

Stewardship & Community Life Report
November 18th - February 1, 2010
Co-chairs: Kathy Dean & Teri Giannou

Actions completed during this period or ongoing:

Reported by Bob Watt (Membership):

- We are pleased to welcome the following to our Woodlawn Church Family:
Miranda & Jason White
Corine LeBlanc
- The following were deleted from the congregational and/or historical roll:
Allister Rundle
Don & Marion McCormack
Elizabeth Weis

Reported by Kay Inkpen (Funerals):

- On Nov 17, 2009 Valerie did the service for Edna Louise Campbell at 11:00 AM. Dorothy was the organist and a reception was held for 225.
- On Dec. 8, 2009 Valerie did the service for Joyce Banks at 11:00 AM. Dorothy was the organist and a reception was catered for 300.
- On Dec 21, 2009 Phillip did the service for Alfred Harriott at 11:00 AM. Dorothy was organist and Naomi Unit catered a reception afterwards for 150.
- On Dec. 30, 2009 Phillip and Rev. Debra Burleson (Anglican) did the service for Roy A. Ritchie at 11:00 AM. Dorothy was the organist and they catered their own reception with some help from our UCW.
- On January 14, 2010 - 2:00 p.m. a funeral service was held for the late John Allister "Al" Rundle who passed away January 11, 2010. Phillip conducted the service and Dorothy Lindsay was organist. Naomi Unit prepared the reception which was held following the service.
- On February 3, 2010 - 2:00 p.m. a funeral service was held for the late Donald Kenneth (Don) Innes who passed away January 31, 2010. Phillip conducted the service and John Lindsay-Botten was the organist. UCW prepared the reception which was held following the service. The funeral home was not present for this service.

Report for Shirley Zwicker (Fellowship Time):

- Shirley is away at this time but please don't forget if you are able and willing to help out with the Fellowship time following church. Thanks to all those that are faithful to do this work.

Reported by Ernie Nickerson (Recruitment Committee):

- The committee has been meeting regularly over the past few months and has been working towards filling in the positions that are needed for the annual meeting coming up on February 28th. A couple of positions have been filled but many more are needed and we ask that you give it prayerful consideration if you are asked. If you feel that you would like to serve on Council then please contact me by emailing ernie.nickerson@ns.sympatico.ca or by phoning 462-5905.

Reported for Bea Boutilier (Pastoral Care):

Pastoral Care meets every six weeks usually and had their last meeting on January 19th. A new ministry that started in the U.C.W. and now is with this team is the Prayer Shawl Ministry. It is getting off the ground and presentations to a number of individuals have gone very well. Rev. Valerie has presented a few and she spoke on this and what an honour she felt when she was presenting the Prayer Shawls. If anybody knows someone who felt would benefit from having a Prayer Shawl then please contact Vivian Hill. Also contact Vivian if you have any questions or would like to help with this ministry in any way. Phone 434-2482 or email Vivian.hill@ns.sympatico.ca

Reported for Peter & Maureen Woods (Anniversary Committee-Faith Alive at 125):

- Since the last report there have been a couple of wonderful events held to celebrate our 125th. The UCW had an event called, "Come Visit the Stable" and over 30 nativity scenes were on display in the basement of the brick church for all to visit following the worship service on December 13th. The Tabitha Unit of UCW had a \$1.25 bagged lunch on January 24th. (\$1.25 for chili, \$1.25 for the drink, \$1.25 for the bun and \$1.25 for the dessert.) The 125 decorated bagged lunches were done up before church and they were sold in a matter of minutes following the church service. Thanks to all who contributed and /or predicated in these events.
- One upcoming event to help celebrate is the Couples Club Auction that will be held on May 15th. More details to come in the following months. Anniversary pins are still available if you haven't had the opportunity to pick one up.
- Our committee continues to meet on a regular basis each month so if you have questions, comments, or any other type of feedback please do not hesitate to contact Peter or Maureen at mfwoods@ns.sympatico.ca or call 435-0813.

We did an unaddressed mail out on November 24th to 2,990 in the Portland Estates, Russell Lake area of Dartmouth. The mail out was like a Christmas Card with a Christmas

Blessing that contained information about the church services and special events that were happening at Woodlawn in December along with contact information for the staff.

On January 23rd we held a workshop with approximately 20 people in attendance. The group was made up of mostly Council members but there were several new faces and all who attended were keen and supported the new structure. Muffins were bought, except for gluten free made by Kathy and Mary Osborne brought homemade ones in. We had some cheese and some fruit along with juice, coffee and tea.

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Spring Appreciation Potluck which will be held on Holy Hilarity Sunday, April 18th following the morning worship service. The Program Team is organizing the kitchen and entertainment this year. We are excited to announce that Chaplin's Bob Chapman and Roland Murray have agreed to be this year's entertainment and we know that everyone will enjoy this. So please mark your calendars and bring your favorite dish to church that morning and plan to stay for lunch and a good time.

One of the areas of the new structure we want to get working on right away is the Family Circle Unit. In this unit individuals would have approximately 10 family names and they would be responsible for contacting the family twice a year. This would be done by phone but you could visit. The name of this unit might be changed as we develop this program further. This is something like the Neighbourhoods of Faith Program we had a number of years ago. A number of people indicated they could serve as phone callers when they filled out Valerie's blue slips after her sermon a few weeks ago so we already have a good start with this. We feel that this is a very important ministry as it will keep us in touch with the entire membership of Woodlawn. More details on this will be forthcoming as we develop it further.

Action Requested by Council:

1. Motion to accept the new structure for Stewardship & Community Life Team and to change the name to, Woodlawn's Community of Care.
2. To have the support and the commitment of all Council chairs to be a caller for the Family Circle Unit. Also to check with your team members to see who else might be willing to help with this.
3. To pass the word along to all your team members to keep the date of April 18th available to attend the morning service (Holy Hilarity Sunday) and then to attend the 2nd Annual Spring Appreciation Potluck following the service.