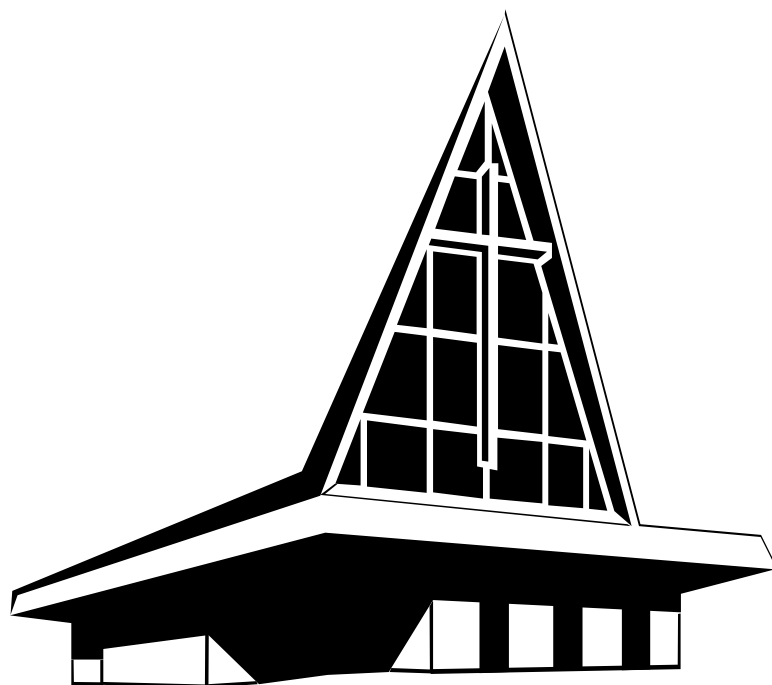


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Minister's Message

..... from the pastor's study

Matthew writes, "... the tree is known by its fruit."

Today I sit at my computer watching the snow-covered budded branches of the tree outside my window sway gently in the breeze and I am reminded of our community of individuals who are known as Parkwoods United Church. A feeling of peace settles over me as I think of you, and I understand, in yet another way the words: "we are not alone ... we live in God's world."

The year 2009 was one of change and challenge and blessings. Change came early in the year with the departure of the minister Rev. Sarah Fanning. Guided by the Spirit Rev. Bob Wright was among you from February till August and I arrived September 1st, thus ministry continued to happen at Parkwoods.

In my first four months among you, I led worship services, attended many meetings, as well as Presbytery, visited family homes, nursing homes, funeral homes, hospitals, shared lunches, communion, and baptisms, participated in the Book Club and Prayer Shawl ministry, and worked with youth on their Religion in Life badges. I spend Sunday to Thursday mornings in my office and afternoons meeting the needs of others.

Changes came to our community through deaths, transfers and loss of mobility for some members and the addition of new faces that joined us through the year. We continue to be challenged to find ways to invite our new families to stay and become a part of our church community.

The budding branches remind me of the vision, dreams and hopes we share in this time and place. Celebrations and challenges always exist side by side in a community of faith such as Parkwoods. We are a complex community, with many diverse and different sub-communities each with a particular culture and vision. Our challenge is to hold the diverse groups together while at the same time recognizing and celebrating the gifts that each group brings. There is a liveliness and energy in the meeting of the long-time and newer members of Parkwoods, and I see the life that is promised by Jesus in the exchange of ideas and values among the several groups that make up our congregation. This is a great blessing, one which reflects the life of the early Church.

When I see the bursting buds on the tree outside my window, even in this season of coldest winter, I am reminded of the promise of new life. I see it in our congregation. I see it in the face of God. And I rejoice.

I extend to my co-workers: Glory Wigle, Rasa Gudiene, Mike Reid, special thanks for being such good teammates. Special thanks to Mac McInnes for his support with special projects.

Yours in Christ's service,

Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe

Report of Parkwoods' Council Co-Chair

We have just ended our 49th year at Parkwoods. This was a year where so many events have taken place. A portion of our many activities follow.

- Our end-of-the month lunches that were put on by the Loaves and Fishes - not only was the culinary expertise superb, but the fellowship we enjoyed was very important for us all. My personal favourite was the "Stone Soup" lunch. Who would have thought that "stones" could smell so good!
- Our gigantic "Garage Sale", worked on by so many of our congregation. This successful fund-raiser was a major source of revenue for Parkwoods. Many, many thanks to all who helped with the pick up, set up, selling and then the take down. This was a massive undertaking by so many willing Parkwoodians.
- Our ongoing Bible studies that were enjoyed by so many. Many thanks must go to Mabel French for her "interesting" studies that brought many people together sharing their understandings of each of the topics.
- At the end of the year, our Christmas Eve Service that had something for everyone – from Communion to the "talk between Ellen and Gabby" to the many musical offerings of our choir and soloists. We were truly blessed.

Many thanks must go to:

- Our ministerial and pastoral care that were a true blessing for our congregation. Both Rev. Bob Wright and Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe have shared with us many meaningful messages and their thoughtful, caring ways.
- Our staff, Glory, Rasa and Mike who have taken care of our needs, and always with a smile.
- Our Council, who besides attending our monthly meetings faithfully, looked after the needs of their specific committees. These are truly dedicated men and women.
- Our many groups that used our facilities and the volunteers who came week in and out to help with the nurturing of our young and older folks.

My special thanks must be extended to the co-chairs who I have had the pleasure of working with these past two years. Firstly, to Don French with whom I worked last year, Don was always there to provide wise counsel and he kept us all "on an even keel."

Secondly, to Ron Wigle who has chaired with me this year. He brought so many talents to the chair and I know that his skills will be appreciated by all on Council in the upcoming year. Please give him your support.

To the Parkwoods Family, each and every one of you, you have all contributed to the continuing spiritual growth of our congregation. Continue to care, and thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve with you as your co-chair these past two years.

Now let us look forward to the future - with love and hope, as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary as the Parkwoods Family.

Beverley Miller
Council Co-chair

TRUSTEES

Parkwoods United Church Trustees 2009 Financial Statements

Maintenance Holdback Fund

Statement of Financial Position As at December 31 , 2009

ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,274	
Investments at Cost	<u>\$394,497</u>	
(Market Value- \$418,722)		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$395,771
CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY RESERVE		
Contingency Reserve- Outreach Programs		\$20,000
Capital Beginning of Period	\$387,763	
Net of Revenue and Expenses	<u>(\$11,992)</u>	
Capital End of Period		\$375,771
TOTAL CAPITAL AND CONTINGENCY RESERVE		\$395,771

Statement of Operations For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

REVENUE		
Bank Interest	\$6	
Mutual Funds Distribution	\$15,409	
Gain on Sale of Investments	<u>\$1,148</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$16,563
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	\$51	
Payments to Parkwoods United Church	\$28,504	
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$28,555)
NET OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES		(\$11,992)

Note to Financial Statement: Cash is on deposit with a Canadian chartered bank where it earns interest on the average monthly balance at the bank's prime rate less 2%. The Fund is on deposit with Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management Ltd. where it is invested in a strategic mix of bond, income and equity funds.

Minister's Housing Allowance Fund

Statement of Financial Position As at December 31, 2009

ASSETS		
Cash	\$2,525	
Investments at Cost (Market Value-\$ 297,837)	<u>\$297,265</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$299,790
CAPITAL		
Beginning of Period	\$297,589	
Net of Revenue and Expenses	<u>\$2,201</u>	
End of Period		\$299,790

Statement of Operations For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

REVENUE		
Bank Interest	\$13	
Mutual Funds Distributions	\$12,188	
TOTAL REVENUE		\$12,201
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	\$0	
Payments to Parkwoods United Church	<u>\$10,000</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>(\$10,000)</u>
Net of Revenue and Expenses		\$2,201

Note to Financial Statement: Cash is on deposit with a Canadian chartered bank where it earns interest on the average monthly balance at the bank's prime rate less 2%. The Fund is on deposit with Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management Ltd. where it is invested in a strategic mix of bond, income and equity funds.

Wayne and Mary Linkert Memorial Fund

Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2009

ASSETS		
Cash	\$1,096	
Investments at Cost	\$77,247	
(Market Value-\$77,501)		
TOTAL ASSETS		\$78,343
CAPITAL		
Beginning of Period	\$88,972	
Net of Revenue and Expenses	(\$10,629)	
End of Period		\$78,343

Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

REVENUE		
Bank Interest	\$11	
Mutual Funds Distributions	\$3,374	
Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Investments	(\$5,818)	
TOTAL REVENUE		(\$2,433)
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	\$0	
Donations to Outreach Initiatives	<u>\$8,196</u>	
		<u>(\$8,196)</u>
Net of Revenue and Expenses		(\$10,629)

Note to Financial Statement:

The Fund is on deposit with Phillips, Hager and North Investment Management Ltd. where it is invested in a strategic mix of bond, income and equity funds.

Cash is on deposit with a Canadian chartered bank where it earns interest on the average monthly balance at the bank's prime rate less 2%

Memorial Fund

The Memorial Fund of Parkwoods United Church accepts gifts and administers all donations to be used for remembrance purposes. All gifts are received in memory of loved ones whose memory is cherished by family and friends. Parkwoods has been most fortunate for almost half a century to have many memorials within the confines of our church. Information regarding the Memorial Fund is available from the Church office or the chairperson of the committee.

Memorial Fund Financial Statement

Bank Balance as of January 1, 2009 **\$5,578.87**

Receipts:

Memorial Gifts Received **\$815.00**

Bank Interest **3.95**

Total **\$6397.82**

Disbursements:

Memorials

Bank Fees **\$1.20**

Total **\$1.20**

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2009 **\$6396.62**

David Griffin

Parkwoods United Church Benevolent Fund Report 2009

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels. Hebrews 13:12

Once again it has been a slow but busy year for the Benevolent Fund, **which is a discretionary fund** administered by the minister and two Lay persons on behalf of the Parkwoods congregation.

Over the year, we have seen a variety of people in need.

- Money has changed hands,
- two food vouchers for groceries as well as food from the emergency food cupboard have been given out,
- used clothing passed on,
- drives to doctor appointments given,
- two families assisted at Christmas time,
- the purchase of a microwave oven for a refugee in need

All became part of a day's work in this community. Whatever the need we have done our best to meet it.

On behalf of those who have come to us for assistance a special Thank You to all of you who continue to support this fund. Your generosity is much appreciated! Bless you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Committee Members: Ellen Redcliffe, Luella Lumley, John Horton

Treasurer's Report

Parkwoods United Church
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

ASSETS

Bank	Account Balance	(Note 8)	38,139	
	GIC	(Note 9)	21,665	
	Money Market	(Note 10)	<u>694</u>	\$ 60,498
Church Property (At Cost)				
- Construction (1963)			203,000	
- Construction/Renovations (1994)			<u>989,803</u>	1,192,803

TOTAL ASSETS

\$ 1,253,301

LIABILITIES

Short-Term Disability Reserve 21,665

TOTAL LIABILITIES

21,665

EXCESS OF ASSETS TO LIABILITIES

1,231,636

TOTAL

\$ 1,253,301

Parkwoods United Church
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Year Ending December 31, 2009

RECEIPTS	Actual (\$)	Budget (\$)
Envelopes		
- Local Expenses	131,166	115,500
- Mission & Service Fund	19,822	18,750
Miscellaneous Income (Note 1)	12,518	15,500
Facilities Income (Note 2)	38,634	45,000
Interest – Maintenance Holdback	23,000	44,000
Interest – Minister’s Housing Allowance Fund	10,000	00
Fund Raising (Note 3)	12,953	17,000
Special Givings (Note 4)	7,324	5,000
Parkwoods Funds (Note 5)	1,286	2,000
Trustees Reimbursement (Note 7)	<u>5,504</u>	<u>0000</u>
Total Receipts	262,207	262,750
 DISBURSEMENTS		
Ministry & Personnel	151,332	160,500
<u>Committees/Services</u>		
- Worship	1,479	2,000
- Christian Education	970	1,600
- Office	7,307	7,500
- Presbytery/Conference	6,392	6,400
- Communications	2,259	1,200
- Membership	184	200
- Outreach	558	750
- Pastoral Care	39	100
- Observer	405	450
- Decor	45	400
- Contingencies (Note 6)	3,322	3,000
- JNAC & JSC	426	3,500
- Payments for Trustees	5665	0
Property		
- Insurance	4,809	5,000
- Utilities	23,323	26,000
- Maintenance	25,276	25,000
Contributions		
- Mission & Service Fund	22,902	21,250
- Special Appeals (Note 4)	4,245	2,500
Parkwoods Funds	<u>1,286</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>262,224</u>	<u>269,350</u>
 Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts to Disbursements	 <u>(-16.62)</u>	 <u>(-6,600)</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Year Ending Dec. 31, 2009)

NOTE 1 Miscellaneous Income includes the following.

Donations by	- United Church Women	750	
	- Loaves & Fishes	5,000	
	- Sunday School	1	
	- Trustees	00	
	- Young at Heart	375	
	- Calendars	100	
	- Ryde Lake Camp	00	
	- Burundi Drummers	400	
	- Guides/Scouts	450	
	- Men's Group	<u>00</u>	
			7,076
- Loose Offering		2,160	
- Initial Offering (Envelopes)		232	
- Observer		345	
- GST Refund		1,541	
- United Way		136	
- Upper Room		44	
- Donations Special		689	
- Gifts/Bequests		00	
- Miscellaneous		50	
- Donation to Outreach		200	
- Bible Study		<u>45</u>	
			<u>5,442</u>
			<u>\$ 12,518</u>

NOTE 2 Facilities Income was received from:

- Toastmasters	1,140
- Other Congregations	35,314
- Functions	<u>2,180</u>
	<u>\$38,634</u>

NOTE 3 Fund Raising included the following activities.

- Golf Tournament	52
- Auction	00
- Garage Sale	10,519
- Theatre Night	1,900
- Maple Syrup	481

\$ 12,952

NOTE 4 Special Givings included the following donations which were remitted to their recipients.

- M&S Easter	1,165	
- M&S Thanksgiving	742	
- M&S Christmas	<u>1,172</u>	3,079
- Massey House	285	
- Rayoak Food Bank	920	
- Ina Grafton Gage	1,165	
- Southeast Asia	1,875	<u>\$7,324</u>
NOTE 5 Gifts to Parkwoods Funds were received for:		
- Memorial Fund	815	
- Benevolent Fund	<u>471</u>	<u>\$1,286</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Year Ending Dec. 31, 2009) cont'd.

NOTE 6 Contingencies

- Bank Charges/ Cheques/ Corr	558	
- Cost Syrup	672	
- Council Misc.	318	
- United Church Resource Centre	157	
- Glass Communion Table	369	
- Garage Sale	737	
- Bible Study	57	
- Stewardship Mailings	93	
- Loaves & Fishes	227	
- Rayoak Sign	<u>21</u>	
- Royal Printing/ Business Cards	113	
		<u>\$3,322</u>

NOTE 7 Payments for Trustees

- Steam Cleaner	1,616	
- LED Signs	3,888	
- Freight	<u>161</u>	
		<u>\$ 5,665</u>

NOTE 8 Current Account – General Fund

NOTE 9 Investment for Short-Term Disability Reserve

NOTE 10 Investment for Refugee Fund

Auditor's Report to Members

Financial Statements of

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

Year ended December 31, 2009
(prepared without audit)

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Trustees of Parkwoods United Church

I have reviewed the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Parkwoods United Church as of December 31, 2009, and the related statement of receipts and disbursements and funds held in trust for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied to me by Parkwoods United Church.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Note 2 indicates that Parkwoods United Church is following the cash basis of accounting when recording revenues and expenses. This is a departure from Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, which would have Parkwoods United Church record revenue and expenses on the accrual basis of accounting.

As a charitable organization, Parkwoods United Church derives the majority of its receipts from donations, which by their nature are not susceptible to complete review verifications. Accordingly, the verification of receipts from those donations was limited to the amounts recorded with the bank deposits.

Except as described in the two preceding paragraphs, as to cash basis accounting being used and limited verification of donations, based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Toronto, Ontario
@

Jennifer L. Hay, CMA

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

Balance Sheet

December 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

	2009 \$	2008 \$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and short term investments	60,499	60,088
Total current assets	60,499	60,088
Capital Assets	1,192,803	1,192,803
Total Assets	1,253,302	1,252,891
LIABILITIES		
Short-term disability reserve	21,665	21,240
Total liabilities	21,665	21,240
Net Assets	1,231,637	1,231,651

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ON BEHALF OF PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

----- Trustee

----- Trustee

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Year ended December 31, 2009, with comparative figures for 2008

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
RECEIPTS		
Envelopes	150,989	140,685
Facilities income	38,635	58,458
Fund raising	12,953	2,903
Special givings	7,324	7,160
Parkwoods funds	1,286	4,068
Trustee reimbursement	5,504	-
Miscellaneous	12,517	26,478
Interest income	33,002	16,018
	262,210	255,770
DISBURSEMENTS		
Ministry and personnel	151,332	158,240
Committees and Services	29,051	21,639
Property	53,408	53,508
Contributions	27,147	26,761
Parkwoods funds	1,286	4,068
	262,224	264,216
Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts to Disbursements	(14)	(8,446)
Net Assets – beginning of year	1,231,651	1,240,097
Net Assets – end of year	1,231,637	1,231,651

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2009

1. Nature of Business

Parkwoods United Church ("Parkwoods") is a member of the United Church of Canada and formed its congregation in 1960 to provide a place of worship and community well being. Parkwoods is governed by a Constitution where by an elected council encompassing leadership positions in the following areas: Worship, Outreach, Communications, Membership, Pastoral Care and Christian Development carry on the business of the church and is responsible to act for the Congregation in all pastoral, business and other matters except those specifically designated in the Manual of the United Church as congregational responsibilities.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Parkwoods uses the cash basis of accounting for recognizing revenues and expenses. Under this method revenue and expenses are recorded only as they are incurred. These financial statements measure the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses on a cash basis.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles would require the accrual basis of accounting to be used for recognition of revenue and expenses. Under accrual accounting management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates include providing for amortization of capital assets.

Budget Report

In spite of the uncertain economic climate in which we live, the 2009 financial results at Parkwoods were most gratifying. At our last Annual Meeting, we approved a budget that identified the envelope giving portion of our revenues at \$134,250. We achieved \$150,999.....\$16,749 OVER out target! Further, this represented an increase over the 2008 of \$5,583. As a congregation, we should ALL be grateful for meeting our Christian obligations to maintain the financial health of our Church.

Our other revenue sources (Fund Raising, Facilities Income, Proceeds from our Investments, etc.) yielded \$111,208.53, resulting in a total revenue of \$262,207.

Our expenditures were UNDER our budget, resulting in our balancing revenue and expenses. We had budgeted a deficit of \$6,600!

Such results prompt one to ask "why"? My personal opinion credits the excellent ministerial leadership from our Supply ministers. Both Bob Wright and Ellen Redcliffe shared, by example, their attributes of Christian living, openness and the importance of compassion for those who may be in need. How fortunate for us they accepted Parkwoods as a place to continue their rich ministries.

We owe Linda McInnes special thanks for her excellent contribution as our Treasurer. We willingly entrust her with the day-to day management of all our financial operations and fully appreciate the significant amount of her personal time this requires. In addition, Linda and her husband Mac accept the role of Envelope Stewards, maintaining the congregational donation records. And, while in the area of 'special thanks' I'd like to include our thanks to Mac McInnes for his acceptance of both the Property and Facilities Rental portfolios. Again, these key areas occupy a significant part of Mac's personal time.

Others deserve our thanks, as well:

- Dave Griffin, as chairman of our Trustees
- The "Back Room Group", who count and deposit our collection every week

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of ALL Parkwoods people in their dedication to financially supporting our Church and making it strong in so many ways through their participation.

Cam Ferguson
Chair, Finance Committee

Membership Additions and Deletions – 2009

Table 1 - Received into Membership

Membership: by Re-Affirmation and Renewal of Faith Proclaimed in Baptism

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Table 2 – By Baptism and Profession of Faith

*"A child will come into our lives with open hearts, open eyes.
We surround them with a love outpoured
And place the child in the hands of the Lord."*

Colin Arnold Buchanan	Myles Ross Atchison
Selena Elizabeth Lyner-Meca	Oliver James Clarke
Lucille Gail Jones	Maliq Jacob Collins-Whyte

Table 3 – In Memoriam

*"I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me, though he dies,
yet shall he live."*

Willi Lehmann
David Aziz
Ruth Ann Cosburn
Martha Garvie
John Robert McLellan

Table 4 – Marriages

"What therefore God hath joined together, let no one put asunder."

Ryan Edward Murdoch	and	Katherine Elizabeth Dorine Martin
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Table 5 – Year End Summary

Full Year Totals	2008	2009
Received into Membership		
By Profession of Faith	0	0
By Re-Affirmation of Faith	0	0
By Transfer	0	0
Total	0	0
Removed from Roll		
By Death	11	3
By Transfer	3	3
By Act of Session	0	0
Requested	1	0
Total	15	6
Year End Membership		
Resident Active Members	134	129
Resident Inactive Members	53	54
Non-Resident Members	39	37
Total	226	220
Active Adherents	62	
Others Totals		
Baptisms	2	6
Marriages	1	1
Funerals	9	5

Submitted by:
Glory Wigle
Church Office Administrator

United Church Women

This year has progressed as other years. Our two units meet as usual each month at the church. Our number of active members is declining each year, but we are managing to keep our givings and activities steady as in other years.

In March we hosted the last Toronto Don Valley Presbyterial UCW Annual meeting on Monday, March 30/09. The guest speaker was the Rev. David Bruce, the Chair of Don Valley Presbytery and he talked about "New Beginnings" as related to the change of Presbytery districts. The lunch was excellent again, with Honour and Ross McKenzie doing the cooking and serving. There was a closing ceremony for the Don Valley Presbyterial and now we wait for the new Southeast Presbyterial to start up as of July 1/09.

We took part in **the World Day of Prayer** again this year which was held at St Andrews Anglican Church in March.

Sandra Chapman, Barbara Greenleaf and I attended the Toronto Conference UCW Annual meeting held at the Chinese United Church in Scarborough in May.

Of course in May on Mother's Day we remembered **Massey Centre** with a special offering and collection of mothers and baby items. Thank you to all who helped to fill the basket.

Our **General meeting** was held Monday, September 28 and was well attended. The special speaker was Rev. Robert Lauder, a Chaplain, who has spent time in Afghanistan and told us some of the many challenges our troops face while on duty.

This year for our **Annual Advent service** we were happy to have Joanna Lansche playing a solo on the flute and Glory Wigle as our other soloist.

Thank you to all for your support and sharing your gifts.

Mabel French

U.C.W. Treasurer's Report

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2009

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DEC. 31, 2009

RECEIPTS FOR 2009

OFFERING	\$2371.50
THANK-OFFERING	505.75
OVER & ABOVE	295.00
OTHER	<u>250.00</u>
	\$3422.25

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 2009

THANK-OFFERING	\$505.75
PRESBYTERIAL	205.00
PROGRAMS	75.00
M & S	750.00
PARKWOODS COUNCIL	750.00
DONATIONS	600.00
BENEVOLENT FUND	200.00
MISC.	<u>176.48</u>
	\$3262.23

BANK BALANCE AS AT DEC.31, 2009 **\$3821.33**

Council Committee Reports

Presbytery Report

Toronto Southeast Presbytery

After two years in the making, July 2009 marked the beginning of the Toronto Southeast Presbytery (TSP). We now belong to a greater entity that numbers 58 pastoral charges. Parkwoods, as a church in Toronto Southeast Presbytery, has already begun to hear and see the many good and positive signs of the new Presbytery at work:

- receipt of personal welcoming letters to Parkwoods from the Chair of Presbytery
- support and encouragement from Pastoral Relations in our search for new ministry
- gift of 50th Anniversary bookmarks for our congregants
- promotion of shared cross-congregational activities

As presbyters, we realize that we are connected with several different levels of the church and specific groups of the United Church as well as theological schools, educational centres and beyond that to ecumenical institutions. Toronto Southeast Presbytery is blessed with people who have a rich diversity of gifts. Many of us are already sharing our unique gifts. I have volunteered for the Presbytery Communications Team, and I can affirm that we have a wonderful team working and learning together. This committee serves as a link to the resources and experiences of many others. It is responsible for the development and recommendation of the Presbytery's communications policy (strategy) that deals with information needs of Presbyters and Congregations, as well as the tools that would be used and the means of implementation;

Reports from Presbytery meetings are made regularly to the Parkwoods Council and issues affecting the life and work of our congregation are shared accordingly. The activities of many churches are highlighted as well as discussions regarding issues affecting the United Church as a whole. Participating in Presbytery is an opportunity to look beyond the Parkwoods community, share successes and challenges, and see how others go about their work of the larger church. Remember, it is all of us who helps shape the Toronto Southeast Presbytery and The United Church of Canada.

It is important that Parkwoods has a representative and an alternate to participate at Presbytery. If you are approached, please give careful thought to participating in this vital link to the larger church.

Respectfully,

Lynda McCowan
Presbytery Representative

Ministry and Personnel Committee

Parkwoods United Church has been fortunate during 2009 in continuing to draw the talents and leadership of its team of ministers and staff. Reflecting on the past year, the Ministry & Personnel Committee has worked diligently to ensure congenial working relationships between staff and the Church congregation. A sincere thank you to my ever dedicated M&P Committee volunteers - Norma Evans, Dolores Samuels, and Mac McInnes.

With the departure of Rev. Sarah Fanning, at the end of January 2009, Parkwoods commenced a year of transition. The Reverend Bob Wright accepted the appointment as fulltime Supply Minister of Parkwoods

United Church on a six month contract, commencing February, 16, 2009 with completion in August 2009 without extension due to personal reasons. The congregation was saddened but understood his wishes. Bob brought many gifts to this ministry including a warm and approachable disposition. The Parkwoods congregation was blessed with Bob and his wife Pat's presence among us.

On September 1, 2009, we sincerely welcomed the Reverend Doctor Ellen Redcliffe as she began her supply ministry to the Parkwoods community. As our minister, Rev. Ellen has brought to the congregation her sensitive pastoral care, meaningful sermons, creative and delightful means of worship for all ages, and an abundance of energy and ideas. In a short period of time, Ellen has earned full acceptance and support from the congregation as she goes about her work with a sense of warmth and caring in service and personal contact with the members.

Central to Parkwoods worship is our quality music program led by Rasa Gudiene as our Music Director. Parkwoods is most appreciative of Rasa's musical gifts and contributions. She has been very successful in selecting music arrangements and, engaging the choirs and musicians for services at Parkwoods. Our music program is growing and music continues as a core strength of ministry at our Church.

Glory Wigle is a woman of many gifts, serving as Office Administrator and the ambassador for the many faces connecting with Parkwoods. Glory not only supports the ministerial functions. She is usually the first point of contact in our church to receive questions and adeptly shares them forward for solution.

Mike Reid, in his Custodial role, not only maintains the church building and property, he welcomes and accommodates all who use the premises. With its many tenants, Parkwoods is an active place of worship, meetings and fellowship. Mike ensures our Church is in readiness.

As we begin our 50th Anniversary year, your M&P Committee is delighted to report that the Parkwoods staff is setting its sights forward with renewed vitality as our Joint Search Committee actively pursues permanent full time ministry for this congregation. To support each other in ongoing ministry and service to the Parkwoods community, we continue to align the goals and responsibilities of staff with those of the congregation. Our role is to support Ellen, Rasa, Glory and Mike in their outstanding effort, and acknowledge them for their dedication as they continue to serve Parkwoods.

On behalf of Ministry & Personnel and the Parkwoods congregation, it is my privilege to extend words of gratitude and appreciation to our superb staff - Rev. Bob Wright, Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe, Rasa Gudiene, Glory Wigle, and Mike Reid, acknowledging their excellent contributions over the past year. A special note of thanks to the Reverend Bob Shorten, our Minister Emeritus, for his continuing care and concern of the Parkwoods community.

Blessings to all,

Lynda McCowan
Chair, M & P

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee continued to meet monthly throughout 2009 to plan worship services, work with the Senior Choir and Décor Committee and respond to comments received from the congregation. Our dedicated members are : Don French, Mabel French, Lois Keir, Rita Kent, Mary Kishi, Lynda McCowan, Linda McInnes, Mac McInnes, Ron Wigle with Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe and Rasa Gudiene, Music Director.

While the search committee continued looking for a Supply minister in January and February, Rev. Darren Liepold, Dr. Lillian Perigoe, Rev. Kerri Hagerman and Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith provided pulpit supply and in February, Rev. Bob Wright joined us as our Supply Minister.

Rev. Bob quickly settled in with our congregation with thought-provoking sermons, pastoral care and planning special services for the Easter season. An Ashes Service followed the Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Supper. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were enhanced with thoughtful prayers, special music and Easter plants placed in the church as memorials from those in the congregation.

In May, Chaverim performed a musical and reflective service bringing their youth and enthusiasm to our worship. Sunday services continued through the summer with good attendance.

In September, Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe took up the position of Supply Minister.

Fruits, vegetables and other food were used for the Thanksgiving display and then donated to the Foodbank; the Veterans' uniforms, involvement of our veterans, the scouting colour party, the laying of the wreathes, the display of poppies provided by the décor group and Brian Jeffs playing of the Last post and Reveille added to the importance of Remembrance Day.

Advent, Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services were all meaningful and well-attended. On the Sunday after Christmas, Rev. Bob Wright led the service of scriptures and carol singing.

Thank you to the members of the congregation who have assisted with many aspects of the worship services throughout this past year.

Jane Reid
Worship Committee

Membership

It is the pleasure and responsibility of the Membership Committee to welcome newcomers and see that they are provided with name tags.

In June, our committee hosted a welcome breakfast for people new to our congregation. This is an occasion for them to meet each other and members of the Council. Another such gathering will be held in the spring.

Coffee time after church is organized by the Membership Committee. We wish to thank the members of our committee who become involved hosting this special time.

I wish to thank the members of our committee for their loyal support over many years as I retire and leave the Membership Committee in the capable hands of co-chairs Carolyn Horton and Donna Leistner.

Beryl Anderson
Chair, Membership

Sound/Videograph Team

The regular team members, Ken McKenzie, David Bone, Mike Reid, Cam Ferguson and Dave Gurd continued their faithful stewardship of our sound system during 2009. Thank you to all (especially David Bone who seems to be doing the sound most Sundays in team members' absences.)

A number of our church members are using the hearing assist equipment with good results. Several years ago Parkwoods purchased this equipment for this reality. We continue to tape Sunday morning services and these are kept in the church office for about four weeks for anyone interested in a particular church service.

The sound system was used to its maximum for the Choir Christmas Concert this December, using two portable mikes, two stand-up mikes, three body mikes and two different CD's played on the CD machines as background music. I believe this is the first time it has happened and the system performed perfectly.

We are in need of a new team member to replace Mike Reid who is busy Sunday mornings with Custodial duties. Expert training is provided. Please speak to anyone on the team if you are interested.

David Gurd

Music at Parkwoods in 2009: A Year at a Glance

My heartfelt thanks to everybody in the congregation for your warm support and ongoing encouragement throughout the year. Our wonderful staff at Parkwoods makes a great team to serve God and the people.

- The enthusiasm of our Junior Choir members is always strongly felt at the performances. Thanks to the Junior Choir leaders Sharon McKenzie-Bone and Helen Bawtenheimer for their patience, time and devotion.
- Our faithful instrumentalist, Brian Jeffs is such a great addition to our worship. His sounds of trumpet are appreciated by many in the congregation.
- The very energetic African drumming group under the instruction of Frederic Nzeyimana surprises us every time we hear them performing.
- So many gifted members of Parkwoods, singers and instrumentalists contributed to our summer services, making them very special.
- December was marked by our annual Christmas Concert. Our new cantata 'A World of Christmas' was sung once again with the orchestral accompaniment. We all were so blessed by having a lot of musical people involved in the preparation for our concert. Special thanks to our skillful sound technician David Gurd for the job well done.
- Last but not least, thank you everybody in the Senior Choir for your willingness to learn, your flexibility, and your love to sing. Our thanks to the Choir President Pat Lansche for her ideas, time and commitment.

Thank you ALL who were not mentioned. We all know who you are and appreciate your help very much!!!

We all look forward to another MUSICAL year!

**Musically yours,
Rasa Gudiene**

Senior Choir Financial Report - 2009

Balance Forward Dec. 31/2008 **\$1,378.52**

Receipts:

CD Sales:	\$0.00
Donations:	\$0.00
Dues:	\$149.89
Interest	\$0.61
Christmas Concert	\$388.75
Christmas Cantata Sold	\$0.00
Christmas C.D.Sold	\$152.00
Cash In:	\$12.60

Total: 703.85 \$703.85

\$2,082.37

Disbursements:

Cheques	-----	\$0.00
Cash out (mailing letters)	-----	\$0.00
Christmas C.D.'S	-----	\$159.70
Social (Bbq, Flowers Coffee Nights)	-----	\$134.28
Zephyr Expenses	-----	\$0.00
Zephyr Bursaries	-----	\$0.00
Cards/Postage	-----	\$0.00
Christmas Concert Expenses	-----	\$130.31
Christmas Concert musicians/tech support	-----	\$67.80
Cash out	-----	\$12.60

Total \$504.69

Year End - Receipts vs Dispersments: Balance \$1,577.68

NOTE: \$142.00 of the bank balance is reserved for the Zephyr fund.

Pastoral Care

I feel very fortunate to have the support of the dedicated volunteers that make up our team. Thanks once again to the members for their efforts in 2009.

Our aim is communication with Parkwoods families - to be a contact if required at time of illness, bereavement or possibly just needing a listening ear. The Church Office or the Minister is usually informed of any needs in the congregation but often our Team can be of assistance. The visits, care and concern shown to the Parkwoods Family in 2009 has been looked after so well by our Interim Ministers, Rev. Bob Wright, and in recent months the Rev. Dr. Ellen Redcliffe.

Every now and then someone may feel they were forgotten or no one called if they were absent. Our deepest apology but if we are not aware of families' needs we cannot respond. Please call me, Barbara Griffin, or the Church Office if you or someone you know has a question or requires a call.

In that regard we would ask the congregation once again to continue "the circle of friendship" connecting all the "Parkwoods People". Call if you missed anyone at meetings, talk to new folks at church, have a conversation with a friend in the neighbourhood. It can be very rewarding taking a few minutes to visit, telephone or send a note. An effort is made by the Team to send a card to those who are ill, a family on the loss of a loved one or for a memorable birthday. Please advise us if you know of a person we could remember in this way.

The Pastoral Care Team looks toward a great year for Parkwoods in 2010 and wishes for each of you very healthy and contented days ahead.

Barbara Griffin
Chair, Pastoral Care

Prayer Network

We in the Prayer Network offer daily prayer to those in need in our congregation and beyond. We pray for persons who have asked for prayer support during illness, bereavement and other difficult times in their lives. A prayer request can be made directly to us or our minister or Glory Wigle in the office. All requests are confidential.

There are currently 12 members in our group. We have been active since 1993. We meet together every other month to support and update one another on prayer needs. As a group, we draw strength knowing that God hears our prayers.

Carol Jeffs
Co-ordinator

Outreach

The 2009 outreach program for Parkwoods was a blend of 'tried and true' activities and some new initiatives. New this past year was a campaign to *Support our Troops in Afghanistan* with Christmas treats, a *Gentle Yoga* program that was specially customized to individual capabilities and a special fund-raising drive to support the *Ina Grafton Gage Home*, a senior's residence under the aegis of the United Church of Canada. As well, members of the congregation are involved in weaving mats out of milk bags, a creative way of recycling the bags into highly useful sleeping mattresses for local and global needs.

Other ongoing Outreach Activities are cited below, the total outreach roster of activity numbering about thirty for the year. Supporting all of these volunteer activities is a dedicated membership, faithful indeed in giving generously of their time and talent!

For the Season just past, Christmas activities included a decorative *Mitten Tree*, the knitted 'ornaments' having the added purpose of warming the hands of neighbourhood children. *Project Christmas Child* saw a record number of boxes go forward for distribution to children overseas. Extra deliveries were made to the *Rayoak Foodbank* over Christmas from parishioners, local grocery stores and a local school. *Christmas*

Cheer Gifts were prepared and delivered to some members of the congregation who have experienced some special challenges or hardships through the year. The Sunday School children join forces with the 'prep team' by preparing Christmas greetings.

- *Loaves and Fishes* will report elsewhere in this Annual Report on their very busy and productive year of support for congregation and community.
- Frederic and the Burundi *Drummer/Dancing Ensemble* represented Parkwoods at the *Canada Day Celebration* at Broadlands Park, and have become an entertainment highlight for the wider community. The Group recently made a donation to Parkwoods.
- Contact, supplies and money-gifts go forward regularly to our three designated Shelters—*Eva's Place, Massey Centre and Out-of-the Cold*.
- An active liaison is maintained with the adjoining *Brookbanks Apartment Building* as is a communications link with the Parkwoods Development Project in Parkway Plaza.
- The Outreach Committee worked jointly with the *Linkert Memorial Committee* to further a number of projects, including the Ina Grafton Gage fund-raiser, and a Parkwoods Educational Support initiative for an orphan family in Burundi. A special mission of material goods was mounted for this family, which culminated in January, 2009.
- Pickup and delivery of congregational food gifts to the *Rayoak Foodbank* occurs each Monday throughout the year. Also each week surplus bakery goods from a local supermarket are delivered to Rayoak.
- Liaison with *Brookbanks for African Grannies* continues, with Parkwoods people taking a major leadership role in that fund-raising chapter of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- Ongoing liaison with Division 33 of the Metropolitan Police is maintained for the purpose of fostering community safety.
- A vibrant *Quilting Group* operates throughout the year. (Please see separate report).
- Another important form of community Outreach is *Young at Heart*, a social organization.
- Benevolent Fund: money raised by the benevolent fund is administered by our Minister. (Please see Rev. Dr. Redcliffe's separate report)
- An Emergency Aid Campaign for the devastated areas of South East Asia was mounted.

Again this year the Outreach team has worked collaboratively with Mission and Service and Pastoral Care, as well as with the Linkert Memorial Fund Committee. For 2009, Parkwoods has been greatly favoured with two outreach-oriented Ministers, each of whom enriched the Outreach Mission of Parkwoods with their ideas and support.

John Horton
Chair, Outreach

Mission and Service

The year 2009 has been an encouraging year for Mission and Service. We increased our givings by almost \$300 in general. A good sign.

The Easter givings were \$1665, \$204 over 2008; Thanksgiving was \$742, \$113 over the year before; Christmas was \$1172, just \$39 less than 2008.

I hope that the monthly readings from the Mission and Service booklet have been helpful, giving you more insight into how and where the Mission and Service Funds are being used to help people and places in different parts of the world as well as our missionaries.

Mission and Service is an important part of the United Church. Thank you again for your generous support.

God Bless,
Maaik Russell

Brookbanks for African Grannies

2009 was a successful year for our Grannies. We are about 18 in number – grandmothers for Parkwoods, Jubilee and other United Churches. Our purpose - to educate ourselves, raise awareness and funds to support Grandmothers in Africa who are raising their grandchildren. These Grannies have buried their own children who have died from HIV/AIDS.

In April, we hosted a dinner at Jubilee in memory of Ann Davies. We had a wonderful evening – great food and stories of Ann. We raised nearly \$3000 for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Sheila Brown did a great job co-ordinating the evening!

In October, Eileen Simons held an “English Tea” at her home with the help of our Grannies. About 30 people attended and generously contributed a total of \$3000 to support the African Grannies!

In November, 8 of our Grannies attended a one day regional event in Whitby. It was a very informative day of workshops, lunch together with around 180 other Grannies and listening to the guest speaker – Gerald Caplan, former MPP- speak passionately about the important work of the SLF (Stephen Lewis Foundation) was a real highlight. Caplan has written a book “Betrayal of Africa,” which we were able to purchase.

In addition to our 2 major events, Judy Wells made and sold pieces of lovely jewellery as well as other craft items. In all, we were able to send over \$7000 to the Foundation, as well as having good fellowship in the process.

In the fall, Doreen Lansche presented us with 2 of her knitted dolls – a farmer and wife. We shall look at ways to include them as part of our fundraising.

Thanks to all the Grannies for your work and Parkwoods people who have supported us!

**Carol Jeffs and Sheila Brown
For all the Grannies**

The Wayne & Mary Linkert Memorial Committee

The Wayne & Mary Linkert Fund is dedicated to Outreach and Pastoral Care initiatives. In 2009, donations were made to:

Burundi Family Education
Bill Crew Memorial (Sparrow Lake Camp)
Ina Grafton Gage Home
Sparrow Lake Camp
Ryde Lake Camp
Family Camping at Ryde Lake
Christmas Cheer
Out-of-the Cold
Prayer Shawls
Food Bank

The Committee members are: Sandra Chapman, Carol Keffer, Norma Evans, Rita Kent, Cam Ferguson, Don French and Bud Bray

**Sandra Chapman & Carol Keffer
Co-chairs**

Christian Development

The Sunday School has been ably taken care of by Lynda McCowan, Nancy Jean Nickel, Marsha Lyner and Joanna Lansche. This fall we added Norma Evans and Shriya Danwal who is volunteering to get her 40 hours for school. The number of children has increased which is very encouraging.

Jane Reid, with Heather and Alison did the summer class and with Lois Keir's help, made a wonderful banner, incorporating the children's hands.

In adult study, we did "Really Bad Girls of the Bible" on Monday evenings this fall and on Wednesday afternoons we did a study of the Ten Commandments. Both were well-attended and fostered a closeness for those attending. My thanks to all who supported our efforts this past year.

Mabel French
Chair, Christian Education

Sunday School

So much is shared and enjoyed in our Sunday School that it is a privilege to be with the children on Sunday mornings. The seasons of the children's curriculum mirrors that of the Sunday worship services and working with the ministers of Parkwoods, the children's lessons expand on the scriptures and theme of worship. Over the past year we have learned through communion, role plays, music, movies, games, crafts, and discussions. During the Advent season, we shared God's love by making Christmas cards for the Cheer baskets given to people of Parkwoods we don't see often or are lonely. We also study about children from other countries less fortunate than us and pack gift boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

The number of classes we are able to sustain in our Sunday School still depends on the number of faithful volunteers agreeable to assist in the Christian Development program. With a total of 38 registered children and varied attendance each week, we currently have two groups - Primary for ages 4 to 8 year olds and Junior for ages 9 and above.

Two Dilemmas

– Parkwoods has a lovely Baby Care room, fully equipped which is empty. Parkwoods has seen many new younger families in attendance for Sunday morning worship with children under 3 years old. We have committed to some of these families through baptism of their children, but have no volunteers to look after these young children on Sunday mornings!

– In June, six of our Primary students graduated to the Junior class and we potentially had six Junior students who had nowhere to graduate to! What can we offer our youth from 12 years old and up before we lose them? We have no teachers!

We **urgently** need volunteers for Babycare!! We **prayerfully** need volunteers to teach our youth!! One Sunday a month; one month a year or one session of the curriculum is what we're asking. Please thoughtfully consider an opportunity to work with Parkwoods' young people, as teacher, assistant or occasional. The Christian Development committee, chaired by Mabel French, is always actively seeking additional teachers and helpers.

And most importantly, many thanks to all who have helped in the Sunday School over the past year! Nancy Jean Nickel, Marsha Lyner, Joanna Lansche, Norma Evans, the Reids – Alison, Heather and Jane, Glory Wigle, Shriya Danguel and Mabel French.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda McCowan

Brownies meet Mondays at 6:30 P.M. No Report

Sparks meet Mondays at 6:45 P.M. No Report.

Cubs meet Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M. No Report

Guides meet Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. No Report

Communications

In 2009, the Communications Committee produced 4 issues of the newsletter “**Parkwoods Alive!**” – March, June, October and December. These are distributed after church, by e-mail, by mail to those who cannot attend church and by some people delivering to neighbours and friends. We encourage people to receive the newsletter by e-mail to reduce the cost of printing and postage.

The **Annual Report** in February contains all of the financial information and committee and group activities for the year.

Parkwoods’ **website** has been updated by webmaster, Cliff Hope, with new information and photos. The Annual Report, weekly bulletin, monthly calendar and the newsletter are included on the website.

To conform to the **Guidelines for Privacy**, we ask everyone to fill in a form regarding your wishes to have your picture published or not. These forms are in a binder in the church office and the information is only for the use of the Communications Committee when photos are needed for publication. We urge you to fill in this form.

An updated brochure of activities at Parkwoods was prepared and distributed.

A scrolling sign was installed on the Parkwoods Village side of the church to inform the community of Parkwoods activities.

Other information available at the church:

M & S. – Mandate Magazine
United Church Observer
The Upper Room
Daily Bible Readings

The bulletin board in the entrance provides notices of Community and outreach information.

The Communications Committee

Property

I wonder how many of the congregation realize just how much effort is involved in keeping this place clean and working.

I’m sure I can give most of you some idea by saying, imagine the amount of vacuuming, wiping, mopping, dusting, and washing you do in your own home, and then multiplying that times 7, (the Church has about 7 times the square footage floor space of the average home), and then have about 500 people a week, (which includes cubs, brownies, guides, three tenant groups, visitors, meeting groups, to name only a few, walking through and using the facilities of your house, (most with the non-removal of boots). Somewhat daunting is it

not? So, as the number of years grows, so does the amount of effort it takes to maintain the facility, both cleaning wise, and mechanical maintenance wise.

To the many, who were involved in the 2009 maintenance tasks, and the numerous changes, you have my sincere thanks.

In short form, I list only some of your accomplishments for 2009.

- Placement of occupancy permit signs in all halls as required by law;
- Repair and re-staining of six entrance doors to the Sanctuary;
- Removal and replacement of old kick and push panels on doors;
- New glass plate placed on refinished communion table;
- Purchase and use of new power carpet cleaning unit;
- Repainting and power cleaning of Minister's office;
- Replacement of no parking and fire route signs, as required by Toronto Parking Authority;
- Replacement of spark igniter and sensor board for annex HVAC unit;
- Replacement of cylinder units for outside doors;
- Addition of glass facing on display casing areas;
- Additional lettering made up for static sign display outside;
- Replacement of all signage lighting, spot lighting and interior lighting to low energy fluorescent lighting;
- Complete review and audit of all Church key usage and confirmation or assignment;
- Repair of intermittent breaker activation on the Church stained glass window lighting;
- Replacement of impellor motor for the boiler system;
- Cut back of trees blocking sightlines for fixed Church signage at front;
- Entered into new tenant agreement with the Podium Toastmaster Club;
- Old Church kitchen, all drawers, cupboards, and walls repainted;
- New digital signs placed on site and operational in September;
- Signs returned for repair and return for voltage regulation problem;
- Replacement of heat exchanger unit on annex HVAC unit;
- Repair and addition of two new sprinkler heads;
- Removal of temporary weather carpet contract and purchase of our own carpets;
- Negotiated summer landscaping coverage, and removal of juniper overgrowth;
- Have placed The Korean Mission Alliance as our newest tenant.

And of course, thank you, as always to those who continue to ensure that all the normal maintenance tasks involving numerous small repairs, routines etc. get done. Thanks, to Ron Lyner, for the grass cutting and yard maintenance over the past summer on a volunteer basis. Also thanks to Ron for his backup fill-in as custodian during vacation periods and such.

For as long as I have been Property Chair, I have been making special mention of the following people for their efforts on my and your behalf. And I sincerely thank them once again, as they continue to help me. Hugh and Greta Simms, Dorothy and Bud Bray, Don Anderson, Mary Kishi, Burt Keffer, Brian Jeffs, Ron Lyner, and Cam Ferguson. Year after year these people continue to keep our Parkwoods property in good shape, and do this within budget. Well done again ladies and gentlemen.

I could not end without a special mention of thanks to Mike Reid our custodian. Mike makes my position as property chair much easier, and on your behalf, I thank him for his efforts to keep this a wonderful place to worship.

To all who help to keep the property, operating and safe, THANKS!!

Mac McInnes
Property Chair

Facility Sharing

Team Goals:

- To provide smaller congregations the chance to worship in a Sanctuary type setting.
- To help to supplement Church revenues
- To give a meeting space for various outreach programs through the Church and in the community.

2009 Accomplishments:

The past year has seen quieter activity on the part of our rental functions. The main reason was that no elections were called and there was no tenant rollover change activity.

We still had through 2009, the **Smyrna Seventh Day Adventist** congregation under the leadership of Pastor Williams, as our largest rental tenant, along with **the Korean, Grace and Love Church**, under the leadership of Pastor Yang Kounng Mo.

We were most happy to welcome the Podium **Toastmasters Club** as new tenants starting in September of 2009. They extend an open invitation to anyone in Parkwoods who would like to sit in on any of their meetings on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Please be aware that these tenants use part of our building on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and all day Saturday. We will continue to rent for special functions, on a discretionary rental basis. We are sure that you can understand that with the heavy use of the church property, the pre-event booking of space must be done, and, as early as possible. Special consideration will still be given for members of Parkwoods, so if you have a unique event please feel free to discuss it with me.

Plans for Coming Year:

This property is now being used for more community outreach programs each year so always check with me on date availability before scheduling an event.

A big thanks to Mike Reid, for his efforts in dealing with the additional setup problems and higher usage. And also thanks to Glory Wigle and Mike again, for keeping me apprised of the numerous rental inquiries.

Mac McInnes

Group Activities

Loaves and Fishes

Our monthly lunches this year have also incorporated other purposes.

- January – we said goodbye to Sarah
- February – the Lumley family celebrated Jack's 80th birthday
- March – we included a JNAC meeting
- August was a farewell to Rev. Bob Wright
- October- included the family for the baptism of Oliver Clarke
- November was Parkwoods' 49th Anniversary
- In May at the Garage Sale, we had a coffee shop downstairs selling pop, hot dogs, muffins, tea and coffee.

- In November we had a 'Stone Soup' lunch made from vegetables contributed by the congregation.
- In December, we cooked turkey dinners with the trimmings for the Young at Heart group and the Toastmasters.

Receptions were held following the funeral services of Willi Lehman and David Aziz.

We have been able to give the church \$5000 this year.

Our regular kitchen help include Loretta Abrias, Mary Crozier, Pethol Forde, Carol Gurd, Pat Lansche, Brenda McLeod, Jean Newberry, Mari Rankine and Muriel Voskuil.

Lois Keir

Quilting Group

Quilts, bags, placemats, Christmas bags and stockings kept our little group busy on Monday mornings.

After raffling the "Autumn Star" quilt as well as selling some bags, small quilts and other projects, we will be able to give the church over \$1000.

We are presently quilting a pastel flower quilt as well as making smaller items.

Our present members are: Peggy Corbett, Norma Evans, Carol Gurd, Lois Keir, Doreen Lansche, Brenda McLeod, Carol Robbins, Valerie Samuels, Judy Wells and Rena Winter.

We enjoy sewing, chatting and laughing together. Join us any Monday morning between 9:30 and 11:30 and have a coffee or come and check out our sewing projects. They make great gifts.

Lois Keir

Men's Fellowship Group

The 'regulars' of this group were active in many areas during the year, but did manage to prepare a pancake supper once again for about 100 folks.

Lots of maple syrup and good fun ----- and we did clean up the kitchen!

Thanks to our many customers and to all the guys.

Brian Jeffs

Young At Heart

In glancing through some material being assembled for Parkwoods' 50th anniversary celebration it was confirmed that YAH has been understating the length of time that it has been carrying out its program of card games and other social activities for young at heart folk in our community. In this year that Parkwoods turns 50, YAH will turn 45.

In 2009 we continued our bridge and euchre programs during the January - May and September - December periods (Fridays at 12:00 in the Church Hall), and in June, joined by some members of Parkwoods, we were feasted and entertained as we sailed through part of the Trent Canal and rode up and down in the lift lock at Peterborough.

We continued to increase our emphasis on social activities, and in addition to our customary Spring Luncheon and Christmas Dinner, both catered by The Loaves and Fishes, we enjoyed two Sandwich Luncheons. The bridge group provided a luncheon in the spring with an Easter theme, and the euchre group adopted a Halloween theme for their lunch in October.

Our activities were funded in part by monthly white elephant draws where members' cast offs become other member's treasures, where books are recycled to new readers and where "goodies" find new admirers.

New members would be most welcome. For additional information call Wally or Rena Winter.

Wally Winter

Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc.

President's Report

As most of you are aware Brookbanks is an outreach project of this church and for the past 16 years provides a number of subsidized housing units to those persons requiring affordable housing. We also offer a number of market rent units. The residents for the subsidized units come from the city of Toronto's housing lists and the market units are on a list maintained by Brookbanks.

Samuel Property Management Firm manages the building for us and have done so since we commenced operations. For the past several years we have been most fortunate to have had John Devries as our Property manager. Unfortunately John retired in September and we were faced with a new Property Manager which did not work out and in December, we received a new one. We are required under the Act to go to tender for our Management Firm and in March of 2010 we will again go through that process. Doug Smith and his associates continue to maintain the building in an exemplary manner and we offer those individuals our deepest appreciation.

During 2009, an Energy Study and Action Plan was done by Full Circle. This study pointed out a number of Energy Conservation Measures that will go far to meet the impact of rising energy costs. The total cost of these retrofit items amounts to an amount in excess of \$300,000. Fortunately incentives, City of Toronto Funding and Interest free loan and our Reserve Fund will be used to meet these financial requirements to make the building an energy efficient unit. The Report is a very comprehensive document and would require considerable time to provide full details. Please feel free to ask Brian Jeffs or myself for further details.

The Board consists of ten members, most of whom are members of Parkwoods United Church. These members continue to give of their time and efforts on a voluntary basis and we extend our deepest appreciation to each and every one of them. Unfortunately, we will be losing one of them in 2010 as Rita Kent has tendered her resignation at the end of this term.

Dave Griffin
on behalf of Brookbanks Board

Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc.

Minutes February 15th, 2009 19th Annual Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 11:21 a.m.
2. Dave Griffin welcomed everyone to the 19th Annual Meeting of Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc. Dave Griffin gave a brief oral history of when Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc. first started. Dave welcomed John Devries and he Auditor for the year.
3. The Brookbanks Report is found on page 34 of the Parkwoods Annual Report.
4. Bev Miller moved to adopt the minutes for the No-Profit Homes Inc. As written. Seconded by Ken Foley. Carried.
5. Wally Winter was called upon to introduce the Auditor. The new Auditor for Brookbanks is Andrew.
6. Andrew, the Auditor gave a brief summary of the Financial Report. Page 4 shows that there was a loss that occurred of \$50,000 which led back to Gas etc. It seems that there is a problem with the Gas reading. Management is looking into this and is on their way to fixing it. Andrew explained some of the large differences that are seen in the Audit and explained them thoroughly.
7. Ron Lyner moved to adopt the auditors for Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc. Seconded by Ross McKenzie. Carried.
8. Wally Winter moved that Andrew be appointed the Auditor for Brookbanks in 2009. Seconded by Ron Lyner. Carried.
9. Two long term members of the committee have told Dave that they will no longer be serving on the Committee. Dave Griffin called Bev Miller and Donna Swedlo forward. They were both offered gifts on behalf of the Brookbanks Non-Profit Homes Inc. Committee.
10. Now we need to elect our Board of Directors for 2009. Clause 9 be amended to change the number of members from 12 to 10. Wally Winter moved to amend Clause 9. Seconded by Carol Jeffs. Carried. With this change, clause 7 will now be changed 7 to 6. Debra Corbin, Cam Ferguson, Frank Hazelwood, Bev Miller moved to adopt the Board of Directors for 2009. Seconded by Pat Lansche. Carried.
11. Dale Anderson moved to approve the actions of the Board in 2008. Seconded by Sandra Chapman.
12. Ron Lyner moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:34 a.m. Seconded by Luella Lumley.

PARKWOODS UNITED CHURCH

49th ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2009 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 11:38 a.m. Don French welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith led the congregation in prayer and in the reading of the Parkwoods Mission Statement.

1. Don French noted Honour McKenzie would be the official secretary for the Congregational Meeting. David Gurd would be sound technician and would tape the meeting.

2. **Voting Procedures – Don French:**

According to section 113 of the United Church Manual, it is appropriate that adherents be able to vote on temporal matters coming out of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Participation in voting matters related to employment of a minister or supply minister are not permitted. Motion by Mary Kishi that adherents present this morning be allowed to vote on business matters arising from today's Congregational Meeting. Seconded by Carol Keffer. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

3. **In Memoriam – Don French:**

Don French asked the congregation for a moment of silence to reflect on the lives of Gladys Connolly, William Crew, Sybil Darnell, Clarence Hazelwood, Donna Lumsden, James Miller, James (George) Murray, Mairi Nicholson, Kathleen Shilton, Norma Sterling and Elizabeth Van Vliet, then offered a prayer in their memory.

4. **2008 Treasure's Report – Linda McInnes**

Linda presented an overview of actual receipts and expenses compared to the Budget and noted there were a number of receipts in the Budget that were not received, while other funds were received that had not been in the Budget, resulting in a shortfall of \$20000 in receipts. Actual disbursements were \$8000 less than budgeted resulting in an overall Deficit of \$8464 for 2008.

Receipts

Envelope givings for Local and Mission and Service were \$11,165 below Budget for a number of reasons due to reduced number of congregational members.

Miscellaneous income was \$1000 over Budget due to Trustees funds, gifts/bequests members and GST refunds. Church group fundraising contributions were recognized.

Facilities Income was more than \$21000 over Budget due to additional funds from Federal Government rental (election) and Functions.

Interest – Maintenance Holdback and Interest – Minister's Housing Allowance were under Budget by \$33000 arising from a decision by Trustees to hold the money until 2009 due to Parkwoods financial performance in 2008.

Fundraising was under Budget \$14, 500 due primarily to a decision to defer the Spring Garage Sale to a later year.

Special Givings consist primarily of special purpose givings to Mission and Service and disaster relief support as explained in the Notes of the Treasurer's Report

Disbursements

Ministry and Personnel was under Budget by \$6000 due to a decision not to proceed with a student minister placement during 2008.

Committees in total were \$1000 below Budget which reflected ongoing good stewardship by Committee members.

Property disbursements indicate that there were no unexpected costs for Insurance, Utilities and Maintenance.

Linda McInnes asked if there were any questions from the congregation. With no questions received, she moved adoption of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ron Wigle. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

5. **Trustees' Report – David Griffin**

David Griffin noted that the funds were invested in a mix of bond, income and equity funds and the performance of the financial markets in 2008 had reduced the monies under the Trustees'

supervision (Maintenance Holdback Fund and Minister's Hosing Allowance Fund and the Wayne and Mary Linkert Memorial Fund)

Under the Presbytery terms, the interest of the Minister's Housing Allowance can be used for church activities. The market value of this fund will have to increase is \$265,519 which is below the value placed in trust; therefore, the value of this fund will have to increase to \$297,589 before further withdrawals can be made for church purposes.

Dave Griffin requested the congregation to review the 2008 Financial Statements on pages 6 to 8. He moved acceptance of the Board of Trustees' 2008 Annual Report. Seconded by Michael Reid. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

6. Ministry and Personnel Report – Lynda McCowan

Lynda McCowan reviewed the activities of staff during 2008 and recognized with thanks their contributions to Parkwoods.

- Rev. Sarah Fanning for her leadership in worship and Bible Studies. Rev. Sarah resigned as minister for Parkwoods effective January 25, 2009 to assume a position at another congregation in Milton. Good wishes in her new role. The year 2009 will be a transition time for Parkwoods
- Members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee (Norma Evans, Dolores Samuels and Mac McInnes)
- Glory Wigle, Rasa Gudiene and Mike Reid for their substantial efforts throughout the year.
- Extended thanks to Rev. Robert Shorten, Minister Emeritus, who maintains active contact with the members of Parkwoods congregation.
- Allison and Heather Reid for the Sunday Baby Care provided in the Nursery throughout the year.
- Members of the Joint Needs Search Committee were acknowledged for their work to be carried out in 2009 followed by the Joint Search Committee.
- The Ad Hoc Committee members who were appointed to search for a suitable candidate for the supply minister position and make recommendations to the congregation.

7. Auditor's Report – David Griffin

David Griffin made reference to the Auditor's Report on pages 13 to 16. There is a slight difference in the Treasurer's Report which is presented on a cash basis and the Auditor's Report which is on an accrual basis. He noted a very minor adjustment in the Receipts and the growth in the Disability Fund in 2008.

David Griffin thanked the Treasurer, Linda McInnes for the excellent job as Treasurer in 2008.

David Griffin moved that the Auditor's Report for 2008 be accepted as presented in the Annual Report. Seconded by Cam Ferguson. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2009:

Cam Ferguson nominated Jennifer L. Hay as Auditor for 2009. Seconded by John Horton. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

9. Approval of the 2008 Annual Report:

H. McKenzie noted under the Property Committee report that the first paragraph on page 30 should read:

“...Have allowed us to put in place respectively. Items #13 in memory of their son Glen, and #14 in memory of their father and husband, Jim.”

Don French thanked Carol and Burt Keffer for their extensive preparation of the Annual Report.

Mabel French moved the adoption of the 2008 Annual Report as amended. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

10. Transfer of the Council Chair and Nomination Report:

Don French considered his time as Senior Co-chair of Council was an exciting year. He thanked the Rev. Sarah Fanning for her excellent worship services and the staff of Parkwoods for their support and efforts. Brian Jeffs received special mention for his special musical talent shared during Sunday services, his leadership of the Men's Group and their special effort in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. He praised the Junior Chair of Council, Beverley Miller and the Chairs of Committees who serve on Council.

Beverley Miller extended her thanks to Don French for his co-operative manner in working as Co-chairs and his support. She presented a gift to Don French in appreciation of his efforts on behalf of the Parkwoods congregation.

Beverley Miller presented the proposed names to be accepted for the 2009 Council.

Co-chair	Beverley Miller (1 year term)
Co-chair	Ron Wigle (2 year term)
Treasurer	Linda McInnes
Treasurer Emeritus	Lorne Van Vliet
Secretary	Honour McKenzie
Worship	Jane Reid
Communications	Pat Lansche
Christian Development	Mabel French
Finance & Stewardship	Cam Ferguson
United Church Women	Mabel French
Membership Co-chairs	Beryl Anderson & Carolyn Horton
Presbytery Rep.	Lynda McCowan
Presbytery Alternative	Carolyn Horton
Ministry & Personnel	Lynda McCowan
Pastoral Care	Barbara Griffin
Outreach	John Horton
Property & Rentals	Mac McInnes
Trustees	David Griffin

Beverley Miller moved for the acceptance of the above names for the 2009 Council. Seconded by Ross McKenzie. None opposed. Carried.

Ron Wigle was invited to the table to sit as the new Co-chair of Council.

11. Proposed Budget for 2009 – Cameron Ferguson

Cam Ferguson presented the proposed Budget for 2009 on the projector screen for discussion. He noted the Local/M & S forecast (Budget) for 2008 was \$151,000; however, the actual declined to \$141,600. The forecast (Budget for 2009) has been reduced to \$134,000 to reflect the trend in recent years. Miscellaneous income Budget has been maintained; the Facilities Income Budget has been increased; the Interest – Maintenance Holdback Budget takes into account payment of funds held over from 2008; and the interest – Manse Trust Fund Budget set to zero in acknowledgement that the Fund will not increase to the level at which distribution of funds is permitted. Under disbursements, an amount for the JNAC & JSC Committees has been added for advertising.

Cam Ferguson moved for acceptance of the 2009 Budget. Seconded by Linda McInnes. All in favour. None opposed. Carried.

12. Other New Business

Bev thanked Honour McKenzie for taking the minutes. Also thanked all of the Council for their work and support for the past year.

There were no other business items raised by the Chair or members of the congregation.

The New Creed was then said by all.

Closing of the meeting: Beverley Miller moved the meeting to be closed. Seconded by Pat Lansche. All in favour. None opposed. Carried

Rev. Joan Silcox-Smith closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mission Statement of Parkwoods United Church

**We are
a community of people,
diverse in age and race,
who believe in God
as revealed in Jesus Christ,
and who seek to grow in faith
through Worship and Bible study,
Fellowship and Prayer,
Commitment and Witness.
Being open
to the grace of God's leading spirit
we seek to be sensitive
to the needs of all ages,
and to be of service to God
in our community and
in the world around us.**