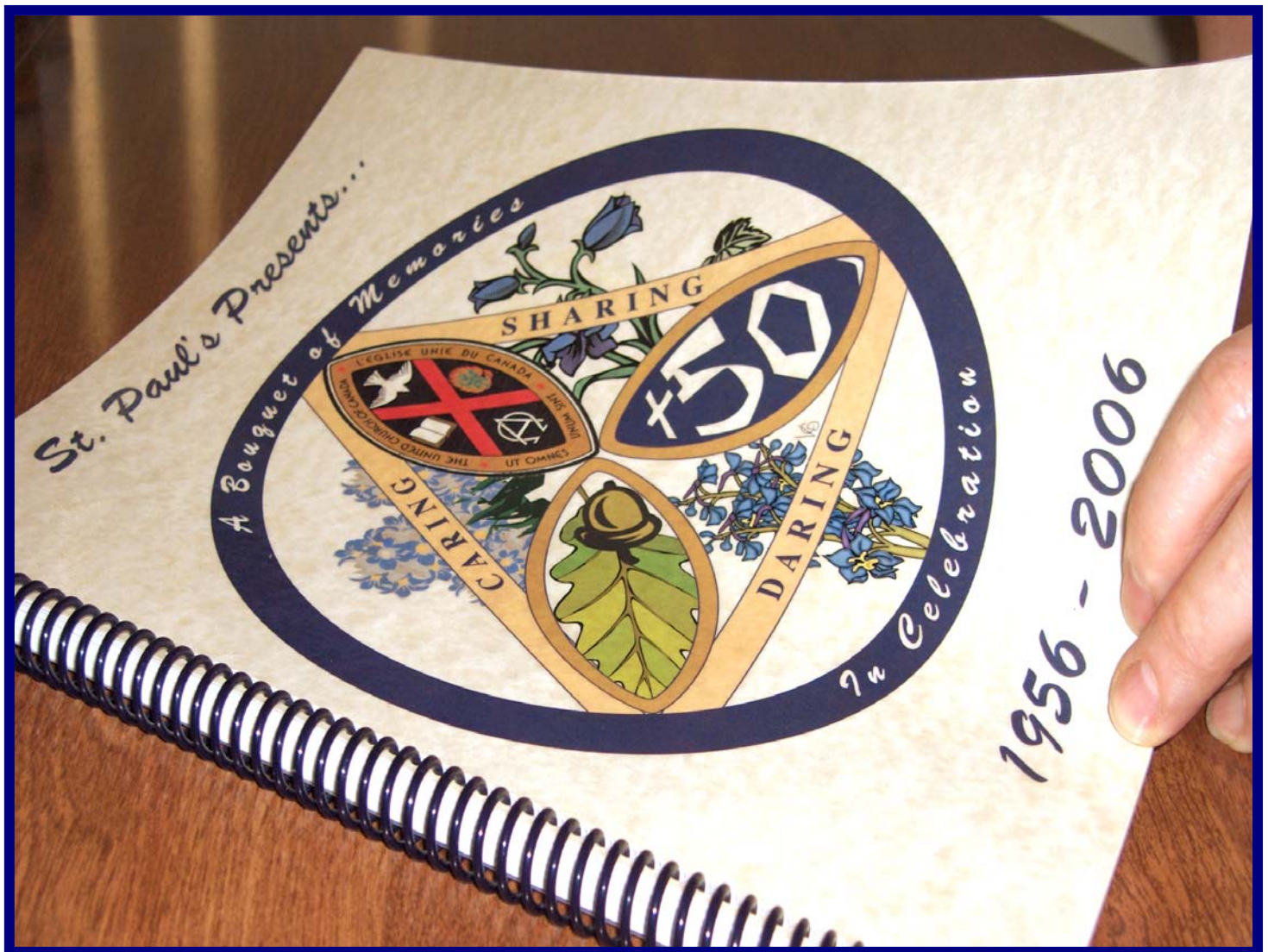


# ANNUAL REPORT 2006

St. Paul's United Church

454 Rebecca St.

Oakville, ON



## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's United Church is a diverse congregation striving to be an inviting, accepting and caring Christian community where one feels welcomed, valued and loved. Our personal faith is founded in God as revealed through Jesus Christ and sustained through the Holy Spirit. It is nurtured through worship, music, study, discussion, activities and fellowship. Enthusiasm for our faith encourages us to serve the community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

# ST. PAUL'S ORGANIZATION – 2006

Chair, Harold DeVenne  
Vice Chair, Pat Mason  
Secretary, Nancy Beddoe  
Treasurer, Beth Boyce-Collins  
Bookkeeper, Helga deLint

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

### Ministers

Rev. Dr. Paul Crittenden  
Rev. Lexie Chamberlain

### Minister Emeritus

Rev. Alan Harley

## PRESBYTERY REPS.

Gary Davis  
Tom Hartt

## WORKING COMMITTEES

(Most Committee Members are Board Members)

### Finance

Chair, Alan Wight

### Fellowship

Co-chair, Dorothy Satler  
Co-chair, Marg Stanley

### Worship

Chair, Harry Garifallidis

### Christian Development

Acting Chair, Janis Fournier

### Stewardship

Chair, Vacant

### Property

Chair, Don Cox

### Communications

Acting Chair, Fay Copland

## TRUSTEES

Helga deLint  
Bev Holmes  
Jim Little  
Marg Stanley

## OTHER GROUPS

### UCW

President, Sue Robertson

### AOTS

Rep, Howard Wills

## STANDING COMMITTEES

(Only Chair is Member of Board)

### Long Range Planning

Chair, Janet Bollinger

### Ministry & Personnel

Chair, Esther Davis

### Garden

George Cooper

### Pastoral Care

Interim Chair, Rev. L. Chamberlain

### Memorial Fund

Chair, Harold DeVenne

### Nominating

Chair, Harold DeVenne

### Outreach

Chair, John White

### Screening Committee

Chair, Vacant

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE REV. DR. PAUL CRITTENDEN

This Annual Report documents some of the journey of St. Paul's United Church during 2006. As you study this document, you will be impressed with the energy expended, the good works accomplished and the spiritual advancements you made as a congregation. Well done! Yet these words don't report everything that occurred.

Now we set our sights on the new adventures of 2007. It is helpful to review the events of the past year and to thank those who have worked so hard to bring us to this point.

First of all to the staff – well done! Lexie, you have worked hard with the young families and your ministry is expanding. Thank you. This year should bring with it many changes and challenges.

Michal, thank you for your ministry of music! The choir brings extra enthusiasm and energy to the services. Your keyboard virtuosity is quite impressive!

Sonia, whose voice you hear first on calling St. Paul's, thank you for your generous spirit and work ethic. Your knowledge of St. Paul's, its culture and history, is willingly and helpfully shared.

Doug, you retired this year, after more than a decade of faithful service to St. Paul's. Thank you for all those conversations, work done, and spirits lifted.

Hannah, who worked in the nursery and Andrea who now looks after the young ones there, thank you for your faithfulness and love. You are looking after our future generations.

The volunteers of St. Paul's are exceptional. To the Board and the various committees, under the guiding hand of Harold DeVenne, thank you for decisions made, actions taken and for holding our ship on a steady course.

As we look back over the past year, 2006, Anniversary and the celebrations jump to mind immediately. We celebrated well. The words Bean Supper, Family Night, Spring Fling, Variety Show, Ryan's Well, Rummage Sale and Bazaar, Beef Dinner, Trillium grant approved, and of course the Memory Book, all have new associations.. Washrooms were finished, the UCW added a virtual unit, the work continued in strength. We were not without projects. Various Bible studies such as "Living the Questions" and Book studies were well attended and energetic. Thank you St. Paul's for your energy, your passion and your dedication.

The Christian life is one of change. We celebrate babies born; we watch their growth and maturity with interest and love. We mourn those who have passed from our community to a greater community. Memories remain, emotions change, but the steadfast love of our Creator remains through it all. In the Campaign Planning Study Report that was prepared for Halton Presbytery, these words appear: "What is supposed to be better because we are here?" "What emptiness needs to be filled by us?" We are well on our way to answering these questions.

Thanks be to God. Amen

"Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."  
Helen Keller

## FROM THE DESK OF THE REV. LEXIE CHAMBERLAIN

I thought that I would take a quick look over the past year - month by month. Here are some of the highlights:

**January: A new year of Family Fun Nights** Once a month (except for July and August) we planned and facilitated different family events. We watched movies together, danced, played games, went caroling and along the way, we grew in community. I am grateful to Wendy Walker and Beth Boyce-Collins who have been so instrumental in helping to organize these evenings. We are thankful to the many others who have pitched in and helped in set up and clean up. It is good for young people, children and adults alike to realize the church is a place of community and support. It has been interesting watching the children develop friendships and community.

**Days Away** In February I took some time away from the business of life and went off by myself to pray and read and most importantly to 'figure out what God was calling me to do'. During this time, I decided that I needed to try some new things in ministry and so the idea of the Book Club as well as teaching Sunday School came into being. When I returned home to Oakville, I learned that I had been accepted to attend a workshop lead by Sr. Joyce Rupp. I had wanted to get into this workshop but had been placed on a waiting list. I was thrilled to get into the event and amazed that there were over 600 people attending the same workshop. It was an interesting and enlightening time as I felt my call to ministry being re-affirmed.

**Lasting Impressions: March Break Day Camp** It was only two mornings of the children's March Break but it made a lasting impression. Drawing upon the gifts and talents of individuals at the church, we provided learning and opportunities and a lot of fun for approximately thirty children. The children were able to decide from various workshops what they wanted to learn. The workshops included things like building and flying paper airplanes, making bird feeders, creating slime, designing purses, or playing like leprechauns. It was a fun time to be around the church. Thank you to ALL the adults who helped.

**April Events** April proved to be a busy month. It was interesting to lead in the Maundy Thursday service. I am grateful to Harold DeVenne who put together a powerful slide show that was used while we sang, "Sister/brother let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too." These words remind us of our call to be the church.

I was pleased to be part of the Anniversary worship service. It was wonderful to meet so many of the former ministers and friends and to hear their stories.

**Annual Meetings** May is a bit of a blur for me since our family life often gets very busy in this month! I think many younger families experience May as a month of beginnings and endings. It is the start up of the soccer and baseball season. It is the month which includes piano recitals and ballet recitals. Those things aside, one of the highlights came during Conference Weekend. I had the good fortune of being able to attend London Conference Ordination service in Mitchell. I had been at Hamilton Conference for the Friday and Saturday, but went to London Conference on the Sunday morning to help celebrate a friend's ordination. It was a wonderful service filled with Spirit and hope.

**Service by the Lake** It was decided this year that the Sunday school graduation would be the same day as the Sunday School picnic. The first Sunday in June we gathered together to worship at Coronation Park. We had a wonderful worship service with the folk group "The Sweet Refrain Singers" leading in music. We were very fortunate to not have any rain - especially since it was raining just a few kilometres away. It was wonderful to watch the children and adults enjoying one another's company and participating in

games. It was great fun. Thank you to all those who purchased and prepared the food, and to those who helped organize the games.

**Summer days** There is a relaxed atmosphere around the church in July, but that does not mean that it is quiet. With Paul and Sonia being on holidays, I am grateful to Michal for his musical abilities. He is able to roll with any changes I happen to make in the service. I am also thankful to those who volunteer in the office.

Vacation Bible Camp ran a little differently this year. We met for only three mornings, but we had a great turnout of children and volunteers! There were approximately 50 children who participated and at least 15 adult volunteers. We had a WONDERFUL time. The final day, we had a water play day in the church courtyard. It was interesting to watch as families gathered to have a picnic lunch and children splashed in little wading pools and slid on 'slip and slides'. The church was literally bursting with life and activity. It was an exhausting week, but it was worth all those sleepless nights of staying up late and preparing the Bible lessons. I need to make special mention of the work and energy that Wendy Walker gave to the Vacation Bible Camp. Thank you so much Wendy!

**Rest and Relaxation** August allowed time for our family to spend some holiday time together. One week was spent at work, but it was a wonderful week in which I did studying and reading while our children participated in day camp at Five Oaks. It was wonderful listening to groups of children having fun and singing songs and playing games, knowing that I did not have to do anything to make it happen! I read a couple of books and spent countless hours in the book room.

**Computer Labs and Campfires** We have had an exciting change in our Sunday School this past year. When the church office received new computers, I asked if we could please have the old ones for the Sunday School. The board was wonderful in complying with this request and that was the start of our computer lab! With the generosity of people lending computer desks, giving us computers and with people graciously offering their expertise in computer knowledge, the computer lab was up and ready for use in September.

Once a month, the older children of the Sunday School go to the computer lab. While at the lab, they listen to a Bible story as told by the computer and then they play some games based on the story they have just heard. It is a very interactive and innovative way for children to learn the stories of faith. The children love to go to the lab, and they learn a lot. In trying to keep up with the children, I too have listened to the stories and played the games - and I must admit I have learned a lot too.

In September I started going to Sunday School once a month to do story telling. I have a fake fire and the children sit around the fire and listen to the Bible story. The stories of our faith relied upon the oral tradition until people could write them down. There is something about hearing a story that is compelling. I love meeting with the children. They have excellent questions and they are able to absorb so much. Their energy, their openness and their seeking spirits are a delight to be around.

The younger two classes of our Sunday school continue to use the 'Seasons of the Spirit' curriculum. They too have interesting crafts and activities. Our church school has grown and continues to grow in spirit and number. I am extremely grateful to the teachers and helpers who put so much into their lessons. Thank you!

Our Sunday school superintendent, Sharon Holmes continues to put great energy and effort into the church school program. I am sure that many people are not aware of the time that she spends at the church and at home working for our church. It is a pleasure to work with you Sharon. Thank you!

**On the Run** On Thanksgiving Monday, a group from the church ran in the Sharkey's One Km Race to help raise money for the Tay Sachs Society. Some of us who ran wore tie dyed tee shirts that the older class of the Sunday School had made in September. We stood out in the crowd. People came up and asked us where we were from and very proudly we answered, "St. Paul's United Church". Next year we are hoping to have a group run the 5km - so get out your running gear and start training now!

**Book Club** By the time November rolled along, the book club had already met three times. It has been interesting to meet with others and discuss the book of the month. It is a very 'relaxed' club, and so if you only read one book and want to come one month, that is fine. We don't even care if you finish reading the book. By the time December came along, we decided that we were more of a "Novel" book club - some people didn't seem to like the book I had picked for December. Oh well, three out of the four weren't bad!

**That's a Wrap!** It was hard to believe that December was already upon us. What a busy year it had been. The church had lots of fun things for children to do during December. There was a Christmas Craft day, "Shopping in Peace", the Sunday School Pageant, and Christmas Caroling. Advent seemed to slip by quickly!

The 4:30 Christmas Eve service was chaotic, loud, and full of energy. One usher kept saying to me, "I can't get over how many young people are here!" Someone counted and thought that there were at least 70 children up at the front making a children's choir and singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus as well as "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". That of course was only the children who went to the front, it does not count little babies in arms or older children who may have been too reserved to go up. The children's energy and spirit was also inspiring. They know the Christmas story well - actually they know the two Christmas stories well! Even though the service was chaotic, loud and full of energy, I hope and pray that people found it inspiring and encouraging as young children showed enthusiasm for being in church and listening to the stories of faith.

It is good to be part of St. Paul's United Church. Many wonderful things are happening. I could have gone on talking about the Walking Club, my monthly reading with Tots and Us, and the Youth Group that is now happening at the church! There is great energy and life here at St. Paul's. To the more senior members of the congregation, I thank you for encouraging and supporting the younger people within your midst. Your words of welcome and encouragement are so valuable and important. Thank you.

In closing, I would like to thank Sonia and Paul with whom I work on a daily basis. Your encouragement and support for my ministry at St. Paul's is a gift. It is good working with you - in fact, it is good to work at St. Paul's. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Rev'd Lexie Chamberlain

## IN MEMORIAM

Dora Margaret Hutchins  
Margaret Kathleen Rydman  
Shirley June Mathers  
Geesina Stauch  
Joyce Marion Helgason  
Robert Donald McCartney  
Helen Robertson Reid  
Frederick Smith McCutcheon

George Frederick Wiles  
Colleen Muriel Stewart  
George Harold Ball  
Lothar Lorenz Friday  
Alice Roosien  
Elaine Marie DeVenne  
Kenneth George Smith  
Henk Meinen

Jessie Davis

Also remembered

Patricia Dunn

Omitted from last year's  
report

Douglas Stainton

### *We Remember Them*

*At the rising of the sun and at its going down,  
We remember them.*

*At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,  
We remember them.*

*At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring,  
We remember them.*

*At the beginning of the year and when it ends,  
We remember them.*

*When we are weary and in need of strength,  
We remember them.*

*When we have decisions that are difficult to make,  
We remember them.*

*When we have achievements that are based on theirs,  
We remember them.*

*As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as  
We remember them.*

# UNIFIED BOARD MEMBERS & STATUS

Harold DeVenne, Chair -Nominations Committee

With Date of Retirement

## ANNUAL MEETING – 2007

Jason Billard	Christian Dev. (Resigned)
Jean Kirk	Worship
Alan Wight	Finance
Doug Boyce	Finance (Resigned)
George Cooper	Finance

## ANNUAL MEETING – 2009

Malcolm Teal	Property
Roy McEwen	Chair of Access Committee
John White	Chair of Outreach Committee
Pat Mason	Chair of the Board

## ANNUAL MEETING – 2008

Wayne Smith	Property
Shirley Brown	Worship
Harold DeVenne	Past Chair
Harry Garifallidis	Worship (*)
Sharon MacMillan	Property (*)
Don Cox	Property (*)
Al Simpson	Worship (*)
Dorothy Satler	Fellowship (*)
Ron Brown	Property (*)
Lloyd Wilson	Property (*)
Rob Phillips	Christian Dev. (*)
Nancy Beddoe	Board Secretary (*)
Beth Boyce-Collins	Treasurer (*)
Ted Mousley	Christian Dev
Amanda Koski	Christian Dev.

## ANNUAL MEETING – 2010

Judy Demone	Finance
Earl Wiese	Property
Marjorie Boyce	Worship
Darlene Cox	Outreach
Dodi Chapman	Co-Chair Fellowship
Bud Farris	Stewardship

## PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE (no date)

Gary Davis
Howard Wills
Ernie Newfeld – effective September 2007
Tom Hartt – retiring June 2007

(\*) Was to retire 2007 and willing to serve another year

## Also Members of the Unified Board:

Ministers  
Retired Ministers  
Past Chair  
Chairs of Standing Committees  
Co-ordinator(s) of the Church School  
UCW Representative  
AOTS Representative  
Presbytery Representatives  
Trustees

# ST PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING - Sunday February 19, 2006

1. Rev. Paul Crittenden welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11.36 am. Paul talked about the 4 pillars of St. Paul's:

1. People – at St. Paul's we work hard to ensure people are welcomed and accepting.
2. Programs – programs are constantly changing to meet the needs of the congregation.
3. Participation – if you have good programs, you have good participation.
4. Passion – passion for excellence.

2. Rev. Lexie Chamberlain thanked everyone for another wonderful year, especially the people who work in the Sunday school – the teachers and co-ordinators who did such wonderful work. One of Lexie's goals for the year is continuing the family ministries program at St. Paul's.

3. Paul Crittenden called for nominations for Chairperson. Esther Davis nominated Sue Robertson as Chairperson for the meeting, seconded by Pat Mason. There being no further nominations it was moved by Joe Hockins, seconded by Doreen Powers that nominations be closed.

..... CARRIED

Sue Robertson took over as Chairperson.

4. Nominations were called for the position of Secretary. Pat Mason nominated Nancy Beddoe as Secretary, seconded by George Rennick. There being no further nominations it was moved by Doreen Powers seconded by Gary Davis that nominations be closed.

..... CARRIED

5. Paul Crittenden read the In Memoriam names accompanied by a power point presentation.

6. It was moved by Doreen Powers, seconded by Gary Davis that the agenda be approved.

..... CARRIED

7. It was moved by Wayne Smith, seconded by George Rennick that voting privileges be extended to all adherents present at the meeting concerning everything but pastoral issues.

..... CARRIED

8. Moved by Eric Mahony seconded by Natalie Wilson that the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held February 20, 2005 be approved.

..... CARRIED

9. It was moved by Bert Fonseca, seconded by Lilly Gorrie that we approve the minutes of the following special meetings: May 29, 2005, June 26 2005, September 25, 2005.

..... CARRIED

10. It was moved by Kent Palmer, seconded by Gary Davis that the 2005 Annual Report, with the exception of the Financial Statements, be approved.

..... CARRIED

11. Pat Mason, on behalf of Chairperson Harold Devenne, thanked all those who had served on the Unified Board over the past year as well as those who are going to continue for another term. Pat read out the Board members and expressed her appreciation on behalf of the congregation.

12. Pat then listed those who will make up the 2006 Unified Board. Two names were added to the list as board members, Roy McEwen and Ron Brown.

Pat Mason moved the acceptance of the Nomination Committee's report and recommended that the Nominations Committee be empowered by the congregation to continue their work in filling vacancies over the coming year. The motion was seconded by David Crown.

..... CARRIED

13. Ron Shermet thanked the members of the Finance committee, counting teams and Sonia Reddie for their help over the past year with the finances. Ron gave a special thank you to Helga deLint for her hard work and dedication. Ron then presented highlights of the 2005 financial statements with a power point presentation. Moved by Ron Shermet, seconded by Alan Wight that the 2005 Financial Statements be approved.

..... CARRIED

14. Moved by Ron Shermet, seconded by Alan Wight that Lawrence Blair be the Reviewer for the 2006 statements.

..... CARRIED

15. It was moved by Ron Shermet, seconded by Alan Wight that we continue to contribute 10 % of envelope offerings, 10% of loose offerings plus 100% of the special Lenten Offering to the M and S Fund.

..... CARRIED

16. Moved by Don Cox, seconded by Doreen Powers that the donations from the Anniversary Offering be assigned to a project to be determined by the Unified Board.

..... CARRIED

Two questions then came from the congregation. 1. What will the project be? Don mentioned that no project has been selected yet. 2. It was asked whether the congregation will have information prior to the approval of the project. Moved by Keith Macmillan, seconded by Pat Freedman that the motion approved above be rescinded.

..... CARRIED

Moved by Don Cox, seconded by Doreen Powers that the donations from the Anniversary Offering be assigned to a project to be determined by the Unified Board, with input from the congregation.

..... CARRIED

17. Ron Shermet took us through the 2006 budget. There were a number of concerns raised about how we propose to get the additional dollars that we are short. It was questioned what the size of the congregation was today versus yesterday. It was asked what we are doing with the stewardship campaign and will this address the shortfall? Ron Brown mentioned that we need to dig deep to raise the funds and we need a new stewardship plan, a new approach where we visit every family, form a committee and seriously look at this. Jane Bollinger spoke about having faith. Ron Shermet said that we concentrate on balancing the budget each year and we try not to use the surplus.

It was moved by Ron Shermet, seconded by Alan Wight that the 2006 budget be approved.

..... CARRIED

18. On behalf of the congregation Esther Davis thanked Paul Crittenden, Lexie Chamerlain, Alan Harley, Michal Rozycki, Sonia Reddie, Doug Beatty, Kristen Odger and Hannah Parnell for their wonderful work and dedication to St. Paul's.

Pat Mason, on behalf of Chairperson Harold Devenne, also thanked the following people for their help over the past year: Jack Meyers for co-ordinating special events, Joan Crittenden who looked after 2 special events as well as supported the UCW, Helga deLint for her work with the church's books, Marg Stanley Treasurer of the Sunday School and Sharon Holmes who looks after the Sunday School.

19. There being no further business, it was moved by Gary Davis that the meeting be adjourned. Reverend Paul Crittenden dismissed us with a benediction.

## UNIFIED BOARD

Harold DeVenne, Chair

It has been an honour to be the Chairperson for the Unified Board for a second year. I was lucky enough to see the preparation for all of the great events during our 50<sup>th</sup> year as well as see them all unfold and lead up to the 50<sup>th</sup> party where many generations of our past and present church family celebrated together. It was indeed a inspiring year! It took the work and dedication of many, many people and we thank them once again for all of their hard work.

We are a growing family as new members continue to join us, bringing excitement and enthusiasm with them. We are blessed with more and more bubbly children who bring cherished moments as they join in the worship services in many different ways. We are also blessed with the additional wisdom of experience as those slightly older than 20 also become members of our family.

The change, last year, in the meeting schedule for the Unified Board seems to be effective. The attendance at meetings has continued to be good. The committees are empowered to carry out their mandates and the lack of monthly Board meetings has not affected their effectiveness, and may have actually improved it.

As you read each of the reports, you will see the enthusiasm and commitment of all of those involved. If you see something you would like to get involved with, please find a way to get involved with that activity. Better yet, become a Board member and get involved with one of the Committees. The more there are, the more work can be accomplished without wearing out those doing the work. We need you on the Unified Board! If you want more information about a position on the Board, please call me at 905-827-0787 or speak to me during coffee or any other time you see me. I would be pleased to discuss the possibility with you.

I want to thank all of the Committee members, whether they be Board Members or not, for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Each of you has played an important role in the life of the congregation. Without you, we would not be the same growing, healthy Christian family we are. My special thanks to the Committee Chairs who take the majority of the leadership roles and make my Chair role a lot easier.

A big thanks to Paul and Lexie for their ongoing spiritual and process guidance they offer to both me as Chair and the Unified Board as a whole, and to Sonia for her patience dealing with our scheduling issues and requests.

We also thank God for providing each one of us with the patience, wisdom, compassion, energy and enthusiasm to carry out our roles with joy and humility.

"The only thing worth stealing is a kiss from a sleeping child."

"There is no point in being grown up if you can't be childish sometimes."

"I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God's business."  
Michael J. Fox

## TRUSTEES

Helga de Lint

Thanks to all the renovations to the Manse completed over the last few years, 2006 has been relatively quiet for the Trustees of St. Paul's. We owe a great deal of thanks to Bud Farris for all his work over the past years and particularly during the time of the major renovations.

During the year, some work had to be done to the porch roof and the heating system. For 2007 we will be looking at replacing the laundry tubs and the sunroom windows as they are definitely showing their age. We have had some water damage due to the state of the windows. A special thanks goes to Jim Little, who is always there when needed.

The Trustees' Fund continues to contribute 50% of the Manse rental income to the General Fund of the Church. The remaining funds cover the property taxes, the cost of the annual insurance which pertains to the Manse and maintenance items, which are the responsibility of the Trustees.

Due to incidents over the last couple of years, we would ask that any person who becomes aware of an accident on Church property immediately report same to one of the Trustees. It is imperative that an accident report is filed with our insurance company as soon as possible, as any person hurt on our premises has up to two (2) years to file a claim against St. Paul's.

Your Trustees for 2007 are Marg Stanley, Jim Little, Bev Holmes and Helga de Lint.

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## Worship

Harry Garifallidis

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo I am with you always even to the end of the ages.”*

*Matthew 27 vs19-20*

What great responsibility He has placed upon us!  
And what great reassurance He has given us!  
Another year came and went and the journey of St. Paul's United Church and of its people continues on. Indeed, the people of St. Paul's are doing just that, drawing their strength from those gentle and reassuring words.

This has been a very special year for me here at St. Paul's United Church. Special because I was nominated and installed as the Chair of the Worship Committee. I was awed, I was honored, I was insecure and terrified!  
Awed and honored the display of confidence and trust in me, insecure and terrified by my disproportioned to the latter experience in worship.

It has been a busy year at St. Paul's United Church. The Worship Committee expanded efforts during 2006 in the detailed outlining and subsequent documentation of processes pertaining to Worship, with emphasis on the ones involving volunteers. Examples of the latter are, the re-evaluation and re-establishment of written ushering procedures, the establishment of written instructions pertaining the distribution of the elements to the congregation during

the Sacrament of Holy Communion, as well as the implementation and compliance with pre-established emergency evacuation procedures.

Another area in which the Worship Committee was involved was the undoubtedly important seasonal decorations of the sanctuary and its peripheral areas thereof, as well as activities during worship services with events involving coordinated volunteers.

Laity Sunday service in 2006 was organized by the Worship Committee in its entirety and was deemed by many as having successfully fulfilled its intended obligation(s).

Many thanks to all those who participated, members and non-members alike.

Statistically speaking, St. Paul's congregation grew in size in 2006 by twenty-four new members! And even though the reasons that brought them to our church are as individual as they are, all of them shared a common factor, the desire to worship our creating living God.

St. Paul's Worship Committee is extremely delighted by their joining this body of Christ. Each one brings along unique gifts and talents which may someday, God willing, be offered in this very church as a ministry of Christ's love to others.

An occurrence I've seen around St. Paul's in great plethora!

On behalf of the Worship Committee and on behalf of St. Paul's congregation and clergy I wish to extend to them my warmest and most sincere welcome wishes.

Fourteen people were baptized at St. Paul's this year!

Fourteen new persons were inducted to the body of our Christ by having the sign of the cross drawn across their foreheads using water. A truly joyous Sacrament that draws warm and welcoming smiles out of everyone, especially when the candidate is an adult.

Four of our youths were confirmed, the sanctuary was overflowing by the joy and pride emanating from their families and friends.

Two couples pronounced their vows and lastly and sadly, fourteen funerals.

Some from within St. Paul's family circle and some from the outside.

Let us lovingly and reverently remember them.

During the latter part of 2006, the St. Paul's Worship Committee in synergy with local churches has made arrangements to offer Taizè style worship services here at St. Paul's United Church in 2007.

Taizè is a style of meditative, prayerful sermonless service with a unique musical repertoire originating from the synonymous Eastern Central region of France where the Taizè Christian brotherhood was established during WWII.

Taizè style services are gaining popularity among Christians and are offered by various churches in several communities throughout Canada.

Some of you may already have attended and or participated in this type of prayerful and meditative evening service. We sincerely hope that many of you will come out and experience this relaxing prayer hour in a dimly lit atmosphere here at our very own church.

An integral part of the worship at St. Paul's United Church pivots around music.

The Worship Committee wishes to acknowledge and simultaneously extend its thanks to the Choir which under the most capable direction of Michal Rozycki, our accomplished music director, leads us in praising His name and His works through singing Sunday after Sunday.

St. Paul's United Church has been amply blessed with two extremely resourceful Ministers and the Worship Committee attributes a great part of its accomplishments to their zeal, creativity and guidance.

At this point I would like to personally acknowledge and thank the members of this committee for the assistance, guidance and acceptance they offered me during 2006 in carrying out my duties.

And finally I wish to thank all those who have assisted and continue to assist the Worship Committee behind the curtains, so to speak. Those who are not official members of this Committee and whose names and various contributions do not get to be published in this report.

Grace and peace to all.

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## **SINGLES' FELLOWSHIP**

Mary Murray

The Singles have come to the end of another 'great' year. We are a non-fund-raising group and meet once a month on the fourth Friday, at 7:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room, with the exception of July and August.

This past year was an exciting one, as we managed to introduce a few new activities as well as participating in old favourites. We visited Halton Museum in Milton for a guided tour and walk about, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. A tour of the Erchless Estate and a visit to Sovereign House, followed by a light supper were other trips we made.

A Hallowe'en party with games, a Valentine's pot luck and a Canadiana evening were some of the highlights.

Book reviews, court whist, a games night, movie night, a summer barbecue in June at the Therrien's and, of course, our annual Christmas evening with dinner, our tree and a small gift exchange, rounded out the year.

We do donate to a local charity each year and this year we decided to help St. Paul's by contributing to the Benevolent Fund.

We have welcomed some new members in 2006 and are pleased to have them. All singles are welcome to join in our evenings, to socialize and to enjoy great company in a friendly atmosphere.

We are looking forward to 2007 and new experiences and new friends. Happy New Year.

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Fay Copland – Acting Chair

*St. Paul's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events* kept the Communications Committee extra busy until well after our special Anniversary Weekend in April. We had advertising to get out and events to write up for "News for You" and our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary memory book, "St. Paul's Presents..."

We are happy to welcome *Karen Perry* to our committee as Technical Editor. Karen took over, in that capacity, from Bert Fonseca in 2006. Both Karen and Bert know how to work magic with computers, enabling us to bring you professional-looking documents.

We published three newsletter issues and the 2005 Annual Report in 2006. Remember that you can access both “*News for You*” and the *Annual Report* on St. Paul’s website, courtesy of our webmaster, Stu Thomas. Stu also keeps our website current by posting the details of coming events and worship services. (Click on “*Worship and Special Events*” on the homepage menu. Click on “*Links*” on the homepage menu to reach the websites of *Halton Presbytery, The United Church of Canada, Special Olympics Ontario, The Ontario Trillium Foundation and Wondercafe.*)

We are always pleased to receive your varied, interesting and prompt submissions to the newsletters and the Annual Report and we thank you for them.

Thanks also, to Lloyd Wilson, for keeping the outdoor illuminated sign current, no matter what the weather and to Ivan Palmer who good-naturedly fulfills our needs for creative advertising posters, often with very little advance notice.

Sonia, Paul and Lexie help us in countless ways and cheer us on with advice and encouragement. Janet Bollinger, Doug and Shirley McConnell and Bert Fonseca have their cameras at the ready when we require photos for our publications and the Communications Committee members, Michele Mousley and Anne Deathe take on a number of tasks, writing accounts of events, proofreading, telephoning, sharing ideas, etc., etc.

It takes the talents of many to keep St. Paul’s lines of communication open and flowing. Thanks to all.

**St. Paul’s website – [www.stpaulsoakville.com](http://www.stpaulsoakville.com)**

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## **FELLOWSHIP**

Dorothy Satler, Marg Stanley – Co-Chairs

This committee continues to make and serve coffee, tea and juice every Sunday morning after the church service. In the summer, lemonade and iced tea are served on the church lawn.

With the assistance of other church members, we organized the annual potluck supper, held on Maundy Thursday.

I appreciate the help that is given. Many thanks to all the volunteers who help every Sunday when refreshments are served.

Thanks to Sonia Reddie who helps in many ways. Also thanks to Doreen Power who makes sure the dishwasher is set up before she goes up to church.

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## **CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT**

Janis Fournier - Chair

The CD Committee has been very active this year and has begun some new initiatives. None of these events would have been possible without the support of all Committee members and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support and help.

One of our new initiatives, organized by Lexie, was the Family based Ministries held the last Friday night of each month. This included a variety of family activities, games, movies and sports events. Lexie also

organized, with the help of volunteers, activities during the March Break on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. 48 children were registered and lots of fun was had by all.

The library plant sale was held on May 12<sup>th</sup> with new merchandise being offered this year. In November the Library Committee also hosted a book display from the United Church. Ted Mousley, Kori Pinfeld, Andrew Meyers and James Smith were confirmed on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Rob Phillips for his direction and guidance with these young people.

The outdoor worship service and annual picnic at Coronation Park on June 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success. This year, there was a carnival atmosphere with different circus activities, provided by Christine Hunter and Wendy Walker. Bud Farris and his able group of volunteers provided a barbecued hot dog lunch with all the trimmings. Rob Phillips enjoyed organizing the races and had just as much fun as the participants!

Vacation Bible Camp, held on July 11, 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, was organized by Lexie and Wendy. 16 adults volunteered and there were more than 40 children participating. During the summer months, Rob and Kathleen Terry found volunteer leaders for the Junior Congregation.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Shopping In Peace" was Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. 20 children participated in numerous activities. Again this year, Rob brought his puppet show to entertain and the children eagerly awaited the performance to begin. Afterwards they were able to choose one of the puppets to perform with. Wendy Walker and Sharon Holmes have started a Youth Program for students in Grade 5 and older.

The CD Committee plays an important role in the life of St. Paul's United Church community. It has been my pleasure to serve on this committee and I appreciate the contributions of its members and those of the congregation who have volunteered to make many events successful.

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## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sharon Holmes

The Sunday School has been in full swing since September and our numbers seem to be growing every week. We have welcomed several new children already since the beginning of 2007. It is so wonderful to see so many children out on Sunday mornings. Our teachers of The Rainbow Fish and The Lions are taking the extra preparation in stride and constantly make each and every student feel welcome.

The workshop classes are getting good use out of our computer lab and the kitchen and are learning their stories through and through. Is there or isn't there mention of an apple in the Bible in The Garden of Eden story? Ask the children. They will be able to tell you the answer.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Rob Phillips for all of his hard work with the Christmas Pageant. As always, the children enjoyed performing and I know that it was enjoyed by the congregation.

The Sunday School's next big project is the Pancake Supper on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Be prepared to be served by our wonderful little chefs.

Lexie and I have many new ideas in the works for all of our Sunday School classes and are looking forward to upcoming months.

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Rev. Lexie Chamberlain

The Pastoral Care Committee is grateful to all those who have helped us throughout 2006. We would especially like to thank those who made casseroles, soups and stews which, in time, were delivered to families and individuals within our congregation. With your generosity, 72 casseroles were delivered.

We are also grateful to those who have extended the ministry of hospitality by attending to the welcome table on Sunday morning. It is people of the Pastoral Care Committee who ensure that there is someone at the 'welcome table' every Sunday. It is so important for newcomers to feel welcome and to know there is someone who may be willing to answer their questions. Imagine being a new parent whose children have gone off to Sunday School, but at the end of the service, you are not sure what room the children are in! The people at the welcome table are able to offer assistance in situations such as these.

Throughout 2006, the Pastoral Care Committee hosted two special Communion services. We held these services on a Tuesday afternoon in the Friendship Room. People who are not able to attend worship on a Sunday morning seem to greatly appreciate this worship service and there is always a good spirit of fellowship within the room.

We also hosted a Christmas Carol Sing in December. We are very grateful to Jean Powley for sharing her musical talents.

Once again this past year, we sent 'Student Care Packages' to university and college students. We rely upon the parents of the students to provide us with the name and address of their children. Once the names and addresses are received, packages are put together and mailed out. These are sent twice a year, once during the Christmas exam season and another sent during spring exams. The thank you notes that we receive from these students are always encouraging and a reminder of how important it is to keep in touch with the 'young adults' of the congregation.

Personally I would like to thank the members of the Pastoral Care Committee. It is an interesting and fun group to be a part of. As we continue to grow in God's spirit, may we extend hospitality and care to all those who enter the doors of St. Paul's.

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## **FINANCE**

Al Wight – Chair

The work of this committee has been accomplished through the efforts of a small number of dedicated people. I ask that you join me in thanking Ron Shermet and Treasurer Beth Boyce-Collins for their hard work in 2006. I'd also like to thank Doug Boyce for his help during his brief tenure on the Committee.

We are again indebted to Helga de Lint for all the time and effort that she has put into taking care of the bookkeeping this past year and for helping once again to get everything in order for the annual review/audit by our CA firm. We cannot thank you enough for your dedication, patience, and guidance!

Thanks also goes to the Count Teams, for the work they do to ensure that weekly offerings and other income are counted, balanced, and deposited in the bank, and to Bev Holmes for putting together the count schedule. We of course must also include Sonia Reddie, in our list of people who deserve accolades, for all the support she provides in so many ways throughout the year.

Your efforts are very much appreciated by the entire congregation and particularly by the committee chair!

The Finance Committee would like to thank Roy McEwen for his hard work in getting the Lift Project going, and obtaining funding from the Trillium Foundation to cover most of the cost of the Project. We would also like to thank the UCW for contributing \$5,000 to the general fund and \$5,000 to M&S this year, plus \$1504 in items purchased for the Church and a \$500 donation to the Benevolent Fund. Your generosity and support of the work of St. Paul's is more appreciated than words can adequately express!

Thanks goes to the Trustees for sharing with us a portion of the Manse rental income. I would also like to thank Ron and Beth for their efforts in getting the Church's accounts set up on PowerChurch. Hopefully, we shall be able to migrate the Church's bookkeeping to PowerChurch in the new year.

The Anniversary Offering, this year, was devoted to The Ryan's Well Foundation, which supports projects to supply clean water in Africa. The Congregation has contributed over \$12,500 to this worthy cause in 2006.

We renewed our line of credit with the CIBC, but fortunately, we did not have to make use of it, thanks to the large reserve we had at the beginning of the year. We ended the year still in the black, in spite of a substantial operating deficit.

The envelope offering covers in excess of 75% of our operating expenses. To balance the 2006 budget, we set a very challenging target for envelope offering, 26% higher than 2005. Thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's congregation, we were able to achieve 72% of this, which still left us with a substantial shortfall.

In 2007, we shall need an increase of approximately 22% over 2006 actual envelope offering to balance the budget. This is a challenging goal, compared to the 4.5% increase in 2006 and less than 1% in 2005.

We would like to thank Rev. Paul, Fay Copland, Pat Mason and the other members of the ad hoc Stewardship Campaign Committee for mounting the "yellow bucket" campaign this fall. In response to the campaign, the congregation has generously pledged nearly 12% more than in 2005. This accounts for nearly 63% of the amount we need. Fortunately, in the past, the actual envelope offering has exceeded the pledged amount by a substantial margin.

I would also like to thank Beth Boyce for her efforts in getting people to contribute through the pre-authorized remittance (PAR) plan.

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## **PROPERTY**

Don Cox - Chair

Your committee comprising Don Cox, Wayne Smith, Lloyd Wilson, Ron Brown, Malcolm Teal, Roy McEwen (Lift Project), Sharon MacMillan and George Cooper, along with Harold Ryerse made up the team that completed a number of property maintenance and enhancement activities.

Much effort to free up space for our growing congregation, through judicious removal of unused items and rearrangement of storage space, resulted in the youth room becoming the Sunday School teachers' room, the Sunday School teachers' room becoming a storage facility and Room 2 in Watt Hall being reclaimed from the Clutter Fairies to become a Sunday School computer lab.

Wayne developed and introduced new fire evacuation procedures that include responsibilities for ushers. Using the new procedures, a fire drill in September was executed flawlessly.

A new approach to building cleaning is being trialed following Doug Beatty's retirement. Cooksville Cleaning Services was hired mid-year to perform the work during unoccupied periods. As expected, there have been some growing pains as we all adjust to this new approach and your patience is appreciated.

The garden committee of George Cooper and Sharon and Keith MacMillan gave us another year of beautiful gardens. Their work, along with the lawn cutting team ensured St. Paul's property is a viewing treat year-round for the neighbours and all who pass by.

The past couple of winters, temperatures in the building during unoccupied periods were lowered to conserve energy and control the ever-rising cost of energy. Watt Hall is gas heated while most of the rest of the building is electrically heated. Electrical power consumption decreased 8% while costs decreased 11 % over two years. The cost reduction is greater than the power reduction due to St Paul's reclassification to a lower rate category, which is what happens when peak power demands are reduced. This is the double whammy effect of reducing electrical energy usage. Gas usage during this same period decreased 25%, which offset the increased unit costs. Those who frequent the church and particularly Watt Hall mid-week during the winter will notice Watt Hall is heated to normal room temperature for only planned activities; otherwise, the temperature is reduced to 55F. The same is true for the Sanctuary. The net effect of these efforts is annual savings in the range of \$3,000+.

A project to install a lift in the building is now underway and will be completed in early to mid-2007. All of the details of the project are being finalized as the New Year begins.

Following is a list of projects and activities undertaken in the past year.

- Provided additional power to the Sunday School computer lab
- Installed new cupboards in main kitchen
- Eliminated lower entrance top step/walkway misalignment
- Repaired and repainted wall behind chancel
- Repaired sanctuary overhead heaters
- Upgraded selected electrical outlets to 20 amps
- Complete stripping, sealing and waxing of Watt Hall floor
- Complete stripping, sealing and waxing of rooms 8, 9, 10 floors
- Removed ragged folding doors and cleaned up area in front of new storage room (former Sunday school room)
- Revamped new storage room (former Sunday school room)
- Installed interior directional signs at west main entrance
- Installed new interior and exterior matting at all entrances
- Refurbished narthex heat registers and surrounding surfaces (Bob Morris)

Thank you to the Property Committee for your hard work and 'can-do' attitude. It is indeed a pleasure to be part of the team. To the congregation, thank you for your support and positive feedback as we strive to fulfill our obligations to you.

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## **GARDEN**

George Cooper

Hi Everyone at St. Paul's from your creative garden committee. Already we have been thinking of Spring. Some of our perennials will be split and planted in other St. Paul's garden locations. This process will only help to enhance our church grounds. Thanks again, to those who pitched in last fall while I was in the hospital.

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Esther Davis – Chair

The main responsibility of the Ministry and Personnel Committee is to oversee the staff working conditions and remuneration. The function of this committee is similar to the Human Resources Department of a corporation. During 2006, we enjoyed the continued support of our dedicated church staff, listed below.

The Rev. Dr. D. Paul Crittenden, Minister  
The Rev. Lexie Chamberlain, Minister  
The Rev. Alan Harley, Minister Emeritus  
Michal Rozycki, Director of Music  
Doug Beatty, Building Operations  
Sonia Reddie, Church Secretary  
Hannah Parnell, Nursery Worker  
Andrea Heilbron, Nursery Worker

### The members of the Ministry & Personnel Committee for 2006 were:

Esther Davis (Chair)  
Paul Rice, representing Paul Crittenden (Jan. – Oct.)  
Janet Bollinger, representing Paul Crittenden (Nov. – )  
Sue Robertson, representing Lexie Chamberlain  
Pat Freedman, representing Michal Rozycki  
Wayne Smith, representing Doug Beatty (Jan. – Mar.)  
Fay Copland (Recording), representing Sonia Reddie  
Janis Fournier, representing Hannah Parnell (Jan. – June)  
Sharon Holmes, representing Andrea Heilbron (Sept. – )

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the members of the church staff for their commitment and professionalism. There have been several changes during 2006.

Doug Beatty retired from his position as Building Operations person at the end of March. Hannah Parnell resigned from her position as a nursery worker in order to attend The University of Sussex. We wish Hannah success in her teaching career. Andrea Heilbron is our new nursery worker. During 2006, Janis Fournier, Paul Rice, and Wayne Smith resigned from their positions on the Ministry and Personnel Committee. I would like to thank them for their dedicated service to this committee. Sharon Holmes and Janet Bollinger have recently joined this committee. I am looking forward to working with them on new endeavours.

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## LONG RANGE PLANNING

Janet Bollinger - Chair

WOW! We made it to the COVER! Perhaps the cover of an international publication is yet to happen, but the cover of **St. Paul's Presents...** has made it to the cover of the Annual Report of St. Paul's United Church for 2006! And that is an accomplishment! You, the congregation of St. Paul's have made history inasmuch as you are the writers of the story of the first fifty years of life at St. Paul's United Church, Oakville. A great fifty years it has been and all of you who wrote your memories have earned the accolades of those who read the text now and those who will turn to this book in the future for hints on how such a success happened. We who were involved in the publication process had an immense privilege to be associated with such a project. From Paul Crittenden who made the initial suggestion for a

50th anniversary book and Fay Copland who joined Long Range Planning as Editor to the many congregation members who helped Long Range Planning make our book "happen", it was a unique and many faceted team and we "had a ball" doing it!

The second part of the events of our 50th anniversary year is the financial picture. We determined a selling price of \$30 which we felt would cover our costs - if we sold enough copies of **St. Paul's Presents...** and we decided to order two hundred books. At the present time we have sold 85% of that number, we are holding several copies as gifts for certain people (e.g. ministerial guests for our 50th anniversary service) and interested groups (e.g. our "mother church", St. John's U.C., Oakville) and we have a few books remaining for sale. To date the proceeds from the sale of the book amounts to about \$700.

In addition to the details of **St. Paul's Presents...** there is the story of the funds accrued from the various events of the 50th anniversary year. From these events there is a sum of money, about \$2700, which also represents great effort by the congregation of St. Paul's. The 50th Anniversary Committee has unanimously agreed to pool this money with the proceeds from the sale of **St. Paul's Presents...** and propose to the Unified Board of St. Paul's United Church that we acquire archival storage facilities for visual material. To date, for example, Shirley McConnell has accumulated many photos and mounted them on large, acid-free sheets of paper while Doug McConnell has stored many images on his computer. To maintain this visual treasure, we will make the proposal concerning the use of this money.

Ours is an ongoing saga and what I have written is the latest update. The Long Range Planning Committee looks to the coming year with faith and confidence and sends best New Year wishes to everyone in this wonderful congregation.

True friendship comes when silence between two people is comfortable.  
Even when you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.  
Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.  
Trying to squash a rumour is like trying to unring a bell.  
Don't make the mistake of letting yesterday use up too much of today.

## Memorable Events and **New** Endeavours of 2006

Bean Supper & Entertainment (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event)

(Saturday, Feb. 18)

Spring “50<sup>th</sup>” Fling (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event)

(Friday, Mar. 24)

Remember When? (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event)

(Friday, Apr. 7)

Sunrise Service and Easter Breakfast

(Sunday, Apr. 16)

Fifty Fabulous Years of Music and Memories

(50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event)

(Saturday, Apr. 22)

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Event)

(Sunday, Apr. 23)

Anniversary Offering to Ryan’s Well (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event)

(Sunday, Apr. 30 – Visit from Ryan’s Parents)

Dr. Paul’s Bible Study – Living the Questions

(**new!**)

Family Fun Nights (**new!**)

Roast Beef Dinner

(Friday, May 19)

Golf Tournaments

(Spring and Fall)

Congregational Picnic

(Sunday, June 4)

Vacation Bible Camp

(July 11-13)

Lift Project (**new!**)

(Ongoing)

Rev. Lexie’s Book Club (**new!**)

Rev. Lexie’s Walking Club (**new!**)

Habitat for Humanity

(Lunches served to workers on building sites by UCW volunteers)

Salvation Army Lighthouse Shelter

(Cooked dinners provided by St. Paul’s members)

Annual Congregational Barbecue

(Saturday, Sept. 9)

Sunday School Computer Lab (**new!**)

Blessing of the Backpacks (**new!**)

(Sunday, Sept. 10)

Reel Theology – Indian Cuisine and Movie

(**new!**)

(Presented by The Crittendens, Sunday, Oct. 22)

UCW Virtual Unit (**new!**)

Poinsettia Tea and Bazaar

Book Launch, “St. Paul’s Presents...”

(Saturday, Nov. 4)

Youth Events (**new!**)

Family Christmas Crafts

(Friday, Dec. 8)

Shopping in Peace

(Saturday, Dec. 9)

Carol Singing

(Thursday, Dec. 14, small Aud.)

& Friday, Dec. 22, in the neighbourhood )

Sunday School Pageant

(Sunday, Dec. 17)

## OUTREACH

John White - Chair

The year 2006 was another busy one for Outreach Activities at St. Paul's. Firstly, we are pleased to report on St. Paul's involvement with another successful Christmas Dinner, organized by the Salvation Army on December 19th. For the fourth successive year, Trident Catering, owned by Adrian Vogt and family, donated and served a delicious Christmas meal for those people who have been helped by the Salvation Army through its Lighthouse Shelter, through the Food Bank or through other social and housing assistance during the past twelve months. About 150 people were treated to a first class turkey dinner. St. Paul's donated the use of Watt Hall and kitchen facilities and some 10-12 of our members were very helpful in setting up and decorating tables, washing dishes and, of course, cleaning up afterwards. David Crown and his jazz group provided seasonal music while people waited for dinner. This dinner is always a rewarding experience for those involved and much appreciated by the Salvation Army and their guests.

Other outreach activities with the Salvation Army were the time and efforts devoted by members of our congregation who willingly participated in the Annual Food Drive and Kettle Campaigns. Also, there is a "Community Kitchen Team" led by Evelyn Little, which provides meals for the lighthouse residents on weekends when the Lighthouse staff have their time off. In a switch from usual practice, the residents and staff cooked a dinner this year for the volunteers as a Christmas thank-you.

Another group of St. Paul's U.C.W members, under the direction of Irene Murray and Beryle Lowther, assisted the Halton Habitat for Humanity program by providing lunches for the volunteers working on various building sites in the Region. In September, we had the pleasure of the Habitat Halton Executive Director, Kathryn Delutis attending our Morning Worship Service and making a presentation. Unfortunately, the possibility of a Habitat Project in Oakville still seems unlikely for now, at least until suitable land can be obtained at a more affordable price.

But without a doubt, the highlight of the year 2006 was the visit and special service arranged for Susan and Mark Hreljac, the parents of Ryan, the 6-year-old boy from Kemptonville, Ontario who was responsible for the birth of Ryan's Well Foundation. He was saddened by his teacher's account of people sick and dying in Africa from lack of clean water and decided to do something about it by raising money for clean wells. He started with earning \$ 75 for one well. After 7 years the Ryan Foundation has raised over \$ 1 million and helped to build 137 wells in 8 developing countries. They estimate they have brought clean water to 200,000 people. One well alone in northern Uganda is said to be serving over 1350 people.

Including money given for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary project in 2005, St. Paul's has sent to the Ryan Foundation a total of over \$ 12,000 – enough for 6 shallow wells, or rehabilitation of 30 existing wells.

Time is bringing changes to Ryan and his work. First of all, he is now 6 feet 4 inches tall!! He is determined to keep on with his education but that is not easy with so many demands on his time. He has just completed tours of 5 African countries in company with Canada's Governor General and he is now promoting a high quality book written by his uncle, Herb Shoveller with beautiful pictures taken by family members. A copy of this book is in St. Paul's library and another copy can be reviewed by calling John White at 905 825 0638.

## **PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES**

Tom Hartt

Halton Presbytery is one of six presbyteries, which comprise Hamilton Conference. Halton Presbytery includes congregations in the Burlington, Oakville, Mississauga corridor as well as several in the Waterdown, Carlisle, Freelon, Milton, Hornby communities. Altogether there are thirty-six (36) pastoral charges serving some 12,500 active members. St. Paul's is one of these pastoral charges.

St. Paul's has two lay representatives (Gary Davis and Tom Hartt) to Halton Presbytery and two ministers (Lexie and Paul). Howard Wills is also there as the Halton United Church Men's Clubs representative.

As members, we are required to be on one of the committees of Presbytery. Tom is a member of the Candidacy and Vocations Committee as is Harold DeVenne (a former Presbytery Representative). Gary is on the Regeneration Task Force. Howard is a member of the Faith Formation and Outreach Committee.

The primary thrust of Presbytery is the determination of all major decisions impacting Halton Presbytery, such as appointments, financial policy guidelines and budgets, mission and outreach, pastoral charge development, together with review of national church issues.

The full court meets 9 times per year at various United Church locations within the Presbytery. The committees meet about the same number of times per year. There are task forces set up as required.

The routine work of Presbytery occurs in the committees with full court approval coming at the regular meetings where needed. The full court tends to deal with major decisions and issues affecting the broader Presbytery, such as Ministry and Personnel appointments, budgets, policy guidelines, Mission and Outreach, etc.

Halton Presbytery maintains a website for information on United Churches, their location and information, Presbytery committees', events, etc. The web site can be found at [www.haltonpres.org](http://www.haltonpres.org).

There are currently nine committees in place:

1. Candidacy and Vocations
2. Faith Formation and Outreach
3. Finance and Property
4. Mission Support
5. Regeneration Task Force
6. Pastoral Oversight
7. Pastoral Relations
8. Nominating
9. Stewardship

During 2006, some of the major issues were:

Capital Fund Raising Campaign; a feasibility study was completed and the project has been shelved. Future development in north Mississauga and north Oakville is actively being studied

The United Church Women of St. Paul's continues to provide opportunities for the women of our church to worship, to serve God, to learn together, to support each other and to share fellowship and fun on a regular basis.

Our members meet in one large group several times a year in the small auditorium. This past year, the programs organized by the members have been excellent and varied. We have shared Communion and two Bible studies with Reverend Lexie, a presentation by Jackie Brennan of the Halton Police on protecting ourselves from fraud, a pot luck dinner with a "Parade of Hats" with all women of the church, a fun-filled celebration in verse, prose and song of the "joys" of aging, a bazaar work night, and an informative presentation by Zenon of their work to provide safe drinking water in areas with third world conditions. We continue to seek out informative and interesting speakers for our general meetings. Often these programs are of interest to more than just UCW members and we invite other congregational members to join us on the second Tuesday of the month.

UCW members are also organized in smaller groups called units. These groups meet most months either in the church or in members' homes for small group discussions, worship, programs and fellowship. They are also an excellent way to get to know other women in the church.

UCW at St. Paul's is about providing opportunities for service. Unit members take turns delivering flowers from the sanctuary to shut-ins and those in hospital after the Sunday services. The Outreach committee of UCW under the capable leadership of Joan Ford and Evelyn Little, organizes funeral refreshments for bereaved families. Unit members, under the direction of Irene Murray, have provided lunches for the work crews at Habitat For Humanity. Other unit members have provided lap blankets to nursing home residents.

The UCW also supports a large number of charities through its annual budget and fundraising. A large donation is sent every year to the UC Mission and Service Fund. Other monies are dedicated to community programs such as the Kerr Street Ministry, Ian Anderson House, St. Paul's College and Five Oaks. The free will offering from last June's pot luck dinner was sent to the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of the Grandmothers Projects. The proceeds from the December poinsettia sale were sent to Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman's Camp Amick, a literacy project supporting First Nations children in fly-in communities in Ontario.

This past year, funds raised over-and-above the budgeted items were dedicated to the purchase of 10 new folding tables for use in the gym, a few new card tables for the Pastoral Care committee, a new fridge, new chair backs and seats for the stacking chairs, new pew cushions for the sanctuary, the benevolent fund, and the new elevator being installed at St. Paul's.

All UCW members recognize that no fundraising would be possible without the work and support of the whole congregation. Without the donations, time, and skills of the entire church community, no rummage sales or bazaar would be possible at St. Paul's. We know that these are St. Paul's events. A copy of the UCW Financial Report is attached to this report for those who want more detailed information.

Over this past year we have tried to reach out to other women in our congregation, looking for new ways to meet their needs and build opportunities to share our fellowship and support with each other. We have begun a new unit of members who "meet" on-line, sharing information and gathering feedback from members who can't attend meetings, but are still an important part of our group. This project is just

beginning, but we hold great hope that this will be a successful experiment and that more St. Paul's women will feel the power of a connection to an involved and caring group. We are still looking at more ways to engage young mothers in the future and we would love to hear from these women about ways we can better meet their needs.

This past year, we also experimented with different meeting formats, room set-ups, meeting times and unit names to help keep us evolving and focused on what is important. Discussion of some business has been moved to the executive meetings so that general meetings can provide more opportunities for learning, meaningful worship and fellowship. We have decided to move the general meetings back to 7:30 with refreshments at the end of the meeting, for the coming year, but we will continue to learn from experiments with room set-ups and ways to reduce the discussion of business so that general meetings are more enjoyable for all.

It has been a busy, productive, and enjoyable year. I wish to thank all of the members for their work and support over the past year. I look forward to being the UCW president for another year at St. Paul's as we grow together in faith and love for God and each other.

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## **MEN'S CLUB**

Howard Wills

The following is a summary of the activities that the club has been involved in over the past year.

**Friday, February 18** Two hundred people enjoyed a Bean Supper (entertainment was provided by some members of the choir).

**Friday, March 24** The club helped with set up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spring Fling Dance.

**Easter Sunday, April 16** Following the Sunrise Service, a hearty breakfast was prepared and served. Seventy two people attended.

**April 21-23** The Central Canada AOTS Annual Spring Rally at the Salvation Army Jackson's Point Conference Centre took place - Wally Macdonald and Howard Wills were part of the Planning Team.

**Friday, May 19** A Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings and dessert was served.

**Thursday, May 25** The Spring Golf Day with St. James-Rosemount Men's Club took place at Merry Hill Golf Club (between Guelph and Kitchener). Some 20 St. Paul's men participated. Supper at St. James-Rosemount United Church consisted of stuffed spareribs main course (catered) and tasty fruit pies for dessert prepared by the UCW. All so sinful! Great prizes too.

**Sunday, June 4** At the Annual Picnic at Coronation Park, some members, principally Bud Farris and Bill Sprung, provided catering services.

**June 29 - July 2** Annual Oakville Waterfront Festival- AOTS, other men and some ladies of the congregation volunteered for shifts covering various activities.

**Saturday, September 9** The Fall Family Barbecue and Corn Roast took place. Ninety-one people attended. Lots of great food and socializing.

**Thursday, September 14** Fall Golf Day at Deerfield Golf Club. Some of the men from St. James-Rosemount Men's Club came to play and two St. Paul's ladies also participated - in all 22 persons golfed. Afterwards, a Roast Beef Dinner. Forty-eight enjoyed the luscious meal. Again great prizes.

**September 29 - October 1** The Annual Meeting of the National Council of AOTS Men's Clubs took place at Harrow United Church (near Windsor). Wally Macdonald and Howard Wills attended.

**September 29-30** Fall Rummage Sale.

**November 4** Annual UCW Bazaar. Members helped set up and take down at both events. As in past years at the Bazaar, AOTS had a small site for the sale of Chantel's Fruit Cakes. (84 were purchased, 54 being sold that day and the remainder later).

**Sunday, December 3** The Men's Club served Communion. As you are aware, we are a small group and as a result, we have to rely heavily on assistance from others, which has always been provided so willingly and cheerfully. We sincerely appreciate that support.

Our thanks to our resident chefs, George Cooper and his son Don and also Lloyd Wilson. Finally our gratitude must go to Bud Farris, our producer/chef, who works so hard directing the various activities and Bill Sprung who "rounds up" manpower for these activities.

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## SENIOR CHOIR

Pat Freedman

We have recently welcomed Brian Lytle back into the fold - he was a member of the choir up to a few years ago. It's good to have another bass. Hint! Hint! We need more members, particularly male voices, so if you have an interest in singing, please join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You will be welcomed with open arms.

The Carolfest, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, was wonderfully well received. The choir thanks all those who came to hear us and to take part in the singing. We had many compliments and it is thanks to Michal that it all came together so well. We appreciate the support of the congregation and visitors as well.

A few members of the choir participated at St. John's in a Masterworks production of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and Bach Cantata #148. A number of St. Paul's congregation were there to support us and we are very appreciative. I hope that some of you will be attending Haydn's "Creation", which is being performed at St. Andrew's Catholic Church on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Although there isn't a place for an organist at this performance, Michal has been taking part by playing the piano for our rehearsals.

Once again I reiterate how fortunate we are to have Michal as our music director and extend thanks on behalf of the choir for his patience and dedication. He does not feel that the choir has any limitations and we have been exposed to and learned a number of new anthems because of his confidence in us.

We take this opportunity to cordially invite new members of all voices to join our fun group. You will not be disappointed and - you will be doing St. Paul's congregation a good service.

## JOYFUL NOISE

Bev Phillips

An enthusiastic group of young people, ages 4-12, continues to make a joyful noise at St. Paul's! Our numbers continue to grow. If you arrive at 9:15 am on any given Sunday throughout the year, you will hear 20 – 25 joyful voices warming up and practicing their latest masterpiece. Last year, The Joyful Noise took part in Sunday services, the annual picnic and performed with the senior choir on Palm Sunday. They were also a big hit at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Variety Show, where they sang Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah, dressed as Sunday School children from the 1950's complete with hats, gloves, white shirts and ties! New members are welcome at anytime and we look forward to further growth in the coming year!

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## LIBRARY

Gerry Wight

*The library is open when the Church is open.*

Our library continues to be busy on Sunday mornings and on Monday mornings when moms and tots stop in after Tots and Us.

A group of dedicated library members sort books and videos every Wednesday morning. These volunteers also cover books, prepare the check-out cards and other "housekeeping" duties to keep the library functioning. Be sure to stop in and see our displays, on the main bulletin board, which change regularly.

In May 2006, our Plant Sale raised funds for purchasing books and DVD's. We thank everyone for their help with the sale as well as the support of the congregation by purchasing the flowers.

The Library Committee is actively seeking new members. With increasing numbers in Church School and Tots and Us, we are looking for people to help us select material for these age groups. We meet as a committee six times a year. We take turns every 6-8 weeks in the library on Sunday morning.

In January, 2006, we participated in National Family Literacy Month with a display of new books in the narthex. In November, we held a Book Display in Watt Hall with books from the United Church Resource Distribution Centre. There were eight tables of books for all ages and interests.

The Book Club and Discussion group that Lexie started has become very popular. A copy of each book selection is always available in our library.

We welcome comments and suggestions from the staff and the congregation as we strive to keep our shelves filled with materials that are current and relevant.

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## TOTS AND US

Judy DeVenne

As I reflect back over the past few years, I'm amazed at how a 4-week program grew to be what it is today.

The Tots program continues to be an outreach to caregivers both from St. Paul's and from the community. The children also benefit from the social time with their peers.

We are in our 7<sup>th</sup> year and in that time we've had several hundred children register for the program.

It's been wonderful to see the children start as infants and grow into preschoolers. Caregivers quite often continue to come with their second, third and sometimes fourth child.

Another plus to the program is seeing some of the tots and their caregivers coming to St. Paul's to worship.

The program wouldn't be the success it is without the help of Julia Rice, Nancy Schaubel and Fay Copland.

Also special thanks to Lexie for all her support over the past 7 years.

If you know a caregiver who has a little one who likes to play and sing and have story time, tell them about our program here at St. Paul's. They would be more than welcome.

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## "GUIDING"

Deanna Jones

Guiding at St. Paul's is alive and well !! - We have all levels of Guiding back at St. Paul,s !

Sparks - (kindergarten and grade 1) meet Thursday evenings, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. 15 girls in the unit

Brownies- (grade 2,3) meet Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. 18 girls in the unit

Guides - (grade 4,5,6) meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 27 girls in the unit

Pathfinders - (grade 7,8,9) meet Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Occasionally the Junior Leader unit meets at St. Paul's.

The girls in the Guide unit would like to express their gratitude to St. Paul's for helping with the food drive in December. It was a huge success and the girls had a great time helping to sort all the food at the food bank!!!

The units are busy!! The Pathfinders and the Guides helped bring the Christmas spirit to the Post Inn Nursing Home by singing Christmas carols.

The camps, last spring, were a great success and fun - lots of outdoor activities! The Guides attended the Heritage Farm in Milton in October - slept in the "Town Hall" and were up early to feed the animals and to learn all about farming in the past and present.

The Brownies and Sparks are busy working on their program - games, crafts, life skills, nature and the outdoors.

The support received from St. Paul's is appreciated very much. Thank you !! Congratulations on your 50th anniversary! Guiding and Scouting has been supported by St. Paul's for almost 50 years !

Please call or contact Deanna Jones if you want to learn more about Guiding . 905-827-4752  
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## 7<sup>th</sup> Trafalgar Scouting Group

Scouting at St. Paul's is very much alive and active, thanks to our leaders, who provide many hours to help develop our youth, who are our country's future leaders. Thanks also goes to St. Paul's for the encouragement and support that we are given by the ministers, staff, and members and for the wonderful facilities that are provided at no cost. We, in turn, always try to return a small part of this generosity by taking part in community efforts such as garbage clean up and when called upon, to help with odd jobs such as parking at various church events. Please remember to call on us when the need arises. As always, we pledge to do our best.

This past year was a very active one for all our sections and 2007 promises to be very exciting, as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Scouting Movement. The Group Committee co-coordinated our group's participation in Apple Days, a traditional Scouts Canada public relations event that helps to raise the profile of Scouting in the community. The Group Committee also co-ordinated the annual Popcorn Sale, which many St. Paul's members supported. Proceeds from Apple Days and the Popcorn Sale are used to purchase and maintain camping equipment, sports equipment and craft supplies that are used extensively by the youth. Deanna Jones and Joanne Patman (from the Guiding Group) and Ron Shermet and Marcus Robertson (from the Scouting Group) organized the Thinking Day Service, when the founding of Scouting and Guiding is celebrated.

Group Committee members are Marcus Robertson (Group Committee Chair and Troop Scouter), Ron Shermet (Group Registrar), Jeff Bradshaw (Akela - Cubs) and Mike Walshaw (Father Jones - Beavers).

For information about the Scouting Movement in Canada or the sections sponsored by St. Paul's, please contact one of the leaders mentioned in this report. You can also get information from Scouts Canada's website ([www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca)).

If you have a child (or a friend or relative has a child) who would like to "try us out", please come out to a couple of meetings and give us a "test drive". If these meeting dates don't work for you, please speak to Marcus Robertson or Ron Shermet and they will help you find a Colony, Pack or Troop with a meeting schedule that meets your needs.

### **Beaver Colony** - Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm - for youth ages 5-7

The Beaver program emphasizes having fun while encouraging children to feel good about themselves, their friends and family, God, and nature. Beavers help children to learn basic social skills and gain self-confidence. A typical program includes a variety of games, crafts, stories, and songs that promote cooperation and teamwork. This year, the Beaver Colony will be choosing a "sharing project" towards which they will contribute the weekly dues that are collected.

For the 2006/7 Scouting Year, the Beaver Colony has eight members and is led by Mike Walshaw, who is ably assisted by Gord Donald, Peter Bristow and Ian Pattison.

**Cub Pack** - Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - for youth ages 8-10

The Cub program focuses around six activity areas: the Natural World, Outdoors, Creative Expression, Healthy Living, Home and Community, and Canada and the World. Individual interests and skills are recognized through simple awards such as badges. The Cub program is designed around Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book," and leaders have animal names, such as Akela, who is the old wolf, and Cubs are seen as young wolves who learn from Akela.

For the 2006/7 Scouting Year, the Cub Pack has ten members and is led by Jeff Bradshaw, with assistance from Denise Warrington and Rick Jalsevac.

**Scout Troop** - Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - for youth ages 11-13 (with an extension to age 14 for Scouts who are invited to complete the requirements for the Chief Scout Award)

The Scout program emphasizes having fun, while encouraging youth to feel good about themselves, their friends and family, God, and the environment. The Scout program helps youth to expand their leadership skills and gain self-confidence. Scouting promotes activities that encourage youth to:

- Express and respond to their own spiritual values and beliefs while showing concern for others
- Develop self-reliance
- Pursue hobbies and personal interests
- Develop self-discipline and the skills of working cooperatively with others
- Cooperate in setting and achieving small group and personal goals
- Practise leadership skills
- Relate with adults
- Be of service to others
- Camp, explore the outdoors, and develop good conservation practices

Scouting emphasizes outdoor and environmental activities, citizenship and community service, leadership, and personal development. Individual interests and skills are recognized through an awards system.

The outdoors is an essential part of the Scout program. Weekend events, extended hikes, no-trace camping and seasonal sports opportunities round out the Scout experience. Developing an active, healthy lifestyle is the prime goal.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Trafalgar Scout Troop meets with the 9<sup>th</sup> Oakville-Trafalgar Scout Troop, with meetings alternating on a monthly basis between St. Paul's United Church and Hopedale Presbyterian Church. Combining the two Troops for meetings and camps provides the youth a stronger leadership team and the critical numbers needed for some Scouting activities.

For the 2006/7 Scouting Year, the combined Scout Troop has eleven youth members and the leadership team includes Marcus Robertson and Guy Speed (from St. Paul's) and Andrew Lewis, Bryan O'Grady, Ulla Cabral and Matthew Ticzer (from Hopedale).

## LEISURE ACTIVITIES

### BADMINTON

Lloyd Wilson

I am looking forward to a new year. 2006 was a moderately successful year. We welcomed back some old friends, and welcomed some new. Fellowship and friendship are big with our club.

Are we competitive? As seniors, yes, surprisingly so. Our people find their own groove and play accordingly. There is plenty of room for more players. There are some racquets available.

I must tell you that if you missed our Christmas party, tough. Irene and the ladies did themselves proud and Frances Harris was the hostess, as she has been for the last 35 years.

I need to thank the people who, week after week, come out and set up and take down nets.

Come join us at 7:30 pm on Thursdays, hit a few birds and rid yourself of your frustrations. See you.

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### BOWLING

Bev Holmes

Well the St. Paul's Bowling League is rolling along - all of our bowlers seem to be enjoying the weekly challenge they give themselves and each other. The friendly banter brings many laughs.

Before we broke for the Christmas Holidays, we enjoyed a very nice Christmas party as we bowled, courtesy of the league. As with every year, the food was abundant as was the fun. Our Secret Santa exchange made the evening even more special.

We look forward to the final months ahead as our teams try to keep their points up as we head into the finals in the Spring.

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### BRIDGE

André & Diane Wolder

The 2006/07 season is well underway, having already enjoyed 3 evenings of relaxed bridge and fellowship. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for the group which was originally formed by Gloria and Doug Francis. Today we have 24 regular players plus a contingent of willing spares.

Meetings are hosted by members and take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday evening of each month. The season concludes in May with all of us together at St. Paul's for a final bridge fest.

# UCW FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Margaret White - Treasurer

Balance Forward			\$	9,115.55		
Receipts:	Offerings & Donations	\$	3,860.87			
	Funerals	\$	5,570.00			
	Bazaar	\$	18,471.80			
	Canadian Tire	\$	39.15			
	Fund Raisers	\$	10,454.49			
	for Leprosy Foundation	\$	20.00			
	G.S.T.	\$	830.25			
		\$	39,246.56	\$	39,246.56	
				\$	48,362.11	
Expenses:	Funerals	\$	900.15			
	Bazaar	\$	5,009.59			
	Fund Raisers	\$	4,003.36			
	U.C.W.Expenses	\$	1,497.91			
	Memorial Fund	\$	150.00			
	Presbyterial	\$	302.28			
	U.C.W. Projects	\$	3,102.17			
Special Projects	Presbytery Bursary	\$	200.00			
	Five Oaks	\$	300.00			
	S. Paul's College	\$	150.00			
	C.G.I.T.	\$	100.00			
Outreach	Fred Victor Mission	\$	150.00	Year end Balance		\$ 16,782.39
	Wesley Urban Ministries	\$	150.00			
	Massey Centre	\$	150.00	In Reserve:		
	Halton Adolescent Support	\$	150.00	Elevator fund	\$	5,000.00
	Halton Women's Place	\$	150.00	Pew Cushions	\$	5,000.00
	Children's Aid	\$	150.00	Refrigerator	\$	1,000.00
	Sleeping Children	\$	150.00		\$	11,000.00
	Hope Place	\$	150.00		\$	11,000.00
	Ian Anderson House	\$	300.00	Carried forward		\$ 5,782.39
	G. & M. Watt Bursary	\$	300.00			
	Lighthouse	\$	200.00			
	Food Grains	\$	300.00			
	Community Living	\$	300.00			
	Kerr St.Ministries	\$	500.00			
	Home Suite Hope	\$	300.00			
	Habitat for Humanity	\$	300.00			
	Club Amick	\$	1,000.00			
Other	M. & M.	\$	5,000.00			
	Work of St. Paul's	\$	5,000.00			
	Lighthouse Suppers	\$	600.00			
	Least Coin	\$	44.26			
	Leprosy Foundation	\$	20.00			
	Benevolent Fund	\$	500.00			
		\$	31,579.72	\$	31,579.72	
				\$	16,782.39	

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2005 \$965.50

## RECEIPTS 2006

Offerings	\$ 1674.00
Cookie Sale	300.00
Magic Penny	300.00
Pancake Supper	701.26
G.S.T. Rebate	49.83
Bank Interest	<u>.63</u>
	\$ 3025.72

## EXPENSES 2006

Foster Parents	\$396.00
Stephen Lewis Foundation	300.00
Sleeping Children around World	700.00
Curriculum & Supplies	1468.79
Bank Service Charge	<u>1.00</u>
	\$2865.79

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2006 \$1125.43

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"When you are content to be simply yourself and don't compare or compete, everybody will respect you."

"When I was born, I was so surprised, I didn't talk for a year and a half."  
Gracie Allen (1906-1964)

"Choose your friends by their character and your socks by their colour."

**MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2006**

Wally  
 Macdonald

**Reported Resultant Balance - Dec. 31, 2005      \$395.77**

**INCOME**

St. Paul's Easter Morning Breakfast (Apr. 16/06)	\$378.00	
Roast Beef Dinner (May 19/06)	\$1,295.00	
AOTS Annual Family BBQ (Sept. 09/05)	\$622.00	
AOTS Golf Tournament (Sept. 14/06)	\$1,650.00	
Fall Bazaar <sup>(1)</sup> (Nov. 04/05)	\$683.00	
Membership	\$135.00	
Miscellaneous Donation	\$15.00	<b>\$4,778.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

St. Paul's Easter Morning Breakfast (Apr. 16/06)	\$204.00	
Roast Beef Dinner (May 19/06)	\$619.14	
AOTS Annual Family BBQ (Sept. 09/05)	\$345.89	
AOTS Golf Tournament (Sept. 14/06)	\$1,445.50	
Fall Bazaar (Nov. 04/05)	\$366.10	
National AOTS Fee (9 @ \$15.00 = \$135.00)	\$135.00	<b>\$3,115.63</b>

**DONATIONS**

Lex Rutherford (Towards KENYA PROJECTS)	\$400.00	<b>\$400.00</b>
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**NET INCOME / - LOSS      \$1,262.37**

**Bank Balance: - December 31, 2006 <sup>(3)</sup>      \$1,658.14**

**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS IN 2006 <sup>(2)</sup>**

World Vision	\$100.00	
Operation Eyesight	\$100.00	
Kerr Street Ministries	\$100.00	
Nat'l Assoc. AOTS Projects	\$100.00	<b>\$400.00</b>

**Resultant book balance December 31, 2006 <sup>(3)</sup>      \$1,258.14**

Note.(1): Income includes \$156.00 from residual 2005 inventory.  
 Note (2): Additional donations approved in January, 2007  
 Note (3): Balance shown adjusted for O/S \$400.00 cheque #070

## OUR HISTORY

1955	December	Erection of temporary church by Halton Church Extension Council.
1956	January	Sunday School organized.
1956	April 26	Constitution of St. Paul's congregation. Ministerial services supplied from St. John's by Rev's J. Terry, H. Pawson, T. Smith, Capt. C. Nickerson and Rev. J.T. Heslop. 215 charter members, 160 received by transfer, 24 by reaffirmation of faith, and 31 on profession of faith.
1957	July 1	The Rev. George D. Watt came as first full time minister.
1957	September	Congregation worships in public school.
1958	June	Completion of first section of Christian Education Building.
1960	June	Completion of auditorium of Christian Education Building. Congregation worships in own auditorium for first time.
1963	February	Decision by congregation to erect sanctuary by end of 1965.
1963	July 1	The Rev. J.F.A. Bewell came as Visiting Assistant.
1965	January 24	Preliminary plans for sanctuary approved by congregation.
1965	March/April	Stewardship programme completed enabling the erection of sanctuary.
1965	June 6	Sod turning service for sanctuary.
1965	October 4	The sudden death of The Rev. J.F.A. Bewell.
1965	December 1	The Rev. E.A. Chester secured as temporary Visiting Assistant.
1966	January 9	Laying of date stone of new building.
1966	April 3	Opening and dedication of new church building.
1966	July 1	The Rev. Karl N. Burden came as Assistant Minister.
1968		Dr. John Younger came as Church Organist.
1970	June 30	The Rev. K.N. Burden moved to Wilmar Heights U.C., Scarborough
1971	February 1	The Rev. Edward S. Yoshioka came as Assistant Minister.
1974	August 31	The Rev. E.S. Yoshioka moved to Knox U.C., Kenora, Ontario.
1975	June 1	The Rev. William K. Houslander came as Assistant Minister.
1977	Autumn	Garage, porch and patio added to manse. 20-year celebration of the Watt ministry at St. Paul's.
1978	September 24	Dedication of new organ.
1980	June 30	The Rev. W.K. Houslander retires to Kitchener.
1980	September 1	The Rev. Gordon Legge came as Assistant Minister, part-time.
1981	April 26	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Services for St. Paul's United Church.
1982	September 1	The Rev. R. Edward Black came as Assistant Minister.
1982	October 2	Celebration for Rev. & Mrs. G.D. Watt's 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. Paul's.
1983	September 11	Beginning of a second Sunday morning service at 9:15 a.m.
1984		Dr. John Younger retired as Music Director.
1985		Bruce Blandford came as Music Director.
1985	June 30	The Rev. G. Legge retires as Visiting Assistant.
1986	April 27	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Services for St. Paul's United Church.
1986	August 31	The Rev. R.E. Black leaves for St. Paul's U. C., Milton, as Interim Minister.
1986	September 1	The Rev. G. Legge, retired, returns as Visiting Assistant until June 30, 1987.
1987	June 30	The Rev. Dr. George Watt leaves for Jasper United Church.
1987	July 1	The Rev. Ronald T. Hunt came as Senior Minister.
1987	July 1	The Rev. G. Legge employed full time for summer months.
1987	August 16	The Rev. G. Legge reverts to part-time Assistant Minister.
1988	June 30	The Rev. G. Legge is honoured at his retirement with the title Minister Emeritus.
1988	July 1	The Rev. Karen Inkster came as Associate Minister.

1990	August 31	Dr. John Younger died.
1994	April 30	The Rev. Karen Inkster leaves for Palermo United Church.
1994	September 1	Barbara Curzon joins St. Paul's ministerial team.
1995	June 30	Bruce Blandford retires as Music Director.
1995	November 1	Clyde Cope came as Music Director.
1996	September 27	Clyde Cope leaves as Music Director.
1997	May 15	Michal Rozycki came as Music Director.
1997	June 30	The Rev. Ronald T. Hunt retires as Senior Minister.
1997	July 1	The Rev. Bill Dearborn came as Intentional Interim Minister.
1999	June 30	Barbara Curzon leaves for Melbourne/N. Ekfrid Pastoral Charge.
1999	June 30	The Rev. Bill Dearborn leaves St. Paul's.
1999	July 1	The Rev. D. Paul Crittenden came as Minister of Word and Sacrament.
1999	October 1	Allison Playfair came as Christian Development Associate, part-time.
2000	September 1	The Rev. Lexie Chamberlain came as Minister of Pastoral Care, part-time.
2000	November 24	The Rev. Gordon Legge, Minister Emeritus, died.
2001	February 11	The Rev. Alan Harley honoured with the title Minister Emeritus.
2001	April 29	45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
2001	June 30	The Rev. Lexie Chamberlain leaves.
2001	October 21	The Rev. Dr. George D. Watt died.
2001	October 31	The Rev. W. K. Houslander died.
2002	June 30	Allison Playfair leaves.
2002	November 1	The Rev. Lexie Chamberlain came as Associate Minister, part-time.
2004	May 3	The Rev. Paul Crittenden receives the degree, Doctor of Ministry.
2005	April 24	Celebrated start of 50 <sup>th</sup> Year with special service and luncheon.
2005	November 1	The Rev. Lexie Chamberlain comes on board full-time as Associate Minister.
2006	April 22–23	A weekend of activities in celebration of St. Paul's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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