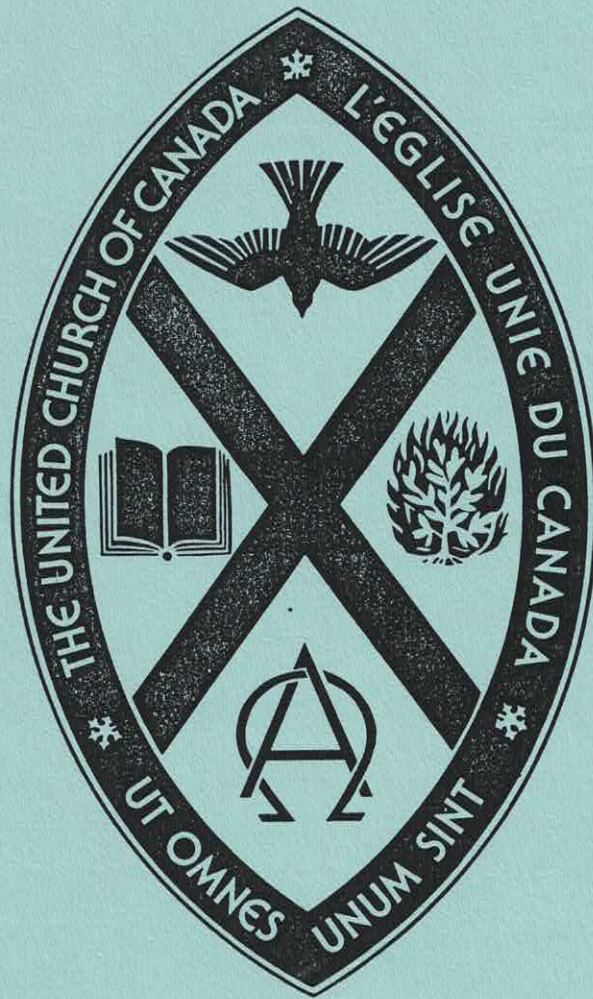


# SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH



## ANNUAL REPORT 1989





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## MINISTER'S EPISTLE



January, 1989 was a busy month for Geoff and me. On the home front, the nanny Kellie and Peter had expected in August had still not arrived. Since Kellie was teaching grades 11 and 12 at Collingwood and Peter was working Monday to Friday in Edmonton and Calgary, Geoff took our beloved baby Jen to the sitter's in North Vancouver every morning at 8 and picked her up at 5, except on Mondays, when together we spent my "day off" looking after Jen at home. Daughter Ellen had arranged a four month leave of absence from work to go trekking in Thailand and Nepal, an adventure requiring much detailed preparation. We took her to the airport January 26. It seemed a long time until we picked her up, thin but hale and hearty, on May 1.

Meanwhile, at church, the work of service preparation, marriage couples' preparation, various counselling sessions, Bible Study preparation, meetings, and hospital duty was heightened by calls for funerals on January 3, 21 and 30. I was indeed grateful for the "Spiritual Renewal" day I had enrolled in, together with twelve other ministers from Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery. We continued to meet one day a month through 1989, under the spiritual direction of Elly Bradley.

In February, the Sword and Spirit study began as did weekly classes for the people who were preparing to join the church. Multi-cultural Sunday with guest speaker Bayani Baybay and his children's spirit-filled singing was a highlight for all, and the Jean Neil Unit provided after service fellowship over one of their famous "mouse lunches" of delicious home made soup and buns. In February we had to say good-bye to Debbie West, whose leadership with teens had been so helpful in the joint Catholic - United Church group. In Lent's first two weeks, a few people gathered each noon for prayer and meditation from Anne Ng's devotionals. February 27 to March 1 I attended the Jurgen Moltmann lectures at V.S.T. - a renowned theologian from the University of Tubanjen in Germany. Having been appointed to the Conference Interview Board which interviews intended candidates and full candidates for the ministry, it was a new and challenging experience to attend the first of these on February 23, others following in July, August, September and November. The calibre of students is amazingly high.

The May meeting of Conference in Terrace was an opportunity for Geoff and me to drive over the Duffy Lake road for the first time (it snowed!). We enjoyed Celia Huber's company on the long drive to Prince George on day one and to Terrace on day two, each day's long trip being nearly 12 hours long. The concerns addressed at Conference had a distinctly "northern" focus and it was enlightening and inspiring to experience the gathered church in a context which so broadened our perspectives of the many and varied dimensions of church life in B.C. The return trip via Ferry from Prince Rupert was gorgeous. I also returned from Conference with a new assignment, having been elected to Co-chair the Conference Division of Global Concerns.

Our second grandchild, Beverley Ellen, was born October 19, the day I returned from the church's national meeting of the Division of World Outreach in Toronto. I felt deeply moved and blessed by both of these inspiring events!



Looking back over the more difficult and painful aspects of the year, I've been reminded that in times of deep distress, my mother used to struggle inwardly and outwardly to trust and to practise what for her was a very special word of God from scripture: "My grace is sufficient for you". Today I know that the deep serenity centre out of which her faith flowed was more than simply her reliance on the sufficiency of God's grace. It was her experience of the reality of God's grace.

Do you remember the content of that scripture? Paul is telling the Corinthians about the thorn in his flesh which continues to harass him in spite of the depth of his service in Christ and personal experience of the Spirit. When he prayed repeatedly to the Lord that the thorn should leave him, God answered: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". We have all suffered painful thorns this year, be it the death or serious illness of loved ones, deep conflict between spouses, or heavy burdens to bear in family life, dis-ease over the homosexuality issue in the church, or the ache of estrangement. I know that prayers have flowed freely and that we have tried our best to support each other through pain and trouble. There has been much inward and outward struggle to trust and rely on God's grace, both in our caring for each other and in our journeying together through another year of trying to answer Christ's call to be His church as faithfully as we can. God bless you all for your prayers and dedication. I hope you have experienced, as I have, that when we are weak, God's power is made perfect, and that God's grace is indeed sufficient for our need, even when thorns continue to hurt.

By the miracle of God's grace, we come to the end of 1989 with a growing congregation; a fabulous organist, Joanna, and a wonderful and versatile musical instrument; a growing and long awaited choir about to become regular under the direction of Marilyn's enthusiastic leadership; the blessed responsibility of many children and teens to nurture; having met our budget, surpassed our Mission and Service allocation, and responded generously to many outreach projects besides. Very special thanks to Retta Behmer for outstanding support in the office; to Celia Huber for many long hours devoted to Presbytery as our rep.; to Walter Huber for dedicated leadership of the Men's Group; the United Church Community Christmas Care leaders and workers; especially Lou Rempel who co-ordinated the total food collection; the U.C.W. executive, unit leaders and members who have accomplished so much so well; to Maureen Gilmour for sustaining Caring Ministry with such gentleness and cheer; to George Gilmour who Sunday by Sunday opens the church, puts the heat on and sees to the details of readiness for worship; to the Session members whose faith and wisdom have steered us sensitively and at great cost of time and effort through some pretty rough waters; and to the Stewards who have kept us at the stewardship of financing the church's ministries and seen to the upkeep of our buildings. All who have helped in the Church School and especially Kay Lynch and Cathy Bourgh, superintendants, and the helpers with the Messenger and Explorer groups deserve our heartfelt thanks and ongoing support. To the new Ministry and Personnel Committee, thanks both for your efficient progress through the manual requirements and for your personal supportiveness. Carol Finnie and Monica Schwarz, thanks for your choir work with the children. To Syd Pudney who so ably filled the pulpit on two occasions when it was important for me to be away, my grateful appreciation. Kathy Davis' cataloguing of several dozen new books and general library upkeep has been much appreciated help. To Ev. Dawson, who keeps our buildings clean, thanks from us all. And to all of you in the congregation who by your worship and prayers sustain us all, God's richest blessings. I love you all dearly. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you day by day.

*Chris Burnett*



## MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING 1989

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the Squamish United Church was held in the church on January 29, 1989 with 27 members present. Dessert and coffee was served.

The meeting was opened at 7:35 p.m. with Board Chairman, Stein Hoff in the chair. Rev. Burnett led a hymn sing and devotional.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and corrected. Adopted as corrected by George Gilmour, seconded by Ian Kent. Carried. No business arising from the 1988 minutes.

### Session Report:

Acceptance moved by Chris Burnett/Bert Ionson. Carried.

- under April the phrase 'which was cancelled' must be added.
- Towards a Christian Understanding of Human Sexuality, extensively studied.

### Steward's Report:

Acceptance moved by Bill Rempel/Ian Kent. Carried.

### Envelope Secretary's Report:

Acceptance moved by Mildred Campbell/Nancy Hutchinson. Carried.

- Change 1988 total to 82

### Mission & Service Fund:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/Fern Green. Carried.

- 50 envelope givers give to M & S. If the other people would commence giving the objective would be met.

### Library Report:

Acceptance moved by Kathy Davis/Jackie Wilson. Carried.

### Community Christmas Care:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/Elizabeth Glover. Carried.

- Maureen Gilmour moved a vote of thanks to all who participated in this outreach.

### Caring Ministry Report:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Patsy Riecker. Carried.

- June Halvorson moved a vote of thanks to Maureen for all her work in keeping the committee together.

### Adult Bible Study:

Acceptance moved by Chris Burnett/Walter Huber. Carried.

- Add Nellie McClung.

### Memorial Fund:

Acceptance moved by Nancy Hutchinson/Mildred Campbell. Carried.

### Senior Choir:

Acceptance moved by Judy Jenkins/Joanna Schwarz. Carried.

- Chris moved a vote of thanks to the choir.

### Sunday School Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/Elizabeth Glover. Carried.

- Patsy has now been treasurer for 10 years. A vote of thanks extended to Patsy by Chris Burnett.

### V.B.S. Report:

Acceptance moved by Fern Green/Walter Huber. Carried.

### Annual Picnic:

Acceptance moved by Bert Ionson/Ian Kent. Carried.

- Nancy Hutchinson 'moved' that we hold another in the same place.

### 1st Squamish Cubs & Scouts Report:

Acceptance moved by Bert Ionson/Ian Kent. Carried.

- Judy Jenkins said that leaders are badly needed to keep the cub pack going or it is going to have to fold. Boys 8-11 years.
- Chris Burnett expressed the fact that it is good to have this report and it's due to the work of Bert Ionson to fulfill the job of leason withe Cub/Scout movement and our church. Bert attends the group committee meetings and some of the events with the cubs. A vote of thanks went to Bert for all his involvement.

### U.C.W. Report:

Acceptance moved by Shirley Halvorson/Maureen Gilmour. Carried.

- Nancy Hutchinson is not the president of Alpha Unit. Helen Bachuk is.
- A vote of thanks was expressed to all U.C.W. members for their work.

### Supply Report U.C.W.:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/Shirley Halvorson. Carried.

- Shirley expressed thanks to Lou for all the work she does in this area, as well as for arranging for the flowers in the church on Sundays.

### Nursery Report:

Acceptance moved by Ian Kent/Fern Green. Carried.

### U.C.W. Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Shirley Halvorson/Evelyn Dawson. Carried.

### Presbytery Report:

Acceptance moved by Celia Huber/Chris Burnett. Carried.

### Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Bill Rempel/Don Behrner. Carried.

- Discussion followed about different ways to more effectively meet the Budget. Grace Halvorson suggested that the money from the Pre-school honorarium be kept separate in the book keeping so that we can better see the real costs as opposed to the amount of givings.
- Bill Rempel/Walter Huber moved that the 1989 Budget be approved. Carried.



### Men's Breakfast Group:

Acceptance moved by Walter Huber/George Gilmour. Carried

- Chris moved a vote of thanks to Walter for keeping the group going and for providing such interesting programs throughout the year.

### Nominations:

#### Appointed to Ministry and Personnel

Grace Halvorson  
Bert Ionson

David Lovely  
Linda Harris

#### Session

##### New

Trevor Harris [1 year]  
Grace Halvorson  
Lynette Halvorson  
Gordie Sellers  
Celia Huber

##### 1 year left

Bert Ionson  
Louise Martin  
Retta Behrner  
Elizabeth Glover  
Patsy Riecker

#### Stewards

##### New

Bill Rempel  
Ian Kent  
Bob Wilson  
Derek Wilson  
Maurlene Campbell  
Norm Halvorson

##### 1 year left

Don Behrner  
Ed Smit  
Bill Pederson  
George Gilmour

Stein called for further nominations from the floor. Bill Rempel nominated Mildred Campbell for Stewards, she accepted.

### Correspondence:

- no correspondence

### New Business:

- The 3 - 5 year plan was looked at to see how we are doing. Chris took those present through the plan.
- Needs were expressed for adult evening bible study, more coffee times, better lighting in church, to re-activate building plan.
- Shirley Halvorson suggested that not both the church dividers be removed at the same time.
- Joanna expressed a vote of thanks to the donor of the new music equipment. Also thanks to Skai Stevenson for all his work electronically.
- A vote of thanks expressed to Chris Burnett for all her work in the past year.
- Thanks to the U.C.W. for dessert and coffee.
- Presbytery Rep. elected. Celia Huber.
- Vote of thanks to Stein Hoff who has chaired his last meeting.

Adjournment moved at 9:48 p.m. by George Gilmour.

## SESSION REPORT 1989

Session of Squamish United met ten times in 1989. Highlights of activities were as follows.

January: Audio and video tapes about August 1988 General Council made available to the congregation; small individual and group fund raising efforts for the Crosby Province Wide Fund Raising effort encouraged.

February: New Sunday School Co-ordinators Kay Lynch and Cathy Bourgh welcomed. Multi-cultural Sunday held February 26.

March: South Africa Mission Dinner and Study Night held, with 48 people in attendance. Phone lists assigning congregation members to specific session members updated, to facilitate interaction between session and congregation.

April: Presbytery Pastoral Visitation team came up to Squamish April 18. A Potluck and Games night was held with 50 people in attendance.

May: Celia Huber and Rev. Burnett attended B.C. Conference in Terrace, B.C. May 12-15.

June: Sunday School picnic held June 12. Major annex cleaning set for over the summer. Gordon Sellers resigned from session. Session discussion held over effects of the Human Sexuality Report of General Council of August 1988. Secret Pals Project wound up. MMHS Response Invitation Project initiated. Investigation of a proposal to restructure session and board to a committee structure commenced.

September: Sunday School Kickoff Rally September 10. Spirituality Retreat with Elly Bradley held September 29 weekend. "A Place for You - Toward the Integration of Children in the Life of the Church" received and discussed.

October: Authority of Scripture Study packet made available to the congregation. MMHS Invitation to Respond Project completed and presented to Board and congregation and forwarded to Presbytery.

November/December: Session/Board Restructuring Committee struck and dinner/study session held December 12 with Rev. Brian Thorpe demonstrating concrete examples of how this new Committee Structure for Board would work. Membership - Initiation Remit tabled to January, 1990.

Over the year, Caring Ministry was active. Communion including children was held in our congregation this year, the first time with mixed reviews, thereafter with good acceptance. 6 new members were received by profession of faith, 6 new members by baptism and affirmation of faith and 4 new members by transfer and re-affirmation of faith. There were 3 child baptisms.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Martin  
Clerk of Session.



## BOARD OF STEWARDS

### 1989 report

The Stewards committee had a relatively quiet year with no major projects. Building maintenance was restricted to small items, having accomplished some major repairs in the previous year.

Some further upgrading was done in the Annex with the help of the Sunday School teachers. This included painting the nursery and kitchen and installing a new linoleum floor in the kitchen. A number of small work-bees were held throughout the year to take care of routine maintenance items.

A new lawn mower was purchased in the Spring and volunteers kept the church grounds well trimmed. A new church sound system installed in late 1988 accounts for the other capital item shown in one of this year's financial statement.

We were again very pleased with the generosity of our congregation; total receipts and donations exceeded expenditures. We not only achieved a balanced budget but also surpassed our Mission and Service target by a small amount. This, plus over two thousand dollars in special appeals for M & S related projects is more than we expected in this year of conflict.

The Squamish United Church enters the new decade with a modest carry-over in it's current account plus over six thousand dollars in a building fund for future considerations or major building repairs, should they become necessary.



Respectfully submitted,

*W. Rempel*  
Chairman of Stewards.

## PRESBYTERY REPORT 1989

A few lines from the October issue of the Presbytery Newsletter read, "The purpose of the Vancouver Burrard Presbytery is to provide opportunities for leadership and training, spiritual growth and worship, and Christian fellowship between the 26 churches of Vancouver Burrard Presbytery".

During this past year, I have experienced all these aspects of Presbytery during its ten monthly meetings which are hosted each month by one of the 26 churches throughout our Presbytery. Each meeting consists of division meetings, supper, worship and the plenary session. Attendance at the monthly meetings is mandatory for the minister and one lay delegate from each of the churches within the Vancouver Burrard boundaries.

Presbytery divisions, which mirror those of B.C. Conference and the National Church, worked hard to conduct the business of the Presbytery and that of the wider church. For example the Global Concerns Division kept presbyters informed about the issues in the third world, and we were often encouraged to respond to the urgent needs of oppressed peoples in various ways. Closer to home, the Division of Home Mission kept active with protests addressing issues surrounding the housing crisis in Vancouver. The Presbytery also oversaw the valuable Multi-cultural and Ethnic Ministry and Youth were an active part of Presbytery. The Youth worked on a paper recycling project this past year and church offices were encouraged to participate. In February, the entire plenary session was given over to hear motions regarding the M.M.H.S. Report, and a system was established in the fall, to elicit responses to the homosexuality issue from the congregations. [ Our own congregation participated in this, and a small committee of Louise Martin, Lynette Halvorson and myself, collated the responses and forwarded them to Presbytery.]

An opportunity for me to experience leadership and training was afforded me during this past year, as I was nominated and elected to the Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery. This new position means I attend an extra meeting of Presbytery a month and I have changed my working division from Communications to Ministry, Personnel and Education. At present, in my new role on the Pastoral Relations Committee, the Rev. Jim Elliot, from First United and I are working with the combined Pastoral Relations Committee from Gibsons United and St. John's United, Davis Bay, in their search for a new minister. I am excited about the potential for learning in this new position and honoured to be part of the process.

The highlight of the year for me was attending, as delegate, the 64th B.C. Conference in Terrace in May. Rev. Burnett, Geoff and I travelled the numerous miles by car to Terrace and experiencing the miles first hand gave us a better concept of the vastness of the province. The theme of the Conference was, 'Listening to Creation - Restoring the Harmony', and throughout the four days in Terrace there were many opportunities for all the 595 delegates to work, learn and worship together with the peoples of the north as the theme of Conference unfolded. The native indian community contributed in many ways to the success of Conference, and a special moment for us all came when Mr. Jim Angus, a native indian chief, was elected president of B.C. Conference, due to take up office at the Conference in May







## BIBLE STUDY, FAITH NURTURE AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT GROUPS, 1989

[using United Church Resources]

### 1. Kerygma: Winter/Spring '89.

A small group [all women] met most Thursday mornings from January 12th to the end of Lent, March 23, from 9:30 to 11. We studied the Introductory Unit, "The Bible As a Whole", which had three themes: What is the Bible?, How Did We Get the Bible?, and How to Study the Bible? This included a study of the gradual process of canonization of both Old and New Testaments and the fluidity of what was considered "authoritative" in various faith communities before Jesus' time, in Jesus' time, and in the early church and beyond. It was late in the 4th century before the 27 books of the New Testament we now have was approved as canon [scripture having authority]. Participants had to memorize the 66 books of the Bible. We also learned the significance of biblical study words such as Septuagint, apocrypha, Deuterocononical, apocalyptic writings, and oral tradition. It was hard going, but study of the foundations of the Bible is valuable in understanding the Biblical interpretive traditions.

Then we tackled Unit 1. It's four themes were: The Exodus: Pattern of God's Saving Acts; Deliverance After the Exodus; God's Saving Act in Jesus Christ; and Deliverance of the Church.

Kerygma is a greek word meaning "message". The course, which has 10 units, is an in-depth wholistic approach to the Bible. Since all major Christian denominations affirm the entire Bible as our sacred book, Kerygma is designed to help participants become familiar with the whole Bible, studying the major themes that give the Bible its unity. Such a study is very different from our usual "piece-meal" approach to scripture, but to those who persevere through the entire course, it provides a high standard of Biblical literacy. I do hope Kerygma will find a place in our 1990 programmes.

### 2. The Sword and the Spirit: Winter/Spring '89.

For this excellent series of video programmes a small group met weekly in homes on Wednesday evenings from February 22 to April 5. Produced jointly by the B.B.C. and U.C.T.V., the series offered large slices of the life and world of the Christian church in countries around the world. Especially inspiring were the powerful witnesses of ordinary congregations in places where political repression of Christianity is the norm. In the west, many congregations are getting smaller, but in developing countries the congregations were noticeably huge — often several hundreds of all ages gathered to worship. The SWORD [in scripture, God's WORD] is certainly alive and active through the Spirit in Korea, Brazil, Poland, China, Africa and the U.S.A. Bill Burton of West Vancouver kindly taped the programmes for us and for our future use. The 6 or 7 participants unanimously recommend the series to others.

### 3. Portraits in Spirituality: Fall '89.

A Vancouver School of Theology series for lay education in B.C., these T.V. programmes were hosted by Dr. Gerald Hobbs and the Rev. Beryl Ingram-Ward. Each one explored the spiritual journey and contribution of Christianity of eight different persons or groups, from





... was not available for the 1988/89 season for lack of an

and then,

and very few choir members. But we tried on the gold choir gowns and are trying to get them in order — makes us feel more like a choir.

Choir will meet from now until Easter every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Hope you'll be hearing from us lots.

Submitted by,

Carol Finnie.

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The Senior Choir had a very successful year in 1989. We grew in membership and the commitment of the group enabled us to assist in Sunday services more frequently. Our practice time on Thursday evenings was both work and enjoyment in each other's fellowship. We were able to sing anthems frequently during the Easter and Christmas seasons as well as sing bi-monthly during the other times. A high point for our year was a service of special music, followed by a fund raising luncheon in support of the Thomas Crosby Mission Fund, sponsored by the Choir. An enjoyable time was had by all and nearly \$200.00 was raised. Another inspiration this year has been the use of our new synthesizer. Joanna's enthusiasm to experiment with the instrument has really embellished our singing. We begin 1990 with enthusiasm and commitment to continue our ministry.

Faithfully submitted,

Marilyn Caldwell.



CARING MINISTRY 1989

"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only" James 1:22 [RSV]

Many people in this congregation are "doers of the word". Since becoming a member of this church in 1963, I have witnessed a real caring attitude in members of our church family. I have also been a recipient of much of that love and care.

Our Caring Ministry team has been together since 1985, and although small in number, we try to support our minister as we are able to in visiting those who are sick, elderly, bereaved, etc. We realize we probably missed some folk who would have appreciated some contact but please know we really try to respond to every need that comes to our attention.

A word of appreciation to you people who let us know when a visit, phone call or friendly note would be an encouragement to someone.

This past year members of our Caring Ministry team included: Mildred Campbell, Lou Rempel, June Halvorson, Lynette Halvorson, Retta Behrner, Nancy Hutchinson, Irene Vickers and Joanna Schwarz.

Blessings,  
Maureen Gilmour,  
Co-ordinator.



## MEMORIAL FUND 1989

During 1989 this Fund purchased music folders and choir stoles given in memory of Mabel Gunn. Information concerning this fund may be secured by phoning the Treasurer, N. E. Hutchinson (892-3657) or the minister, Rev. C. Burnett (892-5727).

Submitted by,  
N. E. Hutchinson  
Treasurer.



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On a beautiful Fall weekend, 16 members of our congregation participated in a spiritual Retreat.

The theme for the September 29,30 and October 1 weekend was "Drawing Nourishment from the Roots". Our Retreat leader was Rev. Elly Bradley, a professor at the Vancouver School of Theology for many years but who is now a private counsellor in the area of spiritual direction. Elly also leads workshops, retreats and is a resource person throughout our B.C. Conference.

Elly said prayer is the prime way to refresh and nourish ourselves. Prayer he said is also in listening to what God wants us to hear. For most of the participants learning to "pray the scriptures" was a new experience.

Each of our sessions began with singing. When Elly was in Europe a few years ago, he visited the 12th Century French village of Taize where there is an Ecumenical Retreat Centre with a permanent faith community in residence. The songs we learned were from the daily worship liturgies of Taize and some were in Latin, the common language to all races. They were sung unaccompanied and in layers of harmony and were simple and worshipful.

God's spirit was felt throughout the weekend in many ways - in singing, in listening to Elly, in sharing, and while we were in our own little space in private prayer. During coffee breaks and lunch hours fellowship accompanied with much laughter filled the room. Everyone brought food and what a feast we had!

We were privileged to have Rev. Bradley preach at the World Wide Communion service on October 1.

I would like to thank Evelyn Dawson and Celia Huber for helping me organize the Retreat and also to our minister, the Session and Board for their support.

There was good feedback from the participants and most would like to experience a spiritual retreat again.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gilmour





## CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT 1989

Dear Friends,

The following is a brief rundown of what has been happening in our Church School over the past year.

### Enrollment:

We have approximately 90 children enrolled from ages 3-17. Our attendance is usually 50% on average on any given Sunday.

#### Nursery (ages 3-4) 19 children registered

- taught by Kelly Smit  
Lonnie Tourand  
Kathy Wilkes

*Lynn McHale*

#### Beginner (ages 5-6) 25 children registered

- taught by Arlene Smith  
Denise Evans  
Carlotta Liechti  
Celia Huber

#### Primary (ages 7,8,9) 21 children registered

- taught by Sue Puchmayr  
Donaleen Miller  
Sheila Hurford

#### Junior (ages 10,11) 14 children registered

- taught by Walter Huber  
Laura Wilbur

#### Intermediate/Senior 6 registered

- taught by Linda Harris  
Trevor Harris  
Bert Ionson

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to these dedicated teachers.

### Special Events:

Our teachers have special projects each week for the Church School children. In addition, we enjoyed the following projects:

- Making an Easter banner with the theme being "Journeying to Easter as the Whole People of God".
- Giving out year end certificates in June.
- Starting in September with a Rally Day. Thanks to the U.C.W. for the wonderful picnic lunch. Made a collage entitled "Growing Together in God's Way".
- Arlene Smith, Kelly Smit and Denise Evans prepared the children to sing "Away in the Manger", "Do You See What I See" and "Oh Come Little Children" for the Christmas festivities.

- Made Advent wreaths for each family, with older siblings helping younger ones. [And a lot of assistance from the Intermediate/Senior class].

- Monica Schwarz, Laura Wilbur and Walter Huber put together "Christmas in Different Lands" and performed it for the congregation.

### Projects:

This summer the Annex was upgraded, creating a much nicer environment for the children.

- Rooms were painted.
- New curtains were made [Thank you Deb Kent and the Bethany Unit].
- Kitchen and bathrooms were painted.
- Tables were covered with bright vinyl.
- Kitchen floor was replaced.

We would like to thank the Board for these improvements and those who came out to paint.

### Areas of Concern:

At this point the Church School is struggling with space allocation. We are one room short of making everyone comfortable.

- Other concerns - Electrical outlets have not been repaired
- We are desperate for storage space. Our Annex looks messy and disorganized because of chairs, dividers, tables, etc., all sitting around the furnace.
  - Communication with church people and daycare about use of daycare materials [this is a no-no] and vice-versa. Daycare staff has agreed to 'clean up' for our weekend and evening use.

### Hopes and Dreams:

We hope to work on the following:

- Visible signs that affirm our faith in God, for example, bulletin boards on walls filled with posters, colours, etc. to enhance the environment as a children's place of celebration and worship.
- More nurturing and involvement from 'older' church members so that we can benefit from their experience, strength and hope.
- An inspirational flash of an idea to bring our teens back to Church School in greater numbers.

It has been a growing experience for us to be Superintendents of the Squamish United Church School. Thank you for tolerating our shortcomings and mistakes, and encouraging our efforts.

Faithfully yours,

C. Bourgh

K. Lynch





## MESSENGERS AND EXPLORERS

### An Experiment: Mid-Week Groups for Grade Schoolers: Fall 1989

We live in a time of unprecedented opportunity for youngsters. From tots to teens the activities available in our community are myriad, and most children take part in several. After school mid-week programmes for grade-schoolers however, have a long history in the United Church of Canada, because the forty minutes or so per week in Sunday School is insufficient time to do the nurturing in faith it is our responsibility to do. Messengers, for boys and girls grades 1 to 3, and Explorers, for boys and girls grades 4 to 6 meet this need

This fall, with the help of Mrs. Bobbi Laakman in Messengers, and Mrs. Anne Barnes, Heather Jenkins and Eleanor Morris in Explorers we began both groups. Meeting Wednesdays from 3 to 4:40, October to December, 10 Messengers and 5 Explorers proceeded through the Initiation Units and into their programmes. Through Bible stories, songs and activities, the love of God for each child and Jesus' desire for their company and commitment is nurtured. The children learn to value and care for each other and to reach out in caring for others, using their gifts together. For the World Hunger Fund the group collected over 20 dollars in offerings.

On December 12, the work of several weeks of card making and cookie baking and decorating culminated in a most enjoyable visit to Hilltop. The children sang for the folks gathered in the lounge, handed their cards and cookie gifts out to everyone present, and, with leaders and parents help, moved about talking and visiting individually. Hugs and joy were shared.

Anne Barnes' new job began in late November, so she is unable to continue. Maureen Albrighten and Donaleen Miller will take her place in the new year as Explorer leaders. I'm hoping a Messenger Leader will surface also. Any parents willing to help or children wishing to join either group would be most welcome. I hope 1990 will see these groups firmly established in our tradition at Squamish United.

In faith,

Chris Burnett.



# THE NURSERY REPORT 1989

The nursery is run by the Bethany Unit members as well as the Moms and Dads of the children utilizing the facility. This year many others volunteered their time including; Tina LaRivierre, Bobbi Laakman, Sue Puchmayr, Diane Ionson, Jane Gipps, Marilyn Caldwell, Celia Huber, Grace Halvorson and Elizabeth Glover. There are approximately fourteen children who use the nursery, however, only 6 - 8 attend regularly. As numbers in the nursery were down this year, this extra help was greatly appreciated.

The Bethany Unit of the UCW has been working hard trying to clean-up the nursery. So far, fundraisers have paid for new curtains for the Sunday School and nursery and several new toys. Donations of useful toys in good condition are always welcome and needed.

We are happy to welcome new children to the nursery and thank everyone for their help and support.

Respectfully submitted by,

Deb. Kent



## CRADLE ROLL 1989

Born to: Janet & Paul Douglas, a daughter, Bonnie Lynn, June 1  
Nancy & Kevin Knox, a daughter, Lisa Ann, June 6  
Katrina & Kevin Doherty, a son, Keighan Patrick, July 13  
Tora & Bert Goss, a son, Bradley, July 19  
Louise & Paul Halvorson, a daughter, Jodi, September 2  
Irene & Hans Berger, a son, Dominic, November 27



## ANNUAL PICNIC 1989

The annual Sunday School picnic was held on June 12, 1989 at Porteau Cove Park. The weather was perfect for the outing with temperatures around the mid 20's and cloudless skies. It is estimated there were about 70 people in attendance.

The games this year were organized by Marily Caldwell and included the parachute game and the scavenger hunt. The kids very much enjoyed these games as well as just exploring throughout this interesting and unique area. Also Walter Huber did a few test flights of the hot air balloon which, in spite of the potential for disaster [high trees, open water] worked out very well.

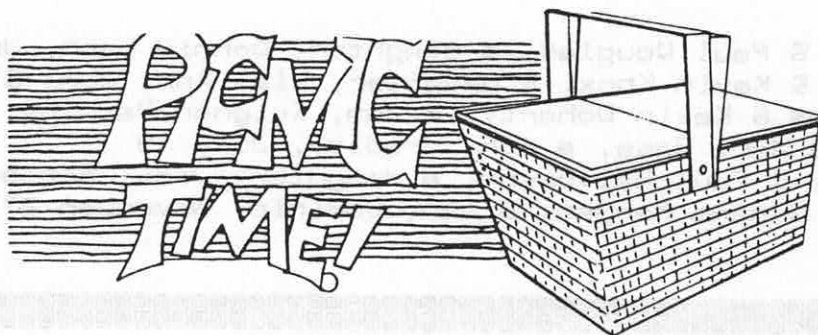
The Behrner bar-b-que was put to the test again this year under the capable hands of George Gilmour and Bob Hills who cooked over 100 hamburgers and 50 hot dogs. The selection of salads and desserts was very diverse and tasty as well.

A quantity of food was purchased for a total cost of \$190.00. This cost was recouped from "the plate" as well as selling some of the excess food.

The evening was completed with an evening singsong organized by Joanna Schwarz and led by Joanna and members of the choir.

The Picnic Committee [Bert Ionson, Elizabeth Glover, Celia Huber] would like to thank those people who gave us a hand in making this a very successful day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert Ionson.





The Men's Breakfast Group offers a time for men to meet and talk together. I enjoy being the co-ordinator and find it a very rewarding experience. I always get something worthwhile out of the programmes and the fellowship with the other men. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me this year and especially those men who have come out early to cook and help set up.

We are currently studying the "Religion's of Our Neighbours" and have just had a very successful programme on the 'Sikh Faith' with guest speaker Rajinder Kahlon. Come out and join us for the next breakfast on February 17th.

Respectfully submitted by  
Walter Huber.

LIBRARY REPORT 1989

An interesting variety of books has been added to the library again this year. Subjects covered range from world issues to parenting skills and environmental concerns, as well as spiritual growth and reference material.

Take a few minutes to check out the library. It has something of interest for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathie Davis

## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The membership in the Squamish United Church Women continued to be a vital and committed group of women in 1989.

Each Unit meets monthly except for July and August. Carlotta Liechti [898-9011] remains as U.C.W. President for 1990 with Jackie Wilson taking on the Vice-Presidency. Maureen Gilmour remains as Secretary and Shirley Halvorson as Treasurer. The other positions [Social & Catering, Nominations, and Kitchen] will be finalized at our January 25, 1990 executive meeting.

The Unit Presidents for 1990 and meeting dates are:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>TIME AND PLACE</u>
Alpha.....	Helen Bachuk.....	892-3347...	1 p.m., 1st Thur. in the church
Harmony.....	June Halvorson...	898-4069...	12 p.m., 2nd Thur. in homes
MacKenzie...	Arlene Smith.....	898-5539...	8 p.m., 1st Tues. in homes
Bethany.....	Wendy Kiever.....	892-3852...	8 p.m., 2nd Tues. in homes

The Alpha Unit for our senior members, filled decorated coffee cans with homemade cookies for the First United Handicapped Group for Valentines Day. A total of 80 cans were sent. The women also made up camp kits, toques, and collected grocery tapes for food vouchers. Regular attendance is 10-11 members but not many are active. They also help host coffee hour at church.

The Bethany Unit for our younger women has continued to provide excellent babysitting for our Sunday service. The nursery has been painted, new curtains made, additional toys brought in, and a generally sunny and clean place to bring our 2 years and under members. Bethany Unit has also taken on fund raisers, selling posters and chickens. They have also been very helpful making up camp kits, "Give a Gift" parcels for First United Church and have hosted coffee hour.

The Harmony Unit again held two very successful rummage sales, in the spring and fall realizing over \$1400.00. In addition, these women alternately host the Hilltop House birthday party with the Jean Neil Unit. They also made up camp kits, knit toques and hosted coffee hour after church. The Harmony Unit also raised \$140.00 towards the Thomas Crosby Fund by holding a Chili Lunch after church.

The Jean Neil Unit held their very successful plant and garage sale in May, which raised \$1766.00. Other projects include a Church Mouse Luncheon and hosting the Hilltop House birthday parties held each month. The Jean Neil Unit has made up camp kits, "Gife a Gift" parcels, knitted toques, hand made Christmas decorations for sale, and hosted coffee hour after church.

The MacKenzie Unit was pleased to report \$710.40 in Regal Sales this year. As well, this Unit made up camp kits, hosted coffee hour, knitted toques, and made up "Give a Gift" boxes for First United Christmas care in Vancouver.



Two Life Memberships in the U.C.W. were given to Ruth Smith of the Jean Neil Unit and Iris DeCook of the Harmony Unit.

We have continued our financial commitments to the Project Fund, Mission and Service (M & S) and the Squamish United Church General Fund. We also donate to the North Shore Counselling Service.

The U.C.W. hosted the World Day of Prayer in March with the Baptist, Anglican, and Catholic Churches participating. The theme, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" was timely and it was a privilege to have Maureen Gilmour as our guest speaker.

Our Units have also taken on a new project called "Give-a-Gift" which is a Christmas care package containing, gloves, toque, scarf, paper, pen, fruit, and chocolate sent to the First United Church in Vancouver. We plan to continue this project for the next year.

The U.C.W. has enjoyed hosting coffee hour after church service. Each Unit takes a turn as host and will continue in the new year.

We have been especially active with our catering, which has been a fund raiser for our church but more importantly, it lets the community know we are here to help and serve. Some catering projects include; The Cub Schout Banquet held each February, The Church's Annual General Meeting, The World Day of Prayer, the very popular handicap luncheon held here in May for the First United members in Vancouver, The Conference for the Division of Global Concern, and several funeral services.

Lou Rempel has continued with the time consuming task of adding the grocery tapes for food vouchers as well as adding up the value of the food in the grocery cart in the church foyer each month. It is appreciated and we thank you for your time and effort.

Church members will be pleased to read the heavy curtains at the back of the church have been removed, after some discussion. Hope you noticed!

At each Unit meeting, a devotional and prayer are observed and a study or discussion on current events both within and outside the church are discussed. It makes for a lively and interesting meeting.

We welcome and encourage any women from the congregation to join our U.C.W. It may make a difference in your life.

This past year has been a busy and exciting time for me as U.C.W. president and I look forward to next year's activities and friendships.

Yours truly,  
Carlotta Liechti  
U.C.W. President.

## U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT 1989

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1989

561.22

Receipts:

Catering	538.50	
Rummage Sales	1419.11	
Regal Sales	710.40	
Chicken Sales	520.00	
Garage & Plant Sale	1766.10	
Love Offerings	899.05	
Calendars	9.00	
Colgate	14.85	
Sale of coffee urn	47.00	
World Day of Prayer	166.45	
	<u>6090.46</u>	6090.46
		<u>6651.68</u>

Expenditures:

Church kitchen (coffee urn)	103.78	
Catering	54.00	
Petty cash (secretary)	10.00	
World Day of Prayer	166.45	
Van-Burrard Presbytery expense	50.00	
Miscellaneous	7.37	
North Shore Counselling Centre	100.00	
Project Fund	1500.00	
M & S Fund (2 life memberships)	1110.00	
Church Budget	<u>1000.00</u>	
	4101.60	4101.60

Bank Balance December 31, 1989

2550.08

Respectfully submitted by,  
Shirley Halvorson  
General U.C.W. Treasurer





## SUPPLY REPORT 1989

### Grocery Tapes:

We again exceeded our previous year's total. 191 sets of \$5,000. worth of grocery receipts were redeemed for \$20. each. These vouchers were used to support the local food bank, to augment the First United Food Cart and to supply the church kitchen. Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Smart our "biggest" tape saver in 1989.

First United:

Each month the food in the grocery cart was tallied as to approximate value and then taken to First United Church. In 1989 this amounted to approximately \$1,550. In addition, we also encouraged people to make up gift boxes consisting of a toque, scarf, mitts, notebook, pen, an ornament and a chocolate bar. Oranges and apples were bought separately. Twenty-seven boxes, complete with wrap were prepared — some more complete than others. Our hope was that each family would make up one box — maybe in 1990? [Buy the woolies now - they should be on sale]. Our busy knitters also contributed 110 toques.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lou Rempel.



## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE 1989

This perennial effort was again sponsored by the Ministerial Association. Members of this church who were active on the committee level were Chris Burnett, June Halvorson, Mildred Campbell, Gwen Taylor, Lou Rempel. Many members of the congregation assisted us with sorting food, packing, and delivery of hampers. We would like to thank those who gave of their time and money and for the food and toy donations. The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 1990 at St. John's Anglican Church. We need new people — will you consider being part of the committee?

Respectfully submitted by;  
Lou Rempel.

# ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 1989

	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Envelope Contributors	82	82
Contributors to M & S	50	53
Special Contributions [Lent, White Gift, World Hunger, etc.]	41	44
Bank check off users [2 of whom are envelope users]	4	3
Contributors by yearly donations	7	8
<b>Total Contributors</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>
Sunday School Envelope Contributors	20	18

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

	<u>Number of givers in:</u>	
	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
\$1.00 - \$100.00	16	16
\$101.00 - \$200.00	14	10
\$201.00 - \$300.00	11	6
\$301.00 - \$400.00	9	8
\$401.00 - \$500.00	6	9
\$501.00 - \$600.00	6	5
\$601.00 - \$700.00	5	6
\$701.00 - \$800.00	1	6
\$801.00 - \$900.00	3	2
\$901.00 - \$1,000.00	-	1
\$1,001.00 - \$1,100.00	5	-
\$1,101.00 - \$1,200.00	1	4
\$1,201.00 - \$1,300.00	1	1
\$1,301.00 - \$1,400.00	1	1
\$1,401.00 - \$1,500.00	1	2
\$1,501.00 - \$1,600.00	-	1
\$1,601.00 - \$1,700.00	-	2
\$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00	-	2
\$3,000.00 - \$5,000.00	2	-
	<u>82</u>	<u>82</u>

Respectfully submitted by,  
Mildred Campbell.



MISSION AND SERVICE FUND 1989

Congregational givings: (in offering bags)

		<u>Sent to Toronto</u>
January	\$ 506.75	\$ 505.00
February	564.00	564.00
March	712.60	712.00 & 30.00*
April	780.70	980.00 [incl.\$200.UCW]
May	688.00	688.00
June	423.50	624.00 [incl.\$200.UCW]
July	570.50 [incl.\$100.I.F.I.G.]	569.00
August	427.75	428.00
September	647.00	647.00
October	825.00 [incl.W.H./Dev.]	825.00 & 30.00*
November	559.10	558.00
December	937.00	
	80.45 [coins for W.Dev.]	
	850.00 [I.F.I.G.]	2468.00 [incl.\$600.UCW]

Designated amounts from above include:

\$ 950.00	In Faith I Gave
275.45	World Hunger or World Development
1060.00	U.C.W. to General M & S
60.00*	U.C.W. life memberships sent separately

TOTAL MONEY SENT TO TORONTO FOR BUDGET PURPOSES = \$8678.00  
[\$58. over target]

Service charges	\$5.46
Interest	1.14
Carry-over from 1988	.31
Left in account	.34

Respectfully submitted by;  
Lou Rempel.



Comparative statement of actual expenses and those  
projected for the year ending Dec. 31, 1989:

EXPENSES:

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>
1. Salaries & expenses --	32,696.10	33,805.00
2. Insurance --	1,638.10	2,200.00
3. Municipal Services --	1,313.03	1,250.00
4. Heating Fuels --	3,005.75	5,000.00
5. Electricity --	1,273.69	1,500.00
6. Telephone --	609.34	700.00
7. Maintenance --	1,729.31	2,000.00
8. Capital additions --	2,149.50	
9. Sundries --	146.23	415.00
10. Mission & Service --	8,678.00	8,620.00
I.F.I.G. & T.C. etc.	2,259.70	
11. Presbytery --	2,060.00	2,060.00
12. Observer --	487.50	550.00
13. Seminars & Session --	694.49	500.00
14. Guest Speakers --	450.00	500.00
15. Ministerial --	100.00	100.00
16. Outside Charities --	73.39	1,000.00
17. Stationery & Supplies --	2,843.37	3,200.00
18. Duplicator lease --	550.00	550.00
19. Library --	155.06	250.00
20. Music --	193.01	300.00
21. Christian Education --	473.96	500.00
 TOTAL -----	 63,579.53	 65,000.00



Receipts and donations for the year ending Dec. 31/'89:

<u>LOCAL EXPENSES:</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>PROJECTED</u>	<u>%</u>
envelopes & cheques --	33,021.00		
open offering --	3,312.37		
appeals & gifts --	<u>5,999.99</u>		
Subtotal --	42,333.36	44,380.00	95
<u>Building &amp; Maintenance:</u>			
building fund --	1,078.60		
annex honourarium --	7,051.00		
capital gifts --	<u>2,362.96</u>		
Subtotal --	10,492.56	12,000.00	87
<u>MISSION &amp; SERVICE:</u>			
envelopes & cheques --	7,477.60		
U.C.W. --	1,060.00		
special appeals --	<u>2,400.10</u>		
Subtotal --	10,937.70	8,620.00	99
 TOTAL --	 63,763.62	 65,000.00	 98

Financial Statement: (unaudited)

<u>General account (Royal Bank):</u>	
Dec. 31/'89 balance --	6,139.37
accounts payable --	<u>2,835.90</u>
carry-over into '90 --	3,303.47
 <u>Building fund (Bank of Nova Scotia):</u>	
Dec. 31/'89 balance --	6,606.61

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

Proposed 1990 Budget:

REMUNERATION:

Pastor's salary --	21,240
Pension, insurance & medical --	2,600
UIC & CPP --	1,800
Car allowance (\$0.25/Km.) --	3,000
Book allowance --	300
Secretarial & bookkeeping --	5,000
Janitorial --	2,200
Organist --	1,300
SUBTOTAL --	37,440

SECULAR EXPENSES:

Insurance --	2,000
Municipal Services --	1,500
Heating fuels --	4,000
Electricity --	1,500
Telephone --	1,000
Duplicator lease & service --	1,000
Maintenance --	3,000
Sundries --	482
SUBTOTAL --	14,482

OUTREACH:

Mission & Service --	9,000
Presbytery --	2,078
Observer --	500
Seminars & Session --	700
Guest Speakers --	500
Ministerial --	100
Caring & benevolent ministry --	1,000
Stationery & supplies --	2,500
Library --	300
Music --	800
Christian education --	600
SUBTOTAL --	18,078

TOTAL ---	70,000
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FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 1989

IN MEMORIUM: [8]

Mrs. Mildred MacDonald, January 3  
Mrs. Grace Marcoux, January 21  
Mrs Anne O'Conner, January 30  
Mr. Eric Hansen, May 19  
Mrs. Isobel Kent, June 2  
Mrs. Helen Thompson, August 7  
Mr. James Schultz, September 9  
Mrs Bernice Beatty, October 27

BAPTISMS: [6] Adult

Lionna Tourand [Lonny], March 3  
Sandra Hills [Sandy], March 3  
Janice Hagedorn, December 17  
Eric Hagedorn, December 17  
Maureen Albrighten, December 17  
Linda McHale, December 17

BAPTISMS: [3] Child

Lindsey, son of Lonny & Philip Tourand, March 3  
Janna, daughter of Lonny & Philip Tourand, March 3  
Cheryl, daughter of Wendy & Wayne Kiever, September 10

MARRIAGES: [16]

Kathy McMillan and Shane McDonald, May 20  
Doanne Buchanan and Brian Russell, May 27  
Barbara Dendaas and Roland Clark, July 1  
Carole Ann Robinson and Dana Johnson, July 8  
Mary-Ann McNicol and Ronald McCormack, July 8  
Sylvia Buschhaus and Kenneth Schnieder, July 22  
Holly Schulte and Brian Staats, July 29  
Janet Goss and Alan Davis, August 2  
Colleen Ramsay and Brian Hamilton, August 12  
Dorothy Haworth and Garry Gregg, August 12  
Cynthia Larratt and Andrew McPhail, August 26  
Christine McBride and Matthew Card, October 7  
Dona Tobus and Pete Newell, October 14  
Janice MacLeod and Henry Beintema, November 18

NEW MEMBERS: [16]

March 19

Sandy Hills  
Lonny Tourand  
Bob & Debbie Pederson  
Jane Gipps  
Bobbi Laakman

December 17

Ted & Sophie Mousseau  
Katherine Wilkes  
Katrina & Kevin Doherty  
Karen Stewart  
Eric & Janice Hagedorn  
Maureen Albrighten  
Linda McHale







