



Middle
Musquodoboit
Pastoral
Charge



Annual
Reports 2008



Rev. Marjory Cornelius

From the Minister's Study

It is Annual Report time again! How can twelve months flash by so quickly? I just realized that I am typing my last report as your minister. I am truly saddened by the events that have led up to my resignation. Health issues are challenging me to take better care of myself and I can only do this by reducing some of my activities. I will miss my ministry and our ministry which we have carried out over a period of almost eight years. I came to you in early July of 2001 and travelled almost daily from Hopewell, Pictou County to the office in Middleton church, until a home was found for Arleigh and me. I acknowledge and thank Tom Parker for purchasing, and then leasing to the pastoral charge, the home in which we live. We packed up and moved here on the fateful day of 9/11. The world has changed such a great deal since that never-to-be-forgotten day.

We too, changed. People that we have admired and loved are no longer with us because of their death. Children have grown up and are away and involved in higher education and will, no doubt, only come for a visit as they find themselves employed and making new lives. Officials of congregations change positions and some will remain faithfully in place for as long as possible. Without all the volunteers who offer their gifts of different ministries, we could not exist. My deep gratitude is extended to everyone who is involved in the life of the congregations of Riverside and Middleton.

The call from our Creator to each of us is challenging, no doubt about it. If we are committed to the faith community, we will find ourselves at worship and some of us will be volunteering on the various committees of the congregations. The worshipers are also an important part of the life of both congregations. I offer my gratitude to those who faithfully attend worship, and to those who carry out their tasks with dignity and grace.

I extend my, and our, deep appreciation to the United Church Women who are always "there" when needed. They continue to inspire me as they go about their activities, and their fund raising. Thank you!

In all of this we do take time to celebrate and give thanks with joy-filled hearts that we are still able to be together as faith communities. The laughter heard, the stories told, the support and care offered, and the sacraments shared are all part of who we are as followers of the living Christ.

Change is inevitable as we face the uncertainty of the future. I ask that you do not worry, that you will embrace a new beginning with enthusiasm. We are never alone, the Holy Presence lives among us and within us, encouraging, challenging, and offering all of us the support and wisdom we need for the tasks that await us.

I am pleased to inform you that Arleigh and I will become residents of the Valley. We are waiting to sign papers that will make us homeowners in the area.

*In the deep presence of the Holy One may each of us find the peace we richly deserve.
Praise be to God!*

Joint Session Report -Riverside and Middleton

The Riverside Session members are: Barbara Bell, Franklyn MacKay, Mary Miller, Sandra MacLachlan and Robert Ruggles. Middleton Session Members are: Gerald Cavicchi, Cas Verboom, Carole Bates, Doug MacKay, Bruce White, and Charles Gladwin. New Elders appointed this year are: Mary Cook, Denise van Wychen and David Castle.

Our Session held four combined meetings with Rev. Marjory Cornelius. The meetings were March 11th, June 24th, Sept. 9th and Nov 25th 2008 and were held in the Board room at Middleton. Sandi MacLachlan will continue to serve as Clerk until June 2009.

Communion was celebrated in June, March 23rd at Middleton, October 5th at both Riverside and Middleton and December 21st at Middleton. The Riverside congregation celebrated communion with the Higginsville congregation as well.

The Easter services for 2008 were blessed with good weather this year. The Good Friday service was held in Riverside Church. The Children's Easter Event was on Saturday March 22nd in Middleton with a large turn out of children and parents. The Easter egg hunt is always the most popular part of the morning! The Sunrise Service at the Forestry Education Center parking lot was very special this year as we had a beautiful sunrise during our service. Hot coffee and biscuits and the warmth of a beautiful fire certainly add to this joyous time of worship. Easter Sunday service was held at Middleton and Riverside Congregation was at Higginsville for Easter.

The Braeside services were held April 6th, June 15th and November 30th when Communion was served. Thank you to Evelyn Lutwick, choir members and Session who assisted Rev. Cornelius with these services.

Riverside United held their annual Memorial Hymn Sing Service in April. A wonderful evening of music and memories was enjoyed by the many who attended.

The Summer services were held, as usual, through out the valley allowing our Ministry personnel and Pastoral Charges to take a summer break Each congregation takes responsibility for providing one Summer Service. A time of food and fellowship follows each service giving everyone the opportunity to chat with folks from throughout the valley. Communion was celebrated during the last service at St. Paul's in Antrim.

A successful Vacation Bible School was held in July. The yellow submarine travelled far and wide. Thank you to all who participated.

Once again we wish to thank Denise VanWychen for her leadership in the Sunday School. Her work is very much appreciated. The M&S Pig was well fed this past year and it provided a very generous donation to our M&S Fund.

On November 11th a Remembrance Day service was organized by Rev. Cornelius and Claire Castle. It was held outside Middleton church at the Cenotaph. and wreaths were laid in memory of those who died during times of war or conflict.

An advent service - The Hanging of the Greens - was held at Riverside church on the 14th of December. Lovely decorations, beautiful carols and the smell of cider and sweets filled the church... Our Christmas Eve service was held at Middleton United and was attended by many. On December 28th a Joint Service with the Lower and Upper Musquodoboit charges was held at Sharon United in Dean to celebrate the beginning of the new year.

The members of the Session would like to express our sincere thanks to Marjory for her leadership and spiritual guidance over the past year.

Deaths

Fulton Kerr Andrews
Jean Beatrice Butcher
Elizabeth Irene Conrad
John William Jennings
Malcolm Grant Keys
Victor Clarence Redmond

Baptisms

Megan Grace McCurdy daughter of Christopher McCurdy and Tanya Patricia Smith
Sophie Louise Mary Vachon daughter of Joseph Louis "Luc" Vachon and Jennifer McCurdy
Kayleen Sarah Dean Holman daughter of Garnet Holman and Karen Dean
Hunter Boyd Dean Holman son of Garnet Holman and Karen Dean
Kacey Deann Holman daughter of Garnet Holman and Karen Dean Holman
James G. Newman son of Fred Newman and Lacey Archibald
Gabrielle Susan-Faye Dillman daughter of Jeffery Dillman and Catherine Scullion

Shalom Sandi MacLachlan, Convenor.

Ministry and Personnel Committee

The Ministry and Personnel Committee presently has three members. They are: Sandi MacLachlan, Mary Miller and David Castle. We are looking for a second representative from the Middleton congregation. The Joint Musquodoboit Valley Ministry and Personnel committee met twice during the year - March 25th and October 21st. During these meetings, held with the Ministry and Personnel Committees of the Upper and Lower Charges, we plan and evaluate the Summer Services, as well as the December service held at the end of the year. We also share our concerns and successes in our Pastoral Charges and look for ways to assist our ministry personnel. These meetings are rotated from charge to charge and we meet next in Middleton on March the 24th, 2009. If you have any ideas for projects we could introduce for discussion with the Lower and Upper Charges, please feel free to contact anyone on our committee. We are always looking for innovative ways to share ministry and worship within our Valley Congregations.

Shalom
Sandi MacLachlan, Convenor.

United Church Observer Report

2008-11 subscriptions 1 cancelled 2009-10 subscriptions renewed
Mary Cook-representative

**Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge
Learning Committee - Annual Report 2008**

--Facilitated Vacation Bible School for one week in July. The theme this year was "Beach Party" which focused on the shorelines and oceans of the world – connecting activities to scriptures and exploring various ways that the messages of God are connected to water. The children explored the impact water has on their lives and learned why we need to protect this valuable gift from God. The children enjoyed their daily outing on the Yellow Submarine (thank you Arleigh) and conservation time at the beach (thank you Verna, David & MVQS). The children enjoyed the daily reading of the book "The Lunch that Jesus Served" – based on the loaves and fishes story. Many could recite the story by the end of the week. It was truly a week enjoyed by both the children who attended and the facilitators – we learned a lot and had fun doing it. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped during the week.

--With the volunteer efforts of Karen Sibley (thank you Karen), the Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge is on-line! Check out our website at **www.midmusqpastoralcharge.com** and make sure you tell your family, friends and neighbours. Our goal is to update this website on a timely basis with upcoming events/notices or resources. Due to commitments Karen is no longer able to do this on a regular basis so committee members are currently on a learning curve. If you have any questions or suggestions for the website please contact 384-2520.

--Efforts are underway to update and expand the library of the pastoral charge. Bookcases were purchased from MRHS with funds received from an HRM grant. With a fresh coat of paint they are waiting to be filled. Any donations of funds to offset the cost of purchasing update resources would be welcomed.

--Members of the committee are also compiling a history of the United Church within the community as well as various community members. Again, this is in part, is aided by the HRM grant. This will serve as a historical resource to be enjoyed now and in the future. This project will ensure that the past will not be forgotten and will highlight the positive influence the United Church played in the development of our community.

--In 2009 the Learning Committee will be merging with the Visioning Committee.

--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

Visioning Committee.

The Visioning Committee is a relatively new committee for the Pastoral Charge. Its mandate is to look to the future of the congregations and the two churches in our Charge. To date our major focus has been on verifying who is a “member” of our Churches. This information is used for the allocation we pay each year and without an exact number of members both resident and non resident we are looking at the possibility that we may be over paying quite significantly-money that could be used locally. Our first objectives have been outlined as: a) to confirm memberships, b) to discuss our financial options and c) to discuss buildings. These objectives were presented to the Official Board in September. We have also attempted to confirm what volunteers are willing and able to do. We sent out forms and published them in the newsletter but the return rate was very low. We are asking that everyone fill out these forms so we know what you are willing and able to do-*even if you are already volunteering*. Our next step will be contacting adherents to find if they wish to become members of our church congregations, how they can assist with everyday church functions; and to bring ideas to both congregations for our continued existence as a church community in the Musquodoboit Valley.

A letter will be going out from the Visioning Committee to all known members of the congregations because the historic roll needs to be reviewed and updated. If you are a member of either church, and do not receive a letter, please ask for a copy from the church or call the office at 384-2520 to have one forwarded to you. It is very important that accurate records are kept and our roll has not been updated completely since 1998-please assist us in rectifying this situation.

Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge Mission and Service Report

Income:

Middleton	\$2,203.94
Sunday School	232.00
Middleton UCW	226.00
Riverside Offering/Birthday Church	3,081.10
Advent Service	41.00
Christmas Eve Service	370.05
Donation- Anne Dillman	50.00
Riverside - World Development	<u>140.45</u>

TOTAL **\$ 6,344.54**

Disbursements:

M & S United Church of Canada **\$6,344.54**

Our commitment for 2008 was \$ 6000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi MacLachlan - Pastoral Charge M&S Treasurer

MIDDLE MUSQUODOBOIT PASTORAL CHARGE
Financial Statement
January 1, 2008 - November 30, 2008

Balance Forward **\$ 932.87**

INCOME

Middleton	\$36,760.00
Riverside	\$10,390.00
Bulletins	\$ 145.00
Reverse cheque from Dec. 2007	\$ 681.03
Interest	\$ 0.45

TOTAL INCOME **\$ 47,976.48**

EXPENSES

Salary - M. Cornelius	\$21,239.68
Receiver General	\$ 5,084.06
Pension/Insurance	\$ 4,959.24
Manse Heat	\$ 1,100.00
Manse Rent	\$ 7,150.00
Phone	\$ 1,843.43
Office	\$ 705.47
Secretarial Services	\$ 2,383.48
Presbytery Allocation	\$ 2,360.00
Palm Leaves	\$ 51.87
M & S Fund - Anne Dillman	\$ 50.00
Bulletins	\$ 439.39
Observer Subscription	\$ 15.00
Bank Charges	\$ 5.00
Meals - Maritime Conference	\$ 68.00
Get Well Gift	\$ 27.07
Emergency Fund	\$ 150.00
Guest Speaker (M. MacDonald)	\$ 125.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 47,756.69**

CLOSING BALANCE **\$ 1,152.66**

Respectfully submitted: Karen M. Holman

**Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge
Proposed Budget 2009**

Salary	\$31,580.00
EI	1,310.00
CPP	1,550.00
WCB	400.00
Pension (Employer portion)	5,710.00
Payroll Service	204.00
Travel	1,000.00
Housing	7,800.00
Phone and Internet	1,400.00
Office Supplies	1,000.00
Secretarial Assistance	2,600.00
Christian Education	500.00
Presbytery Fund	2,400.00
Bulletins	450.00
Book Allowance	300.00
Pulpit Supply	250.00
Emergency Fund	200.00
Lifelong Learning	250.00
Office heat/copier	1,200.00
Manse Heat	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	200.00
TOTAL	\$61,504.00

Respectfully submitted by: Karen M. Holman, **Joint Official**

Joint Official Board Report

There were four meetings this past year, in March, June, September and November. (The originally scheduled December meeting to discuss the budget was moved to Nov. to allow better timing for groups to have reports in) We want to thank Brenda Leslie for being secretary for the past several years. Brenda resigned at the November meeting and Mary Cook has been appointed as new secretary.

Submitted by Mary Cook, Secretary, Joint Official Board

Middleton Board of Stewards-Chairman's Report 2008

Members of the 2008 Board were: Chair-Ross Dares, Secretary and UCW representative-Jean Dares, Wendy Crocker, Frances Rogers, Eva Holman, Donald Parker and Lyle Bates-general church secretary.

During the year we held five regular meetings and one special meeting to deal with the annual visitation.

The old fashioned church supper held in April netted our church \$1725.00, The August yard sale and auction was very well supported and raised \$3122.76.

The fall annual visitation, at which time some 150 homes and members and adherents were visited resulted in assistance to our church of \$11,074.00.

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 of \$1742.30.

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

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.

With the fuel costs exceeding six thousand dollars in 2008 along with other rising costs, all our best efforts will be needed to ensure the continued survival of our church.

Ross Dares, Chairman.

Decorating Committee-2008

The decorating committee was responsible for accessing an HRM grant which allowed us to work with the Learning Committee to set up a small library in the board room, to begin a display area for artifacts and photos in the small room off the lobby and to purchase a display board which can be used for special occasions and at present, is used most Sundays.

We also conducted a fund raiser in one area of the Village where a traveling apron netted a profit of \$124.00 which allowed us to purchase new Christmas decorations and several other items which are used on a regular basis.

The committee decorated for Valentines, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas at the Festival of Trees and Christmas at the Church. We wish to extend a major thank you to community volunteers who repainted the Nativity pieces which are on display outside each Christmas.

Middleton United Church
Board of Stewards Financial Statement 2007

Expenditures:	
Contributions to Pastoral Charge Budget	\$42,860.00
Janitor's Supplies	417.09
Janitor's Wages	600.00
Organist	200.00
Electricity	1,131.68
Heating	6084.61
Photocopier	1,451.87
M&S	2,573.99
Arimathea	99.13
Stationery and postage	121.19
Grounds	1,240.02
Church Repairs	2,195.35
Project Costs	654.11
Sunday School	300.00
Trustees-Fire Insurance	677.00
Misc.-Bank service charges, Advent candles, ODB, etc	154.81
Cash Floats	795.00
Decorating Committee	34.58
HRM grant	1277.90
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 62,868.33

Note I: An honorarium of \$600.00 was paid to volunteer janitors, Ross and Jean Dares; they in turn donated this amount back to our church.

Note II: An honorarium of \$200.00 was paid to volunteer organist Carole Bates who donated this amount back to our church.

Note III: Church repairs included an amount of \$327.67 for the complete overhaul of our industrial-size aged vacuum cleaner.

Note IV: External church repairs were authorized by trustees to include repairing/replacing siding and repairs to roof and flashing and painting bell tower. The work was carried out by Charles Gladwin and the total cost was \$1168.00 of which \$868. was donated back to our church.

Middleton United Church
Board of Stewards Financial Statement 2008

Income:

Bank Balance December 31, 2007	\$ 6444.75
Offering Envelopes	19934.65
Loose Offering	1499.81
Mission and Service Donations	2573.99
Donations-Memorial (2263.72) and Personal (3462.01)	5725.73
Arimathea Funeral Co Operative	350.00
Investments	2218.25
U.C.W. Contribution	5800.00
Annual Visitation	11074.00
Projects (Gospel Concerts, Auction/Yardsale, Supper, etc)	7039.10
HST Refund	630.35
Bulletins-(In Memorials) \$40.00 (Our Daily Bread) \$22.50	62.50
Pastoral Charge Share of Office, Heating and Copier	1200.00
GIC redeemed	2000.00
Cash Floats (returned)	795.00
HRM Grant (Decorating and Learning Committees)	1575.00
Misc-Bank Interest, etc.	8.99

TOTAL INCOME **\$68,932.12**

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	62,868.33
BANK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2008	\$ 6,063.79

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 Proposed Budget for 2009**

Expected Income:

Offering Envelopes	\$20,000.00
Loose Offering	1,400.00
Donations-Personal and Memorial	4,500.00
Arimathea Funeral Co-Op	350.00
Investments-Sale of Manse and GIC'c	2,000.00
Donations (UCW)	2,500.00
Annual Visitation	10,500.00
Projects (Suppers, Yard Sale, Cook books, Gospel Sings, etc)	6,000.00
HST Refund	500.00
Pastoral Charge Share of office/ heat/copier	1,200.00
GIC cashed (from reserves)	5,000.00
Bank carry over balance from 2008	6063.79
TOTAL	\$60,013.79

Projected Expenses

Contributions to Pastoral Charge	\$49,200.00
Heating	6,000.00
Electricity	1,300.00
Janitorial Supplies	400.00
Janitor's Honorarium	600.00
Organist Honorarium	500.00
Photocopier Supplies and Lease	1,400.00
Stationery and Postage	200.00
Grounds Snow plowing, etc.	1,000.00
Church Repairs	1,000.00
Project Expenses	700.00
Sunday School	400.00
Funeral Co-Op	100.00
Church Insurance (Trustees)	700.00
Decorating committee	100.00
Misc.	100.00
TOTAL	\$63,700.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$60,013.79
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>63,700.00</u>
PROJECTED DEFICIT	\$ (3,686.21)

Middleton Church Investment Reserves as of Dec. 31, 2008

Assets on hand Jan. 1, 2008

Kaulback GIC Maturity date July 4, 2008	10,000.00
Sibley GIC Maturity date June 25, 2008	10,000.00
Sibley Cashable	2,000.00
Total	\$ 22,000.00

Activity During 2008

Kaulback GIC re-invested as non-redeemable, maturity date July 4, 2009. Interest rate 2.5%	10,000.00
Sibley GIC re-invested as redeemable, full maturity date June 25, 2009. Interest rate 2.4%	10,000.00
Sibley GIC \$2000.00 cashed on Jan. 2, 2008 and returned to General Fund.	
Total G.I.C. assets on hand Dec. 31, 2008	\$20,000.00

At the Board of Stewards regular Dec., 2008 meeting it was decided to cash the Sibley G.I.C. in early January, 2009 and deposit \$5000.00 in our general fund and re-invest the remaining \$5000.00 as cashable. This was done to ensure sufficient general funds to maintain the continued operation of our church.

Lyle Bates (Volunteer) Treasurer Dec. 31, 2008

Trustees Annual Report

Balance January 2008 \$ 560.84

Receipts:

Income of Investment-McLeod Fund	\$ 390.00	
Income of Investment-McCurdy Endowment Fund	325.00	
Income of Investment-Janet Mabel Wilkinson Fund	162.50	
Income of Investment-Bentley Fund	162.50	
Income of Investment -J. Herald Bentley Fund	32.50	
Income of Investment – Manse Fund	1508.28	
From Church Treasurer	677.00	
Interest on Accounts	2.00	
TOTAL		<u>\$3259.78</u>
		<u>\$3820.62</u>

Expenditures:

Safe Keeping	\$ 40.00	
HST	5.20	
Riverside	88.63	
Fire Insurance Church one year	1773.00	
To Church Treasurer from Manse Fund	1358.26	
Bank Charge	6.12	
TOTAL		<u>\$3271.21</u>

BALANCE Jan. 09 \$ 549.41

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 3.25 until 30 Dec. 2010	<u>43093.44</u>
TOTAL	76093.44

Submitted by Cees Verboom

Soldier's Memorial Fund

Dec. 2007-Balance on Hand \$ 44.94
Invested \$2300. until 26 Feb. 2009 at 2.6%

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

Submitted by Cees Verboom

MIDDLETON UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

2008

Two years have passed since the South and Onward Units combined to form the Middleton U C W. We have had a very busy and successful year.

Nine meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of ten members who answer the roll call with a Bible verse or a hymn starting with the first letter of the month the meeting is held. Our meetings open with the U C W Purpose, a devotion followed by minutes, reports, correspondence and business, Closing the meeting with a prayer and Mitzvah Benediction. Members bring in interesting articles and these are read following the meeting.

Twenty seven pillowcases and two bureau scarves were made from broadcloth that was donated by a U C W member. These pillowcases are taken home and fancy work is worked on them and returned to be sold at the craft sales during the year.

Members bring in used stamps and these are bundled up in one pound lots and sent to the Bible Society who use the money from the sale of the stamps to send bibles to other countries.

Kitchen items bought by the U C W during the year consisted of a tea steeper / kettle, ten thermal gravy /sauce boats, two 14 litre stock pots and one warming tray with two inserts.

Spring and winter clothing drives were held and donated to the Colchester Community Workshop in Truro.

A very successful Rock a thon was held with three members rocking, one of which was in her 100th year. During the Rock a thon a Senior Rural Coordinator for Women and Public Pensions gave a lecture on Old Age Security and Canada Pension Plan for senior women to make them aware of all aspects of the Canada Pension Systems and their entitlements and tax implications of their retirement income and / or assets. Following the lecture a luncheon was served.

Tickets were sold on a crochet table cloth that was made and donated by a U C W member. The winning ticket was drawn at our Annual Turkey Supper that was held in October. Early in the new year \$2000., and in October \$1000., was donated to the Middleton Church Treasury. Monies were donated to the Braeside Home for Special Care and the Local Food Bank.

Middleton United Church Women Treasurer's Report 2008

Jan. 2008	Brought forward	\$3330.94
<i>Receipts</i>		
Crafts	215.75	
Funeral receptions	425.00	
Birthday dinners	896.00	
Meeting collection	280.15	
Bank interest	.16	
Mission and Service	226.00	
Rock a thon	784.01	
Turkey supper	3344.25	
Raffles	192.00	
	<u>\$6363.32</u>	
		\$9694.26
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
Kitchen equipment	671.02	
Bank charges	\$ 33.00	
Telephone	518.02	
Community friendship	57.18	
Catering	475.93	
Food bank	100.00	
Supper supplies	691.88	
Middleton Church Treasurer	3850.00	
Braeside gifts	50.00	
Presbyterial assessment	40.00	
Mission and Service	226.00	
Life Membership	60.00	
		<u>\$6773.03</u>
December 31, 2008	On hand	\$2921.23

Mary C. Cook,
Treasurer

**Middleton United Church
U.C.W.
Proposed Budget for 2009**

Expected Receipts:

Crafts	\$ 225.00
Funeral Receptions	\$ 450.00
M & S	\$ 250.00
Suppers	\$ 3000.00
Meeting Collection	\$ 250.00
Donations	\$ 200.00
Event catering	\$ 600.00
Raffles	\$ 175.00
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	\$ 5150.00

Projected Expenditures:

Bank Charges	\$ 35.00
Telephone	\$ 525.00
Community Friendship	\$ 60.00
Catering	\$ 500.00
Presbyterial Assessment	\$ 40.00
M & S	\$ 250.00
Kitchen equipment	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
Turkeys and Groceries	\$ 700.00
Food Bank	\$ 100.00
Braeside Home for Special Care	\$ 50.00
Middleton United Church	<u>\$ 2000.00</u>
	\$ 4360.00

Middleton United Church Choir

June 30/08	On hand		586.38
	Books sold to members		<u>50.00</u>
			636.38
Disbursements			
	More Voices	\$181.44	
	Bank Charge	1.00	<u>182.44</u>
Dec. 31/08	On hand		453.94

Mary Cook, Representative

During the winter of 2008, while Carole and Lyle basked in the Florida sun we were very grateful to Sandi, Evelyn and Joyce for being willing to play for Sunday services. In the spring of 2008, Carole announced her well deserved retirement and enjoyed a party with gifts, fun, and best wishes. By Sept. she had been coaxed into a semi retirement state when she once again played for services during the fall months. We also met for practice on Wed. evenings and participated at funerals bonded by a love for music and realizing that music is an important part of each service.

Jean Gladwin, Representative

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, and especially to Anita Bell. She has retired from organizing the menus and workers schedules and we will miss her ideas and contributions each week. We welcome Eva Holman who has taken her place so we can carry on as usual. Any seniors living within a 10 mile radius of the church are welcome to join us in the New Year.

Financial report.2008

Balance on hand Jan. 1st.2008		\$894.19
Received payment for meals	\$2721.13	

Total recd \$3615.32

Disbursements:		
Musq. Valley Co-op, groceries	\$1911.74	
Misc. supplies	466.43	
Reids bakery	55.50	
Joint Stock Registry	26.70	

Total \$2440.37

Bal. on hand Dec 31st.2008 \$1174.95

Respectfully submitted Patricia M. McCurdy.

Middleton United Church Sunday School Report – 2008

We had a busy year in Sunday school. We have 9 children who participate in our class as regularly as they can and other children join us for special occasions. In the Spring of 2008 we were focusing on the "Fruits of the Spirit" lessons. These lessons continued to help the children understand who Jesus wants us to live our lives.

Although the Easter Egg Hunt is not strictly a Sunday School activity the children always help out by hiding eggs, taking money at the door and entertaining the other children. We had 44 children this year attend the Easter Egg Hunt and as always they had a great time. We developed an outdoor scavenger hunt for the older children this year which we could not finish because it was too cold outside. We continually try to find ways to make the children more involved and challenged.

As part of our lessons we made goodies for the congregation and talked about ways to make our community a better place to live. When I asked the children what we could do in our community to show generosity, they said visiting the elderly in our community. So one Sunday we took fresh baked muffins and tea to the Valley Villa. The seniors at the Villa were happy to see us and the kids had a great time making and serving the muffins.

We also created our third generation M&S Pig. When we broke open the pig on June 22nd we had raised \$241.00 for M&S. The children bring money when they can and the congregation faithfully contributes to feeding the pig. This has been a wonderful project for us each year and makes the children proud to see the support the pig gets from the congregation.

In the Fall/Winter of 2008 our lessons have been focused on the "Life of Jesus" which has been taken from various resources. The lessons allow us to focus on the stories about Jesus and the meanings of these stories.

We participated again this year in the Christmas Eve Service with a presentation which was based on the song "Star-Child" by Shirley Elena Murray. We were also able to involve the choir and other members of the congregation in the presentation.

We also did a fundraiser where we sold Christmas cards with the Sunday School children in the manger scene. After expenses, we raised \$100. The children decided to give the money to the Musquodoboit Valley Food Bank. We went to the Food Bank and met with Mrs. Greenfield to give her the money and learned all about what the Food Bank provides for our local community members. They seemed to have a better appreciation for the cause after seeing the shelves of food and hearing about the Christmas boxes that would be given to needy families in our community.

Denise VanWychen, Sunday School Teacher

Nominating Committee Report-Middleton

Board of Stewards

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

Grounds Maintenance

Tom Parker

Cleaning

Jean Dares

Auditors

Marion Ruggles
Pat MacKay

Nominating Committee

Martha Higgins
Faye Cooper
Robin Fulton

Plate Carriers

George Fox
Charles Gladwin
Ross Dares
Doug MacKay

Decorating

Janice White
Claire Castle
Jeanie Gladwin

Ministry & Personnel

Sandi MacLachlan
David Castle
Mary Miller

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Higgins, Nominating Committee

Riverside United Church Financial Report 2008

Income:

Bank Balance Jan.1,2008

Envelope offering	\$ 9,165.00
Loose collection	104.50
Initial offering	64.00
Donations / Memorials /Cemetery	20.00
Donations-Organists	600.00
Annual visitation	1,025.00
Profit - Calendar Sales	21.00
M & S Offering / World Development / Advent	3,262.55
Memorial Hymn Sing	1,625.00
Food Bank Donations	2,895.00
Rebate - HST	230.29
Transfer from Cemetery Fund- Grounds Maintenance	350.00
Arimathea	150.00
Wilson's Overpayment reimbursement	504.14
Deposit Error	0.25
Bank Interest	0.30
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	\$ 20,017.03
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Expenses:

Pastoral Charge for 2007	11,230.00
N.S. Power	399.78
Wilson's Fuel	1,280.00
M&S Payment to Pastoral Charge	3,262.55
Donations to Food Bank	2,895.00
Organists' Honouraria	600.00
Grounds Maintenance -Church & Cemetery	600.00
Purchase of GICs	5,000.00
Food & Grocery	53.38
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	\$ 25,320.71
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Balance on hand Dec.31, 2008.
\$ 2,966.61

GIC SAVINGS
5,000.00

TOTAL ASSETS
\$ 7,966.61

Examined and found to be correct-

Shirley Gould

Fern Stewart

**Respectfully
submitted,**

Barbara Bell - Treasurer

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH
TRUSTEES FUND 2008

Balance December 31, 2007		1,136.73
Receipts:		
G.I.C. Int.	\$ 2,685.28	
Middle Musquodoboit U.C. Trustees	88.65	
Kings Mutual-Rebates(Fire & Liability)	\$47.46	
Royal Bank Int. On Acct	1.28	
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	\$ 2,822.67	<u>2,822.67</u>
		3,959.40
Expenditures:		
Royal Bank Safety Deposit Box	\$ 45.20	
F.Clark Fenerty Ins.(Liability)	316.00	
W. Elliott Burner Service	317.67	
Royal Bank fee	<u>1.00</u>	
	\$ 679.87	<u>679.87</u>
Balance, December 31, 2008		<u>3,279.53</u>

Bob Ruggles, Treasurer

*Riverside Mission and Service Report
2008*

Income:

Envelope Offering/Donations/ Collection Boxes/World Development	\$ 3,020.00	140.45
Model Church- Birthday Offering	61.10	
Advent Service	<u>41.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 3,262.55</u>	

Disbursements:

Pastoral Charge M & S account	<u>\$ 3,262.55</u>
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RIVERSIDE - MEMORIAL FUND - 2008

Account # 7600091

Income:

Balance on hand Jan.1, 2008	\$ 1,325.04
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UCW Donation in Memory of Rolland Lutwick and Arthur Stewart	\$ 50.00	
Bank Interest	<u>1.32</u>	
	<u>\$ 51.32</u>	<u>\$ 51.32</u>
		<u>\$ 1,376.36</u>

Expenses:

Advent and Memorial Hymn Sing Supplies	\$ 35.00	
MRHS Band Fund Christmas Wreaths	<u>\$ 40.00</u>	
	<u>\$ 75.00</u>	\$ 75.00

Balance on hand Dec.31, 2008	<u>\$ 1,301.36</u>
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Examined and found to be correct-
Fern Stewart _____

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Bell - Treasurer

Shirley Gould _____

RIVERSIDE UNITED CHURCH
CEMETERY FUND 2007

	\$	921.59	
Balance December 31, 2006			
Receipts:			
Royal Bank G.I.C. Interest	\$	421.75	
Donation (Perpetual Care)	\$	<u>250.00</u>	
	\$	671.75	\$ 671.75
			\$ 1,593.34
Expenditures:			
Ettingers Home Hdw.	\$	34.18	
Royal Bank Service fee	\$	1.00	
Riverside Treasurer (Mowing)	\$	<u>300.00</u>	
	\$	335.18	<u>\$ 335.18</u>
Balance, December 31, 2007			<u><u>\$ 1,258.16</u></u>

Bob Ruggles, Treasurer of Trustees

Examined and Found Correct

Date

Riverside United Church 2009 Slate of Officers

Treasurer	Barbara Bell
Secretary	Catherine Ruggles
Ushers	Robert Ruggles and Sandra 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	Sharon Arsenault and Robin Hutchinson
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

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