

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 2009

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Kirk Session

Moderator: P. A. McDonald

Clerk (Jan.1/07) & Representative Elder: Cheryl Weeks ('91)	Byron Sarson ('95)
Roll Clerk: Ivan Currie ('59)	Isabel Sarson ('95)
Gordon Hurst ('75)	John Bartlett-Visser ('98)
J. Wade MacDonald ('78)	Margaret Bingley ('98)
H. Keith MacKay ('78)	Susan MacDonald ('98)
Gerald Archibald ('79)	Gean Ross ('98)
Jean Boyd ('82)	Barbara Cruickshank ('02)
Norma Fallows ('82)	Michael Laveck ('02)
William Fisher ('88)	Ian Murray ('02)
Sadie Hurst ('88)	Carol Stevenson ('02)
Kathy Sloan ('88)	Susan Burris ('06)
Alex Bruce ('91)	Eric Gray ('06)
Neil MacDonald ('91)	Ian MacInnis ('06)
	Catherine Picco ('06)

Trustees

Ivan Currie ('77)
Gordon Hurst ('77)

Board of Managers

Retiring January 2010

Jean Bartholomew
Bill Langley
Erin Sloan (Secretary)
Jean St. Pierre (Chair)
Alex Stevenson
Lesley Waugh
Christine Gray
Bill Hattie
Andrew Kennedy
Donna Lee Laveck

Retiring January 2011

Lorena MacDonald
Helen Paterson
Joyce Ross (Treasurer)

Retiring January 2012

Gary Dodge
Robert Maskell
Sean Hiscock

Session Representative: William Fisher

Organist: Dr. Kenneth Cameron

Other Service Accompanists: Helen Martin, Gean Ross, Chris McDonald, Cheryl Weeks, Lisa Morrison, Joyce Currie

Senior Choir Director: Cheryl Weeks 435-4112

Senior Choir Accompanist: Helen Martin

Church School Superintendents: Judy Morrison and Elaine MacInnis

Offering Receipts Secretary: Madelyn Simms 461-9393

"Presbyterian Record" Secretary: Bonnie McLellan 434-4978

"These Days" Secretary: Jean Bartholomew 461-9013

Church Treasurer: Joyce Ross 435-4801

Auditors: *Internal:* Russell Trimper *External:* Dale Knox

Kirk Session Committees:

Worship & Administration

Alex Bruce (07) Convenor
Gerry Archibald
Ivan Currie
Norma Fallows
William Fisher
Isabel Sarson
Cheryl Weeks

Christian Education

Ian MacInnis (08) Convenor
John Bartlett-Visser
Sadie Hurst (to July 31/08)
Neil MacDonald
Wade MacDonald
Ian Murray
Co-opted: Heather Ferguson
Nancy Heighton, Linda Wagner
Paula Sarson

Outreach

Barbara Cruickshank (08) Convenor
Jean Boyd
Catherine Picco
Rick Rutherford (to Oct. 17/08)
Byron Sarson
Kathy Sloan
Carol Stevenson
Co-opted: Meghan Pyche-Melanson

Pastoral Care

Gean Ross (05) Convenor
Margaret Bingley
Eric Gray
Gordon Hurst
Michael Laveck
Susan MacDonald

Personnel & Planning

Gerry Archibald (05) Convenor
Alex Bruce
Ivan Currie
Norma Fallows
Neil MacDonald
Wade MacDonald
Gean Ross
Cheryl Weeks (Clerk)

Leading With Care

Cheryl Weeks (05) Convenor
Marg Bingley
Alex Bruce
Norma Fallows
Michael Laveck
Susan MacDonald

Stewardship

Mike Laveck (07) Convenor
Susan Burris
Isabel Sarson
Cheryl Weeks
Co-opted: Jim Kennedy, Ricky Sloan, Gary Allen, Margaret Anne Ferreira
Board Reps: Andrew Kennedy, Lorena MacDonald, Joyce Ross, Jean St. Pierre

Website

Gerry Archibald (06) Convenor
Michael Laveck
Cheryl Weeks
Co-opted: Joel Rafuse

Baptisms

Keon Robert	son of Robert and Donna Maskell	February 8
Nathaniel Miguel Bruce	son of Nelson and Margaret Anne Ferreira	April 19
Gavin James	son of Alexander and Natalie Stevenson	May 3
Asia Faith	daughter of Marcus Baksh and Tina Rael	July 19

Deaths

H. E. (Betsy) Armstrong	January 13
Nevada Miller	February 24
Donald Townshend	July 12
Robert J. Burbine	July 13
Marcia F. Currie	July 28
Claude Langley	September 24
Nora G. Moser	October 30

Marriages associated with St. Andrew's

Mark Kenneth Scott and Ericka Adrien Clarke	August 8
Darren Kevin Leslie and Chandra Lynn Murphy	August 29
Christopher Bruce Moulton and Dorothy Lisa Yang	November 24

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's herewith submits a review for the year 2009. As we mark our 57th year as a congregation, we are thankful for God's strengthening grace in our community of faith. We rejoice and give thanks to our Moderator, Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald for offering ministry with integrity and purpose in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and to his wife, Christine, for her constant commitment to the work and witness at St. Andrew's.

The Kirk Session recognized Ivan Currie for serving 50 years as a ruling elder and commended his leadership as Session Clerk and Roll Clerk for many years. At the Session Meeting on June 17, Mr. Currie was presented with a certificate and a cake to mark the occasion.

On February 1, 2009, the Session appointed Judy Morrison and Elaine MacInnis as Church School Superintendents until June 2010. Elaine MacInnis resigned on December 31 because her family moved to Truro. The Session named Linda Wagner as a Co-Superintendent from January 1, 2010 until June 30, 2010 and named Nancy Heighton as an assistant to Judy Morrison and Linda Wagner.

The Kirk Session is sincerely appreciative to Dr. Kenneth Cameron for serving our congregation as church organist; he has been organist for 17 years. We celebrate the talents and time of many folk in the congregation who serve as devoted volunteers.

In June, 2009, the Kirk Session invited the congregation to elect 6 elders. Nominations have been received and the Session has begun the task of approaching persons to determine their willingness to serve.

In June, the Session approved a new way by which we live and work together as a community of faith. The work of the Board of Managers and the Session will be integrated into 7 committees, namely, Worship & Fellowship, Education, Outreach, Finance & Stewardship, Property, Personnel & Planning, and Nominating. This will mean that more folk will be drawn into the congregation's work.

The annual meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces was held at St. Andrew's from October 19-21. The opening service was on Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. We are most grateful to those folk in the congregation who helped in any way to make this a very successful event.

At the 10:30 a.m. service on November 1, 2009, All Saints Day, the 13 stained glass windows in the front lobby were dedicated. The Session is most grateful to the donors and to The Stained Glass Windows Committee that did the planning and to Scott Watson who served as a consultant to the Committee. The Committee members were: Gerry Archibald, Convenor, Barbara Cruickshank, Norma Fallows, Eric Gray, Bill Langley, Jamie Leck, Gean Ross, Madelyn Simms, Franck Stevenson and P.A. McDonald.

The Session continues to monitor the implementation of the *Leading With Care* Policy of the national church. To help prepare the congregation for an emergency, a mock evacuation of the church building took place on November 8, 2009, after the 10:30 a.m. service.

On December 31, 2009, Gean Ross and Ian MacInnis, ruling elders at St. Andrew's, retired. Gean moved to Shelburne, Nova Scotia and the MacInnis family moved to Truro, Nova Scotia. We are grateful to them for their contribution to the life and work at St. Andrew's.

The Representative Elder for Presbytery and Synod was Cheryl Weeks.

Roll of Professing Members

During 2009 the following statistical changes have taken place in our Roll of Professing Members:

<u><i>Professing Members Received:</i></u>	<u><i>Professing members Removed</i></u>
By Certificate of Transfer: 3	By Death: 5
By Act of Session: <u>1</u>	By Act of Session: <u>0</u>
<i>Total:</i> 4	<i>Total:</i> 5

Total Roll of Professing Members	as of December 31, 2008:	399	Households	310
	as of December 31, 2009:	398	Baptisms:	4

Guest preachers and speakers during the year were:

- the Rev. Janet DeWolfe of Halifax on March 1.
- the Rev. Kenneth Stright, Mission & Education Consultant of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, on August 16.
- the Rev. W.G. Sydney McDonald of Halifax on September 13.
- Lydia MacKinnon, a graduate of Atlantic School of Theology and a candidate for the ministry of Word & Sacrament on October 4.

- the Rev. Dr. John Crawford of Grace Church, Saint John, NB, and Moderator of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, on October 18.
- the Rev. Glenn Cooper, a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 25 to mark the 57th anniversary of the congregation; he is the Clerk of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.
- the Rev. Vincent Ihasz, a retired minister of The United Church of Canada on November 15, at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- the Rev. Ivan Gregan of Port Wallis United Church, Dartmouth, on November 29, at the annual St. Andrew's Day Service at 7:00 p.m.

Highlights of the year were:

- the potluck luncheon and annual meeting on February 1
- the World Day of Prayer Service on March 6; guest speaker: Margaret Craig, who worked with the Leprosy Mission in Papua New Guinea
- a gathering on March 31, hosted by the Atlantic Mission Society, to meet and hear Solomon Matura, an elder of the church in Kenya; with him was a lay person from the same church
- The "Road to Calvary" service on April 5 (Palm Sunday)
- The Maundy Thursday supper, prepared by the Worship Committee, and service in the Hall; monetary gifts received were given to the Bernard family for the medical supplies for their son
- the Good Friday service
- the Easter Day sunrise service at 6:30 a.m., breakfast in the Hall at 7:15 a.m. and 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
- the presentation on Mission Awareness Sunday on April 26 by Whitney Pyche-Melanson on Camp Geddie, Jean-Paul Martin on his trip to Guatemala, Barbara Cruickshank on Presbyterians Sharing, and Suzanne Darrach on Local Outreach Projects
- the Church School closing and presentation of certificates, followed by the congregational picnic in the Hall on June 7
- a service on July 12 to commemorate the 500th birthday of John Calvin with materials by Dorothy Henderson from the national church office and presented by the minister and Greg Lambert; at the same service, the members of the Scottish Clans in N.S. were present and Kirkin' o' the Tartan took place near the end of the service, followed by a fellowship time in the Church Hall
- the Vacation Bible School from July 13-17
- the potluck gathering on October 8, hosted by the Atlantic Mission Society, to meet and hear the stories from 6 women from The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan
- the hosting of the annual meeting of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, October 19-21
- the celebration of our 57th Anniversary on October 25, followed by a potluck luncheon in the Hall
- the Teas & Sales sponsored by the Guild on April 4 and November 7
- the dedication of the Stained Glass Windows in the front lobby on November 1
- the act of remembrance, with a wreath bearer at the beginning of the service on November 8
- the presentations by those who attended the Canada Youth event in July on November 22 & December 13 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Participants were Rebecca Ford, Megan Douglas, Andrew Kennedy, Whitney Pyche-Melanson and Erin Ferguson; they were commissioned on July 19 during the 10:30 a.m. service
- the hosting of the Face of Poverty Consultation annual Interfaith Service on November 22 at 7 p.m.
- the St. Andrew's Day service on November 29 at 7 p.m., followed by fellowship and singing in the Hall, led by the Kilted Choir
- the Church School Christmas Concert on December 13 at 6 p.m.
- the Carol Service on December 20
- the Christmas Eve services at 5 & 7 p.m.

Outreach: The following programs and services were provided during 2009: (a) the Prison Ministry – once every six or seven weeks, a group of folk from St. Andrew's conducts a service and spends time with the prisoners at Central N.S. Correctional Facility in Burnside (b) weekly donations of food, hygiene supplies, clothing and money taken to the Christ Church Food and Clothing Ministry, (c) monthly supper meal for Hope Cottage, (d) monthly lunch for F.O.O.D. (Feeding Others Of Dartmouth); (e) clothing, books, toys, etc. taken to The Resource Centre; (f) several services on Sunday afternoon at Ocean View Manor, (g) support for the Canadian Bible Society through the direct mail program and Dime Cards in the Church School; (h) Christmas Project – Christmas dinner for 25 households through Feed Nova Scotia – coordinators were Peter & Shelagh Dodge and their family; amount received was \$1,894.60; (i) Fiona Watson and Whitney Pyche-Melanson served as permanent staff at Camp Geddie during the summer; (j) White Gifts were received on December 20 and taken to 2 households; (k) tapes of Sunday services were delivered weekly to shut-ins; (l) money was given by the congregation to Presbyterians Sharing (National Church), Presbyterian World Service and Development, F.O.O.D., Hope Cottage, Camp Geddie, and to a variety of funds to assist those in need in our community and other countries and to help folk afflicted by natural disasters through PWS&D; (m) Suzanne Darrach serves on the Christian Relief and Development Coalition and the board of the F.O.O.D. Society; (n) the service of the Minister on the Pastoral Care Committee of Ocean View Manor; (o) the *Presbyterian Record* is sent to most homes and the Session is grateful to Bonnie McLellan who serves as the *Presbyterian*

Record Secretary; (p) many folk participated in the Help-A-Bunch campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society in March; the coordinator was Dan McKeen; (q) bulletin inserts about the work of The Face of Poverty Consultation to reduce poverty;(r) the Prayer Shawl Ministry; there is a report elsewhere in the Annual Report; (s) the use of Fair Trade Coffee for many of the functions in the congregation. The Session is very appreciative for the various ministries described in this report and for all the volunteers who participated in them.

Education: The staff of the Church School provided classes on most Sundays between early September and mid-June. A class for ages 3 to 8 was provided in the summer. Leadership was provided for the Youth Group by Andrew Kennedy, Whitney Pyche-Melanson and P.A. McDonald. Robyn Murray is the Nursery Coordinator from early September until mid June; Doris Manuel serves in the Nursery every week – she is in her 53rd year of service! Some parishioners subscribe to *These Days*, a daily devotional booklet, and the Session is grateful to Jean Bartholomew for serving as the secretary for this project. A Bible Study, focused on the Psalms, led by P.A. McDonald, was held in the spring on Tuesday evenings and Thursday afternoons; A Vacation Bible School, led by Janine MacDermid, was held on mornings for one week in July; 17 pupils participated. All pupils in grade 2 received booklets about the Lord's Supper. The Session is very grateful to all those who helped with Church Education programs.

Stewardship: Bulletin and newsletter inserts on Stewardship from the national office were used from time to time. The Committee continued to invite folk to participate in the PAR (pre-authorized remittance) method of making church offerings. The Annual Meeting in 2009 was a part of the 10:30 a.m. service and included personal testaments from Elaine MacInnis and Ricky Sloan about their participation in the life of St. Andrew's. To improve communication with the congregation about the financial needs of the congregation, the annual revenue budget goal from envelopes and PAR and the actual revenue received for the month, showing either a surplus or deficit, were printed in the bulletin on the first two Sundays of the following month.

Worship: Services were held each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on most Sundays at 8 a.m. as well as at the second service on February 22, April 12, May 10, June 7, July 26, August 30, October 11, October 18, and November 29. Communion was also celebrated at the Maundy Thursday service on April 9, the Sunrise Service on Easter Day and at both services on December 24. The Session is grateful to all those who read the scripture lessons at the services. Our thanks to Gean Ross, Bill Fisher & Barbara Cruickshank who conducted some of the 8:00 a.m. services. The Session is very grateful to Jacqueline Swift, Gean Ross, Joyce Simard, Kate Watson, Susan Burris, David Campbell, Scott Watson, and Cheryl Weeks for participating in a few of the 10:30 a.m. services when the minister was away. The Session is very appreciative of the work of those who provide music at our services. Our thanks to (a) the Senior Choir, conducted by Cheryl Weeks and accompanied by Helen Martin,(b) the Kilted Choir, conducted by Scott Watson and accompanied by Chris McDonald, (c) those who provided special music at our services: Rebecca Dodge, piano; Lisa Morrison, piano; Jean-Paul Martin, saxophone; Denis Martin, percussion; Gean Ross, piano; Joyce Currie, piano; Jocelyn Wiggan, flute; John Bartlett-Visser & Alan Hemphill, vocals; Eric Gray & Richard Visser, vocal duet; David Campbell & Eric Gray, vocal duet; Scott Hughes, vocal solo; guest soloist: Iona MacLean, Pictou. We were pleased to have Eric Ogden, a guest cellist, at the Carol Service on December 20.

Pastoral Care & Fellowship: Barb Cruickshank and Gean Ross served as Pastoral Care visitors. Fellowship gatherings were held frequently after the second Sunday service at which time birthdays were celebrated by singing "Happy Birthday" and the serving of birthday cake. The Session is thankful for those folk who provided the birthday cakes; on three of those Sundays, there was a potluck luncheon.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, may we look forward with hope and confidence to serving a living God with courage during 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl E. Weeks, Clerk of Session

Church School Report 2009

Sixty-one pupils were enrolled in the Church School from January to June; between September and the end of December fifty-four pupils were enrolled. Classes begin on the second Sunday of September and continue until the second Sunday in June; no classes were held on December 27. On most Communion Sundays, pupils from grades 2-9 return to the sanctuary for the Communion portion of the service. Grades 4-9 remained in the sanctuary for "The Road to Calvary" service on April 5 and for the Carol Service on December 20.

From January to June, the curriculum used by the Kindergarten and Primary classes was the same one as the other classes use: "Seasons of the Spirit". This series is based on the lectionary, which means that the pupils study the same readings that are read in the sanctuary. From September to December, the Kindergarten and Primary classes used the "Rock Solid" curriculum. Each Sunday "The Lord's Prayer" is repeated and an offering is received; the pupils receive Church School envelopes. Classes also provide support for the ministry of the Canadian Bible Society and gather used stamps for The Leprosy Mission.

Attendance and participation certificates were presented on June 7. On that day, Ross Barkhouse thanked the teachers on behalf of the pupils; Ian MacInnis thanked the staff on behalf of the Session. The Church School functions within the requirements of The Leading With Care Policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada thereby providing a climate of safety for the pupils.

Teachers in 2009 were – Jackie Hurst, Dayle Smiley, Erin Ferguson, Erin Sloan, Ian Morrison, Jennifer Cantley, Nancy Heighton, Whitney Pyche Melanson, Linda Wagner, E. Margaret MacDonald, Mary Mattatall, Alex Pegg. Substitutes were – Heather Ferguson, Ricky Sloan, Megan Douglas, Rhondda Smith, Donna MacRae.

The annual Christmas Concert was held on December 13 at 6 p.m. Ian MacInnis chaired the program, the public address system was provided by Terry Mumford, and, the Ladies' Guild provided a "peanut-free" treat for the students.

After many years of teaching the Junior High class, Linda Wagner retired. We are fortunate that she offered to serve as a substitute teacher. The Education Committee deeply appreciates the leadership that she gives.

Judy Morrison and Elaine MacInnis
Co-Superintendents

Report of St. Andrew's Auxiliary – Atlantic Mission Society – 2009

The St. Andrew's AMS Auxiliary held ten meetings with an average attendance of nineteen. There are 23 members and 6 associate members. The Auxiliary usually met on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. We are using the refugee program: "*Making connections – staying rooted in an uprooted world*".

Our auxiliary is responsible for sending out birthday cards to children three years of age and under. Our auxiliary helps with outreach activities such as: F.O.O.D. (Feeding Others of Dartmouth), the Christ Church Food Bank and Clothing Ministry, driving people to church and meetings, distributing tapes of our Sunday services to the sick and shut-ins, and taking food to Hope Cottage in Halifax. Bibles are presented to those who are baptized. Some of our members participate in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Donations were made to the following organizations: Coverdale Foundation, Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club (breakfast program), Feeding Others of Dartmouth (FOOD), Street Connection, and Evangel Hall, Toronto

In early March, Margaret Stuart represented the Auxiliary at the planning for the World Day of Prayer service which was held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the north end Dartmouth churches. During the service, Margaret Craig, an elder at St. David's, Halifax, and a former missionary in New Guinea, gave a presentation on Papua, New Guinea.

On March 31, Mr. Solomon Matura, an elder in the church in Kenya and a participant in the local food security project which is connected to the Canadian Food Grains Bank spoke at a meeting. His friend, Joseph, gave a presentation on slides of Kenya. Some members attended the AMS annual meeting held in New Glasgow, September 18-20. Many of the members attended meetings of the Halifax – Lunenburg Presbyterial; these are held a few times a year at Calvin Church, Halifax.

Christmas gifts were given to the Canadian Mental Health Association in Dartmouth.

On October 8, a potluck dinner was held by the AMS at St. Andrew's for six women from Taiwan. They spoke of their church's ministry, its mission projects, and the role of women in Taiwan.

Officers for 2009-10

President: Margaret Stuart
Past President: Norma Ryan
Vice- President: Norma Fallows
Secretary: Sandy Osborne
Treasurer: Bonnie McLellan

Programme: Margaret Macdonald
Pianist: Chris McDonald
Birthday cards for young children: Linda Sandberg
Presbyterian Message Secretary: Sandy Osborne
Hospitality: Chris McDonald, Hilda Visser, Barbara Cruickshank

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Osborne, Secretary

AMS Treasurer's Report 2009

Mission Fund

Receipts

Offerings for Mission	\$1,581.00
Travel expenses for Taiwanese Missionaries	172.50
Talent money	136.50
Dues	<u>160.00</u>
	\$2,050.00

Expenditures

To Presbyterial:	
(1) Dues	160.00
(2) Missions	<u>1,890.80</u>
	\$2,050.00

Working Fund

Receipts

Balance forward	\$255.85
Collections	504.35
Taxes	6.00
Bring & Buy Sale	151.00
Miscellaneous	<u>14.46</u>
	\$931.66

Expenditures

Camp Geddie Capital Fund	150.00
Kings Church, New Minas, Kenya Project	125.00
Stamps	25.22
Life Membership	25.00
Miscellaneous	62.00
Grace, Tantallon Vacation Bible School	26.94
Charities (see below)	<u>250.00</u>
	664.16
Balance on hand	<u>267.50</u>
	\$931.66

Charities

Evangel Hall (Toronto), F.O.O.D., Coverdale Centre,
Street Connections, North End Breakfast Club

Other Collections

1. Collection for FOOD Easter Dinner:	\$20.30
2. World Day of Prayer	315.50
3. Offering for Kenya Mission Partners	100.00

Bibles for Persons Baptized: 4 purchased from "Socks for Missions" Fund

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie McLellan, Treasurer

Ladies' Guild Annual Report – 2009

The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies' Guild met in the Church on the second and fourth Tuesday of several months during the year. The average attendance was eleven members. In support of the Church, the members of the Guild held a Spring Tea and Sale, a Yard Sale, a Christmas Tea & Sale, and provided catering services for receptions when requested. Morning Coffee Party/Craft Sales were held in the weeks following each of the Tea and Sales.

Throughout the year, notes and cards were sent to sick and bereaved members of the congregation as well as those celebrating special milestones in their lives. Carnations were provided for presentation to those being baptised. Sixty treat bags were assembled for Church School students participating in the annual Church School Christmas Concert. As in previous years, Guild members collected an assortment of socks, hats, mitts, scarves, and toiletries which were donated to Margaret's House in support of their Christmas project. Aid was provided to the Leprosy Mission through the collection of stamps.

In the spring, \$150.00 was donated to the Phoenix Youth Lunch Program. At the end of the year, donations of \$50.00 each were made to Bryony House, Phoenix Youth, Adsum House, and Coverdale Foundation. Revenue generated through the projects undertaken by members of the Ladies' Guild enabled the Guild to make donations totalling \$7,200.00 to the Board of Managers.

The Guild sincerely thanks Rev. Dr. and Mrs. P. A. McDonald for their dedication and assistance throughout the year. Appreciation is also extended to the members of the congregation who have assisted and supported the Guild with its many

projects. We welcome and encourage women interested in participating in the work of the church through the Guild to join us for our meetings.

We thank God for His blessings bestowed upon us and pray for His continued blessing and guidance in the year to come.

Officers for 2009

President – Freda MacIntyre
Vice President – Catherine Picco
Recording Secretary – Sandy Osborne
Treasurer – Isabelle Young
Corresponding Secretary – Nancy Archibald

Publicity – Nancy Archibald
Birthday Box – Chris McDonald
Kitchen Convenor – Rose Lind
Kitchen Co-Convenor – Sandy Osborne

Respectfully Submitted,
 Freda MacIntyre, President; Linda Russell, Acting Secretary

Ladies' Guild Treasurer's Report 2009

Receipts

Collections and Dues	\$ 63.46	
Coffee Party (2)	689.51	
Sobeys Tapes	100.00	
Tea and Sale (2)	6,410.00	
Yard Sale	1,215.38	
Miscellaneous	<u>310.96</u>	
	\$8,789.31	\$8,789.31

Disbursements

Postage & Cards	50.00	
Tea and Sale (2)	264.36	
Donations	450.00	
Gifts	300.00	
Board of Managers	7,200.00	
Miscellaneous	170.53	
Bank Charges	<u>59.40</u>	
	\$8,494.29	\$8,494.29

Total Disbursements over Revenue		295.02
Accounts Payable 2009		100.00
Balance December 31, 2008		<u>178.10</u>
Balance December 31, 2009		\$573.12

Respectfully submitted,
 Isabelle Young, Treasurer

Senior Choir Report - 2009

The Choir sang anthems at many services in 2009. For Easter and the Christmas Carol Service we were pleased to be assisted by several persons; some of our anthems were accompanied by piano and other instruments; we express our thanks for the involvement of these musicians.

On June 14, the Choir sang several anthems at the 84th anniversary service of the Musquodoboit Harbour Church. The Choir offered two anthems for the "Evening of Praise" service at First Sackville Church, Lower Sackville, on April 26.

The Choir raised \$95.00 for the East End "Ready-Set-Go" programme for pre-school children. At Harvest Thanksgiving, the Choir decorated the Chancel and the fruit and vegetables were then delivered to F.O.O.D.

The Choir is most grateful to Cheryl Weeks for her leadership and dedication that she offers; from her patient diligence we are all made aware of the importance of music in the work and service of our congregation and in the praise of God. The Choir is also very thankful for the service, dedication, and talent of Helen Martin, our accompanist.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Those interested in joining in the Choir's work are invited to call Cheryl Weeks at 435-4112.

Officers:

President & Treasurer – Hilda Visser
Secretary – Suzanne Darrach
Director – Cheryl Weeks
Accompanist – Helen Martin

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Darrach, Secretary

Senior Choir Treasurer's Report 2009

Balance December 31, 2008		\$71.08
<u>Revenue</u>		
Dues	125.30	
Interest	<u>.02</u>	
	125.32	<u>125.32</u>
		\$196.40
<u>Expenditures</u>		
N.S. Choral Federation Dues	60.00	
Gift	<u>50.00</u>	
	\$110.00	<u>110.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2009		\$86.40

Respectfully submitted,
Hilda Visser, Treasurer

Kilted Choir

The Choir sang at the Robbie Burns celebration at Iona Church in January, at the Clan Donald Ceilidh in February, at the Tartan Day celebrations at Province House in April, at the 84th Anniversary service at the Musquodoboit Harbour Church in June, and at the national meeting of Clan Donald in Halifax in October

On November 29, the Choir sang an anthem and served Communion at the 10:30 a.m. service and, in the evening, the choir sang an anthem at the service held to mark St. Andrew's Day; the preacher was Rev. Ivan Gregan of Port Wallis United Church, Dartmouth. After the service, the choir sang several songs at a Ceilidh in the Hall.

Currently the choir has 15 members. Neil MacDonald, a member of the Choir since its inception, has retired from the Choir; the Choir is very grateful to him for all his efforts. The Choir was pleased to welcome David Hope and Logan McDowell as members.

Director: Scott Watson

Pianist: Chris McDonald

Coordinating Committee: Scott Watson, Gord Hurst, Mike Laveck, Bill Langley and P.A. McDonald

Kilted Choir Financial Statement

as of December 31, 2009

(The Church Treasurer administers the Kilted Choir's Fund)

Revenue

0.00

Expenditures

Dry Cleaning

24.75

24.75

Expenditures over Revenue	-24.75
Balance forward December 31, 2008	<u>376.06</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2009	\$351.31

Youth Group

The Youth Group met every second Sunday evening during several months of the year. The leaders were Andrew Kennedy and Whitney Pyche-Melanson assisted by P. A. McDonald.

During the year, the Group held some board games nights, baked cookies for shut-ins in March and December, went bowling, swimming, played mini-putt, cleaned the church yard in April, enjoyed a barbecue in June at the home of P. A. and Chris McDonald, held a Halloween Party, sold the 2010 Presbyterian Calendars, and decorated the Christmas tree in the sanctuary on December 11. On the evening of November 22, the Group attended the Face of Poverty Consultation Interfaith Service at St. Andrew's.

Some funds were given to the Canada Youth 2009 Conference in St. Catherine, Ontario in July. Four members attended – Rebecca Ford, Megan Douglas, Whitney Pyche-Melanson, and Andrew Kennedy; a former member, Erin Ferguson, also attended.

The meetings in the Church Hall usually consist of worship, a study/discussion period, recreation and refreshments.

At the end of year, there were 8 members.

Youth Group Financial Statement

As of December 31, 2009

(The Church Treasurer administers the Group's Fund)

<u>Revenue</u>		
Presbyterian Calendars	108.73	108.73
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Transfer funds to CY2009	250.00	
Recreation	<u>36.15</u>	
	286.15	286.15
Expenditures over Revenue		-177.42
Balance forward December 31, 2008		<u>336.97</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2009		\$159.55

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The goal of the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church "is to knit shawls and offer them to people in need of encouragement and comfort in difficult times. The shawls are meant to remind the recipients of God's love and faithful presence in their everyday lives, and to assure them that the church and community care and pray for all who are ill, grieving or otherwise in need of extra prayer."

The dedicated knitters of Saint Andrew's Prayer Shawl Ministry continued their rewarding project throughout the year 2009 – meeting the 3rd Tuesday morning of most months in various homes – enjoying a morning of knitting and warm fellowship following prayer and a brief business meeting. Approximately 16 active members and 6 support knitters completed 60 shawls this year and presented 63 to persons in need. A total of 280 shawls, along with a Prayer of Blessing, have been distributed through our Ministry since its inception in the fall of 2005 to many corners of the world, to many states of the USA, and to every province of Canada.

Our shawls are created using Homespun yarns in a varied and beautiful array of colours. Donations to our Ministry to cover the cost of these yarns are gratefully received and very much appreciated. Yarn required to make each shawl now costs approximately \$25.00.

We hear from many recipients who find great comfort from receiving one of our shawls. It is a very rewarding Ministry; and it is a pleasure to be part of it knowing that comfort and an “emotional hug” is received by many people at difficult times.

We welcome new members. Come join our camaraderie. Transportation can be arranged.

Founder – Christine McDonald
Coordinator – Catherine Picco
Treasurer – Margaret Bingley

Respectfully submitted
Madelyn Simms, Records Secretary

Prayer Shawl Ministry Financial Statement

As of December 31, 2009

<u>Revenue</u>		
Donations	1,319.00	1,319.00
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Yarn	1,261.98	1,261.98
Revenue over expenditures		57.02
Balance forward December 31, 2008		<u>(\$29.18)</u>
Balance December 31, 2009		27.84

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, February 24, 2008

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth, NS was held on Sunday, February 24, 2008 as part of the 10:30 a.m. service of worship. Rev. Dr. P.A. McDonald served as chair.

Cheryl Weeks made a presentation on the life and events of St. Andrews in 2007 with slides being shown while she spoke. She expressed gratitude on behalf of the session and congregation to both Sandy and Chris McDonald for their continued dedication and service to the people and work of St. Andrews.

On motion Cheryl Weeks/Mike Laveck, the reports of the various church organizations and the minutes of the annual meeting held on February 4, 2007 were accepted as printed.

Joyce Ross presented the financial statements for 2007. On motion Joyce Ross/ Jean St. Pierre, the report of the Board of Managers, including the financial statements, were approved as printed.

Rev. P.A. McDonald offered a prayer of Thanksgiving which included the remembrance of our ancestors in the faith, especially those who died in 2007. A hymn of thanksgiving was sung.

Andrew Kennedy, the Convener of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed 2008 Operational Budget. On motion Andrew Kennedy/Byron Sarson, the proposed budget was approved as printed.

Wade MacDonald reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee (Joel Rafuse, Donna Lee Laveck, Wade MacDonald). On motion Wade MacDonald/Ian Murray, the following people were named to the Board of Managers: for three years – Lorena MacDonald, Helen Paterson, Joyce Ross; for two years – Alex Stevenson, Lesley Waugh; for one year – Andrew Kennedy, Margaret Ann Ferriera, Donna Lee Laveck. On motion Wade MacDonald/Jim Kennedy, the following officers for the Board of Managers were elected: Chair – Jean St. Pierre; Secretary – Erin Sloan; Treasurer – Joyce Ross. On motion Wade MacDonald/Norma Fallows, Russell Trimper (internal) and Dale Knox (external) were chosen to do the audit of the 2008 books of the Treasurer and the Offering Receipt Secretary.

A prayer for the work and people of St. Andrews was led by Norma Fallows.

Rick Rutherford presented the Presbyterians Sharing 2008 proposed allocation. On motion Rick Rutherford/Barbara Cruickshank, the allocation of \$34,000 for 2008 was accepted.

Barbara Cruickshank offered a prayer for the work of the national church, the Synod and the Presbytery, and also, for Canada and the world.

On motion Wade MacDonald, it was agreed to adjourn.

A prayer was said in unison and Rev. P.A. McDonald gave the Benediction.

Chair, Rev. P.A. McDonald

Secretary, Kathy Sloan

Board of Managers – 2009

Convener: Jean St-Pierre

Secretary: Erin Sloan

Treasurer: Joyce Ross

The Board held five meetings since the Annual Meeting on February 1, 2009.

Committees & Conveners:

Property: Donna Lee Laveck, Convener, Sean Hiscock, Robert Maskell, Bill Langley, Jean Bartholomew, Lesley Waugh.

Finance: Andrew Kennedy, Convener, Jean St-Pierre, Joyce Ross, Bill Hattie, Alex Stevenson, Lorena MacDonald, Gary Dodge.

Offering Organization after services: Christine Gray, Helen Paterson

Special Committee – Exterior Repairs: Gary Allen, Convener, Christopher Weeks, Scott Watson, Donna Lee Laveck, Jean St-Pierre.

Stewardship Committee Representatives: Jean St-Pierre, Andrew Kennedy, Joyce Ross, Lorena MacDonald, and Margaret Anne Ferreira as a member at large.

Leading With Care Committee Representative for Emergency Procedures: Jean St-Pierre.

Offering Counting: Joyce Ross, Convener

Finances:

The Board is very grateful to the congregation for its generous donations in 2009 to the Operating Fund and to the Appeal for the Exterior Repairs Fund. As a result, the 2008 deficit of \$7,314.00 was erased and the cost of all the Exterior Repairs in 2009 was paid for through the donations to the Exterior Repairs Fund. The Board of Managers appreciates very much the \$ 7,200.00 received from the Ladies' Guild; the Board placed this money in the Exterior Repairs Fund.

Currently 56 households use PAR (pre-authorized remittance/automatic debit) for making their donations to the congregation; this means less paper is used and this method provides considerable help to the counters, Treasurer and Offering Receipts Secretary.

Beginning in 2010, envelope holders will keep the same envelope number from year to year; this will be helpful for donors, the Offering Receipts Secretary and Treasurer. The envelopes were re-designed for 2009.

Madelyn Simms, who has been the Offering Receipts Secretary for the last five years, retired on December 31, 2009. The Board is very grateful to her for the careful, efficient, and prompt attention that she gave to this responsibility.

Church Property:

A) Exterior Repairs Project: 13 new windows were installed in the main lobby by Polytech in the summer. Brick repairs were done on much of the north east wall (golf course parking lot wall) in July. The Special Committee continues to study the matter of moisture problems with the 18 stained glass windows in the sanctuary.

In 2010, two new main doors will be installed; an anonymous donor has agreed to pay for these doors! As well, six windows in the nursery and lower front lobby will be replaced, the two exterior doors at the side of the church will be painted and some plants in the garden at the main front door will be replaced; money from the Memorial Fund will be used for the purchase of these new plants.

Other repairs: Tower repairs required because of a December, 2008 storm were made; cracks in six of the sanctuary stained glass windows were repaired by Sattler's; the upper and lower front lobbies were painted; a stool was made by John Stone for the front lobby washroom; new low energy lights were installed in the Hall by Justin Rogers; repairs were made to the sidewalks in six locations; a large stone was removed from beneath the asphalt in the parking lot; graffiti on the rear wall was removed by Chris Weeks; the trees along the parking lot were trimmed extensively; the mail slot at the rear upper door was closed and a mailbox was installed at the lower rear entrance; two downspouts from the lobby roof were diverted into the city sewer by Ivan Bond; repairs were made several times to the locks on the main doors; the step edges on the exterior stairs were re-painted; two new bulletin boards were secured and four were re-located; new bases were made for two of the "No Parking" signs; the public address system in the nursery and the audio loop for the hearing impaired were repaired by Gordon Hurst; repairs were made to the counters in two bathrooms and the kitchen; several plants were removed by Bill Langley from the garden at the main entrance area to improve visibility and safety for pedestrians; some new plants were secured for that area. Other minor repairs were made.

Several donations of equipment were gratefully received: dishes, a tug of war rope, potato sacks for races, a screen, audio-visual equipment and a "permanent" Christmas tree for the sanctuary.

The furnace and fire extinguishers received their annual servicing; the elevator was serviced every three months as required by provincial law. Floors and carpets were professionally cleaned on October 15.

Currently the snow is plowed by Sheldon Tipert and Ryland Property Maintenance cuts the grass and sometimes clears the snow from the sidewalks.

Other items: A telephone was installed in the upper front lobby.

The exterior phone extension placed in the minister's residence in 1972 was removed in April, reducing significantly the cost of the church telephone service.

Cleaner: After 4 ½ years of service, Chris MacKenzie resigned from the task of cleaning the church each Saturday. James Smith, a Church School student who lives near the church, began doing this task on January 1, 2010.

Volunteers: The Board appreciates the work done by so many volunteers: Gordon Hurst, Ivan Bond, John Stone, Chris Weeks, Bill Langley & Justin Rogers for doing various repairs; Madelyn Simms, the Offering Receipts Secretary, Joyce Ross, the Church Treasurer, the Offering Counters: Kathy Ingram, Chris McDonald, Carla Livingstone, Helen Paterson, Dawn Hemsworth, Jean Bartholomew, Cindy Roy and Donna Lee Laveck; Cindy Roy who types the service bulletins, typists: Chris McDonald, Sheila MacDonald, Cheryl Weeks, and Joyce Ross; Jean Boyd and Suzanne Darrach who helped with the secretarial work, those who prepared the newsletters and annual reports, Gary Allen and Chris Weeks of the Exterior Repairs Special Committee. The Board appreciates very much the work of Scott Watson: the repairs that he did, his willingness to do emergency repairs, his involvement in the preparations for the installations of the new main lobby windows, his assistance with the installation of the thirteen stained glass windows in the main lobby, and his consulting work with the Stained Glass Windows Committee and the Exterior Repairs Special Committee.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board,
Jean St-Pierre Convenor

Personal note from the Convenor: I am grateful to the Board members for their eager participation in the Board's work. Having completed my service on the board I plan to use my gifts to help with the HRM Safe Community program; it seeks to enhance the safety of what we do at work, at rest and at play.