funeral lunches were provided.

Attended – World Day of Prayer services Mar. 7/14 @ the Lutheran Church, Sasko Park Lodge and Newmarket Place.

April 2/14 we took our turn serving Lenten Soup & Sandwiches at the Golden Age Centre for 159 people. Pastor Brian Zummach gave the message & Bible Reading on ``Shadow of False Accusations``. He came from Star City Pentecostal Church along with Pianist – Helen Cooper. Edith Dahl put together bulletin and for the service did Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Announcement of Hymns, Closing Prayer and Grace. St. Paul's United Church Choir led us in singing Hymns. Thanks to Donna Dobson who made up 150 bulletins for us. UCW & United Church members provided the soup & sandwiches and put up and took down chairs and tables.

May 3 – Tamarack Presbyterial held their Annual Meeting. At Birch Hills church. 42 attended including 3 Tisdale Ladies – Ellen Burgess, Edith Dahl and Sharon Whiting. ``Heart and Soul`` motivational speaker was Shelli (Thoms) Gardiner – personal story of never giving up after suffering from a tumor, stroke and brain injury (now walks after 7 years). Workshops- lady who recycles blue jeans, buttons, beads, driftwood and vinyl records. Included – Silent Auction, Book Display & Sale, Cold Plate Dinner, Communion and Business Meeting.

**Love Tisdale Event** – May 10 – UCW provided 10 doz. Wrapped Muffins, Juice & Bottled Water to give out to people visiting the Town Square. Helpers were Maureen & Emily Donald, Judy Krantz, Betty Stoker, Irene McCrae, Deanna Gruending, Sharon Whiting and Edith Dahl. We saw a movie ``Heaven Is For Real`` at the Theatre. 6 new T-Shirts were provided by the UC Choir and UCW Unit 7 paid the taxes.

**May 24 – Spring Tea & Bake Sale** – attendance was down to 81. Door prizes went to Irene Schaff and Gary & Betty Stoker. Northside Greenhouse supplied one door prize.

**UCW Rummage Sales – May 14, 15, 16 and Sept. 17, 18, 19, together netted well over \$6000.00**

so UCW agreed to replace the carpet on the stairs going downstairs and upstairs to the foyer. Thanks to Dennis Scutchings from Property Committee who is looking after the purchase and installation.

UCW provided lunch for the Covenanting Church Service Oct. 5 for Rev. Sharon Ferguson-Hood our Interim Minister. Tea, Coffee and dainties were served.

UCW members helped with phoning food for the Fall Supper on Oct. 19 at the Recplex.

UCW provided meals on Oct. 24 for Tamarack Presbytery Meeting which was held here at St. Paul's United Church.

Up Coming Event!! Christmas Tea & Bake Sale Dec. 6 from 2 pm to 4 pm in the Lower Hall. We welcome in coming New Tea Convenor Gloria Arneson who will assist Betty Laxdal as she is retiring after our Christmas Tea. UCW Ladies THANK you Betty for your many years of work as Tea Convenor. Happy Retirement Betty!!

UCW would like to give special THANKS to all people who helped us out in any way to provide for Funerals, Tea & Bake Sales and Rummage Sales. Without your continued help our ladies would not be able to do these projects for our church. God Bless All Of You.

Wishing everyone the Best for the New Year – 2015!

**Submitted by UCW Gen. Pres. Edith Dahl**

**The Ministry and Personnel Committee** is looking for some people who would help with various tasks in the Church Office and also help in the office when May is away. If you would like to learn to make up the Sunday Bulletins or if you can help in any way please contact Peggy Scutchings at 873 5397, Donna Dobson at 873 5417 or May at 873 2424.

**The Worship Committee will be collecting for the Annual Poinsettia Memorial Project** on Sunday, Nov. 16. (\$5.00 per name). Any money that is received over and above the cost of the arrangements will be donated to the M & S Fund. The Memorial Insert will be in the Dec. 14th and 21st bulletins

**An Adult Book Study** will begin Thurs. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 7 pm to 9:15pm with refreshments  
The first book that will be discussed is **Slammerkin**, by Emma Donoghue.

Thurs. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 discussion will centre around **A House In The Sky**, by Amanda Lindhout.

Thurs. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the book chosen for discussion is **burial rites**, by hanna kent.

These books can be purchased from Amazon, Chapters. **burial rites** can be found at the drugstore in Tisdale.

If you are interested in attending these Book Studies please phone the Church Office.  
(You are responsible for obtaining your own book and to have read the books before the date that the book will be discussed.)

**For more information please contact the Church Office at 306 873 2424**

**YOUTH GROUP**

St. Paul's 'COOL' Youth Group will begin in the New Year. If you are in Grade 6 and up and would like to be part of this group please contact -

Judy Krantz by e mail - [jkrantz17@gmail.com](mailto:jkrantz17@gmail.com), on 'facebook', 'messenger' or telephone - # 306 873 4270

**St. Paul's "Christmas Cheer Project" this year is personal care products for the Women's Crisis Center in Melfort. Please bring them to the church during office hours or when you come to Sunday Services. Check with the Church Office for other articles needed - 306 873 2424**

Wee Ones Workshops are being held in the lower hall Tues. afternoons.

TACACL Cooking programs are held Mon. Evenings and/or Wed. Evenings in the lower hall.

**Note!!! If you need a ride to Sunday Services** please call the church office at 306 873 2424 or Dennis Scutchings at 306 873 5397.

**2014 Fall Supper Report**

Supper Receipts	\$5,940	Expenses -	<b>\$2,743.89</b>
Cash Donated for Turkeys/Groceries	\$2,057		
Sale of Food after Fall Supper	\$ 161	Profit -	<b>\$5,414.11</b>
Total Income	<b>\$8,158</b>		

Thank you to the phoners - Orlah Schell, Jean Reid, Betty Stoker, Vera Billy & Joanne Messer - Organizing Committee Members – Carol McPhee, Joanne Messer, Phyllis Johnson & May Bilash.

Thank you to everyone!!!

**Tamarack Presbytery Highlights** – meeting at Tisdale Oct. 24.

\***Camp Tapawingo** reported a record number of 318 campers.

\***New ministers in the Presbytery** are Sharon Ferguson-Hood at Tisdale, Jacqueline Samson at Hudson Bay and Brock Shaver at Spiritwood

\***Team Mexico** - 10 youth from Nipawin United Church and Calvary United Church as well as Krystal Sheremeta and Lorelie Clifford will be attending Quest Mexico (a retreat centre in Mexico) in Feb. 2015. They are currently raising funds for this trip.

\***Conference President Gayle Wensley** visited and asked "What gives you life and what gives you hope for the future?"

*For more Highlights please contact the church office 306 873 2424*

**LOST AND FOUND!!!!!!**

**There are still Bowls and Pie Plates from the Fall Supper This Year and from 2012 Fall Supper!**

– If you are missing your Bowls etc. please come to the church- maybe take in a Sunday Service while you are here!!

There is a Crystal Bowl that is missing from this year's Fall Supper. Please check to see that the bowl you took from the hall is yours.

**St. Paul's United Church Coming Events Nov.- Dec. 2014 & Winter /15**

**Sun. Nov. 16 – Pulpit Supply – Rev. Charles McKenzie**

**Tues. Nov.18 – Board Meeting – 7pm**

**Sun. Nov. 23 – Pulpit Supply – Val Bodnaryk**

**Tues. Nov.25 – Women's Fellowship – 6pm at the home of Joyce McPhee**

**Wed. Nov.26 – U.C.W. Afternoon Unit – 2pm**

**Wed. Nov.26 – U.C.W. Evening Unit – 2pm**

**Sat. Nov. 29 – Hanging of the Greens – 7 pm – Coffee, Apple Cider and cookies**

**Sun. Nov. 30 - Sharon Ferguson-Hood - Communion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Sat. Dec. 6 – St. Paul's UCW Christmas Tea and Bake Sale – 2 pm to 4 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 7 – Sharon Ferguson-Hood - Pot Luck Lunch after the service and Food Bank**

**Sun. Dec. 14 – Sharon Ferguson-Hood**

**Tue. Dec. 16 – Board Meeting – 7 pm**

**Sun. Dec. 21 – Sharon Ferguson-Hood**

**Wed. Dec.24 – Sharon Ferguson-Hood – Christmas Eve Service – 7 pm**

**Sun. Dec.28 – No Service**

**No UCW and Women's Fellowship mtgs. in Dec.**

**\*\*\*\*Circle Conversations will be held after the services on Jan. 11, 2015, Feb. 8, 2015, Mar. 15, 2015, Apr. 12, 2015 and May 10, 2015. These will follow a Finger Food Pot Luck Lunch. (Note the Transition Team /Goals earlier in this newsletter).**

**\*\*\*8Sat. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>/2015 – Workshop led by Linda Anderson regarding 'Conflict Management'.**

