

Stewardship and Community Life Report
2009/03/16 to 2009/05/05
Co-chairs: Kathy Dean & Teri Giannou

Actions completed this period or ongoing:

- We are pleased to welcome the following to Woodlawn:
 - Joyce Kerr-Smith
 - Derrick & Andrea Lundrigan & Family
 - Lloyd & Patricia Murchy
 - Debra Pettipas & Family
 - Kenneth & Janice Jagoe & Family
 - Robin & Stephanie Dagnall & Family
 - Darlene Brown
 - James Forbes
 - Jessica Lowe
 - Olivia Wiegert
 - Stephanie Dagnall

We welcome these people to our congregation and encourage them to let us know if we can do anything for them.

- There has been one funeral at Woodlawn since our meeting in March. Our prayers are with the family.
 - Hope Dunbar's funeral service was held at Woodlawn on April 11th at 2 p.m.
- Fellowship Coffee Time is still looking for people for June and August. If we cannot find enough volunteers for the summer months we might have to temporarily discontinue this till the fall. So if are interested then sign up after church while you get your coffee or call Shirley Zwicker at 434-8766.
- The 1st annual celebration of Lay-Ministry was held on April 26th at 4:30. There were approximately 120 who attended and enjoyed the potluck supper. Rev. Phillip welcomed all and gave a short talk on lay-ministry and then Rev. Valerie said grace. Following the dinner Rev. Valerie Kingsbury gave a funny yet serious talk and then the trio of Dodie Covert, Adelia Trenchard and Lisa Clarke sang to us. Many people stayed and helped with the clean up. Plans are underway to make this annual event even better next year.
- Recruitment Committee had been faithfully meeting almost every week and is working towards getting names of those that might be able to help with the lay ministry work at Woodlawn.
- The funeral policy that was presented at the Executive meeting in April is under review. There was not enough at the executive meeting to meet officially but one of the things we did do was to discuss the policy. There are new laws under the Charitable Act that prohibit charitable organizations to charge one fee or no fees to members and then charge a higher fee to non-members. We have been checking with other churches on how they handle this and will present a report by the June meeting. This new law also affects our Marriage policy.
- Plans are underway to work with Christian Development on the annual Church/Sunday School Picnic that is scheduled for June 7th at Shubie Park. More details will be available in the bulletin and on the web site as it gets closer.
- We are in the process in getting a committee together to look after some events for the 125th Anniversary of Woodlawn. If anyone has ideas or suggestions on this please contact one of us.
- Congratulations to the following three teens who were confirmed on Easter Sunday and were presented with United Church Pins and cards. Olivia Wiegert, Jessica Lowe and James Currie Forbes

- Mary Osborne continues with getting people to deliver the minute for mission on Sunday morning services.
- A breakfast was organized for the sunrise service on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to those that chipped in to get this pulled together.

Annual Budget: \$1,250.00 Expenditure this period: \$45.59 Expenditure to date: \$45.59

Action Requested by Council:

1. Give your thoughts and suggestions on how we should precede with the question on funeral services for people who have no current or historical connection to Woodlawn in regard to the new laws for Charitable groups.