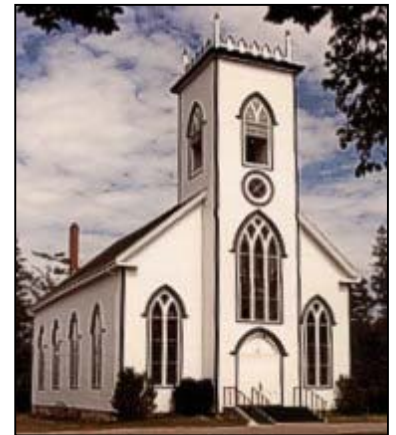


ANNUAL REPORT 2007



MIDDLE
Musquodoboit
PASTORAL CHARGE

**Middleton United
Church**



**Riverside United
Church**

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Section A: Pastoral Charge

From the Minister's Study

As a pastoral charge, we have just experienced the Blessed Christmas Story. We have followed the eastern star, we have journeyed with the shepherds, and we paused at the stable door to see for ourselves the infant Jesus and his chosen parents. The Magi brought their gifts for the Christ child, knelt and worshiped him and returned to their homes. We, too, have left the child in the stable and returned to our homes for Christmas celebrations, feasts, and good times with family, relatives and friends. May the excitement and joy of the Christmas event remain with us throughout the year, until we meet once again at the manger in the stable.

As a Christian faith community we have been busy with worship services, special and ordinary, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the many other events that occupy our busy lives. I must confess that I have truly enjoyed worshiping and working with you over the years of our time together. One never truly knows what "it" will be like on a new pastoral charge. I thank you for your support, your observations, and your energy that all of you seem to have so much of when we are together. We have played, but not enough; we have listened to the Scriptures being read by lay people, perhaps we have heard the words in new ways; we are attempting to learn new pieces from More Voices; and we have cared for one another as we have experienced times of sadness and despair. This is what community is all about!

We have survived and are enjoying the move from the sanctuary to the lower level of Middleton church during the colder months of the year because of the need of good stewardship. The UCW donated a beautiful handmade pulpit for worship downstairs and it a true joy to stand behind it during worship services. How thoughtful of them to give this generous gift to their congregation.

Riverside, though small in numbers, is still a joy-filled and vibrant congregation. Every person offers their gifts of ministry in very unique ways. The folks of the Higginsville congregation help to make our worship fulfilling, and our tasks easier.

Fund raising is a major effort as expenses seem to be going up while givings remain the same or are lost to us through deaths and departures. Church suppers, yard sales, memorial hymn sings, and gospel concerts have helped to ease the burden of heavy financial expenditures.

Let us continue to support and care for one another as we live out our faith journeys knowing that there will come a time when we may not be sharing worship and the activities of busy, active congregations.

May God's peace, love, hope, and justice be with each of you!

Marjory Cornelius

Riverside and Middleton Session Report 2007

The Riverside Session members are Barbara Bell, Frank MacKay, Sandi MacLachlan, Mary Miller and Robert Ruggles. Middleton Session members are Carole Bates Gerald Cavicchi, Valerie Farnell (resigned May 6th2007) Charles Gladwin, Doug MacKay, Cees Verboom and Bruce White.

Our sessions held 4 combined meetings this year with Rev. Marjory Cornelius. The meetings were March 13th, June 12th, September 11th and December 11th 2007 and were held in the Middleton board room or sanctuary.

The Session was very sorry to receive Valerie Farnell's letter of resignation. Valerie served as Clerk of Session for six of the nine years she was a member of Session and her wisdom, insight and sense of humour are much missed! It was decided that session members would share the position until a new Clerk is found. Sandi MacLachlan is presently serving as Clerk for one year - June '07 to June '08.

Communion was celebrated June 24th (Riverside and Middleton) October 7th (Middleton-Riverside was at Higginsville) December 23rd (both congregations).

Easter 2007 was one we all will remember! The Good Friday service was held at Riverside and the Children's Easter Event planned by the Young Families Committee was held April 7th with a large number of parents and children in attendance for crafts, activities and a giant Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Sunrise service and the 11am service with Communion were cancelled due to a huge snow storm and high winds.

The Braeside services were held January 28th, April 29th, September 30th and December 30th. Thank you to Carole Bates, Evelyn Lutwick and all the choir members who took part in these services.

The Summer Services were held through out the Valley allowing our Ministry personnel and Pastoral Charges to take a summer break and share responsibility of providing Sunday services. The highlight this year would have to be the FIDDLE Sunday at St. James with 23 fiddlers participating in the service and a full house!

A successful Vacation Bible School was held July 16th to 20th. The theme this year was "Bread for the Journey". Thank you to the many volunteers who gave of their time for this important event. I hear they are already planning for 2008.

A very sincere note of thanks to Denise Van Wychen who has provided leadership in our Sunday School. Her hard work is very much appreciated. Thank-you also to the Sunday School for their very generous donation to M&S. The M&S Pig surely did its job this year!

In the fall the Session of Middleton Congregation identified a need for three new Session members and plans are under way to present names for election by the congregation at their Annual Meeting in January 2008.

Due to inclement weather, the November 11th Remembrance Day service was held in the Middleton sanctuary. The service was very well attended and community participation, along with music from the MRHS band helped to make this an important time of reflection and respect.

Our thanks to Jean Cavicchi for serving as Observer Representative for the Pastoral Charge. Mary Cook has now resumed this position.

On December 9th the Riverside Congregation held a very successful and meaningful Advent Service - "Carols, Candles and Cookies". On December 24th the Christmas Eve service was held in Middleton as was the December 30th Joint service where all the Pastoral Charges of the Musquodoboit Valley celebrated the beginning of a new year together.

The members of the session would like to express sincere thanks to Marjory for her leadership and spiritual guidance over the past year. Please take the time to thank Marj and Arleigh personally for all they do to enhance the life and worship of our pastoral charge.

Let us also, as ministers of this pastoral charge, share the message of love and peace within our communities and wherever we may go.

Respectfully yours,

Sandi MacLachlan
Clerk of Session

Marriages

Garnet Richard Holman to Karen Michelle Dean

Deaths

Hugh Wesley Kaulbach
Havey E. S. Lively
Margaret "Ellie" Bates
George Murray Bell
Bennie Killen
Eugene Glyn Miller
David Frank Redmond
Florence Eileen Bezanson
Ivan Lorne Ryan
A. L. "Skip" Stewart
R. O. "Rollie" Lutwick

Transfer

Donna Blackburn Streach from Middleton congregation to Elderbank congregation

Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge Mission & Service Fund Report for 2007

Income:

Middleton	\$ 2,607.30
Sunday School	213.27
Middleton UCW	306.50
Riverside Offering/Birthday Church	3,502.25
Riverside Advent Service	140.20
Riverside - World Development	73.10
	<u>\$ 6,842.62</u>

Disbursements:

M & S United Church of Canada	<u>\$6,842.62</u>
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Our commitment for 2007 was \$ 5800.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi MacLachlan - Pastoral Charge M&S Treasurer

Examined and found to be correct -

Helen Jenson

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report - 2007

The Ministry and Personnel Committee of the Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Chare has four members – Sandi MacLachlan (Convenor), Mary Miller, David Castle and Fay Barbrick. In 2006 we had one meeting with Rev. Marjory Cornelius on May 22nd and meetings with the Joint Musquodoboit Valley M&P were held on March 27th and October 23rd. The Truro Presbytery Triennial Visitation Team – Chuck Patterson and Don Dillman, also met with us on June 6th.

The Joint M&P Committee plans the summer worship schedule and this year we celebrated communion at our last service of the summer.

Shalom,

Sandi MacLachlan
Convenor

United Church Observer Report for Year 2007

Renewals	11
Cancellations	1
Name transfers	
New subscriptions	
2008 total subscriptions	10

Mary Cook

Learning Committee Report - 2007

- Rev. Marjory Cornelius, Marian MacKay and Sharon Arsenault attended a workshop in January 2007 entitled “Ministry in Changing Times” held in Stewiacke, NS, which was facilitated by Maritime Conference.
- As a result of this workshop the Learning Committee was formed to explore: who we are as a pastoral charge; our mission; areas that may need our attention that we are not currently addressing; opportunities to enrich our spiritual journey; and inviting others to share that journey with us.
- We distributed a survey to members of the congregation to obtain feedback on questions such as what role the church had in their lives; what things would enhance their spiritually; what role do they see the Pastoral Charge playing within the community. We thank those who completed the survey as the information was used to start discussions on areas that could be worked on and explored.
- Two more members joined our committee: Laurel Redmond and Claire Castle
- Two members of the committee attended a workshop facilitated by the United Church of Canada held in Halifax entitled the Emerging Spirit which dealt with the launch of the new website www.wondercafe.ca. This website is an interactive website providing an arena for people to visit to voice concerns and discuss issues in a non-threatening environment. Our pastoral charge now has profiles for both churches on this website and there is an area under our profiles for Events which we will keep updated on an ongoing basis.
- Members of the committee reconnected with those who attended the “Ministry In Changing Times” in a one day retreat held in June in Stewiacke. It is important to keep this dialogue and connection going among the congregations within our Presbytery.
- Facilitated Vacation Bible School for one week in July. The theme was ‘Bread for the Journey’ in which the children were taken on an imaginary trip around the world with 4 stopovers where they explored different cultures, food and religions, but with the common theme that we are all God’s children, regardless of our skin tone, culture or religion. It was a fun week enjoyed by both the children who attended and the facilitators. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped during the week.
- On September 30th, a DVD entitled “Celebrate What’s Right With the World” was shown to both congregations during the regular morning church service and also was shown three times at the Healthy Connections Wellness Show the day before. Members of the Learning Committee viewed this documentary at the workshop in January and felt that it had a message that needed to be shared with our community. Many people were in awe once seeing this DVD, as it certainly made one think of how we individually view the world . . . one of despair and destruction or one of beauty and awe and what effect our power of thought has on oneself and others!
- As many families attend the Christmas Eve service, the Learning Committee saw this as an opportunity to connect with our younger generation who we do not see on a regular basis. Business cards were distributed listing our Pastoral Charge’s phone and email address as well as the WonderCafe website and a website regarding rural churches in Canada. As many use the internet to seek out information it is our hope that WonderCafe will become a bookmark on their computers, keeping them up to date with current events happening in the church both within this community and abroad.

We continue to ask for support and guidance from all members of this Pastoral Charge as we go forward, embracing opportunities, sharing God’s love and inviting others to join us on this wonderful journey in faith.

Respectfully submitted by *Sharon Arsenault*, Recorder

Pastoral Charge Financial Statement (Jan 1/07 - Dec 5/07)

Balance Forward		196.99
Income:		
Middleton	34,840.00	
Riverside	10,250.00	
Bulletins	45.00	
Interest	0.37	
2007 Total Income	<u>45,135.37</u>	
Total Income		45332.36
Expenses:		
Salary	20,769.76	
Rec. General	4,849.10	
Pension/Ins.	3,672.03	
Manse heat	1,100.00	
Manse rent	7,150.00	
Phone/Internet	1,140.27	
Office Supplies	274.13	
Office Support	2,383.48	
Presb.Allocation	2,480.00	
06 Report Prep.	195.33	
Resource Dist.	632.92	
M & S Fund	10.00	
Riverside Church	110.00	
Palm Leaves	35.00	
Community Fund	200.00	
Conf. Meals	138.21	
2007 Total Expenses		45140.23
CLOSING BALANCE		<u>192.13</u>

Respectfully Submitted by Anne L. Dillman

Pastoral Charge Financial Statement (Jan 1/07 - Dec 31/07)

Balance Forward	196.99	
Income:		
Middleton	41,860.00	
Riverside	12,010.00	
Bulletins	65.00	
Wreaths	90.00	
05/06 EI Portion (M. Cornelius)	306.68	
Resources (M. Cornelius)	152.50	
Interest	<u>.37</u>	
2007 Total Income	<u>54,484.55</u>	
Total Income		54,681.54
Expenses:		
Salary	27,709.92	
EI – Employer	766.92	
Pension/Ins.	4,789.99	
Manse heat	1,200.00	
Manse rent	7,800.00	
Phone/Internet	1,435.28	
Office Supplies	319.41	
Office Support	2,600.16	
Heat/Copier	1,200.00	
Presb. Allocation	2,480.00	
06 Report Prep.	195.33	
Resource Dist.	1313.95	
M&S Fund	10.00	
Riverside Church	110.00	
Palm Leaves	35.00	
Community Fund	200.00	
Conf. Meals	138.21	
Wreaths	135.00	
05/06 EI Diff.	751.56	
Meals (Cornelius)	56.00	
Travel (Cornelius)	<u>501.94</u>	
2007 Total Expenses		53,748.67
YEAR END BALANCE		<u>932.87</u>

Respectfully Submitted by Anne L. Dillman

Pastoral Charge 2008 Proposed Budget

Salary.....	\$28,265.00
El.....	1200.00
Pension (Employer Portion).....	5500.00
Travel.....	1000.00
Housing.....	7800.00
Phone & Internet.....	1300.00
Office supplies.....	1000.00
Secretarial Assistance.....	2600.00
Christian Education.....	500.00
Presbytery Fund.....	2360.00
Pulpit Supply.....	450.00
Book Allowance.....	300.00
Lifelong Learning.....	250.00
Office Heat/Copier.....	1200.00
Manse Heat.....	1200.00
Miscellaneous.....	<u>200.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	<u>\$55,125.00</u>

Respectfully submitted: Anne L. Dillman

Section B: Middleton United Church Reports

Middleton Board of Stewards Chairman's Report - 2007

Members of the 2007 Board were: Chair-Ross Dares, Secretary-Jean Dares, Treasurer- Lyle Bates, UCW representative-Violet Higgins, Wendy Crocker, Frances Rogers, Eva Holman, and Donald Parker.

During the year we held five formal meetings plus several committee meetings.

Our most successful fund raising events were the old fashioned church supper in April, our annual August yard sale and auction, the Gospel/Bluegrass concerts and of course, our annual fall visitation to more than 160 homes.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all those musicians (and our local talent) who traveled far and wide, giving of their time and talent to make our Gospel/Bluegrass Shows so entertaining and aiding the finances of our church.

Special thanks to Thom and Anne Dillman for their efforts in making our August Auction a major fund raiser.

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

Ross Dares, Chairman.

Decorating Committee Report - 2007

The decorating committee was responsible for installing the new light in the entryway of the Church as well as reprinting and framing photos of former ministers and several other photos. This work was paid for from general funds; a fund raiser was planned but due to conditions beyond our control had to be cancelled. Hopefully we will be able to carry out a fund raiser during 2008.

The committee also decorated for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas at the Festival of Trees and Christmas at the Church. At the present time the Nativity scene pieces are being repaired and repainted by committee members and other volunteers.

We wish to thank those people who gave us donations toward the purchase of decorations and/or donated decorations.

Donations amounted to \$65.00, expenses were \$43.50 leaving a balance on hand of \$21.50.

Middleton Board of Stewards Financial Statement - 2007

Income:

Bank Balance December 31, 2006	\$ 8869.18
Offering Envelopes	20383.75
Loose Offering	979.55
Mission and Service Donations	2607.30
Donations-Memorial and Personal	5045.23
Arimathea Funeral Co Operative	250.00
Investments-Long term-\$1766.84 Short term 613.83	2380.67
U.C.W. Contribution	2000.00
Annual Visitation	11397.50
Projects (Gospel Concerts, Auction/Yardsale, Supper, etc)	5578.80
HST Refund	653.69
Bulletins-(In Memorials) \$40.00 (Our Daily Bread) \$14.00	54.00
Pastoral Charge Share of Heating and Copier	1200.00
GIC redeemed	3000.00
Cash Floats (returned)	440.00
Close out of Restoration Fund	50.70
Misc-Bank Interest, etc.	65.56

TOTAL INCOME **\$64,955.93**

TOTAL INCOME	\$64,955.93
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>58,511.18</u>
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2007	\$ 6,444.75

Lyle Bates
Treasurer

*Ledger audited through the kindness of
Marion Ruggles and Patricia MacKay
to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.*

Middleton United Church Board of Stewards Financial Statement (cont'd)

Expenditures:

Contributions to Pastoral Charge Budget	\$41,860.00
Janitor's Supplies	456.43
Janitor's Wages	600.00
Organist	400.00
Electricity	1,074.00
Heating	4,838.69
Photocopier	1,206.11
M&S	2,607.30
Arimathea	000.00
Stationery and postage	106.30
Grounds	113.98
Church Repairs	2,717.83
Project Costs	1,109.73
Sunday School	360.98
Trustees-Fire Insurance	500.00
Misc.-Bank service charges, Advent candles, ODB, etc	119.83
Cash Floats	440.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 58,511.18

Note I: Janitors wages of \$600.00 was paid to Ross and Jean Dares who then donated this amount back to our church.

Note II: Carole Bates, our organist, was paid an honorarium of \$400.00 which she donated back to the church.

Note III: Charles Gladwin was paid \$810.00 for the preparation and painting of the church sanctuary floor area. He then donated this amount back to the church. This work was authorized by a congregational meeting on June 10, 2007.

Note IV: Project expenses this year include offering envelopes (\$173.51), a large check printing order which is the bank minimum but which should be sufficient for 3 years (\$205.00), and \$136.00 for three new food warmers.

Note V: Heating costs include \$175.56 for the annual cleaning and maintenance of both furnaces in Oct of 2007.

Middleton Board of Stewards Proposed Budget for 2008

Expected Income:

Offering Envelopes	\$20,000.00
Loose Offering	1,200.00
Donations-Personal and Memorial	4,500.00
Arimathea Funeral Co-Op	300.00
Investments-(Sale of Manse) \$1760 (GIC's) \$750	2,510.00
Donations (UCW)	2,500.00**
Annual Visitation	10,500.00
Projects (Suppers, Yard Sale, Cook books, Gospel Sings, etc)	5,000.00
HST Refund	500.00
Pastoral Charge Share of office/ heat/copier	1,200.00
Transferable from long term reserves (GIC's)	5,000.00
Bank carry over balance from 2007	6447.75
TOTAL	\$59,657.75**

Projected Expenses

Contributions to Pastoral Charge	\$44,000.00
Heating	5,000.00
Electricity	1,300.00
Janitorial Supplies	450.00
Janitor's Wages	1,000.00
Organist	500.00
Photocopier Supplies and Lease	1,200.00
Stationery and Postage	200.00
Grounds	1,000.00
Church Repairs	3,000.00
Project Expenses	750.00
Sunday School	400.00
Funeral Co-Op	100.00
Church Insurance (Trustees)	500.00
Decorating committee	100.00
TOTAL	\$59,500.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$59,657.75**
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>59,500.00</u>
PROJECTED SURPLUS	\$ 157.75**

Board of Stewards members should note that there was an error in the handwritten proposed budget which the committee approved. Those numbers indicated by ** were changed by Claire Castle after speaking with Lyle Bates by phone.

GIC Report - 2007

GIC Information Re Income Column and the Estate of Hugh Kaulback

The Estate of Hugh Kaulback as of Jan. 15, 07 shown as income and also as GIC Investment on the same date (Double entry) Cashable	\$10,000.00
Kaulback GIC was redeemed on June 25, 07 and Re invested for one year	10,000.00
GIC Invested Dec. 6, 2006-Dec. 6, 2007 Sibley Estate	2,500.00
GIC July 4, 06-July 4, 07 Sibley Estate	12,500.00
Total investment activity Income Col. A and Col. B	\$ 35,000.00

GIC re-investment under expenses

Kaulback GIC first invested Jan. 15	10,000.00
Kaulback GIC re invested one year on June 25, 07	10,000.00
Sibley GIC re invested one year on July 4, 07	10,000.00
Sibley GIC July 4, 2007 cashable	2,000.00
Total re investment activity expense Col. A	\$32,000.00

**Total GIC Principal cashed and
used for church income/expenses** **\$ 3,000.00**

Lyle Bates (Volunteer) Treasurer Dec. 31, 2007

Scouting Report (2007-08)

There is one Cub and 14 Beavers aged 5-8 enrolled in the local group which meets weekly in the Church Basement. This breaks down to 5 5-6 year olds, 3 6-7 year olds, and 6 7-8 year olds. This means that there will be 6 Beavers eligible to move to Cubs next fall. There are 4 part time leaders and 2 part time leaders for this lively group. They have just finished a successful bottle drive and wish to thank everyone for their support.

Middleton Trustees Report - 2007

Balance January 2007 \$ 695.62

Receipts:

Income of Investment-McLeod Fund	\$ 443.26	
Income of Investment-McCurdy Endowment Fund	369.42	
Income of Investment-Janet Mabel Wilkinson Fund	184.72	
Income of Investment-Bentley Fund	184.72	
Income of Investment -J. Herald Bentley Fund	36.94	
Income of Investment – Manse Fund	1766.84	
From Church Treasurer	500.00	
Enterprisers Hall	300.00	
Interest on Accounts	.36	
TOTAL		<u>\$3786.26</u>
		\$4481.88

Expenditures:

Safe Keeping	\$ 40.00	
HST	5.60	
Riverside	99.60	
Enterprisers Hall Fire Ins.	300.00	
Fire Insurance Church one year	1709.00	
To Church Treasurer from Manse Fund	1766.84	
TOTAL		<u>\$3921.04</u>

BALANCE Jan. 08 \$ 560.84

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Summary of Investment:

McLeod and Wilkinson for 3.25% until 27 April 2009	\$17000.00
McCurdy and J. Harold Bentley for 3/25% until 27 April 2009	11000.00
Bentley Fund for 3.25% until 27 April 2009	5000.00
Manse Fund for 3.5% until 30 Dec. 2008	<u>43093.44</u>
TOTAL	\$76093.44

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Soldier's Memorial Fund - 2007

Dec. 2007-Balance on Hand \$ 517.47

Invested \$1800. until 26 Feb. 2008 at 3.000%

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

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Middleton UCW

Regular monthly meetings of the UCW are held on the first Monday of every month. This year has been a very successful one. A huge step for us this year was to combine the two existing units, South and Onward, into one unit doing away with the General UCW.

Once again we have packed and sent two boxes of good used clothing to the Brunswick St. Mission in Halifax.

Our Friendship and Visitation is well looked after by Jean Dares who sends cards of birthday and/or sympathy to people in the community on our behalf.

B.O.S. representative, Violet Higgins, keeps us informed of the Stewards events.

We held a Rock a Thon which raised \$702.00, an exceptional effort for two rockers!

We did the worship at Middleton church on June 3rd, Conference Sunday, using the theme of the 45th Anniversary of the U.C.W.

In August we helped with the annual Yard Sale, with articles and baked goods for sale.

After summer break, we got together at Pat McCurdy's cottage for a pot-luck dinner in Sept.

In Oct., we hosted the Presbyterial Fall Rally where we were responsible for worship and a light lunch.

This year we had our turkey supper in Oct.; Kim Higgins agreed to be the convener for this successful event which saw a profit of over \$2000.00.

We agreed to a suggestion by President Avis Fox that we change our year end from November to December, which makes book keeping more manageable.

Our U.C.W. gives donations to the Food Bank and Braeside Home for Special Care and the Church's general fund.

We collaborate with Upper and Lower Charges and Holy Cross Church, to hold the World Day of Prayer Service, which is held in the early spring.

Carole Bates, Secretary.



Middleton UCW Treasurer's Report - 2007

Dec. 1, 2006	Brought forward		\$1694.40
<i>Receipts</i>			
Catering		\$1216.58	
Craft, pantry sale		238.85	
Donations		415.50	
Podium donations		747.10	
Meeting collection		330.85	
Bank interest		.28	
Mission and Service		306.50	
Rock a thon		702.05	
Turkey supper		2656.00	
Afghan Raffle		186.00	
Refund from church		30.92	
			<u>\$6830.63</u>
			\$8525.03
<i>Disbursements:</i>			
Bank charges		\$ 46.00	
Printing of new checks		37.64	
Telephone		587.88	
Community friendship		87.19	
Catering		514.76	
Special church service		40.16	
UCW books		17.90	
Piano repair		116.28	
Food bank		100.00	
Layette-mission box		47.98	
Supper supplies		405.37	
Middleton Church		2000.00	
Refund from church		30.92	
Braeside gifts		50.00	
Podium		734.86	
UCW assessment		40.00	
Mission and Service		306.50	
Flowers, cards		30.65	
			<u>\$5194.09</u>
December 31, 2007	On hand		\$3330.94

Mary C. Cook,
Treasurer

Middleton UCW Proposed Budget for 2008

Expected Receipts:

Crafts	\$ 250.00	
Funeral Receptions	\$ 500.00	
M & S	\$ 300.00	
Suppers	\$ 2500.00	
Meeting Collection	\$ 300.00	
Donations	\$ 350.00	
Rock – A - Thon	\$ 500.00	
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	\$ 4700.00	\$ 4700.00

Projected Expenditures:

Bank Charges	\$ 40.00	
Telephone	\$ 525.00	
Community Friendship	\$ 90.00	
Reception Expenses	\$ 400.00	
Special Services	\$ 40.00	
Presbyterial Assessment	\$ 40.00	
M & S	\$ 300.00	
Layette	\$ 60.00	
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	
Turkeys and Groceries	\$ 600.00	
Food Bank	\$ 100.00	
Braeside Home for Special Care	\$ 50.00	
Middleton United Church	\$ 2000.00	
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	\$ 4295.00	\$ 4295.00

Balance: \$ 405.00

Meals on Wheels Annual Report - 2007

We served 553 meals last year, the numbers are down slightly from the previous year. Our thanks all our willing volunteers who prepare our meals each year.

Financial Report - December 31st -2007

Jan. 1, 2007 Balance on hand	\$ 928.37
Received for meals	2765.00
TOTAL	\$3693.37

Disbursements:

Musq. Valley Co Op (groceries)	\$1850.18
Anita Bell- misc. supplies	607.22
Other misc. expenses	259.03
Reid's-baked goods	57.75
Joint stock registration	25.00
TOTAL	2799.18

Balance on hand Dec. 31st 2007 **894.19**

Middleton United Church Sunday School Report - 2007

Financial Report

January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

Balance forward from 2006 \$ 102.23

Revenue

From Middleton United Church	\$ 200.00	
Vacation Bible School Registration	\$ 82.00	
Sunday School Pennies	\$ 41.20	<u>\$ 323.20</u>
Total Income		<u>\$ 425.43</u>

Expenses

Sunday School Supplies	\$ 117.34	
Vacation Bible School Supplies	\$ 199.74	<u>\$ 317.08</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 108.35</u>

Guiding Report

In Guiding, the girls explore their world, learn new things.

Guiding teaches girls that they can be whatever they want to be.

1 Pathfinder age 14; 9 Guides, 2 age 10, 7 age 9; 4 Sparks 3 age 7, 1 age 8.

There are 2 Guide leaders and 2 Brownie leaders.

UCW Community Friendship and Visitation - 2007

The purpose of Community Friendship is to offer friendship in the name of the church to those who need it regardless of whether they are members of the "THE UNITED CHURCH" or not. The office of Community Friendship and Visitation demonstrates concern and deepens fellowship both in the congregation and community in the name of the spirit of God.

On behalf of Middleton United Church Women, I sent 20 Sympathy cards, 11 Get Well cards and 20 Birthday cards (eighty years and older) to members in the community of Middle Musquodoboit in the year of 2007.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jean Dares

Middleton United Church Choir

Once again I would like to say thanks to the dedicated members who make up our Sunday Choir. We usually average 8 or sometimes 10 choir members. A big thanks is also extended to choir members from other churches who help out when we have a funeral.

We hold practices in the church hall in winter and in the sanctuary, weather permitting, on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m.

We recently have added a new choir member which gives us 11 members, an even dozen would be nice.

A new Hymn Book is available entitled More Voices. Several of us attended a workshop in Truro to learn some new pieces from this book. Most everyone has a copy and we are looking to provide a copy for all members.

In November, we had our piano tuned.

It has been my pleasure to help provide music leadership for our church.

Carole Bates

Middleton United Church Nominating Committee Report for 2008

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I have listed below the 2008 Middleton United Church Committee Members to be included in the Annual Report.

Board of Stewards:

Wendy Crocker
Ross Dares
Frances Rodgers
Donald Parker
Eva Holman
Lyle Bates, Treasurer
Violet Higgins, UCW Representative

Grounds Maintenance

Tom Parker

Auditors:

Marion Ruggles
Pat MacKay

Plate Carriers

George Fox
Charles Gladwin
Ross Dares
Doug MacKay

Ministry & Personnel

Sandi MacLachlan
David Castle
Mary Miller

Cleaning

Jean Dares

Nominating Committee

Faye Cooper
Robin Fulton
Martha Higgins

Decorating

Valerie Farnell
Claire Castle
Janice White
Faye Barbrick

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Higgins, Nominating Committee

Section C: Riverside United Church Reports

Riverside United Church Financial Report - 2007

Income:

Bank Balance Jan.1,2007		\$ 8,405.42
Envelope offering	\$ 9,327.00	
Loose collection	106.30	
Initial offering	60.50	
Donations / Memorials /Cemetary	1,040.00	
Donations-Organists	500.00	
Annual visitation	1,023.00	
Arimathea	200.00	
M & S Offering / World Development / Advent	3,683.55	
Memorial Hymn Sing	1,510.00	
Food Bank Donations	3,220.00	
Reimbursement - Summer '06 - Rutherford	110.00	
Transfer from Cemetery Fund- Grounds Mainte	300.00	
Bank Interest	0.74	
	<u>\$ 21,081.09</u>	<u>\$ 21,081.09</u>
		<u>\$ 29,486.51</u>

Expenses:

Pastoral Charge for 2007	11,185.00	
N.S. Power	375.95	
Wilson's Fuel	1,140.00	
M&S Payment to Pastoral Charge	3,683.55	
Donations to Food Bank	3,220.00	
Offering Envelopes	82.23	
Organists' Honouraria	500.00	
Grounds Maintenance -Church & Cemetery	500.00	
Photocopying	21.00	
Transfers to Memorial and Cemetary Funds	475.00	
RBC- Cheques	33.49	
	<u>\$ 21,216.22</u>	<u>\$ 21,216.22</u>

Balance on hand Dec.31, 2007. **8,270.29**

Examined and found to be correct-

Shirley Gould _____

Fern Stewart _____

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Bell - Treasurer

Riverside United Church Trustees Fund - 2007

Balance December 31, 2006		\$	956.02
Receipts:			
Royal Bank G.I.C. Int.	\$	746.37	
Middle Musquodoboit U.C. Trustees	\$	99.60	
Kings Mutual-Rebates(ore & Liability	\$	<u>149.64</u>	
	\$	995.61	\$ <u>995.61</u>
			\$ <u>1951.63</u>
Expenditures:			
Royal Bank Safety Deposit Box	\$	45.60	
Kings Mutual (Liability Ins.)	\$	316.00	
River Road Renovation-Shingle roof of Basement Entry	\$	188.10	
Michan Construction - roof repairs	\$	262.20	
Royal Bank - fees	\$	<u>3.00</u>	
	\$	814.90	\$ <u>814.90</u>
Balance, December 31, 2007			\$ <u><u>1136.73</u></u>

Bob Ruggles, Treasurer

Riverside Mission and Service Fund Report - 2007

Income:

Envelope Offering/Donations	\$	3,473.00
Collection Boxes/World Development		41.10
Model Church- Birthday Offering	\$	29.25
Advent Service	\$	140.20
		<u>3,683.55</u>

Disbursements:

Pastoral Charge M & S account	\$	<u>3,683.55</u>
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Riverside United Church Memorial Fund - 2007

Account # 7600091

Income:

Balance on hand Jan.1, 2007		\$	1,353.96
Donation in Memory of Rolland Lutwick	\$	225.00	
Bank Interest		<u>1.08</u>	
	\$	<u>226.08</u>	\$ 226.08
			<u>\$ 1,580.04</u>

Expenses:

More Voices Hymn Books	\$	225.00	
MRHS Band Fund Christmas Wreaths	\$	<u>30.00</u>	
	\$	<u>255.00</u>	\$ 255.00

Balance on hand Dec.31, 2007		\$	<u>1,325.04</u>
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Examined and found to be correct-
Fern Stewart _____

Shirley Gould _____

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Bell - Treasurer

Riverside United Church Cemetery Fund - 2007

Balance Dec 1, 2006		\$ 921.59
Receipts:		
Royal Bank, GIC interest	\$ 421.75	
Donation (Perpetual Care)	<u>250.00</u>	
		<u>671.75</u>
		1593.34
Expenditures:		
Ettinger's Funeral Home	34.18	
Royal Bank Service Fee	1.00	
Riverside Mowing	<u>300.00</u>	
		<u>335.18</u>
Balance		\$1258.16
Bob Ruggles, Treasurer of Trustees		

Riverside United Church Slate of Officers for 2008

Treasurer	Barbara Bell
Secretary	Catherine Ruggles
Ushers	Robert Ruggles and Sandara MacLachlin
Board of Stewards	Barbara Bell, Franklyn MacKay, and Mary Miller
Plate Bearers	Robert Ruggles, Barbara Bell, and Laurel Redmond
Cemetery Fund	Robert Ruggles
Trustees Fund	Robert Ruggles
Auditors	Shirley Gould and Fern Stewart
Nominating Committee	Mary Archibald and Evelyn Lutwick
Cemetery Maintenance	Robert Ruggles
Trustees	Robert Ruggles, Franklyn MacKay, and Shirley Gould

Respectfully Submitted by Evelyn Lutwick and Mary Archibald