

Mountain View United Church

Annual Report – 2007

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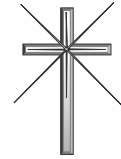
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January 2008



A Letter From Rev. Frank

My Dear Friends:

Herein is a portrait of a congregation that has honestly left an indelible mark upon my memory. What follows is much more than a compilation of facts and figures. It is the story of a remarkable people portraying the tenants of a living faith. I ask that all who hold this report in their hands will see plainly the fulfillment of our Lord's promise to be with His people always. It is a strong faith running through the separate reports and collected in summary statements of facts and figures that makes this a portrait well worth the time to study.

Success in a Christian's journey is never given to mark the end to a process, but rather as an encouragement for moving ahead towards something yet to be achieved. So it is for the individual; so must it ever be for the congregation of God's people. We inherit the mountain-top only to view the Promise Land to which our Lord beckons us. Take the time now to view The Promise Land from where the Lord has brought us, and then with a vision made clear through renewed Love, and commitment, journey on to the next summit under His leadership.

We must never be simply the viewers of mountain peaks that glisten in the distant sunshine. Our Lord always saw with compassion what it was like at the foot of the mountain presently occupied. The church of the future must pay more acute attention to the spiritual well being of those entrusted to her individual care. We must never let the spiritual development of the people, and their acquisition of a vital and living faith; take a second place in any other of our considerations. Religion of the future must become profoundly personalized, if it is to survive. We must recognize that the Social Gospel is a vital part of Christian witness, but only a part, Christian witness must start, and, continue with love. Love is always a costly commodity of the spirit!

It is good to see a congregation engaged in visioning for the future. I applaud the efforts of those in leadership in this area of the congregation's life. Even in the midst of a visioning exercise we must hear clearly the voice of the Chief, Who always maintained a compassionate view of those at the base of the mountain presently occupied. I would suggest that a very intentional survey of the *Mountain View* constituency should be undertaken immediately; to identify families and /or potential members and affiliates. An every person or family visitation or blitz, would provide the crucial information needed to enable us to be the church. As I see it, this is an essential exercise that is too big and too important to be left to any one particular Committee.

It may even be mandated to an *ad hoc* committee of the congregation established for this sole purpose. I have personally been helped greatly by the Pastoral Care visitors in the congregation over this past year. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. However, I most sincerely encourage the formation of active Session districts or zones for the delivery of more intentional pastoral care within the congregation. This can only serve to enhance our Christian witness and help fulfill our mission to be the church.

It has been an enriching experience to work with such a group of willing and eager volunteers. The contribution of the UCW, UCM, the choirs, the Sunday school participants and each member of the many Committees and the Congregational Board is, most commendable. As well, I must express sincere gratitude for having the privilege of working with an outstanding office staff. To Liz, Ed and Mark for their friendship and their constant support, I offer my sincere appreciation.

And especially to you who have occupied the pews, each Sunday at *Mountain View United*, I now express sincere appreciation. You have offered me such tremendous support, encouragement and, love. I will carry in my heart, friendships that will last a lifetime. It usually takes a year or more for one coming into a new church setting to discover his bearings. I cannot pretend to have completely discovered mine, even to this date. But your consideration and encouragement have been most generous. I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve you, and for your future in your ongoing mission to be the church I pledge my heartfelt prayers.

To those of you who have requested it, my e-mail address in Fredericton is:

rattleyrow@rogers.com .

Our home address is 44 Main Street, Fredericton NB E3A 1C1.

The invitation still stands:

Drop in for a mug of tea and a bun.

You can even forget the instruction to B.Y.O.B.

From Frank and Vera our love and prayers continue;
May God Bless You All.

CHURCH STAFF AND APPOINTED OFFICERS

Minister	Rev. Mary Anningson
Interim Supply Minister	Rev. Franklin Curtis
Organist and Choir Director	Mark Lloyd
Office Administrator	Liz Simmons
Caretaker	Ed Harris
Church Treasurer	Ian MacBeath
Mission and Service Treasurer	Ian MacBeath
Envelope Secretary	Liz Simmons
Chair of Session	Deborah Ellison
Session Secretary	Avalon Owen
Congregational Board Chair	Nan Leger
Congregational Board Secretary	Brian Lowe
Christian Education Ministry	Judy Davis
Finance Ministry Chair	Bob Smith
Property Ministry Chair	Doug Hoyt
Trustee Chair	Mark Gourley
Ministry and Personnel Chair	Judy Laventure
Nominating Ministry Chair	Mel Johnson
Men's Group	Allan Borden
Manse Liaison	Jim Laventure
Strategic and Long Term Planning Chair	Brian Forbes
Church Development Project	Mark Gourley
Outreach Chair	Sheila Hoyt

CHAIRS/LEADERS OF GROUPS/ ORGANIZATIONS

U.C.W. General President	Gwen MacRae
Catherine Unit	Kaye Estabrooks
Deborah Unit	Barbara West
Esther Unit	Barb Groundwater
Church School Co-ordinator	Melanie Stace
Senior Choir	Donna Love
Fall Fun Fair	Carson and Joyce McDavid
Lobster Take-Out	Melville Johnson, Nan Leger,
Lobster Take-Out	Joan & Bob MacLeod

OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

Librarian	Judy Beach
Librarian Assistant	Gwen MacKenzie
Courier	Allison Finnamore
Observer	Ruby Tower
Presbytery Representatives	Douglas Hoyt
Moncton Council of Churches	Nan Leger, Gwen MacRae



2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF SESSION MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH



Just as the months and seasons evolve in our own lives, so do they evolve for the Elders on Session and their work at Mountain View. Each of the 15 Elders attends the ten regularly scheduled meetings to discuss, to make decisions and then to enact the decisions that we hope will enrich the spiritual life of our congregation. Each season brings its own activities that must be supported.

In **January** 2007 we bid adieu to Rev. Mary who was going on maternity leave for a year. We welcomed our new supply Minister, Rev. Frank Curtis. The year has passed quickly and once again we are facing change with Rev. Frank leaving and Rev. Mary returning full time in February. We are thankful for Rev. Frank's spiritual leadership at Mountain View this past year.

Throughout the year Session lead or participated in the following activities.

- 1. Sacraments** - Session approved many baptisms and marriages as well as Transfers of Membership into Mountain View. Communion was served seven (7) times with an average attendance of 140. Confirmation was held in December for five people.
- 2. Worship Committee** chaired by Brian Lowe worked with the minister to provide meaningful services throughout the year. We are most grateful to Brian's leadership in this area and for his resourcefulness in conducting Sunday service when no clergy was available. The Worship Committee worked with Rev. Frank and organist, Mark Lloyd to organize other occasions such as Week of Prayer, Lenten, Baden Powell, Remembrance, 57th Anniversary, Dedication of a piano from the Forsythe Family, In Memory of Faye Forsythe, Advent as well as regular services. The worship committee organizes the readers each Sunday as well. We are thankful to Avalon Owen for organizing the Greeters list as well.
- 3. Other Activities:**
 - 1. The Annual Pancake Supper** on February 20th was well attended – more than 250 people were served in a little over an hour and a half. Many thanks to the team of wonderful volunteers who so graciously donated their time and talents to make the supper a success.
 - 2. Coffee & Conversation-** It is so great to see the gym filled on these Sundays to share conversation, laughter and genuine fellowship. This year with lots of help from other ministries we were able to offer coffee on the first and third Sunday of each month. However our goal is to sponsor this every Sunday. We need help from the congregation to make this happen. It takes two people to make the coffee, etc, to serve and to clean up. Please consider this as a form of your ministry to Mountain View.
 - 3. Week of Prayer Service-** on Jan 21st Brian Lowe represented Mountain View at St. Augustine's Church for this service. Carol Ann O'Leary represented St. Augustine's at Mountain View.
 - 4. Clergy Appreciation Sunday** – Session worked with M&P and Board to express to Rev. Frank and to Rev. Mary our deep appreciation for their work at Mountain View.

5. Christmas Boxes – Elders donated treats to fill 12 Christmas boxes to send to university/college students in our congregation.
Thanks also to Clive and Myrna Balderston for their contribution.

6. Pastoral Care- Many cards were sent to people in the congregation – sympathy, birthday, special anniversary, get well, thinking of you, etc. Many thanks to Mary Hebert for the excellent manner in which she does this most important task on our behalf. As well our sincere thanks for the many calls, visits and cards that are sent by others in the congregation.

We give thanks to God:

- for our minister, Rev. Frank Curtis for his dynamic sermons, his obvious love for people and his leadership this past year.
- for our organist, Mark Lloyd and the choir who faithfully provide such inspiring music each Sunday.
- for our dedicated Sunday School superintendent and teachers.
- for each committee member in whatever capacity they serve, we offer thanks for their leadership, advice and support.
- for each and every member in our church family.
- for our office administrator, Liz Simmons, for her leadership, her organizational skills and her commitment to this congregation.
- for our custodian, Ed Harris, for his support for each and every event, for his humor and his steady presence in our congregational life.

As we end this report and approach the next year, let us remember who we are, who made us and why we are here. My prayer for this church that I am so proud of is hope, faith and good health for all if it be God's will. Instead of counting our days, let us make each day count, for when Jesus is present all is well, for nothing is too difficult.

In Christ's service
Deborah Ellison
Chair of Session



TRANSFERRED OUT

MEMBER
None

TO
-

RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

TRANSFERRED IN

Ashley Lloyd
Gary Ferris
Joanne Ferris
Joyce Smith
Corinna Rodgers
Brian Reitzel

FROM

Central United Church
Mount Royal United Church
Mount Royal United Church
Berry Mills United Baptist Church
St. John The Evangelist Church NFLD
St. Augustine Catholic Church

PROFESSION & REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Edward Harris
Wendy Goguen
Amy Mullin
Sylvie Gallant

Kris McGarrigle
Heather Horsman
Jacob Chase
Scott Purves

MARRIAGES

Name(s)

Date

Timothy William Brewer and Cheryl Lynne Homans

July 21st, 2007

BAPTISMS

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>Parent(s)</i>
Audrey Isabel Gaylord	Stephen and Marla Gaylord
Kris McGarrigle	Adult baptism and confirmation
Cayleigh Jenna Fergusson	Brian and Jennifer Fergusson
Carter Michael Clinton,	Michael Clinton and Lacey MacKinnon
Trevor Graham Bryenton	Graham and Kimberly Bryenton
Matthew Robert MacLeod	Ian MacLeod and Dana Sherwood
Jillian Susan Campbell	Ian and Susan Campbell
Heather Ann Horsman	Adult baptism and confirmation
Rachael Nicole Anningson	Brett and Mary Anningson

Mark 10: 14

*“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

IN MEMORIAM

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Laurie E. Langille	January 19, 2007
Clarence E.G. Price	February 2, 2007
Faye G. Forsythe	February 18, 2007
Imogene “Gene” Beers	May 28, 2007
Mary M. Johnston	October 24, 2007
B. Jacequiline Howe	November 30, 2007

*“For I am already on the point of being sacrificed;
the time of my departure has come.
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.”*

- 2 Timothy 4: 6-7

CONGREGATIONAL BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT – 2007

This is my last report as Chair of the Congregational Board. As did several other Chairs of our Ministries, I remained in this position to help keep matters running smoothly during Rev. Mary's maternity/parental leave. Again, we all shared in a baby shower, although a much smaller version, to show our pleasure in welcoming a new little daughter, Rachael Nicole Anningson.

My belief is that, if we seek always God's will in any matter, we will certainly find answers. God was indeed good to us! Rev. Frank Curtis was an answer to our prayers when we searched to find a replacement for Rev. Mary this past year. We may not have been an answer to his prayers, but by comments Rev. Frank has made frequently, I believe we have been good for one another.

Over 2007 the "Strategic Planning Committee" has evolved into the "Long Term Planning Committee", which will continue to handle matters which don't fall into any of the "Relocation/Decision-making Committees" duties. Members of the "Long Term Planning" committee were tasked to oversee the work being done across the front of our property during the summer, and into the fall. Much thanks goes out to those members who made themselves available during summer months to make certain you at Mountain View would be satisfied with the finished work. I, for one, feel the look of our property is greatly improved!

During this road construction we attempted to keep you all informed about access to the church for Sunday services. This meant several talk mail messages, as well as Sunday announcements, in the hopes everyone would be kept informed.

We were pleased to have Moncton City Council reject the request to have MacBeath Ave. closed from our property to Arden St., as our Church had stated its objection several times.

We will soon be saying farewell to Rev. Frank, and his wife Vera, and welcoming Rev. Mary back. One thing we could say about Mountain View, is that it's never dull around here.

My hope for 2008, is that, God will continue to be with us on our journey.

Respectfully submitted

Nan Leger - Chair



**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007
STRATEGIC AND LONG TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE
MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH**

As we continue the journey as a consequence of the changing needs of the community, coupled by the changing geography about us, Strategic and Long Term Planning has worked hand in hand in 2007 with the Board and the various committees of the Board toward our collective needs.

The creation of the various committees of the Board to facilitate the potential move has changed the nature of Strategic and Long Term Planning's focus and some of our former responsibilities rest with a variety of committees structured by the Board. We have tried to work cooperatively with the Hospital on a variety of issues, including the changes in elevation to our property, particularly the Manse, with the construction of the new road bed in front of the Church and through the variety of issues that have come up as a consequence of the Hospital's redevelopment.

The year 2008 will be a big year in our Church, as the Moncton Hospital's expansion opens, creating the reasonable expectation of more traffic problems, despite what we have been hearing for the last number of years. We will work patiently and cooperatively as a Church Community with the City, the Hospital and our other neighbors. Additionally, we will look beyond our current neighborhood throughout the north part of the City at potential sites that may serve as our home for the next many generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Forbes,
Chair of the Strategic and Long Term Planning Committee



Report for Church Development Project

Following the adoption of our vision statement by the Congregation, a committee structure was established to develop the vision into proposals for consideration by the Congregation. Committees were established to examine approaches to membership development and the expansion of the Congregation's ministry in the Greater Moncton area. In addition we have established three administrative committees to support and provide leadership in project management, communications and in bringing recommendations forward to the Congregation.

The substantive work on membership development and the expansion on Mountain View ministries has been proceeding over the past year and members of the Congregation have been consulted in a number of ways for their views and ideas about where the Congregation should be going. This work is vital to the future success of our Congregation and these committees are taking the time necessary to gather information from the Congregation and the experiences of other churches in these challenging times and to reflect on and consider what these mean for the people of Mountain View. Experience in other congregations has shown to us that moving in too much haste in these important areas has led to missing the happy outcome hoped for and has required much effort to recover lost ground.

The ministry expansion and membership development committees have been asked to have reports available this spring for consideration by the Congregational Board. As construction nears completion at the Moncton Hospital next door and the role of the church in the community of Greater Moncton continues to evolve, our Congregation's role will become clearer and the opportunity to bring forward some of the ideas we are developing now will become a reality.

Mark Gourley,

Outreach Ministry - Annual Report 2007

The Outreach Ministry has had a busy and productive year. We have continued projects from last year and we have added to our activities. We are pleased to bring you this report of 2007.

Our ministry consists of thirteen members. We take responsibility for M&S, Adult Fellowship, the Observer Magazine, the collection box for ReConnect, the volunteer programme in operation at Queen Elizabeth School which covers the Breakfast Programme and the Literacy Programme. Our group has a representative from UCW and Session. They keep us in touch with these two groups.

We have two new projects just getting underway. The first one is to make bandages for Leprosy patients in Vietnam. These cotton bandages are knit, or crocheted, and are used to protect the wounds of these patients. The second project is to place a small can in our narthex to collect coin for a charity called Ryan’s Well Foundation. This Foundation builds wells, protects water points and supplies sanitation services in developing countries providing clean water to help save lives. We are again seeking volunteers from our congregation to help us, and yes, if you would like to learn to knit or crochet bandages, we will teach you how.

Our ministry would be pleased to discuss any and all of our projects with you. Please feel free to speak to us about them. In June, our ministry led the worship service at our annual picnic at Centennial Park. Our topic was “Enough for All”. In worship, we are transformed by Christ into a people who yearn for a world in which enough for all is a reality.

During 2007, we were pleased to be able to assist several worthwhile causes on behalf of Mountain View United Church.

**Outreach Ministry
December 2007 Donations**

1. Camp-Ta-Wa-Si	\$100.00
2. Turning Points	100.00
3. Crossroads for Women	100.00
4. Karing Kitchen	100.00
5. Ray of Hope Kitchen	100.00
6. Addiction Services	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$600.00

**Outreach Ministry
June 2007 Donations**

1. Ryan’s Well Foundation	\$250.00
2. Mountain View UCW (to help finance children (to Camp Ta-Wa-Si)	200.00
3. Atlantic School of Theology	<u>500.00</u>
Total	\$950.00

Total Outreach Donations 2007 \$1550.00



In all that we do, it is important to remember that without the help of our congregation, many of our projects would be impossible. We are very appreciative of that support and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the people who are involved in these endeavors with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Hoyt, Chair

**Annual Report of Property Ministry
For Year ending December 31, 2007**



The Property Ministry of this congregation has enjoyed a somewhat quieter year than normal. During the year, we attended to regular building maintenance doing odd jobs as needed. There were some areas inside of the building that needed to have a new coat of paint. This was addressed during our vacation time in July.

The rental space to the Maritime Language School for French language training has been a good venture for both parties. They enjoy our location and facilities and we enjoy the income, although the training schedule has been much slower during the past twelve months.

Our main project for the year was supervising the re construction of our church property both around the church building and the manse. With the supervising team of Nan Léger, Reg Beach, Mel Johnson and Doug Hoyt we did in actual fact accomplish the goal of having our parking lot re-graded, along with regrading of the green space in front of the church, as well as around three sides of the manse. This was all re-graded, and sodded, along with a new concrete walkway and asphalt driveway for our manse. There was also a new asphalt driveway for the front half of our church parking lot, complete with new markings for the parking spaces. The total rebuild of both the manse property and the church property was all paid for by the Hospital and the Province of New Brunswick.

The most visible change in our re-construction is the new set of stairs built at the side door entrance since winter came upon us a bit sooner than we expected we still have a bit of work to do with the rain gutters and eave's trough over the new step and side door.

Parking around the building is still an issue, so we have asked people to park as close as possible next to the building along by the windows of the Board room. This did work well during the fall until the snow came and then the snow removal contractor changed the plan a bit and for those of you who park in that area can see what has taken place.

Three new smoke alarms have been added to the inside of the building, bringing the total up to 19.

The challenge for the Property Ministry in 2008 is be make sure that all non church organizations has supplied us with a copy of their third party liability insurance which has been mandated by Willis Insurance so that we are not held responsible for any accidents to outside parties when using our building facilities.

We wish to offer a special thank you to our custodian, Ed Harris, for his efforts in keeping our church facility neat, clean and orderly during the past year. This is well noted by our congregation and many outside visitors. Liz Simmons does a terrific job in managing our needs for a very busy weekly schedule.

As an example of some of the activity here at Mountain View we have Brownies, Guides, Bible Study, Mountain View Scrappers, AA, Recovery Group, Al-Anon, Special Committees of Chignecto Presbytery, U C W, Adult Fellowship Group, I. O. D. E., local Campers Association along with a Round Dance Group.

Our church hall is also a refuge shelter in case of any kind of emergency that might take place at Queen Elizabeth School. The school system has a very structured procedure in place to deal with any major emergency that may arise during the school year. Safety of all of the students is one of the most important factors with in our school system.

We also rent our gym space for any private rentals for social functions, plus all of the regular Ministries of our Pastoral Charge.

The Property Ministry has no major plans at this time for projects in the year 2008. We will continue to keep our building looking good, and functional, as a place to enjoy fellowship and to worship God.

To all others who gave of their time and talents to make our church facility a more comfortable place to gather, and to worship, we say “Thank You”.

We continue to enjoy the rental income from our manse property to the hospital especially due to the fact that they do their own maintenance and up keep. Jim Laventure continues to be our Manse Keeper/Liaison Person with the hospital.

Doug Hoyt

Chair, Property Ministry
December 31, 2007



Report of the Trustees for 2007

Report of the Trustees for Mountain View United Church for 2007

Your Trustees held two formal meetings in 2007. Actions taken in 2007 included the approval of the 2007-2008 application for insurance with Willis Insurance under the United Church of Canada insurance plan, the approval of the investment of trust monies in interest bearing term deposits and the renewal of the manse rental agreement with the Moncton Hospital. Trustees requested that the sale of the land to the City for the expansion of Connaught be completed but we are continuing to wait on action by the City to prepare the property transfer documents.

Trustees' Financial Report, December 31, 2007

Accounts held at Royal Bank at MacBeath and Mountain Road

Account # 7004328	\$ 3,174.53
Investment Certificate (2.8% redeemable anytime)	\$10,000.00
Total on Deposit	<u>\$13,174.53</u>

Trust accounts held by Trustees:

Choir Gowns	\$ 848.00
Organ Chimes	1,961.76
Organ Fund	<u>2,777.73</u>
	\$ 5,587.49
Parlour Fund	521.00
Building Relocation Fund	6,445.96
General Funds Donations	660.45
Undistributed interest and expenses	<u>40.37</u>
Total accounts	\$13,174.53



A.R. Haley Treasurer for Trustees

As this is my last report as Chair of Trustees, I want to thank my fellow members of Trustees for their support these past six years.

Mark Gourley

Celebration Sunday Report 2007

Celebration Sunday was a lower key event this year. It still provided an opportunity for all to reflect on their stewardship with Mountain View and to give an indication of givings estimate that assists planning for the future.

Overall 67 Givings Cards were returned, many of these showing planned increases for 2008. A list of those offering to assist in the many tasks around the church has been prepared from input received. This has been passed along to those responsible for the task.

There were two new participants to the PAR Program.

Bob Smith
Chair, Finance Ministry



MONCTON AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - 2007



Once again Gwen MacRae and Nan Leger represented Mountain View at the Council. Even though we were unable to attend all (3) Assembly meetings, Nominating has asked us to remain another year.

The Council had (61) members this past year, and all of its regular events were held. We were able to attend the Fall Assembly, which was held at St. Martin's In the Woods newly renovated church.

On invitation we attended the Holocaust Memorial service, held at the Atlantic Baptist University. We took Kathleen Soucoup with us.

The annual Advent event began at Moncton City Hall, and the procession proceeded to St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church. Speaker for the service was United Church minister Rev. Sheila Reddin-Smith.

We will try for better attendance in 2008

Gwen MacRae & Nan Leger
Lay Representatives

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The by-laws of the UCC pertaining to the Ministry and Personnel Committee state that “the Committee shall consist of not less than three and not more than seven members representative of the Pastoral Charge.” In keeping with the by-laws, in 2007 the M&P Ministry at Mountain View United Church was comprised of six actively involved members: Myrna Balderston, Reg Beach, Isabel Jones, Judy Laventure, Gerry MacEachern and Vera Swezey. Reg Beach represented M&P as the liaison member on the Property Ministry.

During the year, the committee met five times and regular reports were made to the monthly meetings of the Congregational Board.

On February 3rd, Rev. Mary Anningson went on maternity leave with a planned return date of February 2, 2008. On March 8, 2007 she gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Rachael Nicole, a sister for Emily.

Mountain View was fortunate to engage the ministerial services of Rev. Frank Curtis during Rev. Anningson’s absence. Rev. Curtis agreed to leave retirement to serve our congregation and he and his wife, Vera, were welcomed by the Mountain View church community.

There were no other personnel changes in 2007: Mark Lloyd continued as director of music, Ed Harris as caretaker and Liz Simmons as office administrator. We recognize and commend our ministers and personnel for the contributions they make to Mountain View. We are privileged to have these individuals who work so hard for us. They are the heart and soul of our church.

Ed’s wish for a new commercial vacuum cleaner came true this year and Liz now has a flat panel monitor which provides more working space on her small but very busy desk. We are extremely grateful and extend thanks to the Property Committee and others who were instrumental in providing these much needed items.

M&P met and reviewed the remuneration for all personnel and prepared recommendations for submission to the Board for inclusion in the 2008 budget.

Individual personnel performance reviews were completed in consultation with employees. Personnel files were maintained and police records checks were renewed as required.

On October 14th, in commemoration of Clergy Appreciation Sunday, an informal coffee and conversation gathering gave us all an opportunity to recognize our ministers, Rev. Curtis and Rev. Anningson. Many cards and notes were received and kind words exchanged.

On October 23rd, M&P hosted the third annual Appreciation Dinner for personnel and their spouses. This special evening was organized on behalf of the congregation as a show of appreciation to our personnel for all that they so willingly do for us. A team effort by M&P, this event is spearheaded by Reg Beach and consists of a multi-course meal prepared and served by members of the committee. This year, the entertainment, which is always a surprise, was provided by Bernie Houlihan who delivered songs and humour prior to dinner. The evening was fun for everyone.

2007 was my fourth year as chair of M&P and completes my term. It has been a privilege to serve in this capacity and I have so many to thank for helping me along the way. The members of M&P have been wonderful. Attendance at meetings was almost 100% and involvement and participation were exemplary. There were many others who showed patience in providing answers to my many questions. I appreciated your help. As for the ministers and personnel at Mountain View, I cannot praise you enough. You are outstanding. We have been blessed. To one and all I say thank you.

Judy Laventure
Chair, M&P Ministry

Nominating Ministry Annual Report 2007

We have met monthly until the summer and we have been meeting this fall nearly every week up until 10th of December. We started again on the 10th January, 2008. The reason being we are getting a lot of no thank you responses. We are trying to get those that are not involved in our church work to become more active, and those that are involved not to have more than one position, unfortunately that is not the case. We have had to ask some to double up and others who were finished their term to stay on for another year.

Now if we have missed calling you and you feel that you are being called to take a more active part in the life of our church family and experience being part of our government structure to serve, all you have to do is call someone on the nominating ministry or the church office. Just leave your name and where you would like to serve. We would welcome an opportunity to speak to you and discuss further where your personal gifts and talents may fit to better serve our church.

Hopefully the following positions can be filled between now (10th January, 2008) and the annual meeting.

1. Treasurer - If this can't be filled by a volunteer then we will have to make it a paid position as we will not have a choice.
2. Christian Education Chairperson
3. Session - seven (7) openings (for this position you will need to be a member on the roll of Mountain View United Church) if we could get more members then this will make the total responsibilities easier for everyone.
4. M & P - one (1) position
5. Presbytery representative
6. Fall Fun Fair - chair or co - chairs for Silent Auction
7. Pie making - Sales & Marketing
8. Sunday School Superintendent
9. Sunday School Teachers - Even though the nomination ministry is not required to recruit teachers we feel that we should add it to our list of positions that need to be filled as there may be a hidden talent who has a desire to lead our Sunday School Children.

We would like to thank those that will be retiring 31, January 2008, and also those that have agreed to start new on 1, February 2008 and to those that will keep serving. A big **Thank You**.

Just call any one of us below and say “yes” to any one of the above positions.

Chair	Melville Johnson	max 4 years)	2010
Session	Brian Lowe	3 years no limit	2009
Outreach	Sheila Hoyt	3 years no limit	2009
Finance	Bob Smith	3 years no limit	2009
Congregational Board	Nan Leger	3 years no limit	2008
Christian Education	Judy Davis	3 years no limit	2008
Property	Douglas Hoyt	3 years no limit	2009
Trustees	Reg Beach	3 years no limit	2009
UCW Representative	*Gwen MacRae	3 years no limit	2010
Carolyn Smith		3 years no limit	2009
Margaret Murray		3 years no limit	2009
Members appoint by Board: Melville Johnson, Margaret Murray & Carolyn Smith			
Member <u>retiring</u>: Judy Davis			
* re-offering for another year.			

Respectfully submitted,
Melville Johnson

**Annual Report of Mountain View
United Church Women 2007**

Report of President as given to UCW Annual Meeting 2007

As President of this group of United Church Women I am proud of our performance for the year 2007.

Having listened to all our reports today I do hope that you agree with me that we fulfill all aspects of the UCW purpose. We do this differently in each unit, then as a single group as we accomplish our two fundraising projects.

Financially we have no problem and have covered the units allocation amount for general budget. We donate to the church budget and to Mission and Service Fund. Support many other Outreach projects locally and overseas. However, our organization isn't just about money. Each unit programs and studies, some more than others. Our members have a christian attitude in their everyday life, to care for each other, also others in the congregation and community. So yes, I am proud.

For myself, I have chaired our meetings which we run in our own peculiar way. Attended the Official Board meetings with a written report, given verbally. Attended Nomination Committee meetings which are, to say not in the least uplifting and no results, no matter how hard we work to fill the vacancies. I attend Chignecto Presbyterial, where I am sure others wish would keep quiet, I am a different generation.

I do have one complaint which is general to all meetings I attend. Having a hearing problem wearing one or two hearing aids I cannot hear as one needs to. Hardly anyone speaks loud, clearly and with good diction. I am the only person who complains but I am sure I am not alone in this problem. Remember UCW purchased a portable sound system for the church in 2007.

Looking ahead into 2008, I am sure that with the continued assistance and goodwill we receive from Mountain View congregation and staff we will experience another excellent year.

Gwendoline MacRae
President

UCW Continued

Deborah Unit Annual Report for 2007

The Deborah Unit held 11 meetings during 2007 with an average attendance of 11. Our membership consists of 16 active and 2 inactive members.

We appreciate the enthusiastic and capable leadership which Barb West brings to our meetings as we participate in a time of worship, business and fellowship.

Our unit actively supports all General UCW projects including Chicken Salad Take Out Dinner, Yard Sale, Variety Sale, Christmas Stocking, Fall Fun Fair and assorted catering when required. Our allocation to General was met.

During the year, at the unit level, a baby quilt was completed, a layette was provided for the Moncton City Hospital. New covered boxes were put in the church narthex for eye glasses, stamps, etc. Roll Call was answered with donations of food for the food bank, a quilt was taken to the Moncton Youth Residence. Coffee and Conversation was hosted following two Sunday Services. The Thank Offering Services were supported and a donation was made to the Stultz Turkey Drive.

Our sick and shut-ins were remembered with cards at Easter and with cards and/or gifts at Christmas and at other times when the occasion arose.

We held one monthly meeting during the first part of the year and decided to return to meeting twice monthly beginning in October.

We were pleased to honor a member on a special birthday with flowers and a birthday cake.

Barb Groundwater visited with us in October and spoke about the “Mustard Seed Prayer Chain”.

Several members of the unit accepted the invitation to join with Wesley UCW for lunch and their meeting.

Our May closing meeting was held at the Fisherman’s Restaurant with supper and a short meeting and our Christmas Party was held in the Church Parlor beginning with lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by devotions, Christmas readings, and exchange of gifts. We were pleased to have our General President, Gwen, as our special guest on both occasions.

We look forward to 2008 as we begin a new year of fellowship and service together.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Scott, Secretary

Report of Esther Unit UCW 2007

An angel was placed on the Christmas tree in memory of Grace Walters by our unit. In January we did a program on “Random Acts of Kindness” with stories from members who had witnessed such acts of kindness.

In February our guest speaker was Manon Sirois who presented slides from her trip to Swaziland and of the struggle of the people who live in that country with Aids. Esther Unit donated \$25.00 to the Aids cause in Swaziland.

Esther Unit did Coffee and Conversation in February. We helped celebrate Gwen MacRae’s 85th birthday with cake and flowers in January. We met on February 15th, at Camden Place, with Edith Anderson to celebrate her 90th birthday. Edith is a long time member of our unit. We helped with the “Thank Offering” in April and October. Monies were given to Mobile One and Harvest House. Mittens and socks were collected and donated to various schools, Community Chaplaincy, Headstart and Single Parents. All three units worked at this project. Esther unit provided the program for the General meeting in April, with Lynn Duffy and her presentation of Single Mothers and the Photoview Project. We helped cater to the memorial service for Clarence Price.

We provided an Easter gift and a Christmas basket for a member of our congregation who is in need of our caring and sharing. In April our guest speaker was Veronique Maillet from Sobeys who did a presentation on Canada’s Food Guide and several programs offered at the many Sobey’s stores in the Moncton area.

We helped with the dessert table at the Turkey Salad Take Out in May. In May, Esther Unit catered a dessert and card party with a very good turnout. It was held in the Church gymnasium. We helped with the “yard sale” in June, both with pricing and the actual day of the sale. Several members of our unit baked and delivered meals to a member of the congregation who had surgery and was not up to cooking meals for himself. We helped in June with the closing meeting of General UCW with a pot luck supper. It was the 45th Anniversary of UCW. We held our closing meeting in June at the Creek Restaurant with 16 members and guests present. In September we helped with the Variety Sale, cutting and pricing goods, as well as having our own clothing table sale.

We started a prayer chain called “The Mustard Seed Prayer Group” which has already been used a few times when someone on our list was in need of a prayer or someone close to them needed prayer. We helped put together a lovely Woman’s Christmas Basket for the Fall Fun Fair silent auction. We looked after the Breads and Spread’s table and the Christmas Table at the Fall Fun Fair in November.

Our program in November was “An Approach to Christmas”, suggestions for a stress free Christmas. We changed our meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. until April for a trial run. Twice a year we give a baby layette to the Moncton Hospital for newborn babies who are in need. We do this in the spring and fall.

All units took part in the UCW General Christmas party at the church. Everyone brought sandwiches and sweets and enjoyed a Christmas program done by the leaders. Our leader, Barb Groundwater is stepping down as of December 31st, and Joan MacLeod has graciously volunteered to do the leadership for the next year or two. At Christmas time we gave \$200.00 to a family in our congregation. Our final meeting of 2007 was held at the home of Debbie Ellison where we enjoyed a Chinese dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship.

Our ladies have made 387 visitations to hospitals and shut-ins as well as making phone calls and sending cards to sick and shut-ins over the year. It seems to be that this year has been very busy and that we have had a year full of fun, friendship and fellowship.

Sincerely,
Sandra Swansburg,
Secretary for Esther Unit

Catherine Unit UCW

Catherine Unit UCW met 15 times during 2007, with an average attendance of 8.

It has been a fairly quiet, but busy year for Catherine Unit - we meet on the second and forth Wednesdays of the month, in the parlour of Mountain View United Church, and it is a time of worship, of programs, of great fellowship among the members, and, of course, of delightful lunches. Conversations run the gamut of anything and everything - a particular Sunday Service, the mess the streets were in, what is next on the agenda for the congregation, where and when are we going, why, what do we need to do, etc. etc.

On Shrove Tuesday, the Unit held a bake and craft sale during the pancake supper, which was a complete success, assisted with the Yard Sale in June, the combined wool, materials, jewelry, craft and yard sale in September, manned tables at the Fall Fun Fair, and have been their usual industrious selves.

Our closing meeting in June was once again held at the camp of Kaye and Glen Estabrooks. We were delighted to have Phyllis Dixon home at that time, that Bea Price was able to be out, and to host several invited guests.

We were very pleased to be invited to Wesley Memorial United Church for lunch and to sit in with their UCW for their general meeting.

Members took part in the Thank Offering Services, provided gift certificates to two persons in the congregation, turkeys to the Sue Stultz Turkey Drive, sponsored a single mother with 2 children for Christmas, provided several boxes of items for Nazareth House, and a donation towards medications etc. for a former member of this congregation who is ill.

Once again it has been a blessing to be a member of this unit, and the unit is looking forward to a rewarding 2008.

Avalon Owen, Secretary

Fall Fun Fair - 2007 Report

Well another Fair has come and gone. It is hard to believe we have been coordinating the Fair for five years already. This year's Fair held on Saturday November 17th was a success once again, raising **\$7,431.83** for our Church.

We would like to thank each and everyone of the volunteers who came out to help with Friday's setup and decorating, looking after the tables on Saturday and helping to clean up and also to those who gave their time to assist with the yard sale on Nov 24th.

We have received a few good suggestions to improve the Silent Auction and we will be working to implement these this year. We want to thank the congregation for your great response to our requests for auction items. This has become a major portion of the fair and with your support we will be able to continue it.

We have decided to continue coordinating the Fair for at least another year. So start planning how you can become involved. If you would like to help, give us a call and we'll find a job for you. Call anytime at 384-5841.

See you at the Fair on Saturday November 15, 2008!

Thanks once again everyone.

Carson and Joyce McDavid
Fall Fun Fair



LOBSTER TAKE-OUT 2007

The Friday & Saturday (1st & 2nd June) of the take out many helpers came out to help and enjoy the social part of the work. A big Thank You to all that help and also a Big Thank You to all of those that purchase the dinners that made the lobster take out a very successful fundraiser. The House of Nazareth was pleased to receive the extra salad and vegetables.

Total Revenue	\$ 8,264.09
Total Expenses	<u>4,871.41</u>
Total profit	\$ 3,392.68



Melville Johnson, Nan Leger,
Joan & Bob MacLeod
Chairpersons, Lobster Take - Out

ADULT FELLOWSHIP GAMES AND LUNCHEONS

The “Adult Fellowship” Games and Luncheons group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday’s of the month. Approximately 15 to 20 people enjoy fellowship, coffee and games; followed by a delicious meal served by the dedicated volunteers of Mountain View.

On alternate Thursdays folks gather to play shuffleboard and games. We welcome newcomers of all ages to join us.



Courier Report for Annual Report 2007



In the spring of 2006, I took over production of the Courier, the church newsletter.

Since then, five issues have been released: June, October, December 2006 and March and November, 2007.

The 11 and older Sunday School class continues to be a wonderful help with various jobs related to the Courier. They have selected participants and come up with a list of questions for the “Getting to know you...” column and they have been invaluable in helping with the folding and labelling of the Couriers prior to distribution. Time constraints of only an hour a week make further involvement challenging, but the youth have always been willing to pitch in when asked and are certainly welcome – and encouraged – to write their own contributions to the Courier.

The entire congregation has made key contributions to the Courier, writing up a bit of ministry news, posing for a photograph, submitting a memory, answering a late-night email or taking the time to drop a note about an upcoming event. This is what makes the publication truly our own special newspaper. It is exciting to see each Courier edition develop as submissions come in.

I continue to encourage electronic submissions, easing the workload at my end for typesetting and have implemented an earlier deadline for handwritten submissions to allow time for this extra work.

Along a similar train of thought, I would like to develop an email distribution list so the Courier can be sent out electronically.

A large group of volunteers have also been key in delivering Couriers that fail to get picked up from the narthex, some of them taking 10 or 15 newsletters to distribute to members of our congregation who no longer or unable to attend.

I feel the delivery of these Couriers is a wonderful opportunity for visitation with shut-ins. At the same time, delivering these “leftovers” creates the perfect occasion to find out *why* these members aren’t attending Mountain View anymore. Even a simple sticker on the outside of the Courier saying something like “We miss you” or “Hope to see you back soon” could reopen the door and welcome these people back into our company. I plan to implement the use of stickers in this way in future editions of the Courier but will leave any possible further investigation to ministries mandated to ask those kinds of questions.

Still, there seems to be many leftover Couriers after each edition. Numbers vary between 15 and 30. Whether the remaining Couriers need to be mailed out or if those members should be taken off the distribution list or if there is another solution, I don’t know. But I find it somewhat heartbreaking to throw out that much paper and at the same time know these people are missing from our church community.

I plan to have two more editions of the Courier out before summer holidays – a pre-Easter issue in March and a summer edition in May. A minimum of one copy will be done in the fall of 2008 as well.

Everyone, everywhere, has a story to tell. I hope you will continue to use the Courier as a way to share these stories with your church family at Mountain View.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Finnamore

Mountain View Senior Choir Report – 2007

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**Those who wish to sing,
will always find a song.**



Every Sunday morning, the congregation at Mountain View watch a very dedicated group of people file into the choir loft. This same group meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. to prepare their anthems for Sunday morning services under the very capable direction of Mark our organist and director. Our practises are filled with fun, laughter and often a treat or two.

This year we helped send a child to camp, led each Sunday service in the ministry of music and sang at a funeral.

We were prepared to sing at the Moncton Carol Festival, but it was cancelled due to a snow storm.

If you like music and love to sing, we always have room for more.

From the loft,

♪ ♪

Donna Love,
President



Christian Education Ministry 2007 Annual Report



This past year has seen a continued growth in our Sunday School. Melanie Stace, our Superintendent, reports a happy and busy group. We thank the many who have given of their time to teach or help in each class. We are constantly looking for more volunteers for these 6 week sessions to help our present volunteers as they face life changes. In addition to the regular lessons, the importance of Mission and Service as also introduced this year.

Our group welcomed Kari Goodwin as a new member and also Marla Gaylord, who has accepted the position of being in charge of the nursery. We thank Tammy Davis-Gallant for her past work in the nursery and are happy that she still remains on the C.E. Ministry.

This year we joined with others in watching the “thought-provoking” movie An Inconvenient Truth. Many ideas have sprung from this. Allison Finnermore plans to feature an article on at least one aspect of the environmental problem in each issue of the Courier. We thank Allison for her support of the many activities in the Courier.

The C.E. have purchased a video license for church use and have developed a method of tracking the number of approved films shown.

We continue to provide both Lenten and Advent booklets - this year we have introduced a few with large print.

During the long winter, we had another games night. It was great to see so many bring their favourite games and snacks and share happy times with each other.

Our library continues to grow. A box of books was provided from the UCRD on various faith issues. Parents and teachers of the Sunday School reviewed the books and evaluated them. As a result, we have purchased a dozen or more for our library. With other donations, and purchases by our librarian, Judy Beach, our library is home to many interesting and informative books. Please feel free to browse and borrow.

The Christian Education Ministry and the Session have started a tradition of providing each new baby with a “Splash Pack” - a booklet of ideas and guidelines to help parents explain faith to very young children through rhymes, stories, music (a CD is included) and ideas to try.

An uplifting church service on May 6th was held when Tracey Friers gave the presentation entitled “What’s Right In Our World”. We could all relate to those beautiful pictures.

Early spring found us with no High School graduates to congratulate and plans to make for the Sunday School closing.

The picnic this year was once again held at Centennial Park. The Outreach Ministry helped by planning the worship - the children enjoyed role-playing the story of Five Loaves and Two Fishes. Certificates were presented, games played, and barbequed hotdogs enjoyed.

Again Summer Sunday School staffing was a problem, leaving us to develop the policy that there would be classes for the 3-6 year olds and the nursery would be opened. Ages 7 and up would stay in church with their parents.

Our fall activities resumed again with our “Welcome Back Sunday” featuring ice cream sundaes. Rev. Frank blessed the bookbags during service the week after school had started. The children were also provided with a new insert of the children’s bulletins each Sunday.

As stated last fall, apple picking was once again held at Belliveau’s Orchards - mark your calendar for this event next year.

Christmas season brought all its wonder from White Gifts to be presented to the actual performance of the Christmas pageant where the children actually went back in time to be present at Jesus’ birth. We thank Sheila Cameron, Erin Hansen and Jill Donovan for their leadership. The children enjoyed it all plus making a craft for their tree and, of course, eating cookies.

The Carol Sing and Cookie Exchange was held December 15th. Many people came to enjoy the fellowship of singing the familiar Christmas carols and, of course, to share the wonderful treats of Christmas.

Happy New Year to all.

**Judy Davis,
Chair**



Finance Ministry Annual Report 2007

We held 10 regular meetings during 2007. We were pleased that it did not become necessary to borrow during summer months again this year.

Envelope offerings are down slightly from last year and overall revenue is down \$8,000 from previous year. Our disbursements were slightly less than past year.

As this is my last year in this position, I wish to thank the Financial Team and those who helped us with the counting after Services for their efforts over the year. I want to thank our treasurer, Ian, for his diligent service.

Bob Smith
Chair, Finance Ministry

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND REPORT - 2007

RECEIPTS

Congregational Givings	\$32,631.00
Designated Gifts	1,850.00
UCW	<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$35,481.00
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DISBURSEMENTS

National Mission and Service Fund	\$35,481.00
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Ian MacBeath,
Mission and Service Treasurer

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH - Annual Meeting Agenda – January 27, 2008

1. **Constitution of Meeting** – Brian Affleck, Acting Chair of the Congregational Board
2. **Devotions - Rev. Frank Curtis**
3. **Appointment of Chair**
4. **Appointment of Secretary**
5. **Voting Privileges**
6. **Approval of Agenda** (by Motion)
7. **Approval of Time Limit to Meeting** (by Motion)
8. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 27, 2007** (Annual Report pages 32-35)
9. **Business Arising from the Minutes - as required**
10. **Correspondence - as required**
11. **Moment of Silence in Memory of Deceased Members and Adherents**
12. **Thank you**
13. **Reports (as submitted)** - Please Review Annual Reports as distributed

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1. Proposed Budget – Finance Ministry, Bob Smith, Chairperson
2. Nominating Committee Report – Mel Johnson, Chairperson
3. Session presenting “Policy Booklet” revision – Debbie Ellison, Chairperson
4. Other New Business – as required

14. Adjournment

15. Benediction

Thank you for your attendance and your interest in our Church Family.

*Note: At the request of the custodian – at the end of the meeting,
please leave the tables and chairs where they are now located.*



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