



2009 ANNUAL REPORT



February 28, 2010

Table of Contents

NOTES TO CONGREGATION AND 9 STEPS TO A MOTION	1
MINISTER’S MESSAGE	2
MINUTES 2009 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	3
HISTORIC ROLL	4
In Memoriam	4
Welcome Through Baptism	4
Welcome Through Confirmation	4
Marriages	4
MELVILLE CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT	5
CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT YEAR END REPORT	6
MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE	7
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT	8
FUN, FUNDS AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE	9
THE AMF TEAM	9
WORSHIP, MUSIC AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE - 2009	10
REPORT FROM WATERLOO PRESBYTERY AND NORTH WEST CLUSTER	12
ANNUAL REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES	13
Insurance	13
Insurer	13
Carrier	13
Assets	13
Memorial Fund	14

Chequing Account Statement	14
Chequing Account Disbursements	14
TRUSTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010	14
U.C.W. REPORT	15
U.C.W. Financial Statement	16
CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT	17
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	18
PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL REPORT	18
RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE	19
PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT	20
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT	21
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT	22
Financial Statements	25

***NOTE to Congregation:**

- i) Floor will be open for motions.
- ii) There *must* be a mover and seconder before the motion is read.
(Motion must be in written form.)
- iii) The mover will speak to the motion first. There is a limit of 3 (three) minutes for each person to speak to the motion.
- iv) The mover will have the final opportunity to speak to the motion before the vote.

9 STEPS TO A MOTION

- 1. Moved—a proposal from the floor
- 2. Seconded—another member’s interest
- 3. Stated—by chair or secretary
- 4. Discussed—each member can speak once to each motion
- 5. Amended—changing the motion by:
 - i) adding or deleting words
 - ii) replacing with different words (Each amendment has the same 9 steps)
- 6. Called—Time to Vote
- 7. Restated—ensures everyone’s understanding of motion
- 8. Voted—all in favour? Opposed? Abstaining?
- 9. Declared—Carried or Defeated

MINISTER'S REPORT - 2009

The Annual Report is one of the ways in which we review the life and work of the congregation during the past year and look forward to the year ahead. As I read the reports in this document it is uplifting to see the commitment, dedication and enthusiasm for ministry at Melville.

I feel very blessed that I was appointed to be your long-term supply minister beginning October 1, 2009.

Although, our pastoral relationship is only four months old, we have been able to share the joys, sorrows and challenges of life at Melville while living out the gospel of Jesus Christ. There were many highlights for me: Celebration October, the Youth Service, the Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve Service, and the roast beef Dinner.

Building community is an important element in a faith community. The people of Melville have worked diligently to reach out to our neighbours and communicate the life and work of the church. May we continue to find creative ways to reach out to others in the community.

Attending committee meetings was a priority for me last year. I was and am very impressed with the lay leadership at Melville and the dedication of the committee members to meet regularly, make good decisions and communicate those decisions to the congregation. Melville people have worked very hard to make sure that everyone feels included in the life and work of the church.

Pastoral care is a focus of my ministry with you. I feel very blessed that you continue to welcome me into your lives to share your personal and spiritual struggles and joys with me.

Worship, preaching and the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion are important elements of my ministry and I spend much time and energy on them. Thank you for your affirmations, constructive feedback and encouragement.

Finally, I would like to thank the wonderful staff at Melville for welcoming me onto the team. Gerri, Jen and Matthias have been very open and patient, answering my many questions, helping me understand the history of the church community and offering their wisdom and guidance when needed. Many thanks to the other staff members, Gwen and Bob for their help this past year

Melville continues to be blessed with many gifted lay leaders and faithful members. May we continue to encourage and affirm one another as we live out our call to be the church.

Please read all of these reports, as they reflect our commitment to living the Good News of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless us.

Rev. Shelley Smith (or just Shelley)

**MELVILLE UNITED CHURCH
2008 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009**

1. Call to Order

The 2008 Annual Congregational Meeting of Melville United Church, held in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 22, 2009 was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Rev. Steven Huntley.

Attendance: There were 53 (fifty-three) in attendance for the meeting. (80 for lunch.)

A devotion was led by Rev. Steven Huntley who also read the names in the "In Memoriam" from the Annual Report and led us in prayer.

Rev. Huntley also spoke about becoming more mature Christians in our faith as we take on roles within the church. He encouraged members to not be stopped by fear; to keep fear beside, not in front blocking action..

2. Election of the Chairperson and Secretary

It was moved by Ken McManus and seconded by Neil Dunsmore - **THAT THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING BE JANE O'LEARY AND THE SECRETARY BE MARG FRAYNE.**

CARRIED.

3. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Neil Dunsmore and seconded by Alison Rainford- **THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.**

CARRIED.

4. Voting Privileges

The voting privileges were noted.

5. Approval of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting

It was moved by David Gohn and seconded by Susan Barth - **THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MELVILLE UNITED CHURCH DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2008 BE APPROVED.**

CARRIED.

6. 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 The financial report for the year 2008 was explained and questions answered by Gwen Swift, treasurer, and David Gohn, Acting Finance Chair.

It was moved by Martha Duncan and seconded by David Gohn - **THAT THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2008 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED..**

CARRIED.

7. 2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

It was moved by Ralph Rainford and seconded by Patty Foster - **THAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009 BE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.**

CARRIED.

8. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was moved by Susan Barth and seconded by Neil Dunsmore - **THAT THE COMMITTEE REPORTS BE ACCEPTED.**

CARRIED.

9. It was moved by Alison Rainford and seconded by Lorna Bevcar - THAT WE ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS PRESENTED FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THAT WE GRANT COUNCIL PERMISSION TO FILL VACANT SPOTS ON COUNCIL AS THEY DEEM NECESSARY. CARRIED.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Orientation of new council committee members and regular council meeting on Wed. Feb. 25, 7:15.

10.2 Doreen presented Rev. Huntley with a humorous gift..

12. CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Jane O’Leary thanked all for the work this past year and David Gohn was welcomed as new council chair.

13. ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

It was moved by Ralph Rainford and seconded by Ken McManus - **THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. Carried.**

Rev. Huntley closed the meeting in prayer at 1:20 p.m. with a benediction.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HISTORIC ROLL - 2009

In Memoriam

Ralph Atkinson	John Armstrong	Annemarie Eckerich*
Jack Lynden	Ethel Jackson	Nancy Miner
Barrie McFadzean	Robert McLean*	Lloyd Reid
Joseph Smith*	Evelyn Soehner	Lucille Sutherland
Emery Nelson		

*Not a member of Melville

Welcome Through Baptism

Fraser Aitken Cable Litchfield	Julia Grace Sophia Mullin
Logan Scott Gear	Connor William Henry Anderson
Brady Monroe Wilson Cass	Jacob Melvin James Shields
Griffin David Swan	

Welcome through Confirmation

Seth Duncan	Jeremy Dunsmore	Emily Foster
Andrew Huntley	Georgia Huntley	Janine Mahoney
Jonathon Mahoney	Rozlyn Oates	Cameron O’Leary
Arlin Otto	Shannon Rawn	

Marriages

John Douglas Wedderburn	and	Angela Helen Janzen
James Wilson Pepper	and	Stephanie Frances Bishop
William George Longe	and	Susan Marie Anticknap
Janice Heather Atkinson	and	Tracey Lorraine Mitchell

MELVILLE CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2009

In my contribution to the Annual Report as your Chairperson of Melville Church Council, I will highlight the events that have taken place in the current year.

Melville United Church congregation has experienced many accomplishments as well as changes during the year, 2009. We began the month of January with the announcement that our minister, Rev. Stephen Huntley had accepted a call to a church in Burlington, beginning May 1st. We celebrated his eleven years of faithful service at an appreciation dinner in April. His time at Melville will be remembered, for his many talents and contributions particularly, his expertise in pastoral care. His wife, Kate, and children, Andrew and Georgia also made a major contribution to church life and the programs offered here at Melville.

In March, we welcomed our Youth Ministry Leader, Jen Auger, who has been working with our youth on Sunday mornings and organizing special programs and learning experiences for them.

The window replacements in the C.E. wing were completed in early 2009. It is probably too early to measure the energy savings with the new windows, however, we are enjoying the fact that we can see the landscape from inside, now that the frosted window panes have been replaced with clear glazing. Our church catered the meals at the Hamilton Conference Annual Meeting in May and all hands were on deck to help over the three day period. Our church members assisted with the truck show, sold food at our trailer at the Highland Games and at the fall fair. In October, we welcomed Rev. Shelley Smith who will serve our congregation as a long term supply minister for a twelve month period.

A Joint Needs Assessment Committee has been formed to determine the future needs and desires of our church family so that the process of calling a minister can begin. I would like to recognize a long list of volunteers who lovingly labour for the church, whether it be repairs to the property, opening and closing the church on Sundays, looking after the elevator, providing coffee after service on Sundays and coffee hour on Fridays, making meat pies, staffing food booths, organizing the garage sale and angel tree, and helping during the Fall Festival. I would be remiss if I did not also thank the faithful ladies who quilt each week, the profit of which is given to the church. I extend a big thank you to the members of Church Council for their work during the past year and to people who have chaired the committees, to our secretary, Marg Frayne and our treasurer, Gwen Swift, your work is greatly appreciated. To Gerri, our church secretary, Matthias, our organist, and Bob, our custodian, your work is truly appreciated. To Shelley and Jen, you are both new this year in your positions, and we are very pleased with your work within and beyond the church here at Melville. Each person brings unique gifts and talents to share and, as a result, the congregation perceives church life with a deeper understanding and appreciation. As members of the church family, we must continue to support our church with time, talents and financial giving. We have increased our annual budget to cover the cost of providing more service to our youth ministry and to meet the needs of keeping the church building in good repair. We must prayerfully meet our obligations so that we do not find ourselves in a deficit position. I have enjoyed the position of chairperson of church council as I get to know more of the people at Melville and be a part of a great church family.

Thank you,
David Gohn, Chairperson, Church Council

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE YEAR END REPORT 2009

In 2009 the CD Committee welcomed as new members Shawna Dunsmore and Diane Maloney. Unfortunately, Diane's return to school necessitated her resignation from the committee in the fall. We also welcomed Jen Auger our new Youth Ministry Leader as a valuable addition to the Committee. Shelly Smith, of course, replaced Stephen Huntley as advisor and guide to the group.

Currently the Christian Development Committee includes Susanne Schmidt-McQuillan, Deb Forsythe, Jim Baxter, David Ogilvie, Shawna Dunsmore, Jen Auger, and Eleanor Johnston (Chair). All are remaining on the Committee for next year with the exception of Eleanor. The new chair is yet to be determined.

Kid's Church

A 3-year plan was developed for Kid's Church and presented to Council in January 2009. Thanks to the efforts of Deb Forsythe and Susanne Schmidt-McQuillan there has been excellent progress towards meeting the goals. The broken, redundant furniture and other items stored in the Kid's Church place has been cleared out. The rearranged space, new chairs, carpets, decorations have made the space much more welcoming and conducive to the programming. The old computers have been replaced by more up-to-date ones purchased from RJ Burnside.

The Jerusalem Market Place curriculum was used for the spring term. Seasons of the Spirit which followed the lectionary was used for the fall term. Thanks to all the volunteers who have assisted by teaching various sections. Thanks also to Peggy Darroch for her continuing great job with the pre-schoolers.

Nursery

2009 was a year of change in the Nursery. After several years of great work, Julaine Pletch and Kim Bell stepped down as Nursery co-ordinators in June. Diane Maloney took over the job and organized the schedule for the fall term. We also instituted a new procedure for cleaning the toys used in the Nursery each Sunday.

Mid/Teen Church

Confirmation classes were held last winter and several young people became confirmed members of our congregation.

Jen Auger and Jim Baxter have provided an exciting program for the mid-teen and teen groups. The youth have been becoming more actively involved in various aspects of Church life, including the youth led worship services. They been able to participate in recreational nights and have been involved in other special events. Thanks also to the parents who have volunteered assistance with these programs.

The Christmas presentation was put on co-operatively by Kid's Church and the Mid & Teen Groups and included congregational participation in the singing. Again thanks to all the adults who helped behind the scenes with the production.

Young Adults

A young adult group was initiated under the auspices of Jen Auger this past fall. It has been decided that meeting during college/university breaks would better suit the busy schedules of the young people in this age group.

Libraries

Helen La Croix has continued to do a great job with the Melville Church Library and her highlighting of books in the bulletin to raise congregational awareness. The appeal to the congregation for new books for Kid's Church and the Teen Church has met with a positive response resulting in an updated library for these groups.

Families Camp Weekend

Another successful Family Camp Weekend was held at Edgewood last June providing recreation and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere for all ages. Thanks to Evelyn Brown for all her hard work in co-ordination and preparation and to all of the volunteers who assisted in making this a great time for everyone.

MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT - 2009

"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord..."

Proverbs 19, v., 17

Mission & Outreach thanks all Melville & community members who have supported our efforts to assist those in need. This past year, M&O provided financial donations to the Centre Wellington Food Bank, The Door Youth Centre, the Benevolent Fund, and the Bible Society. Additionally, food was collected for the food drives at Christmas and Thanksgiving. Thanks for all those carrots! Some members of our committee and congregation participated in the "grow a row" initiative for the food bank. Much needed fresh produce was then available to those in need. The youth, as organized by Jen Auger, also collected food the night before Halloween. Youth knocked on doors in the Union and Princess St. neighbourhood and called, "trick or eat". Neighbours then generously dropped a wide variety of foods for the Food Bank into the kids' bags.

In February, M&O served soup & buns for lunch. Your donations from this event were directed to the Big Brother & Big Sister Association. Bracelets for Hope were sold by our youth & committee members

following a youth service. The money from this fund-raiser supports the fight against HIV/AIDS AT OH Africa's Tsepong Clinic in Lesotho. Finally, our committee supported the Christmas Day Dinner that was held at Hooligan's Café. Cathy Little, the owner of Hooligans, invited members of all churches and some community organizations to help plan this special event. The idea was that Cathy wanted to provide a meal to those people who would be alone on Christmas Day. It was remarkable to work with others in the community to make this happen. Janet McFazdean helped serve at this dinner and Thelma French played Christmas music on the keyboard. Dishes from Melville's well-stocked kitchen were lent. It was a beautiful event.

On behalf of M&O, thank you. Our efforts are effective because of your generosity.

Peace & Love to you and your families,

Committee Members: Dorothy Collin, Thelma French, Jennifer Banks, Arlin Otto, Lindsay Baxter & Sandra McLarnon

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT - 2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Phil Brown, George Collin, Neil Dunsmore, Ralph Rainford, Karen Smillie, Kathleen Thompson, Richard Wright

This has been an exciting year in many ways here at Melville. The year brought our new Youth Leader Jen Auger. Jen has been a great asset to all at Melville, especially to our youth and young adults who reap the benefit of her many talents.

In April we said good-bye to Rev. Stephen Huntley and family. After ten years of dedicated service to Melville, Stephen accepted a call to Tansley United Church in Burlington, Ontario. We miss Stephen, Kate, Andrew and Georgia, but wish them good luck and God's speed as they embark on a new journey.

Our custodian, Bob Mitchell, finishing his first full year of duties at Melville continues to do an excellent job of keeping the building spick and span. This is an amazing task given the amount of use the old building has to take.

Our thanks to Gerri McCullough, Office Administrator for all her efforts in keeping the day to day life and work here at Melville on track.

Our music programme continues to flourish under the capable leadership of Music Director Matthias Schmidt. We offer him our thanks for his dedicated service.

Part way through this year, Neil Dunsmore our chairperson, found it necessary to resign from our committee for personal reasons. We were sorry to see him leave and we thank him for his many years of service to the M&P Committee. Ralph Rainford assumed the role of chairperson.

With Stephen Huntley's leaving at the end of April, we found ourselves without a minister. The Worship, Music and Communications Committee was very successful at filling the pulpit each Sunday. A committee was formed to hire for Melville a Long Term Supply.

The first of October brought our new minister Rev. Shelley Smith on a long term appointment. She comes from the Lyndon-Troy pastoral charge. We are pleased to have Shelley as part of our congregation and we look forward to her leadership.

As we enter into a new year, we pray for guidance, patience and understanding as our committee works together with the staff and the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Rainford, chairperson

FUN, FUNDS AND FELLOWSHIP - 2009

Committee Members: Karen Banu, Joan and John Cuming, Lorna Bevcar, Marg Frayne, Ralph Rainford, Jim Sparry, Ruth Sproule

Our committee had another very active and productive year. Again, we fulfilled our mandate to not only raise money for our church but to provide for fun and fellowship for the people of Melville.

We began this year by closing out Fergus' 176th Anniversary on New Year's Eve with Doors Open and ringing the bell 176 times. A bitter cold night brought out a smaller crowd, but over two hundred people came by for warmth and refreshments. February brought Shrove Tuesday, and we served a pancake supper to about one hundred people. The Irish Stew supper in March is always a big hit here at Melville. We bid good-bye to Rev. Huntley and family in April with a gala dinner evening. One hundred forty people attended. Again we helped at the annual Truck Show in Fergus. Our annual participation at the Fergus Scottish Festival brought with it fellowship, financial return and enhanced the awareness of Melville in the community. As well, we took our food trailer to the Fergus Fall Fair. Our second "Autumn Splendour" was a huge success, and we look forward to its return next fall. We hosted a concert performed by the Male Orpheus choir in October. A very successful garage sale was held in November. The "Memory Tree" and sale of United Church calendars rounded out the year.

Sunday morning coffee hour following the worship service continues to be successful. We will continue this weekly event and invite you to join us. We are always looking for volunteers to help out.

Friday morning coffee time is also well received for many in our congregation able to attend. It too will continue.

The "Raise the Roof" campaign will continue in 2010, and you are reminded that our committee will again be active. The windows are done, the roof is on and now we will turn our minds to the next task at hand. Stay tuned for details. We also plan to continue the fun and fellowship here at Melville as well. Please plan to join us.

Respectfully Submitted
Ralph Rainford, Chairperson

THE AMF TEAM

The Always Moving Forward Team is an ad hoc committee created by, and responsible to the Council of Melville United Church.

Originally The Team's mandate was to develop thinking on future directions for Melville as we moved forward into the 21st Century.

Subsequent to the announced resignation of Reverend Stephen Huntley the Team was directed to centre upon the development of a revised Vision Statement for Melville. During the 2009 Calendar year we moved forward with that plan seeking the assistance of Rev. Judith Johnson from Hamilton Conference. Judith is well known to Melville Congregants and was welcomed back.

Utilizing a variety of team type activities we were able to work with more than sixty members of the congregation in developing a beginning position. Taking the data collected we were then able to spend much time working through an analysis which led to the presentation of a Draft Vision Statement.

That statement was accepted by Council for a one year trial period with the intent that all programs and committee activities throughout 2010 would incorporate this thinking into their activities.

As I write this report I am uncertain as to Council's wishes for this committee as Melville moves into the new decade.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Ken McManus, Chair, AMF Team

Committee - Robert Foster, Doreen Ecclestone, Graeme Chalmers, Richard Wright, Diane Maloney & David Gohn

WORSHIP, MUSIC & COMMUNICATIONS ANNUAL REPORT - 2009

The membership of Worship Music and Communications: Martha Duncan, Lillian Gohn, Diane Lank, Leanne MacLean, and Joanne Mitchell. (5)

Minister: Rev. Shelley Smith, Music Director: Matthias Schmidt, Youth Ministry Leader: Jen Auger attend our meetings on a regular basis.

The committee meets once monthly and the area of responsibility is all aspects of worship including pulpit supply and communications.

In April we said farewell to our minister Rev. Stephen Huntley. The time with Stephen was fruitful and many good things were accomplished during his time with us.

A Newsletter was started this year with the assistance of Marg Frayne, Lori Wright and Jane O'Leary.

In 2008 Diane Lank and Don Hess assisted the church in launching a website.

This past fall Chris Herriott agreed to continue working with the website. All church committees are encouraged to contact Chris to post activities and events.

During the months of May through to the end of September we were blessed with an excellent calibre of people doing pulpit supply:

- Rev. Jack Fearnall, retired United Church minister currently living in Owen Sound was our special Anniversary speaker and special music was supplied by Bill Zinck on the trumpet,
- Rev. Dennis Hillis from the Bible Society, Sunday May 24th,
- Rev. Austin Snyder, retired minister was in our pulpit for three Sundays: two in July and one in August,
- From our own Melville congregation Diane Lank and Bob Foster,
- Rev. Mel Rose of Cambridge was in our pulpit on July 26th,
- Rev. Anne Gajerski-Cauley took one of our services in August,
- Lynda Goy-Flint second year student at Emmanuel College in Toronto did pulpit supply for several Sundays in the five month period we were without a minister

At various times throughout the year we are blessed to have the Youth of Melville take responsibility for conducting church services.

The Melville Church Family was pleased to welcome two new ministers to our midst.

- In March Melville welcomed our Youth Ministry Leader, Jen Auger. A Covenanting service for Jen was held during the Sunday Morning Worship on June 7th. The Rev. Anne Gajerski-Cauley represented the Chair of Presbytery for the Covenanting portion in the service. Following the service a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the lower hall.
- On October 1st we were pleased to welcome our Minister, Rev. Shelley Smith. During the regular Sunday morning Worship service on November 8th a time of covenanting was celebrated between Melville United Church and the Rev. Shelley Smith.

Several purchases were made for the sanctuary this past year: A new computer for use in the sanctuary to be used during the worship services, new microphones and stands. The microphones and stands were financed from the Memorial Fund administered by the Trustees.

The Advent Services:

- November 29th The first Sunday in Advent and communion,
- December 6th Pageant presented by Kids Church and the Youth of Melville,
- December 13th The Senior Choir presented the Cantata "Go Tell It" ,
- December 13th in the evening an informal carol sing was held in the Chapel,
- December 15th Blue Christmas for all who might be grieving, hurting, in pain, lonely or simply not connected with the public joy of the Christmas Season,
- December 20th Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion.

The W.M.C. committee has made a request to Church Council to create a separate committee to be named Communications. That committee's responsibility could be: The website, the newsletter, Melville's Annual Report, the sanctuary sound equipment. This move will require a change in the constitution.

For now perhaps a sub-committee could be formed for this work.

In January this year the Committee studied Chapter 4 of Anthony Robinson's book 'Transforming Congregational Culture' and at our March meeting the committee will continue and study Chapter 5.

This past year Myrtle Black retired from the committee. Myrtle was always eager to have the sermon title placed in our local newspaper each week. Thank you Myrtle, and we wish you joy and blessings in your new home.

Retiring from our committee this year is Diane Lank. Diane served as Chair of the committee for two terms. Thanks Diane for your dedication and commitment to the W.M.& C. Committee.

We are thankful and feel truly blessed with the leadership of our Minister Shelly Smith, our Youth Ministry Leader Jen Auger, and our Music Director Matthias Schmidt. Thank you to the Melville Church Family that work hard to support our faith community for the Kingdom of God.

We pray for God's guidance and grace as we begin the work for the year ahead.

*Lillian Gohn,
Chair, Worship, Music and Communications Committee*

REPORT FROM WATERLOO PRESBYTERY AND NORTH WEST CLUSTER - 2009

Melville United Church is a member of Waterloo Presbytery, which is one of 99 district courts of the United Church of Canada. In the wider circle is Hamilton Conference to whom the six Presbyteries of Erie, Bruce, Halton, Niagara, Hamilton and Waterloo are responsible. We are required to send three representatives from Melville to participate in the court proceedings of the Presbytery. This year we had two representatives, Dorothy Collin and myself.

As Chair of the Communication Committee for Presbytery, I was required to serve on the Executive in 2009. The Executive meets monthly. The whole court of Presbytery meets seven times a year and I attend Melville Church Council monthly meetings. My responsibility has also been to maintain the Presbytery web site, which can be found at www.watpres.ca. The website continues to provide a means to keep people apprised of events and locations of various charges in the Presbytery.

In May 2009, Hamilton Conference held their annual meeting at the Fergus Sportsplex. I attended the conference as a Presbytery representative and a member of Melville. The guest speaker for Conference's weekend was Anthony B. Robinson, who lives in Seattle. He presented a three-part theme for the delegates titled: A New Time – A New Heart – A New Church. There were many things to consider in making our churches viable in the future and the speaker gave us a lot to ponder as he outlined the changes necessary for this. Rev. Jeff Crittenden was installed as President of Hamilton Conference for 2010. The next Hamilton Conference Annual Meeting is to be June 4 and 5th, 2010 in Elmira.

Melville hosted the November meeting of Presbytery and I was very proud to be able to have Presbytery members come to worship and conduct the business of the court in my home church.

North West Cluster meetings continue to be held bi-monthly in Elora. Presbytery reps from Alma, Belwood-Metz, Bloomingdale, Drayton, Elmira, Elora-Bethany, St. Jacobs, Moorefield-Rothsay and Melville are also members of N-W Cluster and we helped to facilitate the Conference meeting this year. Our volunteer efforts were needed to make things run smoothly. There has been a wonderful common sharing of ideas, problems and successes within N-W Cluster. We are missing two valuable people, Rev. Huntley and Rev. Dunbar, who transferred out of the Cluster and Presbytery in April.

As the new year begins I look forward to serving as a representative for Melville at Waterloo Presbytery and North West Cluster. Dorothy Collin will be stepping off as a representative for Presbytery leaving two vacancies to fill. My prayers are continuing that we will be able to fill these vacancies to help do the work of Waterloo Presbytery.

*Respectfully submitted by Susan Barth,
Waterloo Presbytery Representative.*

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 2009

Members for 2009 were:

Lloyd Ross (Chair), Norm Porritt (Secretary/Treasurer), Casey de Boer,
Alvin Caldwell, Jack Lynden (*deceased 04/2009*), Richard Wright

Insurance:

Insurer

Willis Canada Inc.

Local Agent

Rafferty Insurance

Carrier

General Insurance Plan for The United Church of Canada

Premium

For Church Building, Contents, etc.	\$6,899.04
For Concession Trailer	315.00
Total Insurance Costs	\$7,214.04

Coverages

a) Limits of Liability - Property of Every Description	\$6,137,259.00
b) Boiler and Machinery	\$25,000.00
c) Crime Insurance total coverage	\$190,000.00
d) Comprehensive General Liability, subject to various deductible	\$27,000,000.00
e) Directors and Officers	\$2,000,000.00

Most insured items carry a deductible ranging from \$100 to \$5000.

Assets

Housing Investment sale of Manse (Nov. 30/09)	\$156,380.74
T/D Canada Trust GIC's	51,000.00
Manulife Savings Bank	2,887.20
Memorial Fund	16,557.23
Chequing Account	9,352.73
Manulife GIC	30,044.52
Loan in Trust Program	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Assets approx.	\$273,221.92

Manulife Savings

Balance Forward	\$2,836.10
Interest up to Dec. 31, 2009	<u>51.10</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31, 2009	\$2,887.02

Memorial Fund

Balance Fwd	\$15,885.10
Donations	600.00
Enhanced Value	<u>72.13</u>
Balance as of Dec. 31. 2009	\$16,557.23

Chequing Account Statement**Income**

Balance as of January 1, 2009	\$34,351.27
Interest from Investments	7,257.00
Housing Allowance Income	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total Income for 2009	\$53,608.27

Disbursements

To General Account Re: Housing	\$12,000.00
Safety Deposit Box	42.00
Insurance	7,214.04
Transferred to Raise The Roof Account	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total disbursements for 2009	44,256.04

Balance of chequing account as at Dec. 31/09 \$9,352.23

Loans In Trust Program
Total Funds Received as at Dec. 31/09 45,900.00

Trustee Members for 2010

Lloyd Ross (Chair), Norm Porritt (Secretary/Treasurer),
Jenny Fleming, Barb Lynden, Richard Wright, Alvin Caldwell

Submitted by Norm Porritt

MELVILLE U.C.W. REPORT - 2008

There are three units of United Church Women who monthly and hold a short worship service plus have a speaker or topic of discussion. If anyone is interested in joining they may attend one or all three if they wish. There are other ladies ' groups in the church. Quilters meet on Tuesday mornings if you are a beginner or experienced. On the last Friday evening of the month a craft night is held and many new friends have been made at this time. Rev. Shelley Smith is also holding a bible study group which both ladies and men are welcome to join.

This past year we catered to many dinners and funerals including Hamilton Conference meals.

At our indoor garden party we were entertained by Margaret Frayne and Millie Cumming, two ladies of Melville spoke on their mission work past and present both here in Canada and abroad.

Meat pies have been a great success this year both at the Highland Games and at the Fall Festival. In the future we plan to make meat pies once a month from January until April. You will hear about it more later.

U.C.W. financed the decorating in the minister's office as well as updating the lighting in the choir room. The quilting ladies thank you greatly!

Ladies Christmas Potluck was held Dec. 14th at lunchtime this year. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Leslie Weaver from New Life Counselling.

At the end of the year we decided to close the quilter's bank account and add it to the U.C.W. account. The money is always used for rent and hydro plus small repairs they wish to contribute to. Over the years, to my knowledge, they carpeted the floor in the choir room, bought the table that is in the choir room, and had the cupboard built that hides their quilt during the week. They were and still are a very dedicated group!

*Yours in trust,
Submitted by Doreen Ecclestone*

**U.C.W. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of December 31, 2008**

Receipts

Envelope Givings		\$3,105.50
Loose Offering		37.55
Projects - Catering	\$16,757.48	
- Funerals	3,515.00	
- Other	<u>4,691.76</u>	24,964.24
Donations Received		900.00
In/Out - floats needed		<u>470.00</u>
 Total		 \$29,479.29
Bank Balance as of Jan. 01/08		<u>8,615.63</u>

Total Receipts **\$38,092.92**

Expenses

Project - Catering	\$4,762.46	
- Funeral	629.41	
- Other	<u>1,403.64</u>	\$6,795.51
Melville General Account		5,559.30
Melville Mission & Service		4,000.00
Donations		1,060.00
Kitchen Supplies		540.12
Misc. Items		455.22
Presbyterial Assessment '09		396.90
In/Out		<u>470.00</u>

Total Expenses **19,277.05**

Balance of account as of Dec. 31/09 **18,815.87**

Donations:

Cancer Luncheon	200.00
Kid's Camp	60.00
Centre Wellington Food Bank	200.00
Rural Women's Shelter	200.00
Groves Hospital C.T. Scanner	200.00
Youth for Christ	100.00
New Life Counselling	<u>100.00</u>
	1,060.00

Church:

New Sump Pump	761.10
New Fridge	798.20
Donation	<u>4,000.00</u>
	<u>5,559.30</u>

Submitted by Bev Anticknap

REPORT FROM THE BIBLE SOCIETY CENTRE WELLINGTON BRANCH FOR 2009

We now have eighteen members on our Canadian Bible Executive, representing ten churches in Fergus and Elora area. We met for ten meetings last year.

Activities during 2009 were as follows:

March 28th. we held our Annual Dinner in St. Andrew's Church with Father Ian Duffy as speaker. \$1,816.64 was received in donations, which was sent on to Hamilton for the purchase of bibles. Plans are underway for 2010's dinner on March 20th.

In May we held a successful Proclamation, the reading of the entire bible in ten days. The host location was St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of which Father Duffy is the Pastor. 286 people took turns reading, 46 from Melville; 20 churches and 9 denominations were represented. Proclamation 2010 will be held here in Melville Church, May 9th to the 19th.

Once again we were present for three days at the Fergus Fall Fair. Our face painting program for the children was well attended. Beside our book display and free literature table we had some bible readings, singing and Christian theme entertainment.

Our book display and free literature were also set up in the Chapel for our Melville Fall Festival in October.

During the Fergus Christmas Parade we had our tent in front of Melville Church from which we offered hot cider and chocolate. This year we also had cup cakes to offer for a snack. We took in \$198.40 for our efforts.

For Melville, during the year, Bibles for Baptism were given and a variety of free folders of scripture portions for every need is available at both front entrances, as well as in the "cloak room".

OUR GOAL: To promote God's Word - the Bible, in every way possible.

On behalf of our Executive I would like to thank Melville Church for the use of a room in which to hold our meetings, as well for your co-operation during our efforts for the Christmas Parade. Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Respectively submitted, by Thelma French and Ruth Sproule.
Melville's Representatives to the Canadian Bible Society*

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership January 2009	482
New Members by Affirmation of Faith/Transfer	0
New Members by Renewal of Baptismal (Confirmation)	11
Removed by Death	10
Removed by Transfer	0
Removed by Own request or Council Action	0
Total Membership December 2009	483
Number of Weddings	4
Number of Baptisms	7
Number of Funerals	13

PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL REPORT- 2009

Pastoral Care Committee Report

Committee members: Jean Alexander, Jenny Fleming, Joan Foster, Patty Foster, Marilyn Fremlin, Barbara Lynden, Norma Martin, Bunny Russell and Margaret Woods

The Pastoral Care Committee has enjoyed another wonderful year visiting our "Pastoral Care Friends" and spending time with them. One of our ladies, Peggy Hill has attended Melville since she was a young woman and turned 98 years old on January 12, 2010 ! What a special birthday celebration!

Our "Friends" enjoy a visit and flower on their birthday and also receive a TODAY booklet every other month. In addition, we visit them at Easter with a card and at Christmas with a card and Poinsettia. They seem to love our visits! We keep updating our Master List of names as needed.

Our candle lighting service on November 1st in memory of our departed Church members was greatly appreciated. Patty lit 16 white candles with cards for each person and Jenny Fleming read their names. Following the service, the families were invited to take their candles home as a special memory.

Our "Project Poinsettia" was also a huge success. Each "Friend" received a Poinsettia, Christmas Card and Church Calendar on November 29th. Patty explained the project and Reverend Shelley Smith gave a special blessing. We received a generous donation from Wilma Jamieson as a result of this project!

Our Committee enjoyed a Christmas Social at Whispers Restaurant in Elora to celebrate our successful year. Thanks to each committee member for all of their great efforts in 2009! A special thank you to Reverend Shelley Smith who visits our "Friends" regularly and who has been a great asset to our Committee.

Patty Foster, Chair, Pastoral Care Committee, 2009



RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

The Raise the Roof committee was formed to raise money for three major capital projects in the church: repairing the roof, replacing the windows, and replacing the floor in Fellowship hall.

The Raise the Roof committee received approval from the congregation to proceed with replacing the Windows in 2008. Scott Hoge was retained for the work. The Windows replacement project was completed in early 2009.

Financials

We had another successful Autumn Splendour in 2009; the event brought in \$7,593.46 for the Raise the Roof capital fund raising project **after expenses**.

To cover the costs of the Windows Loans the Melville Trustees initiated a Loan in Trust program which has raised \$45,900.

The balance owing of \$59,682.06 has been paid to Scott Hoge in 2009 for his work on the Windows.

The Raise the Roof capital account has a yearend balance of \$15,243.81; a financial statement is included in this report.

Floor

The work on the floor in the fellowship hall will be delayed in order for the Raise the Roof committee to raise the necessary funds to replenish Melville's GICs.

There have been a number of activities throughout the church in 2009 that has provided significant funding for the Windows. God bless and thank you for everyone's effort and hard work.

Submitted by Ian Johnston

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee members:

Charles Miner (Chair), Sam Harrop, Barry Rawn (Secretary), Keith Ricketts,
Rob Thompson, Don Tosh

During 2009, members of the Property Committee worked with a number of members of the congregation, community members and contractors to maintain and improve Melville United Church. The Raise the Roof Committee finished overseeing the window replacement project. The completion of the installation of the new windows was a great accomplishment for the congregation. Congratulations everyone!

Routine maintenance and repairs were done on the heating, electrical and plumbing systems. It takes a good deal of time and resources to ensure problems are minimal and few in number. The minister's office was repainted by volunteer UCW labour and the doors at the parking lot entrances were repainted this year. Major repairs were completed on the boiler that included replacing the internal tubes and a fan motor. Two zone valves were also replaced in the heating system and the third zone valve will be repaired when the new parts arrive. The lighting has been upgraded in the choir room, the church office and minister's office. The lighting system above the choir loft was replaced by the Worship and Music Committee.

A condition survey of the stained glass windows was completed, along with repairs to the storm window at the St. Andrew Street stained glass window.

Repainting the church building's exterior trim was again deferred during 2009 due to costs and difficulty in finding a contractor. This work needs to be completed in order to prevent further deterioration of structural items such as the stained glass windows. Inspections and audits of the building, required by new government regulations, are planned. This will require hiring consultants to carry out the work. Work continues to clear up clutter and provide storage space for groups who use the church building on an ongoing basis.

Again this year, Melville rented various rooms of the building to a diverse list of groups. There are commercial users such as the Centre Wellington Preschool and the yoga group who both rent on an annual basis, as well as community groups such as the Men for Mission, The Door and the Centre Wellington Singers, who rent on a single event basis. Frequently our building is made available or sponsored by Melville's outreach programme to help community groups facilitate their own programmes. In August 2009 in association with the Fergus Scottish Festival, open rehearsals for a play named Forged in Fire were held in Melville.

As in the past, the members of the Property Committee have appreciated the assistance and support they have received in carrying out its work. Several members of the congregation and the committee, as well as area residents who do not belong to Melville United Church, have enabled us to carry out our work by volunteering their time and talents.

Submitted by:

*Charles Miner, Property Committee Chair
Barry Rawn, Property Committee Secretary*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2009

The Stewardship committee this year consisted of Les Frayne, Hugh Mahoney and Alison Rainford. This committee should have seven members, according to our constitution, so a lot was accomplished by a few people.

Each year, this group helps all committees to fill their vacancies. This is a monumental task filling over 70 places. Although not all committees are full, there are a large number of committed members of Melville who serve in this and many other ways, too. Thank you to all who serve in so many areas of church life!

One of our tasks is to look after Observer subscriptions, which need to be in to the United Church by the end of February. Thanks to Eleanor Brown who helped with this task. Eleanor Brown also finished about 30 visits from the previous Celebration October visitation program. We certainly appreciate her assistance.

Another requirement of our committee is to promote the Mission and Service Fund. It is through this fund that we are able to help those less fortunate in Canada and abroad. The money that each person donates is sent directly to the fund by our treasurer. This is not a part of Melville's budget. This year we tried to show a short DVD or a have a reading about twice a month. We are proud of the contributions of our members as we usually exceed our target amount.

Our annual Celebration October stewardship campaign was held again this year. It began with the mailing of a brochure about Melville and our new ministry leaders. Thanks to the finance committee for its help and to Chris Harriott who designed it. The photos capture some of the events that took place over the previous year and also our narrative budget. Thirty-five people agreed to again visit every member. If you have ideas for next year or any other comments about Celebration October, please let us know. Thank you to those who completed their "Estimate of Support" form, as it certainly helps with budgeting.

Two of our members attended a workshop entitled, "16 Ways to Increase Givings in your Church". It was satisfying to know that we already implement a good portion of the ideas. More will follow.

It has been helpful to have Rev. Shelley Smith attend our meetings since her arrival. We certainly welcome her input!

Yours in Christ's service,
Alison Rainford