

Well, it's been eight months since I first came to this pastoral charge. In some ways I still feel very new, and in other ways, I feel as if I have always been here. There have been lots of changes for me in coming here, suddenly Bob has become the early riser (at least on the week days), we've moved from an apartment to an actual house, we've gone from one car to two cars, I've made some friends and I've lost some friends. I've gone from leading Sunday School every Sunday and preaching occasionally to preaching at least once a Sunday and leading Sunday School every second Sunday. This is the longest I have not been in school in some way, shape or form since I was six years old. I have never lived farther from the ocean all my life. In the fall, I turned the big 3-0, and a special Aunt died. I'm learning new "familiar" hymns and seeing new faces on Sundays. I'm attending new events and fundraisers and finding a new routine for myself.

But it's not just about me. You've been through a lot of change in the last eight months too. New minister with a difficult name, different format for worship, different length of worship, new hymns, new translations of the Bible, new fundraisers, new ways of Sunday School, new patience when the new minister doesn't quite know or understand what's going on. The minister now spends office hours in the office at the church and has a very different style of ministry than what you are used to. There has even been a change in congregation members, as some have died and we have welcomed others. But soon this will all seem familiar, and there will be a whole different set of new things. That's the beauty of life!

This year we'll begin with a new Mission Statement, we'll draft some new policies around environmental issues, marriages, baptisms and communion. We'll be applying for grants for some new technology, and a new way into the church. We'll welcome more new members and say goodbye to others. Some things we'll want to change and some things we won't.

"Jesus heard about it and spoke up, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? I'm here inviting outsiders, not insiders—an invitation to a changed life, changed inside and out."" – Luke 5:31

We're being invited to change, to bring about the kingdom of God. We're not being invited to sit still, but to change. We're being invited to change, inside and out.

Affectionately,

Annika Sangster

2009 Joint Session Report - Middleton and Riverside Congregations

The members of Session in 2009 were: Riverside- Franklyn MacKay, Robert Ruggles, Barbara Bell, Sandra MacLachlan and Mary Miller (Honourary Elder). Middleton – Gerald Cavicchi, CeesVerboom, Douglas MacKay, Bruce White, Charles Gladwin, Carole Bates, Mary Cook, David Castle and Denise VanWycken.

Our Session held two meetings with Rev. Marjory Cornelius and three with Annika Sangster, DM. Our first meeting with Annika was held at the Enterprisers Hall on July 6th when we welcomed her and Bobby to the community and the Charge.

Communion was celebrated on March 12th, June 28th, October 4th, and December 20th, 2009. The December 20th Communion at Riverside was celebrated with both Pastor Kay Dean and Annika Sangster, DM presiding. Our Easter services were held almost as planned, with Good Friday Service at Riverside. The sunrise service had to be held in the church basement as it poured rain all night and morning. We had a laptop fireplace (nice, but not as warm as Bob's fire) and coffee, tea and muffins in the kitchen. Middleton had their Easter service at 11:00 AM and Riverside worshipped with Higginsville at 9AM. The Easter Egg Hunt was held on the previous day outdoors at the Elementary school. They had wonderful weather and approximately 50 children participating.

On April 19th when our minister was on vacation, Barb Bell and the Worship committee led an Earth Day service in Middleton basement. On the following Sunday our Pastoral Charge was invited to St. James in Meagher's Grant to attend a service presented by Maritime Conference Youth Forum and the band "The Message".

The Riverside Memorial Hymn Sing service was held April 19th. An evening of music and memories was enjoyed.

A Release of Covenanting was held June 28th as we said good-bye to Rev. Marjory Cornelius. It was wonderful service of music, remembrances and symbols, with a time of fellowship in the church hall following the service.

The summer services were held as usual throughout the Musquodoboit Valley, allowing our ministry personnel and Pastoral Charges to take a summer break. Communion was celebrated at St. Andrew's in Elderbank during the last service. Our Pastoral Charge had Joint services the first two weeks of September -the 6th at Middleton and the 13th at Riverside.

We would like to thank Denise VanWycken for her leadership in the Sunday school program. In the fall Denise and Annika began a new program, Godly Play, which is run every second Sunday (on the Sundays that Annika has no service in Riverside). On November 22nd both congregations went to Sunday School. I think everyone enjoyed this time of story, worship, activity and fun. Well done Annika and Denise!

The Remembrance Day service was organized by Annika Sangster and Claire Castle. It was held on November 11th at the cenotaph in front of the church.

The Riverside Advent Service was held December 13th where all enjoyed a program of word, and music and wonderful power point pictures Annika found to project on the church wall. No bulletins needed at this service!

The Christmas Eve service was a pageant presented by the Sunday School children. Earlier in the day they presented the pageant for the Braeside residents and it was very well received. Congratulations to the Sunday School for providing such a meaningful service to the residents of our valley. On December 2nd the combined service with the lower and Upper Charges was held at St. Paul's in Antrim. The

congregation was small, but those who did attend got to hear a great presentation by Bobby Pace - that piece of toast with the Virgin Mary's image will not soon be forgotten.

The church services at Braeside continue on a monthly basis. Each Charge is responsible for four services. Thank- you to all those who accompany and support our Minister at these services which are a very important ministry in our community.

I would like to thank Rev. Marjory Cornelius for her leadership and her wonderful sense of humour both which have served us well in all our Session meetings with her over the past eight years. We welcome Annika Sangster DM as she walks with us into the future.

The Session, with Annika's guidance will be revising our policies regarding Baptism, Communion, marriage, and funerals. We need the input of members of both congregations in order to discuss and discern what we want in these guidelines. Please watch for notification of meetings and come to share your ideas regarding these policies, as they affect all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Maclachlan
Clerk of Session

*Due to the heavy agenda at session meetings, it was decided that Session and Official Board will now meet on different evenings.

Observer Report

2009 Subscriptions: 10 copies

Cancelled: 1

Renewals 2010: 9

Mary C. Cook, Observer Representative.

Marriages

Eldon Zoel Arsenault to Catherine Mae Ahern

Corey Douglas McDonald to Janette Karen Archibald

Baptisms

Jade Emma Archibald, daughter of Nathan Archibald & Kara Sabeen Archibald

Austin David Cleveland, son of Christopher Cleveland & Amy Fox Cleveland

Matthew Ronald Merryweather, son of Darcy Merryweather & Margo Creelman Merryweather

Sarah Susan Merryweather, daughter of Darcy Merryweather & Margo Creelman Merryweather

Darren Gregory Killen, son of Steven Killen and Ashley Lively

Deaths

Florence Anelia Jodrey

Ruth Elizabeth Kelly

Richard Erwin Farnell

Aubry Norman Kaulbach

Doris (Dorsie) Margaret smith

Ruby Jean Hamilton

Mary Isabel Fisk

Frances Electa Ramsey

Emma Frances Gladwin

Stephen Jenner

Frances Regina Kellough

James Russell Urquhart

Michael MacKenzie Rutherford

Transfers

Marian MacKay from Middleton to Rverside

Visioning/Action Committee

The Visioning Action Committee met 10 times during the year. Members are: Marian MacKay (chairperson), Marjory Cornelius, Annika Sangster, Brenda Leslie, Loral Redmond, Sharon Arsenault, Claire Castle, Avis Fox, Barbara Bell, and Sandi MacLachlan.

Much of the time during the winter and early spring was spent confirming who was actually a member of each congregation and contacting those from outside the area who were still on the Church Roll. Names of persons who could not be contacted will be turned over to the Official Board.

The committee met several times with Lower Charge on a combined Visioning Committee. A representative from Presbytery met with the group and at present the joint committee is not meeting while Presbytery puts guidelines in place for their members who are meeting with several Pastoral Charges on the same issue.

It was decided to approach the Session and Official Board with a request for rewording of the Mission Statement and a proposal for a mid week (non Sunday morning) "service" or group. One suggestion is for a meditation yoga group. Other possible higher community profile events could be such things as a presence at the Exhibition or at least in the parade and a welcoming "basket" or information files for new families to the area.

Claire Castle,

sec't Visioning/Action Committee

JOINT OFFICIAL BOARD

The Joint Official Board met 4 times in 2009 with an average attendance of 14. In March the Board met with Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery to receive the JNAC report. A retirement service and reception was organized for Marjory (and Arleigh) Cornelius and a welcoming meet and greet for Annika Sangster and Bobby Pace.

Mary Cook, sec't Official Board.

Ministry and Personnel Committee 2009 Report

The purpose of the M & P Committee is to offer our Ministry Personnel, staff and representatives of the congregation the opportunity to discuss successes, concerns and ideas for the future.

For the first six months of 2009 the Ministry and Personnel Committee members were Sandi MacLachlan, David Castle, and Mary Miller. Together with Rev. Marjory Cornelius the committee met on March 31st 2009 with lower and Upper Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge M&P Committees to plan summer services and to share and discuss common issues in our charges.

In June, we said good-bye to Rev. Marjory Cornelius, our minister for 8 years. We thank Marjory for her leadership and all the hard work and commitment she and Arleigh gave to our Pastoral Charge. In July we welcomed our new minister, Annika Sangster DM, to our Pastoral Charge.

In September, upon the completion of David and Mary's terms, Denise VanWychen was appointed to the committee. I wish to thank both David and Mary for their wisdom and support during their years of service.

The present committee, Denise and Sandi met with Annika twice in the fall. We also met with the combined M&P Committee at St. Andrew's United in Elderbank on October 20th. This meeting was to evaluate the summer services and to plan the Combined Valley Service for December 27th to be held in Antrim at St. Paul's.

Our committee is always interested in finding new and innovative ways to assist the Ministry Personnel in our charge and in the Valley as a whole. Please feel free to contact our committee with any suggestions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi MacLachlan

**MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PASTORAL CHARGE
MISSION and SERVICE FUND - 2009**

Income:

Middleton	\$ 2,015.00
Middleton UCW	215.25
Riverside Offering/Birthday Church	2,423.60
Advent Service	60.00
Christmas Eve Service	522.23
Advent Hymn Fund Raiser	23.00
	\$ 5,259.08

Disbursements:

M & S United Church of Canada	\$5,259.08
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Our commitment for 2009 was \$ 6000.00.
We fell short of this goal by \$740.92.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi MacLachlan - Pastoral Charge M&S Treasurer

Examined and found to be correct -
Helen Jenson

Manse Committee Report

I am unsure who was appointed to this committee but the following people came forward and helped to get the manse ready for occupation by our new minister and her husband: Doug MacKay, Bob Ruggles, Barb Bell, Frank MacKay and Sandi MacLachlan.

The manse was vacated in May and in accordance with United Church regulations we had the Truro Presbytery Manse Committee inspect our manse June 9th. A list of suggested repairs was received and discussed with, Tom Parker, the owner. By the end of June all the rooms were painted, all carpet removed and laminate flooring put down upstairs and down, the downstairs shower was replaced and a few more minor repairs completed. The window curtains, valences and drapes, which are the responsibility of the Pastoral Charge, were all replaced. Avis Fox and Carole Bates took on this task and made all the window coverings and hung them. We owe them a huge vote of thanks for giving of their time and talents. The water test passed with flying colours and Truro Presbytery couldn't believe that ALL their suggestions and more were completed before our new minister moved into the manse.

The committee met twice –the last meeting was at the manse with Annika and Bobby to look at how we could tighten up the house in order to reduce the electric bill and make the house more comfortable. Doug and Frank did the work—sealing off an old chimney opening, winterizing the door to the garage and filling in a large opening in the den with double doors. Thank you Doug and Frank for your donation and skills! We also discussed fair payment of the electric bill (electric heat) with Annika and Bobby. The Pastoral Charge is responsible for heating costs over \$500, so we are keeping track of the actual costs which will be determined as the year progresses. The winter plowing is included in the lease but the lawn mowing has been done on a volunteer basis, so many thanks to all who helped to mow the large manse lawn last summer and fall.

We would like to have a review of the manse committee members and will have it placed on the agenda for our Annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi MacLachlan

**Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge
Income Statement 01/01/2009 to 12/31/2009**

REVENUE

Middleton Contributions	44,660.00
Riverside Contributions	12,240.00
Bank Interest	0.34
Investment Interest	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	100.00
Bulletin Donations	45.00
Total Revenue	57,045.34

TOTAL REVENUE 57,045.34

EXPENSE

Payroll Expenses

Salary – Minister	26,763.78
Salary – Office	2,599.92
EI Expense	758.76
CPP Expense	526.62
WCB Expense	362.60
Employee Benefits	2,539.02
Pension Expense	2,622.84
Total Payroll Expense	36,173.54

General & Administrative Expenses...

Emergency Fund	0.00
Christian Education	50.00
Travel Allowance	183.80
Lifelong Learning	0.00
Book Allowance	0.00
Manse Heat	1,392.03
Manse Rental	7,800.00
Total Manse Expense	9,192.03
Office Phone and Internet	2,167.01
Office Supplies	665.97
Office Heat and Copier	1,200.00
Office Postage	28.07
Total Office Expense	4,061.05
Worship Pulpit Supply	92.95
Bulletins	435.25
Sunday School	0.00
Total Worship Expenses	528.20
Payroll Service	255.08
Presbytery Dues	2,400.00
Bank Charges	0.00
Miscellaneous	2,354.35
Total Expenses	19,024.51

TOTAL EXPENSE 55,198.05
NET INCOME 1,847.29

**MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PASTORAL CHARGE
Proposed Budget 2010**

Salary	26,295.00
EI	850.00
CPP	625.00
WCB	425.00
Pension (Employer portion)	5,500.00
Payroll Service	260.00
Travel	1,000.00
Housing	8,300.00
Phone & Internet	2,100.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Secretarial Assistance	3,000.00
Christian Education	500.00
Presbytery Fund	2,400.00
Bulletins	450.00
Book Allowance	800.00
Pulpit Supply	250.00
Emergency Fund	200.00
Lifelong Learning	600.00
Office Heat/Copier	1,200.00
Manse Heat	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
TOTAL	57,155.00

Respectfully submitted

Karen M. Holman, BBA

Projected Allocation

	Middleton (80%)	Riverside (20%)
Annually	45,724.00	11,431.00
Weekly	879.31	219.83

Middleton Board of Stewards-Chairman's Report-2009

Members of the 2009 Board were: Chair-Ross Dares, Secretary and UCW representative-Jean Dares, Lyle Bates-general church treasurer, Wendy Crocker, Frances Rogers, Eve Holman, and Donald Parker.

During the year we held six regular meetings.

The old fashioned church supper held in April netted our church \$1589.25. The August yard sale and auction was very well supported and raised \$2688.40.

The fall annual visitation, at which time over 150 homes of members and adherents were visited resulted in assistance to our church of over \$11,700.00.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those musicians who traveled far and wide, giving of their time and talent to make our Gospel/Bluegrass Shows so entertaining with all proceeds going to the ongoing operation of our church, a total \$2045.25. It was necessary to "name" the concert in order to do promotion on the NS. Bluegrass web site and it has been called the Musical Memories Bluegrass Gospel Concert for the past several months.

Special thanks to Thom and Anne Dillman for their enthusiastic efforts in making our August Yard Sale and Auction a major fund raiser. A debt of gratitude is also owed to all the workers who volunteer their time and of course to all those who donate items for this event.

On behalf of the Board of Stewards, I wish to thank the UCW for their ongoing crucial support and a sincere thanks to all those dedicated people who assisted with our various fund raising projects.

We wish to thank the family of Stanley Dares who with their donation of \$600.00 began our campaign to replace all five of the north side basement/hall windows. Donations were also received from the Exercised Group and one window was paid for by a congregation member.

Ross Dares, Chairman.

Middleton United Church
Board of Stewards Financial Statement 2009

Income:

Bank Balance December 31, 2008	\$ 6063.79
Offering Envelopes	19519.93
Loose Offering	1269.01
Mission and Service Donations	2537.23
Donations-Memorial * (2752.22) and Personal (4433.42)	7185.64
Arimathea Funeral Co Operative	450.00
Investments Interest (Manse \$1452.78, GIC \$432.79)	1885.57
U.C.W. Contribution	6000.00
Annual Visitation	12016.25
Projects (Gospel Concerts (2024.35), (Auction/Yardsale 2688.40), (Supper1589.25) (Misc. 322.15)	6624.05
HST Refund	691.68
Bulletins-(sponsors) \$110.00 (Our Daily Bread) \$18.95	128.95
Pastoral Charge Share of Office, Heating and Copier	1200.00
GIC redeemed	10000.00
Cash Floats (returned)	480.00
Misc.	21.43
TOTAL INCOME	\$76,073.53

Lyle Bates Treasurer

*Memorial donations included a \$1000.00 donation from the family of Frances Kellough intended for a possible basement hall wheelchair ramp. This money is invested in a 2 year GIC with RBC.

Note 1: \$600.00 janitor's wages donated back to the church by Ross and Jean Dares

Note 2: \$300.00 organist fees donated back to the church by Carole Bates

Note 3: \$642.00 cost of installation of 5 new basement windows donated back to the church by Charlie Gladwin.

Note 4: Cost of new "Snow falling-Caution" signs \$162.72 donated to the church by Cornelis and Cora Verboom.

Note 5: Our Sunday School account has maintained a \$300.00 or more balance during 2008, therefore no funds were paid into the fund. The 2010 budget proposes \$300.00 for Sunday School.

Middleton United Church

Board of Stewards Financial Statement 2009

Expenditures:

Contributions to Pastoral Charge Budget	\$44,660.00
Janitor's Supplies	402.95
Janitor's Wages	600.00
Organist	300.00
Electricity	1,232.04
Heating*	3953.84
Photocopier	1,315.64
M&S	2,537.23
Arimathea	144.48
Stationery and postage	276.20
Grounds	1,116.04

Church Repairs	2,127.18
Project Costs	441.16
Assisting Trustees-Fire Insurance	970.00
Misc	90.49
Cash Floats	480.00
HRM grant-returned unused portion of grant**	297.10
GIC-Invested in future wheel chair grant	1000.00
Short term investment-cashable GIC	5000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 66,944.35
TOTAL 2009 Income	\$76,944.35
TOTAL 2009 expenses	<u>\$66,944.35</u>
BANK BALANCE DEC. 31, 2009	\$ 9,129.35

Note *: During 2009, a furnace oil rebate of \$172.00 was received from Co-Op Fuels, Truro.

Note **: A \$297.10 donation was made to cover this amount.

General account ledger audited through the kindness of Marian Ruggles and Patricia MacKay with our total appreciation.

Middleton United Church
Board of Stewards Proposed Budget for 2010

Expected Income:

Offering Envelopes	\$19,000.00
Loose Offering	1,400.00
Donations-Personal and Memorial	4,500.00
Arimathea Funeral Co-Op	400.00
Investments-Sale of Manse and GIC's	2,000.00
Donations (UCW)	3,000.00
Annual Visitation	11,000.00
Projects (Suppers, Yard Sale, Auction, Gospel Sings, etc)	6,000.00
HST Refund	600.00
Pastoral Charge Share of office/ heat/copier	1,200.00
GIC cashed (from reserves)	5,000.00
Bank carry over balance from 2009	9,129.18
Misc.	100.00
TOTAL	\$63,329.18

Projected Expenses

Contributions to Pastoral Charge	\$45,725.00
Heating	5,000.00
Electricity	1,300.00
Janitorial Supplies	450.00

Janitor's Honorarium	600.00
Organist Honorarium	300.00
Photocopier Supplies and Lease	1,400.00
Stationery and Postage	250.00
Grounds Snow plowing, etc.	1,150.00
Church Repairs	1,000.00
Sunday School	300.00
Funeral Co-Op	150.00
Church Insurance (Trustees)	1000.00
Misc.	100.00
TOTAL	\$58,725.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$63,329.18
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>58,725.00</u>
PROJECTED BALANCE	\$ 4,604.18

Middleton Church Investment Reserves as of Dec. 31, 2009

Kaulback GIC Maturity date July 6, 2010	10,000.00
Sibley GIC (Cashable) Maturity date Dec. 16, 2019	5,000.00
Total Reserves	\$ 15,000.00

NOTE: on August 15, 2009 a donation was received from the family of Frances Kellough in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used if possible towards a basement wheelchair ramp. Invested in a 2 year non-cashable GIC; maturity date August, 2011.

Activity During 2009

Kaulback GIC re-invested as cashable

July 6, 2009 at .20%, matures July 6, 2010 \$10,000.00

Sibley GIC used as follows:

Cashed Jan. 2, 2009 and deposited \$5000.00 to general fund

Remaining \$5000.00 re invested as cashable.

On June 25, 2009 the remaining \$5000.00 was required

to be deposited to our general fund.

In December our general fund balance allowed us to purchase

a cashable GIC of \$5000.00 at RBC. \$5000.00

All of the above transactions were authorized at Board of Steward Meetings.

Lyle Bates (Volunteer) Treasurer Dec. 31, 2009

Trustees Annual Report

Balance January 2009 \$1307.67

Receipts:

Income of Investment-McLeod Fund	\$ 316.92
Income of Investment-McCurdy Endowment Fund	264.10
Income of Investment-Janet Mabel Wilkinson Fund	132.05
Income of Investment-Bentley Fund	132.05
Income of Investment -J. Herald Bentley Fund	26.41
Income of Investment – Manse Fund	1396.70
From Church Treasurer	970.00
Interest on Accounts	.26
TOTAL	<u>\$3230.49</u>
	\$4546.16

Expenditures:

Safe Keeping	\$ 40.00
HST	5.20
Riverside	78.00
Fire Insurance Church one year	1841.00
To Church Treasurer from Manse Fund	1452.78
TOTAL	<u>\$3416.98</u>
BALANCE Jan. 09	1129.10

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Summary of Investment:

McLeod and Wilkinson for 2% until 27 April 2009	\$17000.00
McCurdy and J. Harold Bently for 2% until 27 April 2009	11000.00
Bently Fund for 2% until 27 April 2009	5000.00
Manse Fund for 2 until 30 Dec. 2010	<u>13093.44</u>
TOTAL	76093.44

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Members: Doug MacKay (Chair), Gerald Cavicchi, Charlie Gladwin, Lyle Bates, and Cees Verboom (Lyle and Cees to sign)

Soldier's Memorial Fund

Dec. 2007-Balance on Hand \$104.76

Invested \$2300. until 26 Feb. 2010 at .856%

Trustees: Ross Dares, Charlie Gladwin, and Cees Verboom.

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Middleton United Church Women-Annual Report 2009

The UCW met in the church board room monthly with an average of 8 present. The officers for the coming year are not changed:

Pres.—Avis Fox

Vice Pres.—Pat McCurdy

Sec.—Carole Bates

Treas.—Mary Cook

We were given a quilt which we felt would be of interest to the congregation and which we hung on the basement wall for a time. The names of families of our community were embroidered on it. We have plans to have it hung upstairs in the sanctuary on special occasions.

The catering committee provided lunch for a 50th wedding anniversary for Rev. Marjory and Arleigh Cornelius in May. We cater funerals when asked and our major fund raiser is the turkey supper which is held in Oct.

This year we sold tickets on an afghan and are presently selling tickets on a quilt.

Sadly we lost two long time active members, Emma Gladwin and Frances Kellough, and we still feel the loss.

Twice a year we do a clothing drive for the Colchester Community Center in Truro.

We also house clean the church kitchen, and replace any necessary equipment. At present we re looking at the hot water situation in the kitchen.

We participated in the World Day of Prayer which was held in March of this year.

We had a craft/bake table at the suppers and at the August Yard sale.

We do not meet during the summer months closing with a dinner and starting up again in Sept. Our Dec. meeting is a pot luck dinner with gift exchange.

In Dec. we also give a donation to the food bank and Braeside Home for Special Care. We also donate to the church general fund.

Our meetings are held the first Monday of the month in the church board room opening with devotions and followed by a business meeting. Our aim is to try to enrich our own personal Christ journey through association with each other as well as keeping a practical eye on our financial responsibility to the church. Anyone who wishes may join us.

Carole Bates, Sec't

Middleton United Church Women Treasurer's Report 2009

Dec. 31, 2008 Brought forward \$2921.23

Receipts

Bake and Craft sales 510.59

Receptions 1168.68

Luncheon 265.52

Anniversary 816.75

Meeting collection 271.75

Donations 621.00

Turkey supper 2321.83

Raffles 252.00

\$6228.12

\$9149.35

Disbursements:

UCW Newsletter 7.00

Kitchen supplies 66.26

Bank charges 48.00

New cheques 43.52

Visioning Committee (postage) 61.02

Telephone 560.50

Community friendship 63.10

Catering 475.93

Food bank 100.00

Supper supplies	691.88
Middleton Church Treasurer	6100.00
Braeside gifts	50.00
Presbyterial assessment	32.50
Kitchen equipment	25.93
Gifts to members	96.77
Postage (stamps)	4.43
Church Service snacks	29.86

\$7288.89

December 31, 2009 On hand

\$1860.46

Mary C. Cook, Treasurer

Note: M&S donations \$215.25 (contributed to M&S)

Middleton United Church U.C.W.

Proposed Budget for 2010

Jan 01/10 Carried from 2009

\$1860.00

Expected Receipts:

Bake and Crafts sales	\$ 500.00
Receptions	\$ 450.00
Luncheons	\$ 500.00
Suppers	\$ 3000.00
Meeting Collection	\$ 250.00

Event catering	\$ 200.00	
Raffles	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 5100.00</u>
		\$ 6960.00

Projected Expenditures:

UCW Newsletter	\$ 7.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 48.00	
Telephone	\$ 570.00	
Community Friendship	\$ 70.00	
Special committee	\$ 50.00	
Presbyterial Assessment	\$ 35.00	
Kitchen supplies	\$ 75.00	
Kitchen equipment	\$ 30.00	
Flowers, etc	\$ 75.00	
Postage (stamps)	\$ 5.00	
Church Service luncheons	\$ 25.00	
Sponsorship of a youth to conference	\$ 200.00	
Food Bank	\$ 100.00	
Braeside Home for Special Care	\$ 50.00	
Middleton United Church	<u>\$ 4000.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 5340.00</u>
Balance Dec. 2010		\$ 1620.00

Mary C. Cook, Treasurer

Note: M&S to Church \$200.00

Middleton United Church Women

Community Friendship and Visitation Report

The purpose of Community Friendship is to offer friendship in the name of the church to those who have lost a loved one, to people who are ill or are in hospital and to people who are celebrating a birthday, 80 years of age and older, regardless of whether they are members of "The United Church" or not.

The office of Community Friendship and Visitation demonstrates concern and deepens fellowship both in the congregation and in the community in the name of the spirit of Christ.

On behalf of Middleton United Church Women, I have sent 23 sympathy cards, 8 get well cards and 15 birthday cards (eighty years of age and older) to members in the community of Middle Musquodoboit in the year of 2009.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jean Dares

PAR

Middleton United is setting up preauthorized monthly payments versus the weekly offering you put in the collection plate at church every Sunday. It's easy to set up, can be any amount you choose, and you can change the amount or stop if and when you choose. You can allot a part of it for the church and another part for M&S, or all for the church, or all for M&S. Your contribution is assured even when you are unable to attend the Sunday services. It saves you the trouble of having to find the right amount weekly to stuff into the collection envelopes or collection plate. It saves the church the cost of purchasing collection envelopes; when you sign up for PAR, you're given a number of recyclable cards to put in the collection plate when it comes around. And you still get a receipt for tax purposes at the end of the year. Please call Lyle Bates at 384 2744 for more information and/or to set up your PAR.

Decorating Committee

The decorating committee consisting of Jean Gladwin, Janice White, and Claire Castle (and our three husbands) decorated for the different seasons with special emphasis on the Seasons of Creation and Advent. During the Advent period we had a mitten tree that was well "decorated" with hats, mitts, etc, which were donated to the Food Bank. We also did a fund raiser in the form of a traveling apron which raised over \$500 for our expenses. There are three more routes for the apron which will travel out again in the months to come.

Middleton United Church Choir

Jan 1/09 Cash on hand \$ 453.94

No receipts

Disbursements:

Piano repair (tuning) \$100.00

(2 pianos) repair (tuning) 115.00

TOTAL 215.00

Balance **238.94**

Mary Cook-Treasurer

Meals on Wheels Musquodoboit Valley Society Annual Report

We had another very successful year, serving over 500 meals. Our thanks go out to all our dedicated volunteers who make it all possible. Anita Bell has returned to organizing the menus and workers schedules and we welcome her back. We want to thank Eva Holman who took on this task for most of the past year. Any seniors living within a 10 mile radius of the church are welcome to join us in the New Year.

Balance on hand Jan. 1st.2009 \$1174.95

Received payment for meals \$2676.00

Total **\$3850.95**

Disbursements:

Musq. Valley Co-op, groceries \$1629.93

Misc. supplies 283.20

Anita Bell-groceries and supplies 456.14

Joint Stock Registry 27.21

In memoriam donation 50.00

Middleton United Church 300.00

Total **\$2746.57**

Balance on hand Dec, 31, 2009 \$ 1104.39

Respectfully submitted-Patricia McCurdy

Middleton United Church Sunday School Report – 2009

In the Spring of 2009 we were still focusing on the "Life of Jesus" through traditional bible stories. These lessons continued to help the children understand how Jesus wants us to live our lives.

Our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt allows the Sunday School children to help out by hiding eggs, taking money and entertaining the other children. This year we decide to hold the hunt at the Musquodoboit Valley Education Centre in the playground as we continually try to find ways to get more community children involved. We had 54 children attend this year and as always they had a great time. We are now hiding plastic eggs which they exchange for a treat bag. This cuts down on the amount of candy they get but with all the fun of finding the eggs.

With the arrival of your new minister, Annika, we decided to take a new approach to Sunday school utilizing Annika's talents and time. Starting in September 2009 we began to use the "Godly Play" curriculum and hosting Sunday School every second Sunday, the week Annika was not preaching in Riverside. This allowed Annika to be the storyteller and myself to act as the door keeper. In the Godly Play curriculum we focus on a story from the bible then allow the children to "work" in stations to express what they heard from the story.

On November 22, 2009, Children's Sunday, we invited the congregations from Middleton United and Riverside to attend Sunday School with us in place of the Sunday service. The kids had a great time sharing Sunday school with the adults and the adults enjoyed experiencing Jesus' teachings as a child. We are already eagerly planning our next Sunday school sharing date.

We participated again this year in the Christmas Eve Service with a presentation called "God's Angels" which was based on the theme of Charlie's Angels. The children practiced a lot and did a great job bringing the Christmas story alive in a unique way. We also participated in the Service offered at Braeside by presenting our play for them on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed sharing with the residents of Braeside.

Denise VanWycken, Sunday School Teacher

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I have listed below the Middleton United Church Committee Members for the 2010 term.

Board of Stewards

Wendy Crocker

Frances Rogers

Donald Parker

Eva Holman

Lisa Mosher

Connie Rogers

Silvana Redden

Lyle Bates, Treasurer

UCW Representative

Grounds Maintenance

Tom Parker

Cleaning

Jean & Ross Dares

Plate Carriers

George Fox

Charles Gladwin

Ross Dares

Doug MacKay

Ministry & Personnel

Sandi MacLachlan

Denise vanWychen

Nominating Committee

Faye Cooper

Robin Fulton

Tanya McCurdy

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Higgins

Decorating

Janice White

Claire Castle

Jeanie Gladwin

Corinne Fraser

Sandy MacPherson

Kara McCurdy

Barb Dean

Auditors

Marion Ruggles

Pat MacKay

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH

Financial Report - 2009

Income:

Bank Balance Jan.I, 2009		\$ 2,966.61
Envelope offering	\$ 8,865.00	
Loose collection	91.86	
Initial offering	60.50	
Donations / Memorials /Cemetery	487.00	
Donations-Organists	600.00	
Annual visitation	345.00	
M & S Offering / World Development / Advent	2,483.60	
Memorial Hymn Sing	1,760.00	
Food Bank Donations	2,262.00	
Transfer from Cemetery Fund- Grounds Maintenance	350.00	
Arimathea	100.00	
Transfer from Trustees	1,000.00	
Replacement of NSF Cheque	32.00	
Bank Interest	0.14	
	\$ 18,437.10	<u>\$ 18,437.10</u>
		\$ 21,403.71

Expenses:

Pastoral Charge for 2009	12,240.00	
N.S. Power	418.03	
Wilson's Fuel	1,249.89	
M&S Payment to Pastoral Charge	2,483.60	
Donations to Food Bank	2,262.00	
Organists' Honouraria	600.00	
Grounds Maintenance -Church & Cemetery	600.00	
Grocery/ Office supplies	124.48	
RBC Charges - NSF	32.00	
United Church Envelopes	89.43	
RBC Cheque Printing Fee	39.62	
	\$ 20,139.05	\$ 20,139.05

Balance on hand GENERAL ACCOUNT Dec.31, 2009.	\$ 1,264.66
GIC SAVINGS - Principal	5,000.00
Interest Accrued- 2008-2009	241.30
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,505.96

Respectfully submitted
Barbara M. Bell - Treasurer

Examined and found to be correct-,
Sharon Arsenault ,
Robin Hutchinson

RIVERSIDE - MISSION and SERVICE FUND - 2009

Income:

Envelope Offering/Donations-2009	\$2,392.00
Model Church- Birthday Offering	31.60
Advent Service	60.00
	2,483.60

Disbursements:

Pastoral Charge M & S account	2,483.60
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RIVERSIDE - MEMORIAL FUND - 2009

Account # 7600091

Income:

Balance on hand Jan.1, 2009		\$ 1,301.36
Bank Interest	0.56	
	\$ 0.56	0.56
		\$ 1,301.92

Expenses:

MRHS Band Funo Christmas Wreaths	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
Balance on hand Dec.31, 2009	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,261.92

Barbara M. Bell – Treasure

Examined and found to be correct-
Sharon Arsenault
Robin Hutchinson

**RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH
CEMETERY FUND - 2009**

Balance Forward Jan. 01, 2009		\$ 1,405.59
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Royal Bank Interest	\$ 0.70	
G.I.C. Interest	509.93	
Memorial Donation	20.00	
		530.63
		\$ 1,936.22
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
Arimathea Funeral Co-op	28.25	
Riverside United Church Treasurer	350.00	
		378.25
Balance Dec. 31, 2009		\$ 1,557.97
Respectfully submitted:	Bob Ruggles	
	Treasurer	

**RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH
TRUSTEES FUND - 2009**

Balance Forward Jan. 01, 2009		\$ 3,279.53
<u>Receipts:</u>		
G.I.C. Interest	\$ 1,236.44	
Royal Bank Interest	1.37	
Middle Musq. United Church Trustees	78.00	
		1,315.81
		\$ 4,595.34
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
W. Elliot's Burner Service	45.20	
F.Clark Fenerty Ins.(Fire Insurance)	681.00	
Safety Deposit Box	45.20	
Royal Bank Fee	1.50	
F.Clark Fenerty Ins.(Liability Insurance)	316.00	
Riverside United Church Treasurer	1,000.00	
		2,088.90
Balance Dec. 31, 2009		\$ 2,506.44
Respectfully submitted:	Bob Ruggles	
	Treasurer	
Examined and found correct		
Robin Hutchinson		<i>Robin Hutchinson</i>
Sharon Arsenault		<i>Sharon Arsenault</i>

Riverside Slate of Officers 2010

Treasurer	Sharon Arsenault (Barbara Bell until April 1, 2010)
Secretary	Catherine Ruggles
Ushers	Robert Ruggles and Sandra MacLachlan
Stewards	Barbara Bell, Franklyn MacKay, Sharon Arsenault, and Sandi MacLachlan
Plate Carriers	Robert Ruggles, Barbara Bell, and Laural Redmond
Cemetery Fund	Robert Ruggles
Trustees Fund	Robert Ruggles
Auditors	Robin Hutchinson and Helen Jensen
Nominating	Marian MacKay and Evelyn Lutwick
Cemetery Maintenance	Robert Ruggles
Decorating	Marian and Chantel MacKay
Trustees	Robert Ruggles, Franklyn MacKay and Shirley Gould

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Lutwick and Mary Archibald

