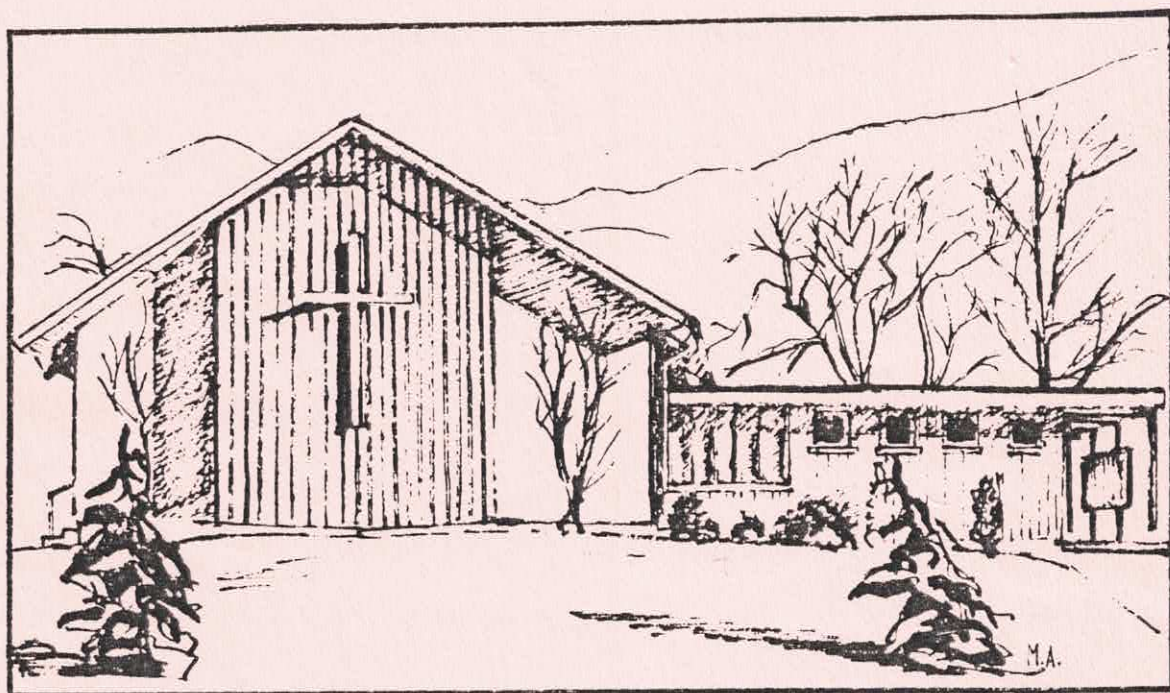


SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH



ANNUAL REPORT 1988

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

We are blessed with a very special faith community here at Squamish United Church. There is a reality of caring for each other, and a love that knits us together which is warm and supporting and much in evidence in our life together. As we worship and serve and work at being faithful together, we are a people with a great diversity of ages and gifts and opinions, but we feel like family and we act like family because we care like family. That's special. It's a spiritual treasure. I cherish it, as I'm sure you do, too.

"Yet we who have this spiritual treasure are like common clay pots, in order to show that the supreme power belongs to God, not to us." (Paul in 2 Cor.4)

What a wonderful way Paul has of imaging spiritual realities! We are earthen vessels, clay pots, but we carry God's treasures inside. That treasure is God's power at work not ours. That's the gift we celebrate the news of hope and love we share. Because of God's power in our clay pots -

"We are often troubled, but not crushed;
Sometimes in doubt, but never in despair;
There are many enemies, but we are never without a friend,
Tho' badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed."

So to God be the glory for this very special church family of Squamish United!

But clay pots are meant not only to hold the contents that fill them up - their treasures are for the feeding of Jesus' sheep. Much as we celebrate the love and caring that binds us as the church in this place, we are very aware of Christ's call to outreach work. The ability to be a "giving" church in terms of time, talent, money and service is also a spiritual treasure. Paul says of the clay pots: "We carry in our mortal bodies the death of Jesus so that his life also may be seen in our bodies". In other words, to carry the death of Jesus in our clay pots is to carry His cross and it's suffering, and we do that by seeing Christ's cross and suffering in other people's troubles, and helping to carry the burdens and to make the changes that would bring resurrection life to their experience.

I celebrate the many ways this faith community acts out it's ministries - from Alf Sherriff providing money and materials so that those pews which had no cushions got them this year, to the benevolent money that so often lights up a flicker of hope in the eyes of someone not daring to hope; from the marvellous new instrument donated anonymously for our 25th anniversary to the World Hunger coin folders so generously filled for M & S. Both in the church and reaching out from it, all you clay pots out there are doing a wonderful job, and I'm grateful to you all.

God bless you and yours as together
we journey into 1989.

Chris Burnett

P.S. I felt terribly sad to lose Lori Pederson as church secretary, but glad for her opportunity to go to Vancouver to learn to become a computer operator. Retta was God's solution to the gap Lori left, and we're having a great teaming experience here in the office. Let us know of any way we can be of service.

To Debbie West, Youth Leader, who leaves by Feb. 15 for Victoria, our heartfelt thanks and best wishes.

When Ilaeana retired in September (our treasurer of 20 years!) it seemed impossible that we could manage. We have, thanks to Bill Rempel and Joyce Flury. Thank you.

MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING 1988

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Squamish United Church was held in the church on January 31, 1988. Dessert and coffee were served at 7:00 p.m. A Hymn Sing followed and Chris opened the meeting with prayer. 32 members present.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read. Adopted as read by George Gilmour, seconded by Norm Halvorson. Carried.

No business arising from the 1987 minutes.

SESSION REPORT: (two reports)

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour, Evelyn Dawson 2nd. Carried.

Spelling error - Dickson, please change.

Rev. Burnett drew attention to the second to last paragraph as it is now possible for a lay person to chair the Session.

Maureen Gilmour is retiring as Clerk of Session. A vote of thanks for all her work Carried.

STEWARDS REPORT:

Acceptance moved by J. Gilchuk, G. Gilmour 2nd. Carried.

OBSERVER REPORT:

Acceptance moved by E. Dawson, W. Huber 2nd. Carried.

Evelyn is retiring as Observer organizer. Trevor and Stein moved a vote of thanks for Evelyn.

MEMORIAL FUND:

Acceptance moved by Nancy Hutchinson, Fern Green 2nd. Carried.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Acceptance moved by K. Davis, P. Riecker 2nd. Carried.

New books are available and new ways are being explored to make books more accessible.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY:

Acceptance moved by Nancy Hutchinson, Fern Green 2nd. Carried.

Patsy Riecker suggested that envelope numbers are not being added to Sunday School envelopes. A bulletin addition should be used to explain this procedure.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE REPORT:

Acceptance moved by L. Rempel, George Gilmour 2nd. Carried.

Chris said how our efforts were once again very good.

M & S FUND:

Acceptance moved by Chris Burnett, Bob Hill 2nd. Carried.

Questions were raised about our allocation.

U.C.W. REPORT:

Acceptance moved by Shirley Halvorson, S. Saugstad 2nd. Carried.

Shirley Halvorson thanked everyone for their support and reminded that a Rummage Sale was coming up in March.

June Halvorson wished to have her name erased from the Report under the Bathroom Committee.

U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Acceptance moved by S. Halvorson, M. Gilmour 2nd. Carried.

North Shore Councelling was \$100. not \$1000. Typing error in Report.

Project fund question - Monies are dispersed to organizations at a central place.

Minutes from Annual Meeting, con't . . .

JUNIOR CHOIR REPORT:

Acceptance moved by Joanna Swarz, F. Green 2nd. Carried.
Ecumenical Group. Carried.

PRESBYTERY REPORT:

Acceptance moved by Celia Huber, Patsy Riecker 2nd. Carried.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL:

Acceptance moved by M. Gilmour, N. Halvorson 2nd. Carried.

CARING MINISTRY REPORT:

Acceptance moved by M. Gilmour, E. Dawson 2nd. Carried.

YOUTH GROUP:

Acceptance moved by T. Harris, W. Huber 2nd. Carried.
Re: Peanut Butter? June Halvorson.

ECUMENICAL YOUTH GROUP:

Acceptance moved by C. Burnett, Don Behrner 2nd. Carried.
Chris suggested that Ann Byrne be written for thanks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT:

Acceptance moved by T. Harris, W. Huber 2nd. Carried.
Financial Report - see above re: envelope user numbers.

BUDGET 1988:

Acceptance moved by I. Rudy, J. Gilchuk 2nd.
Questions re: music storage. Is the \$300. for sheet music or instrument upkeep and repair? No.

SCOUTS AND BEAVER REPORT:

Acceptance moved by G. Gilmour, P. Riecker 2nd. Carried.
Patty Martin and Lesley Luce are leaders. We need to affirm our support. Chris Burnett will do Baden-Powell service this year. Parade will be in our church this year. A number of children will be receiving their Religion in Life emblems at that time.

STATISTICS FROM OUR RECORDS (CHURCH REGISTRIES) 1987:

Trevor Harris questioned the addition of Profession of Faith and Received by Baptism - is it necessary?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Acceptance moved by F. Green, T. Harris 2nd. Carried.

Session: Bert Ionson
Louise Martin
Retta Behrner
Betty Clay
Elizabeth Glover
Patsy Riecker
Maureen Gilmour *
Trevor Harris*
Remaining -
Grace Halvorson
Kathy Davis
Stein Hoff
Fern Green.
*1 year term.

Stewards: Derek Wilson
Joyce Gilchuk
Ilaena Rudy
Bob Wilson
Bill Rempel
George Gilmour
Ian Kent
Brian Cheal
Don Behrner
Gary Caldwell
Ed Smit
Bill Pederson
Honorary -
Bill Bachuk

Each Committee will decide on their business.

Patsy Riecker suggested that a list of Session members and Stewards be posted. Vote of thanks to Nominating Committee. Vote of thanks to N. Saugstad and Nancy Hutchinson retiring from Session. Vote of thanks to retiring Steward, June Halvorson.

CORRESPONDANCE:

Letter from Camp Fircom - request for a liason person to sit on a Board of Camp Fircom. The only Camp within the boundaries of our Presbytery and it's our responsibility to see that it runs. Camp Fircom is on Gambier Island.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evelyn Dawson, Observer Representative to be replaced by Lou Rempel. Thanks extended.

June Halvorson spoke on behalf of the 25th Anniversary Committee. Other members are Nancy Hutchinson. Gifts, projects, memorabilia are requested. September is the Anniversary month. Chris reminded everyone that time is short if a celebration is to be planned.

Thanks was extended to Ilaena, Lori, Joanna, Freda, and the U.C.W. for all their work.

Thanks to Hymn Book chairperson, Maureen and the Flower Committee.

Lou Rempel will continue as M & S Secretary.

Debbie West will volunteer with the Youth Group.

Lynette Halvorson will continue with Greeting Person on Sundays.

Walter Huber will continue as Men's Group Leader.

Shirley Halvorson will continue as U.C.W. president.

Chris greeted Bert Ionson.

Chris talked about the 3 - 5 year plan.

Time was taken to prioritize the forthcoming work of the Board.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

Joanna asked about tuning the piano and a fund for replacing the organ as it is needing more work. Suggestions noted. Trevor Harris moved, Reiner Schwarz 2nd re: the piano and organ that the request be forwarded to Session. Carried.

Joanna suggested that the "charts" be preserved in a booklet to be taken home for perusal at another time. Vote of thanks extended to Chris for her work with us.

Motion of adjournment: Norm Halvorson, George Gilmour 2nd at 9:20 p.m.

Stein Hoff, Chairman

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Secretary.



PRAY
ONE FOR
ANOTHER

SESSION REPORT 1988

(March to December)

Session in 1988 consisted of Grace Halvorson, Fern Green, Kathy Davis, Elizabeth Glover, Bert Ionson, Louise Martin, Patsy Riecker, Maureen Gilmour, Trevor Harris, Retta Behmer, Stein Hoff, Betty Clay, and Rev. Chris Burnett. Meetings were monthly (excepting July and August) in the church kitchen.

There were two "biggest" events involving Session this calendar year:

1) Acquisition, in the fall, of a complete new sound system and electronic keyboard. The variety, complexity and excitement of music played since has been very stimulating. Decisions still will need to be made regarding the old organ, and the Britannia organ being stored in our church.

2) Coming up for thoughtful discussion many times during the year was the United Church's Human Sexuality Report, and following the General Council August meeting, the 32nd General Council's new statement of the United Church of Canada entitled "Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality".

Brief Review of the year:

MARCH - Maureen Gilmour retired, and Louise Martin elected, as clerk of session. Bert Ionson appointed as liason to 1st Squamish Boy Scout Group. Debra West will serve as Youth Group Leader. Freda Hoff heads up the Sunday School. Organist roster involved mainly Joanna Schwarz, Ann Kristianson, and Carol Finnie.

APRIL - Squamish United assisted with the Senior Youth Retreat of Vancouver South - Burrard Presbytery.

MAY - Grad Bible tradition was continued.

JUNE - Ileana Rudy retired as church accountant. A new photocopier for the church was aquired through the fund raising efforts by our U.C.W. A very successful congregational picnic was held at Porteau Cove.

SEPTEMBER - New statement of the United Church of Canada by the 32nd General Council on Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality was received and discussed.

OCTOBER - New keyboard and sound system arrived. Mission study on South Africa (Special Mandate Edition) organization commenced, for study early in 1989. Communion with children participating was tried for the first time in this congregation, to mixed reviews.

NOVEMBER - Concerned group within our congregation dissenting with the decision of the 32nd General Council's new statement of the United Church of Canada on Membership, Ministry and Human Sexuality requested and received permission from Session to circulate to the congregation a petition expressing their view, for forwarding to the General Council Executive and to the Community of Concern. The process of this was / is supported, although the the wide spectrum of views within this congregation was recognized. Further feedback and correspondence on this issue from B.C. Conference was received and discussed at length.

DECEMBER - Debra West and Freda Hoff completed their terms in their leadership positions. Christmas pageant put on by the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Martin,

Clerk of Session.

BOARD OF STEWARDS, 1988

The Stewards committee continued to look after the church properties in a timely and efficient manner. Aside from the numerous small maintenance items that demand constant attention, the stewards also tackled some major, long outstanding, repair jobs.

A new storage cupboard was installed in the church foyer. A photo sensitive yard light was attached to the church entrance to keep this area lit during darkness. The south wall of the Church building received a fresh coat of stain.

A week-end work bee saw the Stewards strip the old carpeting from the Annex building and sand down the floor. New carpeting was subsequently installed in the two main sections of the Church Annex. The ceiling and west entrance foyer were given a fresh coat of paint.

The manse shake roof, over 25 years old and covered with moss, was finally replaced. New strapping and 2 inch styrofoam insulation was put on the roof joists before installing the new metal roof. The old wooden eaves troughs were later also replaced with new metal troughs and downcomers.

A telephone answering machine with remote access capabilities was installed in the Pastors office. A duplicating machine, funded by a U.C.W. grant, was obtained on a lease to purchase arrangement.

The Stewards again hosted a very successful Fall congregational dinner on October 30/88. Approximately 100 persons attended the roast beef dinner, complete with the traditional turnips.

Mid 1988 marked the end of an era in our church treasurer's role. Mrs. Ilaena Rudy and her late husband Doug looked after the Squamish United Church financial books for over 30 years. The Stewards wish to express their deepest appreciation to Mrs. Rudy and wish her well in her new home on Vancouver Island.

Financially our church appeared to do quite well this year. Mission and Service donations were 97% of target. Total receipts were above budget, however, this was only due to large donations designated for specific projects such as the Manse roof replacement and the new church organ. Regular Sunday morning donations were actually lower than in the previous year and accounted for little more than half of the general fund. Honourariums, U.C.W. and other outside donations played a major role in allowing us to finish the year with a positive balance

Respectfully Submitted,

W. Rempel,

Chairman of Stewards.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT - 1988

	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Envelope Contributors	80	82
Contributors to M & S	47	50
Special Contributions (White Gift, World Hunger, Advent)	42	41
Bank check off users (2 of whom are envelope users)	5	4
Contributors by yearly donations	7	7
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Total Contributors	90	91
Sunday School Envelope Contributors	10	20

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of our church?
The figures below are from envelope offerings only and include local support,
M & S, special donations & Sunday School offerings.

	<u>Number of givers in:</u>	
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
\$1.00 - \$100.00	15	16
\$100.00 - \$200.00	16	14
\$200.00 - \$300.00	8	11
\$300.00 - \$400.00	5	9
\$400.00 - \$500.00	9	6
\$500.00 - \$600.00	4	6
\$600.00 - \$700.00	5	5
\$700.00 - \$800.00	3	1
\$800.00 - \$900.00	2	3
\$900.00 - \$1,000.00	5	-
\$1,000.00 - \$1,100.00	3	5
\$1,100.00 - \$1,200.00	1	1
\$1,200.00 - \$1,300.00	1	1
\$1,300.00 - \$1,400.00	1	1
\$1,400.00 - \$1,500.00	-	1
\$1,500.00 - \$3,000.00	-	-
\$3,000.00 - \$4,000.00	1	1
\$4,000.00 - \$5,000.00	1	1
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	80	80

Respectfully submitted by:
Mildred Campbell.

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND 1988

PRESBYTERY ALLOCATION \$8,290.00

MONEY RECEIVED

U.C.W. contribution	880.00
Congregational giving	6,817.30
World Hunger cards	335.50
Bank Interest	3.31
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	\$8,036.11

MONEY DISBURSED

Forwarded to Toronto	8,031.00
Bank charges	4.80
Balance left in account	.31
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	\$8,036.11

SHORTFALL ON OBJECTIVE \$259.00

Presbytery's suggested objective for Squamish United Church in 1989 is \$8,620.00. This includes \$571.00 for a new "Fund for Learning" which is intended to increase support for theological centers, colleges and learning centers.

In light of General Council actions taken in August 1988, several of our previous supporters have decided to withhold part of their M & S support in 1989. The only way that Presbytery's objective for us can be met is if more envelope users designate more money for M & S.

Respectfully submitted by:

L. Rempel,

M & S Treasurer.

LIBRARY REPORT

1988 saw the addition of a wide variety of new books covering subjects from environmental issues to coping with alcoholism, as well as many books on spiritual growth and development.

Of special interest to teachers is a set of seven beautifully illustrated books on the Bible from creation to the New Testament. Displays of new books are arranged from time to time to keep you informed.

Check out your church library! There is something of interest for everyone in the family.

Kathy Davis,
Librarian.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE

Squamish United Church members participated actively in the annual ministerially-sponsored Community Christmas Care project.

We met every other week beginning on September 15, 1988 and had our final meeting on January 5, 1989. Jack Purdie of the Baptist Church was the chairman; Debbie Sandland, the food coordinator; Doreen Barr, the toy coordinator; Gloria Chapman, the phone-in person and Mildred Campbell was our faithful bookkeeper. Other committee members associated with Squamish United Church were Gwen Taylor (business letters), Gwen Rattray (schools), June Halvorson, Chris Burnett, and Lou Rempel (secretary). We are grateful to those in our congregation who supported the effort by donating food, toys and money. We also appreciate Carol Finnie and Kelly Smit for organizing a concert to collect food and toys. Many thanks to those who helped us pack and deliver over 250 hampers to more than 750 people. The next meeting will be on September 14, 9:30 a.m. at the Baptist Church. New members are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted by
L. Rempel.

CARING MINISTRY REPORT

The main function of our Caring Ministry team is to connect with those in our congregation who are sick, bereaved, a senior or others who are living alone, the handicapped, and other situations as they are made known to us. Our "connecting" might be a visit, phone call, a friendly note, or maybe all three!

On many occasions, our minister is the person who naturally most people request a visit from. Where possible, we want to support her as well as doing our own assignments.

In September, we were pleased to have layman Ian Andrews of West Vancouver United Church come to lead us in a half-day Caring Ministry workshop. There were eight participants including our minister. We all felt "refueled" after Ian's visit.

The Caring Ministry programme will be much more effective with your co-operation. Please keep us informed of anyone who is in need of a friendly contact.

It is probably just a coincidence, but with the exception of Rev. Burnett, all members of the Caring Ministry team are active U.C.W. members. They include: Nancy Hutchinson, June Halvorson, Lou Rempel, Lynette Halvorson, Retta Behmer, Mildred Campbell and myself.

I would very much like to hear from others in the congregation who are interested in joining us or would like to know more about Caring Ministry.

God Bless,
Maureen Glemour

ADULT BIBLE STUDY 1988

Winter and Spring of 1988 - A lively group of men and women met in the church kitchen to participate in the V.S.T. course "The Prophets Speak". Each week we met a real live prophet - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekial and others. Hosea, we met in a unique way. He was portrayed through the story of his wife, Gomer, fascinatingly portrayed by Old Testament scholar, Helen Hobbs. After each dramatized portion in which the prophet's time and place in history and their message was elicited by an interviewer, a V.S.T. professor engaged the "prophet" as "modern scholar" for contemporary insights. Indeed, the contemporary scene was amazingly relevant to the prophets' concerns, and ensuing discussions were wide-ranged and exciting.

So keen was this group at the end of the course, it decided not to disband at Easter, but to organize and offer to the congregation opportunities to gather round the kitchen table to discuss a variety of issues then currently being dealt with in the church: Native Land Claims, Free Trade and the Sexuality Report among them. Our thanks to Alex Bell, in particular, for finding resource people and organizing or giving leadership for these fruitful Wednesday evenings, Easter to May, and to the committee, Elizabeth Hansen and Kay Lynch.

During Lent, the Morning Bible Study Group tackled "No Small Legacy", the faith story of Methodist pioneer of Women's Rights in Canada.

In the fall, September and October flew by busily with 25th anniversary, rummage sale, several weddings and funerals, a Caring Ministry workshop and Chris' two weeks in Hawaii, so it was November when we got started on "Kerygma". The three introductory sessions proved new and interesting to the small group who began the course, then we decided to stop for December and resume at "Part 1: God is a Saving God" in January. Seven of us are finding the "in depth" scripture study and theme approach an excellent course, and heartily recommend Kerygma Part 2 to others when it comes up in the Spring.

Yours in Christ,

Chris Burnett.

MEMORIAL FUND REPORT 1988

In the year 1988 a large brass urn was purchased in memory of Elsie Robertson, mother of Shirley Pudney. This gift was dedicated on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9, 1988.

Early in the year the salary of Youth Worker, Christine Hayden was paid and a donation to Alano Club was given - these donations were paid from an anonymous gift to the Memorial Fund.

A gift in memory of Gordon Kent has not been chosen yet. Any inquiries concerning the Memorial Fund and gifts may be directed to Rev. Burnett or N. E. Hutchinson.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nancy E. Hutchinson,

Treasurer.

SENIOR CHOIR 1988

The new year of 1988 began with a few members carrying on the Senior Choir on practise nights and helping out with the occasional service. As Lent and Easter approached our numbers increased and we managed a very effective and inspiring season, singing anthems on all the Sundays prior to and after Easter. As Easter fell late in April the enthusiasm for the group diminished, afterwards giving way to the new inspirations of Spring and the Choir stopped until the Fall season.

Early in October we began again with a steady group of singers including some new members. We were optimistic for our group as numbers grew for the Christmas season. We were able to help out and sing anthems on all Sundays in December as well as on Christmas Eve. We all shared enthusiasm and fellowship and worked hard to provide the message in our ministry. Good work all!

Looking towards 1989 what the Choir needs is more singers - especially men. In singing numbers really make a difference to the sound of the group. If there are people who like to sing. YOU ARE NEEDED! Thank you.

Faithfully submitted:

Marilyn Caldwell.

YOUTH GROUP

Over the past year the youth of our church, together with the youth from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, have enjoyed many activities ranging from swim nights to a hike at Alice Lake with a host of events in between. Ann Bryne, the youth leader of St. Joseph's, and I have endeavoured to provide our young people with a spectrum of fun, social activities as well as meetings to promote thoughtful discussions on a variety of topics with a Christian perspective. The members of the group also committed themselves to becoming more "community minded" and on that note embarked on a campaign of collecting food items for Community Christmas Care during the fall and winter months and went Christmas carolling in December to collect donations also for that purpose. They also spent a Monday evening with some of the residents at Hilltop House and have expressed an interest in visiting there again in the future. The youth of Squamish United specifically, with the help of some mothers, also provided the congregation with a "Stone Soup" luncheon last fall. Although the participation from the young people of our congregation is small, those that have made the effort have done so with enthusiasm and dedication to the group itself. Since the fall we have seen interest sparked in some of the grade eights and hope that they will continue to set aside time to participate but most importantly that they will receive the encouragement and support from their homes to do so.

In conclusion, I would like to say that my year as youth leader has been filled with many enjoyable moments and that the pleasure of getting to know our young people has made this opportunity to serve a most rewarding one.

Debbie West,
Youth Leader.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1988

The Sunday School enrolled approximately fifty children in the past year. The primary and beginners' classes (age 3 - 6 years) have grown to about 16 children in each class.

We were pleased to see a positive response to our call for additional teachers. Five new teachers joined our group making a total of fourteen teachers. Each class had three teachers, each taking a 4 - 6 week long lesson theme. As in the past year, we have followed the "Whole People of God" curriculum which co-ordinates with our minister's weekly theme at Children's Time. The children have also been included in Communion if their parents have wished to include them.

In June, the children of the Sunday School were each awarded a small gift to acknowledge their dedication in attending.

In the fall, the Sunday School initiated the "Secret Pal" project which links members of the congregation in friendship with members of the Sunday School. This is an on-going project.

In late November, at our Christmas planning meeting the leadership of the Sunday School was turned over to Kay Lynch and Cathy Bourgh. I'm sure that they anticipate a very busy, joy-filled year ahead. I wish to personally thank each teacher that I have had the pleasure of working with during the past two years. Your commitment and enthusiasm are shared by all the children of the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted:

Freda Hoff.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT 1988

RECEPTS

Bank Balance January 1988	58.80	
Sunday School Offerings	810.00	
Picnic donation	25.00	
	<u>\$894.12</u>	<u>\$894.12</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

V.B.S. Supplies	131.48	
Sunday School Curriculum	311.20	
Other Expenses	216.36	
Bank charges	30.15	
	<u>\$689.19</u>	<u>689.19</u>

IN BANK DECEMBER 31/88

204.93

\$894.12

Patsy Riecker,

Treasurer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 7-11, 1988

When the theme is "Love", how can anything go wrong? I started planning with an enthusiastic staff: Lynette Halvorson told stories from the Bible, Arlene Smith was our piano player and song organizer, crafts were well in hand with Melanie Stroh, Joanne Hoyrup and Shirley DeCook. Donna Kirkham helped where she was needed. In the end, though, that seemed to be where all of us were at any given time, and we were needed everywhere.

We had fifty happy little faces show up every morning. Many associated with our church and many from the community at large. The singing was great (and I was told by many that the songs did not stop at the church door, but that many cars and homes were filled with catchy tunes and "loving" words). Of course, Lollipop Dragon made his presence known with stories and Bible memory verses. And beautiful handicrafts were proudly taken home for display (except for the marshmallow sculptures - they didn't last too long). Nancy Hutchinson was presented with one of the windsocks made by the older children in thanks for her dedication in 50 years given to Vacation Bible School.

Fern Green played an important part in getting the recess snacks ready and cleaning up afterward. What would V.B.S. be without the cookies so much appreciated from all of you?

We did not have a specific mission this year, but we collected grocery tapes (close to \$4,000 worth!), Campbell's soup labels, and items needed at First United - good used clothing, shoes and rubber boots, soap, razors, shampoo, etc. The response was wonderful. Any money that came in went directly to cover V.B.S. costs.

At the close of a very rewarding week, the children dipped their feet in paint and walked on newsprint paper into the church, so that the following Sunday the congregation saw fifty plus footprints going into church. Parents joined us for some songs and a review of the week's activities and a picnic lunch (at which we were treated by Lou Rempel to her delicious doughnuts!).

Thank you to everyone for your loving support.

In the love of Jesus Christ,

Carol Finnie,

Co-ordinator.

ANNUAL PICNIC 1988

This year the picnic was held on 12 June, 1988 at Porteau Cove. The cool and rainy weather pattern which had preceeded the proposed date changed significantly and the event was held under absolutely perfect conditions. Over 120 persons were in attendance.

Entertainment: Ian Kent

Ian did a great job organizing the parachute game, a scavenger hunt, a volleyball game as well as the usual frisbees, kites and soccerballs.

Also Ione "The Clown" Behrner put in a very special appearance and impressed a number of people with her numerous talents.

Meal:

Don Behrner and George Gilmour did an excellent job of cooking the hotdogs and hamburgers and had the timing down to an art. The selection of salads and desserts was great. Of special note was the donuts (home made of course) sent by Lou Rempel (even though she was unable to attend).

Fellowship:

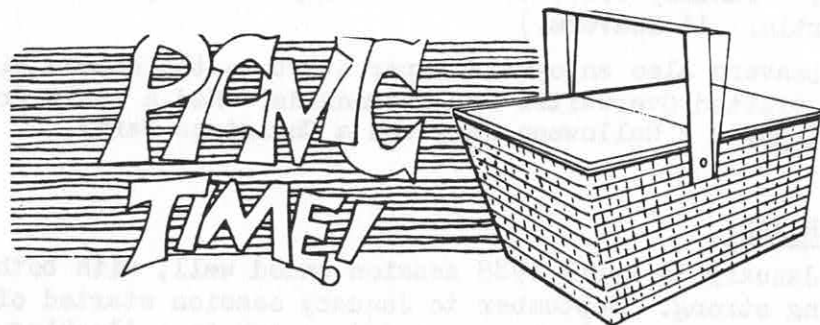
Carol Finnie had zeroxed a selection of songs which she accompanied us on guitar. Nancy Hutchinson told a childrens story before Carol gave the closing prayer.

All in all there was a lot of positive feedback and everyone seemed pleased with the way the day had gone. Unfortunately Ev. Dawson stumbled while hurdling over the driftwood toward the water and fractured her arm. I suppose every event has to have it's highlights!

Special thanks to Grace Halvorson for the initial thought of this area and for going to so much work to pull it off.

Bert Ionson,

Asst. Co-Chairman.



BOY SCOUTS OF CANADA
EAST HOWE SOUND DISTRICT

1ST SQUAMISH BEAVER AND CUB REPORT
FOR: JANUARY 1988 TO JANUARY 1989

CUBS:

(January - April 1988: Leaders - Rob Helm, Judi Jenkins. Parent helper - Earl McKeown. 15 cubs.)

We kicked off the year with a bottle drive in the snow, which was well attended considering the weather. The boys worked on their Cub Kars at the meetings, so they were done by the boys themselves. The boys enjoyed a Valentine's Day outing to Porteau Cove, which they shared with the Beavers and all their families. Local divers brought up treasures from the sea to show everyone and gave a talk on diving in the area. To round off the outing, hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows around the fire was enjoyed by all. The United Church Ladies Auxiliary again catered our Parent/Son Banquet held on February 24th. Cubs made a banner for the event and provided entertainment. Tawny Stars were given out to Cubs at the dinner. We ended the year with a dinner done on buddy burners and a trip out to Brackendale to join with their pack for an obstacle race.

(September - January 1989: Leaders - Rob Helm, Bruce Neighbour [Judi Jenkins until December]. 10 cubs.)

This year brought out 2 new leaders, unfortunately one of them had to give up due to work commitments. In December, with the leaving of another leader, the pack had no leaders with Wood Badge training, so we merged for the rest of the year with 2nd Squamish. For the boys, the joint camp at Camp Bing was a super start. They then put their energies toward earning the World Conservation Badge by cleaning the Big and Little Stawamus Rivers and studying other facets of the environment. In November we saw 4 new Cubs invested. In December, the boys had their Christmas Party.

BEAVERS:

(January - April 1988: Leaders - Cindy Rascher, Alex Usher, Dave Evans, Paul LaForest and Susan Boffey. 17 Beavers.)

Beavers enjoyed an outing to the Fire Hall and Police Station on January 27. They made centerpieces and provided entertainment for the Parent/Son Banquet. For Easter, our Chaplin, Rev. Burnett gave the boys an excellent talk on the Easter Season. For their wind up, the boys had a Saturday hike with a pirate theme which turned out well.

(September - January 1989: Leaders - Cindy Rascher, Alex Usher, Dave Evans, and Curtis Martin. 11 Beavers.)

Our Beavers also enjoyed a super start to the season with the camp at Bing. They have visited Overwaitea and MacDonalds. Had a visit from Paul at Corsa Cycles. Enjoyed a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party.

GROUP OVER ALL:

The January to April 1988 session ended well, with both leader power and group going strong. September to January session started off searching for leaders, getting some, losing some and we are in a 'looking-for-leaders' situation again. Group-wise we are strong. Hope to improve leader-boy ration in the near future.

Patti Martin
Chairperson, 1st Squamish.

1ST SQUAMISH TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1st, 1988 - December 31st, 1988

STARTING BALANCE: \$ 349.76

CREDITS:

Xmas Tree Funds	\$ 327.78	
1987-1988 Registration Fees	\$ 75.00	
Bottle Drive Funds	\$ 481.65	
Hikathon Proceeds	\$ 18.83	
1988-1989 Registration Fees	\$ 629.00	
Donations	\$ 40.00	
Supplies Refund	\$ 23.50	
	<u>\$1,595.76</u>	\$1,595.76
		<u>\$1,945.52</u>

DEBITS:

Registration Fees	\$ 831.00	
Scout Leader Training	\$ 45.00	
Father/Son Banquet	\$ 280.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 23.40	
Supplies/Badges	\$ 175.00	
Cub Camp	\$ 50.00	
Cub Supplies/Special Events	\$ 103.89	
Beaver Supplies/Special Events	\$ 87.63	
Appreciation Gifts	\$ 58.51	
Donations	\$ 50.00	
	<u>\$1,704.43</u>	\$1,703.43
		<u>241.09</u>

CASH ON HAND - DECEMBER 31, 1988

Current Account:	\$241.09
Savings Account:	\$274.88
Special Account:	\$129.63
	<u>\$645.60</u>

Patricia Helm
Treasurer, 1st Squamish

Submitted by:

Bert Ionson, Church Representative
for 1st Squamish Boy Scouts.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The membership in Squamish United Church Women grew in 1988 when a new group for younger women was formed. The first president of the Bethany Unit, Tora Goss was welcomed to the first executive meeting she attended on June 2.

On September 11, the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Christian Education Centre was celebrated. U.C.W. members Lynette Halvorson, June Halvorson, Nancy Hutchinson, and Fern Green served on the Anniversary Committee and were instrumental in having a special booklet published on the history of Squamish United Church. It was dedicated to the memory of Freda (Munro) Clarke, another long-time U.C.W. member. The delicious luncheon served after the Anniversary Service was provided by the U.C.W. and other women in the congregation. Ellen Harley, first local president of United Church Women in 1961 took part in the cutting of the special anniversary cake, along with Rev. Burnett.

Each Unit meets monthly, with the exception of the summer months. The new U.C.W. president for 1989 is Carlotta Liechti (898-9011). The five Unit presidents and meeting dates are:

<u>UNIT:</u>	<u>PRESIDENT:</u>	<u>TELEPHONE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>PLACE:</u>
Alpha	N. Hutchinson	892-3657	1st. Thursday	1pm, church kitchen
Jean Neil	S. Pudney	898-3291	2nd. Monday	12pm, in homes
Harmony	E. Dawson	892-3966	2nd. Thursday	12pm, in homes
MacKenzie	A. Smith	898-5539	2nd. Tuesday	8pm, in homes
Bethany	T. Goss	898-3547	2nd. Tuesday	8pm, in homes

The Alpha Unit for our senior members, once again filled decorated coffee cans with homemade cookies for the First United Handicapped group for Valentines Day. A total of 99 cans plus one ice cream bucket of cookies were sent. The ladies also made toques, collected grocery tapes and made up camp kits. The members wish to stay together as a Unit but they will not be called upon to cater for events. They have contributed their share of home cooked goods for many years.

The Harmony Unit held two very successful Rummage Sales, with the Fall Sale being the best ever. The Unit also sponsored the Handicap luncheon in June. Participation from other Units for both these events was much appreciated. The Unit alternateds with the Jean Neil Unit in hosting the birthday party each month at Hilltop House. Unit also made up camp kits.

The Jean Neil Unit sponsored another successful garage and plant sale in May. The Unit also supplied cookies for V.B.S., and on July 7th they hosted a shower for Melanie Rempel. The Unit made up camp kits and helped with decorating the church for the Thanksgiving service. They host the Hilltop House birthdays alternately with the Harmony Unit.

The MacKenzie Unit along with the Canadian Cancer Society sponsored a self breast examination clinic in April, with 37 women participating. The Unit held a chicken sale in the spring and was well patronized. Monies raised went towards the purchase of a new zerox copier for the church office. Regal sales in December realized over \$700.

The Bethany Unit took over the duties in the nursery on Sunday mornings from the MacKenzie Unit, who had sponsored this service for many years. This new Unit hosted a coffee hour after church.

A Life Membership in the U.C.W. was bestowed upon Shirley Saugstad of the Harmony Unit in May. The pin presented to Shirley had been originally presented to Shirley Pudney's mother, the late Mrs. Elsie Robertson.

Along with financial commitments to our church board, the Project Fund and M & S, the U.C.W. was pleased to present the Board with over \$1600. for the copier machine as well as funds for a new kitchen fan for the manse. Two coffee urns for the church kitchen were purchased. A censor light was installed at the church entrance from part of the bathroom fund.

At each Unit meeting, a devotional period is observed as well as a mission study or discussion on topical subjects within our National church.

Much of the U.C.W. activities and services are undertaken by all Units. These include catering - such as the Cub Banquet, Handicapped Luncheon, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery dinner, funeral teas, and the annual meeting. Members also participate in World Day of Prayer, coffee hours at church, making up camp kits (55 this year), collecting grocery tapes, contributing food to food basket, knitting toques, etc. Some members are also on the Community Christmas Care committee.

Some discussion took place in 1988 about replacing the heavy curtains at the back of the church. A decision will be made this year.

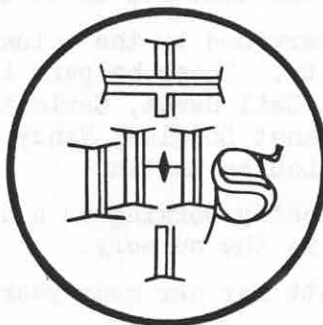
We very much appreciate the time and effort Lou Rempel gives to compiling all the grocery tapes and for adding up the value of the food in the grocery cart each month. We would also like to thank the congregation for their support by contributing to these projects.

I have enjoyed my past two years as president and I wish to thank all U.C.W. members for their co-operation and friendship during my term in office. I look forward (as past president) to assisting incoming president Carlotta Liechti.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shirley Halvorson,

U.C.W. President.



SUPPLY REPORT TO U.C.W. - 1988

Toques taken to First United - 137

121 were new hand - knit; 45 done by one person.
In 1987 we took in 139 toques.

Grocery Cart for First United -

Value of food was approximately \$1,570.00
In 1987 it was \$1,113.00

Colgate - Palmolive Refund - \$14.85

The program has now been cancelled.

Calendars

All were sold.

Grocery Tapes - 174 bundles were collected.

Resulted in \$3480.00 of grocery store vouchers. Most were turned over to the food bank whose volunteers purchase food for distribution. Some vouchers were also used to buy supplies for the church kitchen and to supplement the groceries for First United and Community Christmas Care.

There were 133 bundles in 1987.

Submitted by:

L. Rempel.

NURSERY REPORT - 1988

In September of 1988, the McKenzie Unit relinquished responsibility of the nurse to the Bethany Unit. Most of the Moms who use the nursery are members of this new Unit and we felt it was time for us to take over the responsibility.

The nursery is still supervised by the volunteer parents of the some 15 youngsters who use the facility. These helpers include Tora Goss, Don and Kathy Halvorson, Ed and Kelly Smit, Gail Sweet, Carlotta Liechti, Sheila Hurford, Irene Berger, Trudy DeRooy, Janet Douglas, Nancy Knox, Tina LaRiviere, Debra Pederson, Sandy McManaus and Louise Martin.

The Bethany Unit is currently working on a number of projects in order to raise money for improvements to the nursery.

Many thanks to Pat Pawlett for her many years of supervision over the nursery.

Deb Kent,

Nursery Supervisor.

U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT 1988

Bank Balance as at December 31, 1987

\$314.84

Receipts:

Rummage Sales	1180.52
Catering	800.00
Regal	745.57
Chicken Sales	633.58
Garage, Plant & Bake Sale	1374.00
Love Offerings	220.00
Photo Copier Donation	25.00
Calendars	31.00
Stationery, Books	12.50
Colgate	25.90

\$5048.07

\$5048.07

\$5362.91

Expenditures:

Church Kitchen	93.28
Catering	39.03
Life Membership	40.00
Photo Copier	1658.58
Presbytery Office Expense	50.00
Books - Missionary	20.80

Donations:

North Shore Counselling	100.00
U.C.W. Project Fund	1100.00
M & S Fund	850.00
Church Budget - Gen'l	850.00

\$4801.69

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Bank Balance as at December 31, 1988

561.22

\$5362.91

Respectfully submitted by:

Carlotta Liechti,

General U.C.W. Treasurer.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BUDGET AND ACTUAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988
(Prepared without Audit)

	<u>BUDGET:</u>	<u>ACTUAL:</u>
<u>REMUNERATION:</u>		
Pastor's Salary	19,450.00	19,449.96
Car Allowance	3,200.00	3,200.04
Book Allowance	300.00	300.00
Payroll Assessments	3,400.00	3,473.93
Secretarial	3,000.00	3,204.03
Janitorial	1,700.00	1,657.44
Treasurer	800.00	471.40
	<u>31,850.00</u>	<u>31,756.80</u>
 <u>SECULAR EXPENSES:</u>		
Insurance	2,000.00	2,087.00
Municipal Services	1,250.00	1,175.80
Heating Fuels	6,000.00	4,530.73
Electricity	1,300.00	1,300.91
Telephone	700.00	551.70
Maintenance	6,000.00	10,586.67
Capital Additions	-	5,082.70
Sundries	235.00	3,273.97
	<u>17,485.00</u>	<u>28,589.48</u>
 <u>OUTREACH:</u>		
Mission and Service	8,290.00	8,032.80
Presbytery	1,800.00	1,957.00
Observer	550.00	539.50
Seminars and Session	500.00	200.00
Guest Speakers	500.00	240.00
Ministerial	100.00	100.00
Outside Charities	1,000.00	663.02
Stationery and Supplies	3,000.00	3,677.52
Library	125.00	125.00
Music	300.00	264.00
Christian Education	1,000.00	513.24
	<u>17,165.00</u>	<u>16,312.42</u>
 <u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>66,500.00</u>	<u>76,658.70</u>

FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 1988

IN MEMORIUM - (11)

Mr Alexander Metzler
Mr Cyril Marchant
Mr Gordon Edmund Kent
Mr Rodger Farquharson
Mrs Margaret Beattie
Mr John Downer
Mrs Pauline Therriault
Mr Harvey Newell
Mrs Mabel Gunn
Dr Andrew Burnham
Mrs Mildred MacDonald

BAPTISMS - (8)

Cari Ann, daughter of Bert & Diane Ionson
Ryan James, son of Rob & Debra Pederson
Jennifer Christina Joyce, daughter of Kellie & Peter Rapley
George Bartholomew Russell, son of Erin & Rusty Read
Megan Elizabeth Kent, daughter of Deb & Ian Kent
Brenden Ronald Stevens, son of Ron & Sherry Rosser
Michael Ronald, son of Jane & Ron Gipps
Graeme Robert, son of Debra & Rob Pederson

MARRIAGES - (20)

Alan Clarence Gilroy and Brenda Elizabeth Robson
Kenneth Emil Nuttall and Sandra Arlene Knox
Peter John Hoyrup and Sharon Anne Mlazgar
Neil Allan Burritt and Deanne Lorraine Marie Shantz
Harold Keith Halvorson and Della Susanne Sidsworth
Gordon Miles Pratt and Teresa Louise Parsons
Donald Lloyd Beattie and Carmen Joan Thuma
Richard Brenton Roache and Christie Colleen Carney
Russell Neil Couchman and Deborah Susan McQueen
Kevin Clayton Stroh and Melanie Dawn Rempel
Ivor Lloyd Joseph Hurst and Aleeta Elizabeth Armstrong
Dean Franklin Imbeau and Denise Marie Mensinger
Kenneth Glen Casey and Marjorie Kate Applin - Flouch
Richard John Thompson and Lisa Dawn Green
Terrence James Ripley and Susan Elaine Martsch
Russell William Skiffington and Lorilee Anne Doak
Sean Patrick Daly and Kathy Nora McDougall
Roger Vernon Smith and Tammy Melinda Cherette
Owen Gordon Carney and Linda Frances Roache
Frederick Daniel Hetu and Catherine Sharon Belik

NEW MEMBERS - (2)

Janine Lovely, by transfer from Highlands United Church
David Lovely, by transfer from Highlands United Church

PROPOSED 1989 BUDGET, SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

REMUNERATION:

Pastors Salary	20,325.00
Pension assessment & Group Insurance	2,480.00
U.I.C., C.P.P., Medical	1,200.00
Car Allowance (25 ¢ /Km)	3,000.00
Book Allowance	300.00
Secretarial (15 hr./wk minimum) (incl. bookkeeping) (\$5.50/hr.)	4,500.00
Janitorial (400 hrs @ \$5.00/hr.)	2,000.00
	<u>33,805.00</u>

SECULAR EXPENSES:

Insurance	2,200.00
Municipal Services	1,250.00
Heating Fuels	5,000.00
Electricity	1,500.00
Telephone	700.00
Duplicator Lease	550.00
Maintenance	2,000.00
Sundries	415.00
	<u>13,615.00</u>

OUTREACH:

Mission and Service	8,620.00
Presbytery	2,060.00
Observer	550.00
Seminars and Session	500.00
Guest Speakers	500.00
Ministerial	100.00
Outside Charities	1,000.00
Stationery and Supplies	3,200.00
Library	250.00
Music	300.00
Christian Education	500.00
	<u>17,580.00</u>

TOTAL: 65,000.00

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1988

a) FOR LOCAL EXPENSES:

By envelope	30,768.29
Automatic chequing	3,489.10
Open offering	4,606.70
Special appeals	448.22
Annex honourarium	6,500.00
Specific project donations	13,482.70
Other	1,218.50
U.C.W. funds	2,758.58
Other donations	4,954.46
	<u>68,226.55</u>

b) MISSION AND SERVICE:

By envelope	6,817.30
U.C.W. donations	880.00
Special appeals	335.50
	<u>8,032.80</u>

c) WHITE GIFT (1st United)

By envelope	<u>293.50</u>
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TOTAL: 76,552.85

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Fellowship got off to a good start in 1988 with Dr. John Payne the guest speaker at the first meeting on January 23rd. John told us of his trip to Nicaragua in November with "GATE" (Global Awareness Through Education).

The February 20th breakfast was followed by a program on Indian Land Claims. A movie from A.V.E.L. was followed by good discussion

March 26 - Church yard cleanup, including cutting down the old alders at the back of the church.

April 16 - We watched "The Six Billion Dollar Sell", a video about how advertizing influences us and our families, and tries to shape our needs and values.

May 14 - Breakfast followed by gardening and maintenance work on the church grounds and buildings, kept us busy. With lots of laughs and good spirit, we accomplished even some touch up porch painting.

We've been slow to get started in the fall but plans are ready for the new year.

The men's breakfast group offers a time for men to meet and talk together. It is good for us to challenge our ideas and outlooks on life and issues by getting together, talking and re-thinking together, and seeing new resources and other ways.

The Breakfast group will meet on the first Saturday of each month as possible. All men in the congregation are welcome to come. Cooking and setting up starts at 8 a.m. and breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. - always delicious and filling! Programme is always over by 10 a.m., unless we're outdoors on a work project. I hope you will support the meetings by coming out.

Walter Huber,
Men's Group Co-ordinator.

