



TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
“The Church By The Side Of The Road”

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CHURCH DIRECTORY - 2009

Minister		Rev. Bruce Kearley
	Sept – Dec.	Rev. Harry Whitehorne
Administrative Assistant		Lynn Mercer
Christian Development Coordinator		Rosalind Foley
Caretaker		Roger Richards
Organist		Nadine Hollett
Family Worship & Supply Organist		Andrea Deacy
Wedding Coordinator		Rosemary Richards
Webmaster (www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net)		Ken Corbett

OFFICIAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE

Chair	Max Robbins
Vice Chair	Larry Grandy
Secretary	Valerie Howe
Treasurer	Boyde Clarke
Minister	Rev. Bruce Kearley

MEMBERS

Anne Allen	Geoffrey Drover	Eileen Green	David Jones
Pat Jones	Mona Morey	Anne Pinsent	Derrick Tuffin
Peter Upshall	Harry Whitehorne		

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ministry & Personnel	David Jones
Finance & Administration	Boyde Clarke
Pastoral Care & Membership	Gillian Corbett
Outreach	Patricia Jones
Christian Development	Sharon Deemer
Property & Trustee	Derrick Tuffin
Worship	Doreen Cave

CHURCH GROUP LEADERS

Sunday School Superintendent	Joanne Stone
Youth Group	Sharon Deemer
Men's Club	Bob Bennett
United Church Women	Rosalind Foley

EAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Delegates	Bob Bennett/ Anne Pinsent
Burry Heights Contact	Patricia Jones

CHURCH ROLLS - 2009

BAPTISMS

The following persons have been received through the Sacrament of Baptism into the Christian Church and welcomed into our Community of Faith.

January 18th

Benjamin Stephen Morgan, son of Ron & Susan Morgan

January 25th

Jackson Evan Scott Dawe, son of Terry Dawe & Tonia Skinner

Evan Monty Tucker, son of Blair & Joanna Tucker

February 15th

Cara Sydney Fleming, daughter of Gregory & Jillian Fleming

Perry Nathan Murphy, son of Perry Murphy & Heather Blackwood

Max Austin Michael Sheppard son of Jason & Michelle Sheppard

Logan Gary Alan Taylor, son of Brad Taylor & Shannon Cassidy

March 15th

Thomas James Breen, son of Tom Breen & Stephanie Moores

Gavin Frederick Green, son of Christopher & Cara Green

Apr 19th

Emilie Olivia Sideroff, daughter of Michael & Dana Sideroff

Aliyah Rilynn Zada Penney, daughter of Zebilon Eric Waldner & Jenelle Penney

May 10th

Liam Henry Russell, son of Glenn Russell & Danielle Noseworthy

Victoria Jane Sooley, daughter of Marc & Lesley Sooley

Henry John Winsor, son of Spencer & Kelly Winsor

June 21st

Brooke Olivia Bartlett, daughter of William & Robin Bartlett

Logan Robert Hannam, son of Kent & Melissa Hannam

Rachel Maryann Lush, daughter of Ian & Tracy Lush

July 5th

Faith Kathleen St Croix, daughter of Kevin St Croix & Andrea Barnes

July 12th

Charlotte Jocelyn Reid, daughter of Sean Reid & Jocelyn Hynes-Reid



July 19th

Mia Trinity Fradsham, daughter of Cory Edwin Fradsham & Denise Annette Pitts
Charlotte Squarey Gibbs, daughter of David Gibbs & Erin Squarey
Claire Lillian Ryan, daughter of Michael Ryan & Sarah Mosher

Aug 2nd

Addison Dawn Oliver, daughter of David Wiseman & Ashley Oliver
Olivia Bourne Rumsey, daughter of Chad & Diana Rumsey

August 9th

Jayden Derek Best, son of Jeff & Tonya Best
Morgan Elizabeth Benoit, daughter of Jeffrey Benoit & Ashley Piccott
Belle Sarah Fay MacLeod, daughter of Jake & Nicole MacLeod

August 16th

Rylee Olivia Power, daughter of Randy & Tracey Power

August 23rd

Quinn Hill Burgess- Dalley, daughter of Dawn Dalley & Judith Burgess
Jill Sanscartier, daughter of Patrick Sanscartier & Jill Blackwood

August 30th

Stella Grace Horwood, daughter of David & Amanda Horwood

September 13th

Avarie McKinnon Hicks, daughter of Peter & Heather Hicks
Ava Michelle Moore, daughter of Gregory Moore & Ashley Moore

September 20th

Allison Nicole Tippet, daughter of Richard & Collette Tippet
Kaitlyn Rebecca Barrett, daughter of Ian & Roxanne Barrett
Morgan Michael Hickman, son of Michael & Michelle Hickman

October 18th

Colin Traverse Sharpe, son of Stephen & Pamela Sharpe

November 15th

Averie Rebecca Hayes, daughter of Gerald & Lisa Hayes
Rebecca Margaret Woodman, daughter of Robert & Wendy Woodman
Karla Corina Von Peters, daughter of Karl & Corina Peters

December 20th

Jenna Hailey Cave, daughter of Edward Cave & Susan Shaw
Genavieve Sheila Froom, daughter of Bruce & Lisa Froom
Leland William Lake, son of Michel Lake & Jackie Walters
James Benjamin Smith, son of Stephen & Melanie Smith
Emily Claire Squires, daughter of Rodney Squires & Lori Butler

MARRIAGES

Julie Ann Burt & Christopher Devereaux - May 23rd
Ashley Gover & Stephen Harnum - June 6th
Jennifer Petten & Patrick Murphy - June 13th
Kimberley Hendry & Shawn Furey - June 19th
Julie Rowsell & Paul Curtis - July 4th
Jennifer Seaman & Cyril Yetman - July 11th
Corina Haines & Carl Peters - July 18th
Agnes Brace & Timothy McGrath - July 18th
Erin Kavanagh & Donnogh Cavanagh - August 1st
Tonia Skinner & Terry Dawe - August 1st
Laurie Snow & Rustin Coles - August 7th
Amanda Perrin & Jason Squires - August 8th
Christine LeGrow & Ryan Wilson - August 28th
Rena Chaulk & Frederick Walsh - September 5th
Danielle Mercer & Shane Sutton - Sept 26th
Jennifer Young & Chris Anderson - Oct. 3rd
Cora Boland & Jeffrey Vaters - Oct. 3rd
Jill Lee & Colby Mitchell - Oct. 10th
Karen Shaw & Dean Clarke - Oct. 11th
Heather Reynolds & Hughie Randell - Oct. 24th

FUNERALS

HIERLIHY, Joan, St. John's
SMITH, Veronica, St. John's
BURGESS, Gerald, C.B.S.
SIMMONDS, Catherine, C.B.S.
WALSH, Reginald, C.B.S.
KING, Peggy, St John's
HISCOCK, Peter, C.B.S.
KENNEL, Glenn, C.B.S.
MARTIN, Maxwell, C.B.S.
ROLLINGS, Agnes, St. John's
RENDELL, Evelyn, St. John's
ROBERTS, John, St John's
HALLIDAY, Albert, C.B.S.
REID, Arthur, C.B.S.

Our sympathy is extended to family and friends on the death of these loved ones.

HISTORIC ROLL

ADDITIONS

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Sharada Marie Violet CRANN
Allison Maude Rose JACOBS
Karen Lynn PEDDLE
Andrew Calvin PEDDLE
Laura Kathryn NURSE
Emma Jacqueline PERRY
Evan Russell PORTER

NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER

Anne ALLEN
Beverley ARES
Cindy (Tiller) GAULTON
George JARVIS
Jeanette WELLS
Darrell WELLS
Margaret RUSSELL

REMOVALS

DECEASED MEMBERS

Joan HIERLIHY
Gerald BURGESS

**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK...**

"...Let your light shine before others, ..."
(Matthew 5: 16)

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Christ's name. This annual report for 2009 is sent with a deep sense of gratitude for God's many blessings and a heartfelt thank you to the congregation of Topsail United for continued commitment and witness.

I have said, in church on several occasions, that we never know the number of people's lives Topsail United touches over the course of a year. The caption at the beginning of this letter alludes to the fact that our faith is like a light and as we share our faith together it shines on all around. The light, however, can only shine when people are willing to let that happen. You, the people of Topsail United, through your commitment and compassion, have always been willing to let your light of faith shine. I thank you for your ministry. A hymn in "Voices United" reflecting this commitment says:

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing:
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experiences it:
You spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.**

This hymn encourages us to keep shining the light of faith. I truly believe this Annual Report reflects the commitment of Topsail United Church to, not only keep shining the light in the present but ensuring the light of faith continues to future generations. One way that we have resolved to do that is by the recent establishment of a "Long Term Planning Committee." This committee, along with other committees and groups in the church, have committed themselves to create future directions to ensure that Topsail United stays vibrant in its faith and ministry to our church, our community and beyond. The congregation, as a whole, will have an opportunity to contribute to this direction and I ask you to respond with your views as the opportunities arise. This is all a part of sharing our light of faith as individuals and as a community.

The future direction that we follow is founded upon the fact that for 173 years Topsail United has been a beacon on the CBS shore and has attempted, with the best of its ability, to make moments of celebration a time of joy for all and times of difficulty; moments of support and care. It is with this in mind that I express on behalf of myself and the entire congregation our deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones and friends over the past year and assure you of our continued support and prayers.

The reports herein indicate that Topsail United has had a full year of activity. There were many highlights and it would be hard to mention one over the other because each activity brought something unique and special to our personal experience of being associated with this wonderful community of faith. In an effort not to overlook anybody, I just want to express a general and heartfelt thanks to all of you for your depth of commitment and love for our church and its varied ministries. We could not do the things we do without your support.

It is difficult to write a letter for the annual report and not make reference to finances because the many projects we do are dependent upon the support of financial contributions. That being said we celebrate the fact that in 2009 we were able to maintain a healthy financial outlook. *(Please take a look at the report from our finance committee for more detail)* This health was not only seen in our local budget but in our contributions to our National Church's Mission and Service Fund. Again this year we exceeded our M & S budget by a substantial amount and because of this we have given extra help for our church to provide its ministry locally, nationally and globally. Indeed cause for celebration. But while we are very pleased about this we realize that we need maintain our level of financial support by making regular contributions and maybe even increasing if possible because (as you know) the cost of running things rises with each new year. The method by which you can maintain regular contributions is by using weekly envelopes, monthly envelopes or by contributing through PAR (pre authorized remittance). Our church office can give you information on any of these ways.

I also, on behalf of myself and the congregation, want to express deep appreciation to our other church staff. Thank you to *Lynn Mercer, Roger Richards, Nadine Hollett, Andrea Deacy, Rosalind Foley* and *Rosemary Richards* for their support, expertise, help and guidance to me and our congregation.

As you know I was away on Sabbatical from September to December of 2009. This time afforded me the opportunity for academic research and personal reflection. I am very grateful to Rev. Harry Whitehorne for his ministry to me and the congregation for that time and indeed to all the congregation for your support and interest. While I was on sabbatical my mother passed away and I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for your prayers and support during this time in the life our family.

The year 2010 is just starting and we know that with our faith in God we will face the joys, challenges and struggles that it will surely contain. My wife Dianne joins with me in wishing you God's blessing for the year ahead. I conclude my letter with the words of a chorus that I often sing with our Sunday School boys and girls. It only has a few words but its message encourages us to keep the light of faith shining as we continue to be God's people in Topsail United and beyond.

**This little light of mine, I'm gona let is shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gona let is shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gona let is shine,
Let is shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Blessings,

Rev. Bruce



**TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD**

The Annual Report for any organization is a document which forces it to pause and take stock of where it is and where it intends to go. The many reports included here serve to highlight that Topsail United Church has had another very successful year. We have witnessed a wide variety of activities and programs designed to benefit our own congregation without ignoring the issues and needs confronting a wider world. Thanks to the continued commitment of a very dedicated congregation and the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers we have once again finished the year in a strong financial position. As a Board we feel very appreciative of the many people who make possible the activities outlined in this Annual Report.

Since taking office in February the present Board has met for nine regular meetings. Much of the time as usual is taken up with the day to day issues facing a congregation as involved in so many diverse activities as ours. Over the course of the year we have taken steps to improve the sound system in the sanctuary, have taken initiatives leading to the establishment of a Long Term Planning Committee, made improvements to the Upper Gullies Cemetery, and have initiated the establishment of a 175th Anniversary Committee. This anniversary occurs in 2012 and we look forward to a year of activities and celebrations to mark this significant event. As we continue to flourish as a congregation, this will be an opportunity to cherish our heritage and traditions.

In looking ahead to a new year there is always the realization of the challenges ahead. Our building is in need of major steeple repairs that will challenge us financially and there is always the challenge of filling the ever growing need for volunteers to maintain our valuable programs and activities.

As a Board we would like to express our thanks to all those who serve our Church in so many ways. A Church such as ours can only flourish with good ministerial leadership, a dedicated staff and enthusiastic volunteers. We can proudly boast of all of these. In particular we would like to express our appreciation to Rev. Harry Whitehorne for the way he seamlessly fitted in to fill the void left when Rev. Bruce took sabbatical leave during the Fall.

Before closing I would like to offer a few words of personal appreciation to the fellow Board members whom I had the pleasure of serving with over the past three years. As I end my tenure as Chair I thank you for the opportunity to have served Topsail United Church in this capacity. This experience has helped me grow in many ways but has, more than anything, enhanced my understanding of and appreciation for Topsail United Church and its people. I look forward to continuing our relationship and to serving in other capacities in the future.

Max Robbins
Chair, Official Board
Topsail United Church

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FROM ORGANIST

This year, we again enjoyed the Anniversary Hymn Sing Service which was held in November. It was a tremendous success and was enjoyed by all who took part and listened. We were also very pleased with the funds that were raised for our Church which were over \$2,435.00.

The Men's gospel service held during the last Sunday in November was also a success and there has been an expressed interest in having another one this coming spring. In addition, the Christmas Cantata presented by the Combined Choir during the second Sunday in December was also a tremendous success and reflected the hard work that all members devoted to its performance. Finally, the Easter Cantata that was held last April was also a success.

Regarding new choir members, since October, some members of the UCW have been joining the senior choir during the fourth Sunday of each month. They also participated in this year's Anniversary Hymn Sing and Christmas Cantata. This new addition has been wonderful and the extra voices are greatly appreciated! Of course, new members are still needed for both choirs and I would like to take this opportunity to continue to invite anyone who would like to be a member of the Senior Choir or the Men's Choir to contact me and experience the joy and fulfillment that we experience. The Senior Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and the Men's Choir practices on the Thursday prior to the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. If anyone can make a commitment and is interested in singing, we would be delighted to have you join us.

I would like to thank Mr. Bob Bennett, Mrs. Madeline Parsons, and Mrs. Rosalind Foley for their ongoing support in helping me personally and also both choirs as we continue to work with the congregation in providing music and song for worship services.

I look forward to the challenges presented and ask for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Hollett, B.A., M.T.A., M.Mus.Ed.
Organist/Choir Director



Coordinator of Christian Development Annual Report – 2009

We have come to the end of another year, in our faith journey.

Our United Church Women continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month with thirteen ladies in attendance. While the numbers are consistent we would love to have new members join us for fun and fellowship. (For more information see the UCW Report.) The Morning Coffee Group meets every Wednesday morning at 10:00, for breakfast. New members are always welcome.

We now have fifteen members in our Children's Choir. Children from six years of age make up the group that meets each Wednesday evening from 6:30 -7:30. New members are welcome at any time during the year. The TUC Youth Band, initiated two years ago, has now become a reality, under the leadership of Jackie Perry and the able direction of Brett Vey. I would like to thank the children/youth and their parents for their constant commitment and support.

I have enjoyed visiting with many of our shut-ins and reaching out to others in our church family. In Rev. Bruce's absence delivering the service at our two retirement residences also became part of my role, a program that I will continue into the year ahead.

Finding resources for other church activities is always a pleasure for me and I will continue to assist the Sunday School, Family Worship, Adult Study and Senior Choir when requested.

It is a pleasure to work with Rev. Bruce and the volunteers within our church family. I thank everyone for their support throughout the past year and look forward, with God's help, to the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted

Rosalind Foley

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Name of Committee/Group: **Christian Development**
Chairperson: Sharon Deemer
Secretary: Mona Morey
Other Members: Rosalind Foley, Rev. Kearley, Jan Negrijn, Daisy Hurich, JoAnn Stone

Summary of Activities:

Adult Study: Used the book 'Why would Jesus say that?' for the weekly Lenten study and visited the labyrinth at the Waterford hospital for one session. Began the study book 'Guests of God' this autumn. Average attendance 5 for the autumn study , ~7 for the Lenten study. Rosalind offered to start a lectionary-based Adult Study either in the evening or afternoon but very little response was returned.

Sunday School: JoAnn Stone has continued providing leadership for the Sunday School but there continues to be a shortage of teachers and music support for this program. (See additional report.)

Youth: Activities for this group are waning as there have not been adult advisors come forward to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Deemer



HARVEST FESTIVAL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Committee Members: Bob Bennett, Mildred Coles, Gillian Corbett, Pat Jones,
Max Robbins, Jo Anne Stone, Derek Tuffin,

The Annual Harvest Festival in October was a great success thanks to much hard work by a lot of willing hands.

All the usual events went ahead as planned. The Men's Club organized the Saturday Breakfast and served at the Jiggs Dinner with Derek Tuffin in charge of the kitchen.

The Outreach Committee arranged the Soup Lunch and Flea Market. Max Robbins and JoAnne Stone headed up the Auction Committee, the Auctioneers were Boyde Clarke and Ken Corbett.

Face Painting & children's activities were again a nice addition at the Breakfast and Sale and we made our own placemats for the tables – thanks to Lynn in the office!

Financially all was very successful despite the awful weather. It should be noted that the numbers for the Jiggs Dinner were down to 135 people, some of those being take outs too. Last year we were down to 180 people so this should be noted when planning for 2010.

The Auction and Flea Market were the main fund raising events once again. The moving of the Auction to the end of October was beneficial in giving more time to prepare and enabling more people to attend.

Very many thanks to all who helped - it really takes a combined effort to pull it all off and we did it again!

Income	\$ 15, 865.75
Expenses.....	\$ 1, 337.29
Net profit.....	\$ 14, 528.46

Respectfully submitted

The Committee.



Topsail United Church Men's Club Annual Report 2009

The Men's Club hold dinner meetings on the first Monday of every month excluding the summer months. The election of Officers this year resulted in the following: Bob Bennett – President, Derrick Tuffin – Vice-president, Allan Parsons – Secretary, Boyde Clarke – Treasurer.

Activities for 2009

- Held 9 meetings for the year with an average attendance of 25
- Held successful and well attended Breakfast Fund Raisers at Valentines Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We would like to thank all people who came out and supported these efforts.
- We were invited to a Gower Street Men's Club meeting in February.
- We invited the Long Pond Salvation Army Men's Fellowship to our Dinner Meeting in March.
- We held our annual Flipper Dinner in May. This event was sold out with a number of people on a waiting list for tickets. Thank you again to all who helped clean flippers, to chef Gordon for the preparation of the meal and for all who helped set up, clean vegetables and clean up.
- We catered to a retirement party in March for Trinity United in Mount Pearl.
- The Men's Club along with the male choir attended a Gospel Concert at Cupids United Church in April
- Sarah Budgell was invited to our June meeting and gave us a short presentation on her trip to Guatemala.
- We held a night out with our spouses in June at the Outport Restaurant. An enjoyable time was had by all. Thank you to our musicians for providing the entertainment.
- We held a Fundraising Breakfast in September in aid of the CBS Monument of Honour. Thank you to all members of the Monument Committee who helped serve, clean up and provide donations of food for this event. \$1026.20 was turned over to the Committee.
- We continued to help out with the Harvest Festival activities.
- We had one bowling night in the spring, thanks to Ray Stockwood.
- The men's Club participated in two Gospel Concerts, one in the spring and one in the fall. These services were well received by the congregation.
- We were invited to Dinner by the Long Pond Salvation Army Men's Fellowship in December. We had a marvellous evening with great music and singing.
- Made various financial contributions as shown in the financial Report
- Sent fruit baskets to members who were hospitalized or recovering at home and kept in contact with shut-in members.

A thank-you is extended to all Men's Club members for their work in the kitchen, upgrading around the kitchen, new shelving and painting and work done around the hall. A thank-you is also extended for the donation of paper towel dispensers for the kitchen.

All men of the congregation are invited to attend Men's Club Dinner meetings. They involve lots of fun and fellowship. I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members who help out in so many ways. Our Church is truly blessed to have so many dedicated people.

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Bennett

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Chair: David Jones
Members: Freeman Budgell, Gillian Corbett, Patricia Jones, Anne Allen and Doreen Hart.

The Committee would like begin by acknowledging all of our staff members for all of their work in the last year. Working in their own right and together, they, with the support of the members of our Board and Congregation are the persons who on a day to day, week to week and month to month basis have helped us to achieve the great success that we have this year. Their dedication to duty and commitment to the work of the Church has been second to none. I would be remiss as Committee Chair, if on your behalf and the Committee's behalf, I did not thank Reverend Bruce Kearley for his leadership in the past year and Reverend Harry Whitehorne for ministering to us during Reverend Kearley's absence while he was on sabbatical leave from September to December inclusive.

During the year we as a Committee met with all the staff on an as needed and required basis to support them in their work, and with other members of the Congregation as we needed to in relation to the Committee's work. We are happy to report that there were no issues within the mandate of the Committee that need to be reported to the Congregation and that all staff worked well together for the betterment of our Church.

The Committee again this year in the discharge of its mandate reviewed all contracts with staff and made recommendations to the Finance Committee and the Official Board regarding the salary increases contained in this year's budget.

As a group, we were once again impressed with the professional competence of our staff.

Once again, our grateful appreciation on your behalf is expressed to our resident Minister Rev. Kearley and to Rev. Whitehorne who filled in for him, and to our other staff members Lynn Mercer, Nadine Hollett, Andrea Deacy, Roger Richards, Rosemary Richards and Rosalind Foley for all of their hard work and considerable efforts during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jones
Committee Chair

Annual Report to the Official Board of Topsail United Church

Presented by: Outreach Committee
Date: January 26, 2010
Report Presented By: Pat Jones, Chair

Committee Background

- ❑ The goal of the Outreach Committee is to reach out to people in our community and in the world.
- ❑ Chair: Pat Jones
- ❑ Secretary: Lynn Mercer

Committee Accomplishments

The Committee's activities for 2009 included:

- ❑ Visited sick and shut-ins and provided postage costs for mailings to shut-ins.
- ❑ Promoted and supported Mission and Service Fund and provided "Gold Banks".
- ❑ Promoted and supported Burry Heights U.C. Camp.
- ❑ Promoted and supported CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank.
- ❑ Promoted and supported Emmanuel House and Naomi House.
- ❑ Promoted and collected subscriptions for "The Observer" – U.C. magazine.
- ❑ Organized the annual Outreach Christmas Dinner
- ❑ Provided for Fellowship time following Worship Services.
- ❑ Provided for social gatherings in the Hall following funerals, when requested.
- ❑ Organized two (2) Flea Markets (for Church and Harvest Festival).

The Outreach Committee is committed to activities listed above and appreciates your continued support.

Outreach Financial Report – 2009

Income

Opening Balance Jan1, 2009	\$ 5805.43
Mission & Service Gold Banks	1103.11
Flea Markets – May & August	6094.57
Christmas Dinner SUF	1407.00
Recycling, etc.	257.00
Bank Interest	2.50
Total	14669.61

Donations and Expenses

Flea markets Fund Raising	\$ 8000.00
Gold Banks Mission & Service	1103.11
Christmas Dinner SUF	800.00
Burry Heights/Emmanuel House	500.00
Misc. Donations	348.02
Misc. Expenses	305.00
Bank Charges	1.88
Total	11058.01

Balance as of Dec. 31, 2009 **3611.60**

**Outreach Committee cont.
Food Bank**

Thank you for your support of the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank through donations of both food and money during 2009. Please remember the first Sunday of each month is highlighted for donating to the Food Bank and you will find a list of items in short supply printed in the Bulletin.

The Food Bank continues to be well supported by the community at large and again there was a tremendous response to the Christmas Hamper programme. Our congregation provided enough food for our quota of 40 hampers and donated monies in excess of the amount for 40 turkeys, fruit and vegetables. A total of 238 Christmas Hampers were prepared they supplied food for 351 adults and 156 children. This was a drop in numbers from last year, but we know that some of our regular clients were looked after by other organizations for their Christmas Hamper.

The majority of monthly hampers are requested by people who are in receipt of government assistance. We know that there are others in need especially the working poor and those waiting to receive benefits. If you know of someone who is in need please let them know that the Food Bank is there for them. **No one is turned away.**

The Food Bank has been seeing a steady increase in clients during 2009. Numbers for monthly hampers have increased, in part due to people returning from the loss of jobs in Alberta.

The Food Bank continues to supply lunch items to schools in the CBS/Paradise area - to be given out as needed.

The Annual General Meeting of the Food Bank is held each May and is open to the general public.

Congregational Monetary Support

Total Donations \$ 3,125.70

**Outreach Committee cont.
Mission & Service Fund**

Outreach is responsible for the promotion of the Mission and Service Fund within the congregation.

The United Church of Canada, through the “Mission and Service Fund”, partners with local churches in Canada and around the world to bring immediate and appropriate help to people wherever and whenever there is a need.

Each year we set a goal for our donations and we remit money to the National Church each quarter as it is received.

Thank you to Rev. Bruce for bringing the Mission & Service Fund to our attention each week with his reading of the “Minute for Mission” and thank you all for your wonderful response.

In **2009** Topsail United donated **\$20,018.30** to the fund.

Summary of Donations:

INCOME

Individual Offerings (envelopes & PAR).....	\$ 19,108.04
Outreach “Gold Banks” 2008.....	\$ 1,103.11
Total.....	\$ 20,211.15

EXPENSES

M & S Remittance.....	\$ 20,018.30
Bank/PAR Charges.....	\$ 192.85
Total.....	\$ 20,211.15
Balance	\$ 0.00

PASTORAL CARE & MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Chair: Gillian Corbett
Members: Anne Pinsent (Baptism Sponsor)
Valerie Howe (Newsletter Editor)
Lynn Mercer (Admin. Asst.)
Genevieve Phillips.
Ex officio: Rev. Kearley and Rosalind Foley

Welcome to all Members and Adherents, who have found a church home here at “The Church by the Side of the Road” over the past year.

Invitations to come to Sunday School were sent to all (20) children living in the Pastoral Charge who were baptized here and started kindergarten in September.

The church records are kept by the Administrative Assistant, at the Church Office.

2009 additions/changes to our church records of **Baptism** (45), **Marriage** (20), **Funerals** (14) and **Historic Roll** are listed on pages 2 through 5.

Historic Roll: This Roll contains the names of all those who have joined Topsail United by confirming their baptismal vows, or by profession of their faith or by the transferring in of their membership. The Roll should only contain the names of those members who **reside in the area and who continue to have an active interest in the life and work of the church.** Membership is subject to review by the Official Board. The committee is continuing to follow up with people who have moved away or do not maintain contact.

In 2009, 7 new members were added by Confirmation, 7 members were added by the Transferring in of their Membership and 2 members were removed by their deaths.

The Historic Roll currently lists 462 members. Please call the Church Office if you need information about Transferring your Membership or wish to confirm your baptismal vows.

Supporting Families List: The list is updated as information is provided – please let us know any change of address or telephone number. We have also asked for email addresses of those who wish to share them.

In 2009 there were 328 listed families financially supporting the church and a further 100 (approx.) families listed under our Pastoral Care

Newsletter: All those on our Supporting Families list receive the Newsletter, which was published in the Spring and Fall - many thanks to Valerie Howe.

We asked if any people would like to receive their newsletter by email, 19 responses have been received so far.

Neighbourhood Contacts: We could not possibly get our Newsletters out without the help of this dedicated group of volunteers. Many thanks to all of you who have delivered the Newsletters this year.

“Meet and Greet”: The committee has continued to sponsor “Meet and Greet” each Sunday following worship (except for Family Worship, which Outreach sponsors). It provides the chance to meet each other and have a chat each Sunday.

Respectfully submitted

Gillian Corbett

Property and Trustee Annual Report

Chair Person

Derrick Tuffin

Members

Lloyd Johnson, Roland Regular, Roger Richards, Bob Bennett

Summary of Activities

This year we have had some major leaks in the Church tower which resulted in leaking in the vestibule. Trident Construction has been contacted to give an update on what the replacement cost will be. Because of the condition of the existing tower, this will be a congregation decision.

Upper Gullies cemetery is being upgraded and being made ready for use by the spring of 2010. This cemetery will supply the need for upwards of 1000 plots and cremation plots. Special thanks to Max Robbins and Lloyd Johnson for their great work.

Joey Taylor from Have-a-Lawn-Green was contracted for the grass cutting and cleaning of Topsail Cemetery this past summer. As well, they will be doing the snow clearing and salting during the winter months.

Plans for 2010

We will have to do some work on the fence for our Topsail Cemetery as this area is reaching full capacity.

Respectfully submitted

Derrick Tuffin

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT 2009

NAME OF COMMITTEE:
SECRETARY:

SENIOR CHOIR
MADELINE PARSONS

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS:

-NUMBER AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10
-NUMBER AT YEAR END	10
-NUMBER OF MEETINGS	27
-AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	85%

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2009:

SANG AT REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEN'S CHOIR AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICES. SPECIAL SERVICES INCLUDED EASTER, THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS EVE.

PARTICIPATED IN AN ANNIVERSARY HYMN SING REQUEST SERVICE IN EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS.

THANKS TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE UCW, WHO HAS AGREED TO JOIN US AT LEAST ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH.

NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

MANY THANKS AGAIN TO OUR ORGANIST, NADINE HOLLETT

Madeline Parsons
Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Superintendent: Jo-Ann Stone

Treasurer: Anne Allen

Membership Statistics

Preschool (Age 4 and under)	16
Kindergarten & Grade 1 (Age 5 & 6).....	13
Grades 2 & 3 (Age 7 & 8).....	6
Grades 4 & 5 (Age 9 & 10).....	6
Grades 6 & up (Age 11 & up).....	3

Attendance

Average attendance	23
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Summary of Activities During 2009

Topsail United Sunday School was again fortunate to have a team of dedicated teachers working with the children in 2009. The teaching staff is as follows:

Preschool: Jennifer Parsons and Tammy O’Leary

Grades K & 1: Mona Morey, Nicole Morey & Michelle Button

Grades 2 & 3: Jo Ann Austin and Heather Slade

Grades 4 & 5: Gen Phillips

Grade 6 & up: Sharon Deemer

During 2009, the preschool and K-1 groups worked with the Bible Quest curriculum while all other groups had the “Seasons of the Spirit” curriculum. Teachers are still supplementing the provided curriculum with their own ideas and materials from time to time and the program is running well.

In 2009 the Sunday School was also fortunate to have had the assistance of Dylan Upshall to play the piano. We also have Andrea Deacy assisting during Family Services. We also make regular use of commercially produced CD’s which have instrumental versions of popular Sunday School songs for those Sundays when no musical accompaniment is available.

Financial Report

<u>Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Opening Balance January 1, 2008	629.82	
Weekly Offerings (Jan. to Dec., 2009)	668.00	
Interest earned (Jan. to Dec., 2009)	1.88	
Book of Bible Skits		29.70
Bees wax for Baptism Candles		67.80
Donation to World Vision Canada		170.00
Transfer of Green Depot funds to Youth Group		200.00
Totals	1299.70	467.50
Year End Balance (31/12/09)	832.20	

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Ann Stone

Superintendent, Topsail United Church Sunday School

Topsail United Church Women Annual Report - 2009

President	Rosalind Foley
Vice- President	Doreen Cave
Secretary	Ruth Jesseau
Treasurer	Marie Allen
Social/Program Convener	Mildred Coles

Our 13 member UCW continue to enjoy fun and fellowship throughout 2009.

Activities during the year include:

- Soup and Apple Crisp Luncheon
- Death By Chocolate
- Easter Egg Sale
- Contributions to Burry Heights Day
- Camping Sunday Service
- Lunch at the Hungry Heart Cafe

We also provided a tea biscuit/muffin coffee break for the National Consultation of UCW who met at Burry Heights in September and entertained the ladies of Wesley and Cowan Heights churches with a "Seasons" Celebration in April.

Our ladies now join the Senior Choir on the fourth Sunday of each month, to share in the ministry of music.

We endeavour through our meetings, fundraisers and Christian witness to live out our purpose: "...to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosalind Foley

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT 2009

The Worship & Sacraments Committee met on a regular basis over the past year. Committee members are: Rev Kearley, Barbara Brown(Secretary), Rosalind Foley, Sharon Deemer, John Pinsent, Nadine Hollett, Andrea Deacey & Doreen Cave (chair). We need a youth member as well as a senior, to have intergenerational representatives on the committee.

This committee oversees activity in the sanctuary during worship and other activities.

We thank all members of the congregation who take part in worship by reading scripture and assisting with communion. If anyone is willing to take part in any of these activities, please contact anyone on this committee.

John Pinsent and Allan Parsons continue to head up the greeting and usher volunteers. Again, if you are interested in joining this team, please contact John or Allan. Thank you to these gentlemen for your time spent on planning these activities.

The contribution of music to our worship is gradually increasing in variety. The senior and men's choirs continue to lead. As well, the children's choir is growing in number and are such an uplifting gift to Family Sunday and at special services. We are fortunate this year to have women from the UCW join the senior choir on the fourth Sunday of each month. Also, we are very pleased to have the Topsail United Youth Band contribute to our family Sunday services. We look forward to hearing more from this talented group.

A special thank you to these volunteers who give so much time to practice and lead in our worship.

In 2009, we had services lead by the UCW, the Mens Group(Gospel Service) and a Cantata by the mixed choirs at both Easter and Christmas.

Rev Kearley was granted a sabbatical leave in September and we were pleased to have Rev. Harry Whitehorne as our spiritual leader for the period of September to December.

As well we are blessed to have other retired clergy in our congregation who lead in worship when needed . Thanks to Fred Pike, Pearce Penney, Bill Williams & Lorraine Jarvis for your contributions to our services.

This year we are also thankful for new banners hung in the sanctuary at Christmas and look forward to seeing more.

Our improved sound system has added to the quality of participation in worship. Again, thanks to those who continue to monitor this. We are also still looking for volunteers to adjust sound during services. Please see a committee member if you are able to help with this valuable service.

We thank all who contribute to worship at Topsail, especially Rev Kearley for his spiritual guidance & leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Cave

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Name of Committee/Group: Youth Group

Advisers: Sharon Deemer, Mona Morey, Jackie Perry

The Youth Group is in a time of leadership transition as Sharon is no longer acting as an adviser to the group and Jackie is restricting her support to the band and keeping them organized for selected services. We are very pleased at the progress the students have made in only one year of music instruction. This group is in GREAT NEED of leadership and is only functioning at a minimal level at the moment.

Summary of Activities:

- Passion Week Shadow Play for Sunday School
- Serving at the Jiggs Dinner
- Day of Fasting for World Food Day (2 participants)
- Help with Flea Market
- Support for Easter Bunny & Santa Claus breakfasts
- 'Breads of the World' social for World Food Day
- Making tags for Christmas Food Bank hampers
- Help with new Christmas banners
- Christmas Eve and other church service contributions
- Band

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Deemer

Annual Report to the Official Board of Topsail United Church

Presented by: Long Term Planning Committee
Date: January 26, 2010
Report Presented By: Valerie Howe, Co-Chair and Secretary

Committee Background

- ❑ The Long Term Planning Committee was formed in June 2009.
- ❑ The Committee held five (5) meetings from June to December 2009.
- ❑ The Committee currently has 10 members including:
 1. Freeman Budgell
 2. Gillian Corbett
 3. Sharon Deemer
 4. Geoff Drover
 5. Eileen Green
 6. Bob Jenkins
 7. Valerie Howe, Co-Chair and Secretary
 8. Rev. Bruce Kearley, Co-Chair
 9. Susan Mosher
 10. Peter Upshall
- ❑ Two members served on the Committee during 2009 but resigned due to work commitments:
 1. Sandra Baggs, Co-Chair
 2. Reverend Harry Whitehorne
- ❑ New member for 2010: David Jones

Committee Accomplishments

The Committee has agreed upon the following process to complete the long term planning project:

1. Develop a Mission Statement to guide the work of the Committee.

The following Mission Statement was formulated by the Committee:

“Topsail United Church strives to be the spiritual and community centre for all people of the United Church faith in the church’s pastoral area. We offer the opportunity to grow in faith through: programs designed to use the talents of all members; facilities offering access to worship for all; and outreach and community service initiatives. Topsail United Church will enhance it's capability in meeting the spiritual needs of the congregation and community by drawing upon our past experience, present successes and future initiatives.”

2. Conduct an analysis of present state through the use of a SWOT Analysis – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

A SWOT Analysis has been requested from all Committees of the Board. The following Committees have completed the Analysis:

- a. Long Term Planning Committee
- b. Ministry and Personnel Committee
- c. Christian Development Committee (Additional input from Sunday School is forthcoming).

Input is required from the following Committees:

- a. Membership and Pastoral Care Committee
- b. UCW
- c. Outreach Committee
- d. Men's Club
- e. Property and Trustee Committee
- f. Finance Committee

3. Prepare a Congregational Survey based on input from all Committees of the Board.
 - ❑ The survey is in draft form and is targeted for completion by February 26, 2010.
 - ❑ A separate mini-survey will be prepared for youth and children.
 - ❑ Distribution to the congregation is planned for March 2010.
 - ❑ The survey results will be used to formulate a long-term plan for Topsail United Church.
4. Prepare a Long Term Strategic Plan document based on information gathered during the analysis and survey phases. The Committee will engage Rev. Roger Janes, a resource person in the Grand Fall-Windsor office, in late May 2010 to assist with the planning exercise.
5. Recommendations from the Plan will be passed along to the appropriate Committee's for budgeting and implementation.

2010 Budget Submission

Survey copying costs - 2000 pages at 5 cents per page - \$100

Miscellaneous - \$300 (We may have a one day session, expenses for lunch, materials, etc.)

Survey Mailing costs - \$200

Finance Committee Report

Operating Results – 2009

- Surplus of \$9,685 compared to a Budgeted Deficit of \$3,945
- Income under Budget by \$11,400 mainly because the Golf Tournament didn't go ahead (Budget \$9,000) and the Roast Beef Dinner was cancelled due to weather (Budget \$1,500)
- Local Givings down from the previous year by \$1,000
- Harvest Festival still the most significant fundraising event in the Church year, grossing \$15,865
- Organ Fund donations = \$4,587. Organ Loan balance = \$11,460 at year end
- Building Loan to be paid off February 1, 2010
- Operating expenses \$25,000 under Budget
- Bank account balance at year-end = \$40,913
- Line of Credit not used at all in 2009
- 93 families on PAR (let's get to 100!)

Budget Submission – 2010

- overall Budget Surplus of \$795
- Budgeted increase in Local Givings of \$4,000
- Cost of new Steeple (subject to Congregational approval) = \$32,000. Budgeted expenditure out of surplus of \$12,000 and new Bank Loan of \$20,000, to be repaid over 3 years at \$600 per month (subject to Bank approval). 6 payments (total \$3,600) Budgeted for 2010



Report of the Nominating Committee – 2009

The Nominating Committee consisted of David Jones, Max Robbins, Gillian Corbett and Larry Grandy as Chairperson.

It was the duty of this Committee to recommend to the congregation the names of people who are willing to be nominated to the Official Board for the coming year.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the following current Board members are willing to let their names stand for re-election:

- Anne Allen
- Boyde Clarke
- Sharon Deemer
- Eileen Green
- Valerie Howe
- Patricia Jones
- Mona Morey
- Derrick Tuffin
- Peter Upshall

The following persons have also agreed to allow their names to stand for election to the Official Board:

- Freeman Budgell
- Cle Callan
- Gillian Corbett
- Lloyd Hobbs
- Jan Negrin
- Yves Villemaire

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Grandy
Chair, Nominating Committee