

Manning Deadwood Shared Ministry & St John's Parish

Annual Report for 2009

1. Preamble

Manning Deadwood Shared Ministry Pastoral Charge, Saint John's Parish, is a partnership between the Anglican and United churches in the Manning and Deadwood area. Our Joint Board is comprised of three Anglican and three United members, plus a Deadwood representative and a Presbytery representative, who oversee the operations of our parish.

We have very few formal, committees. The board directly oversees Worship and Christian Development--any new ideas or changes usually come after discussion at the board. Fundraising programs are facilitated by volunteer leadership, which changes according to who is available and who has the enthusiasm and energy at the time to take on the leadership role.

Thus, our report in 2010 for the year 2009 is a reporting of events, happenings and a kind of story of how God is working through this church in this community.

Our pastoral charge (or parish) is comprised of two churches: Saint John's United Anglican in Manning and Deadwood United in Deadwood. Our mission statement for the pastoral charge is:

To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our community through word and action.

This past year we have endeavoured to do just that. Our collective work and participation in ministerial and community events and our own church events and programs has enriched us and we hope has enriched our neighbour.

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3. United Anglican Church Board Chairperson's Report

General Purpose: Overseeing the operations of our parish.

Board Members: Jo Kelemen (Chair), Nora Paulovich (Co-Chair), Shirley Nordstrom, Susan Teige (Secretary), Marilyn Beebe, Sharon Henitiuk, Sheila Reinders, Wilma Gurtler, Sunni Walker (Treasurer)

Our congregation continues our spiritual growth through our Sunday Services, Bible Studies, On-line Sunday School, Fellowship and through our looking out for one another throughout the year.

Through the efforts of our church committees and all of the hard working volunteers that have helped where they can, our church remains a vibrant and active member of our community. The appreciation we feel for these hard working people is deeply felt. We miss Susan Teige as she has resigned from the Joint Board as of June 2009. We look forward to 2010.

Thank you,

January 2010

4. Ministry and Personnel Committee

Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee is a confidential group that is to provide support and communication between the minister, staff, church board and congregation. M&P is expected to meet four times in a year.

Our members are: Jean Bradshaw, John Lyseng, Bonnie Paulovich, Nancy Rycroft and Dorothy Soroka. This is the only committee of the church that our minister is not a member. The committee has not met in 2009.

5. Finance Committee

Members: Sheila Reinders, Eileen Gerrits (Collection Manning), Lynn Hardy, Dan Paulovich, Eva Chambers (Collection Deadwood), Shirley Nordstrom, Sunni Walker

Financially our church is doing okay. There are still some repairs to do around church and on manse. The windows of the church should be going in this year. But, that is a capital expense. Also, there is grant money available through the United Church of Canada, which we are searching out.

6. Property & Maintenance

Committee Name: Maintenance and Repairs

General Purpose of Committee: To do repairs and minor maintenance to Church and Manse and organize others to do major repairs.

Committee Members: Dan and Bonnie Paulovich, Marilyn Beebe

Maintenance Report for Feb 2010 Annual Meeting

Not much was done this past year. Carpet on the main floor was replaced in April, with assistance from many members and Allan. 3 smoke detectors were installed. Routine jobs of mowing, flowerbed upkeep and snow removal was done by us, various members and Allan.

Items to be done in the future:

- Windows in sanctuary replaced and metal cladding put on frames of basement windows
- Grant requested to assist in costs for this and Alan Hudema will install after order placed
- Ramp and stair railings need painting
- Rug on outside stairs needs to be replaced, as well as some of the boards in the stairs
- Cleaning of vents and furnaces in Church and Manse
- Maintenance book created to list routine maintenance items such as furnace filters, etc. so job dates can be recorded when duties completed. Can also write in dates when other maintenance items are done.
- Create a list of cleaning duties so it can be posted
- Manse requires some work including: better insulation, better fan in the bathroom
- Would like to see committees/or signup sheet for: snow removal and lawn mowing and flower bed upkeep

We are resigning from this committee since we will be moving this year. We will continue to help out until then, but feel new people need to be in charge of this committee. It would be helpful to know what authority this committee has, as we were often not sure of what we could or couldn't do, or how much we could spend. Perhaps the Board could develop some guidelines for this committee.

We have been fortunate that Allan has been willing to do maintenance jobs at both the Church and Manse during his time with us-Thank you Allan.

Respectfully submitted

Dan & Bonnie Paulovich

7. UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

We have 7 active members--Connie Ungarian, Delores Lawrence, Evelyn Thomson, Joyce Yarham, Teresa Gairns, Eileen Gerrits, Marilyn Beebe, and one life-time member--Jennie Asmussen.

We met about five times last year in members' homes. Our meetings begin with a devotion. This is a time for fellowship and connecting with each other.

We look after collecting toiletries for the Women's Shelter in Peace River at Christmas time. We started the mitten tree in the church and send mittens, gloves, scarves and winter hats to the Bissell Centre in Edmonton. We assist with all fund raising projects in the church.

The UCW can be found in churches across the country working to support the Church's ministry and provides a place for women to socialize. *Marilyn Beebe*

8. Events, Happenings & Ministry

- **January**—was a time of transition when the church gets ready for its Annual Meeting the first Sunday in February. Allan went to Epiphany Explorations in Victoria. One of the highlights was listening to guest speaker **Stephen Lewis**: also, a professor of preaching , **Dr. Tom Long**.
- **February** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was our first event. It is mainly a time for fellowship which is open to the community. It is also, a fund-raiser for the church to support our Outreach—half of the offering goes to PWRDF and the other half to the local church.. Our second event in February was Family Day (16th) and we cosponsored the **Winter Carnival**, where there was a campfire, sledding & tobogganing, skating and games—oh, and refreshments.
- **March**--began with the **World Day of Prayer** the first Friday in 2009. World Day of Prayer was March 6th in St James RC Church. We take turns hosting, our turn is March 2010. The liturgy is designed by women from the focus country. Last year that country was Papua New Guinea and the theme: *In Christ There Are Many Members, Yet One Body*.
- **April** – April 12th was Easter this year. **Easter Farmers Market**, is an annual event in the community. This was our third year making and selling buns, squares, baked goods at the farmer's market. That evening at the church, on Maundy Thursday, we showed *Jesus Christ Superstar* in the basement of the church. The **Silent Auction**, was a success again. Our program of providing deserts, coffee, tea, and juices, has been very

popular for all ages. Our skits featuring a spontaneous, bunch of players was well received. Again the kids part of the auction was popular.

- **May**—Sometimes our catering group is hired for weddings. This past year we did one wedding. The way this happens is we receive a request then we find someone to take the leadership and organize people and resources. Catering is a valuable service and has an important role in the community and in our church.
- **June**—Grad was June 27 and Allan gave the message at the Worship Service, the main theme being: *Serve your neighbour, serve creation and you serve Christ.*
- **July**—July 4th wedding bells rang for **Edith & Blair Banks** at St John's UA Church. The **Rodeo** is a good fundraiser for us and it puts our church out in the community at a very important, cultural, event of our Town of Manning. We went through lots of water but not as much as last year. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped serve in the booth. Thanks to Del Harbourne for getting all the volunteers to sign up for shifts. Some of us had to double shift because a lot of people were away that weekend. But we hung in there and things worked out. We had some good hot days for the Rodeo and our snack booth. Also, the **Ministerial Rodeo Service** was well attended.
- **August** August 5 wedding bells rang for **Yvonne & Clint (Red) Gurtler** in a backyard ceremony. Allan was here for **St Bridget's Anglican Church** service on Heritage Sunday. About a dozen or so in attendance. (Allan took holiday and study time off through July and August coming back for weddings, funerals, rodeo and St Bridget's service.)
- **September**—that was quick! Holidays are over folks and there are new starts in every part of the community including the church.
- **October**—In the community of Deadwood our Fall supper is on the last Sunday of the month. The hall was full. **Deadwood Supper** saw lots of food and some people were even able to pick-up some left-over's. We had a baptism, **baptizing Tate Cousins** (Cody & Tanya) on Oct 11, 2009 during our regular Sunday service.
- **November**—The Royal Canadian Legion hosted the **Remembrance Day** service for the community. I was leading the singing this year while Pastor Brent gave the message. **Cookie Walk** fund-raiser was on Friday, Nov 27. Lots of variety! We sold most of the cookies. At the end of November everyone usually supports the **Christmas Craft Sale** at the AG Hall and Frosty Friday and the lighting of the Town of Manning Christmas Tree. This year the lighting ceremony took place on **Nov 20**. Many church members are also volunteers in the community making sure that these things happen. It's a small community!
- **December**—has got to be the busiest month of our whole year. Manning Ministerial started to plan for the **Community Christmas Celebration**,. This year's liturgy was comprised of readings, pastoral response, and hymns. What happens is we worship together and welcome the birth of the Christ child as a community of friends. Our **Blue Christmas Service** was on Thursday, December 17 this year. In December our **Bible Study** only met a couple of times then broke early for Christmas. Our **Secret Church Family(s)** were revealed on **White Gift Sunday** on December 13. On this Sunday we were also reminded of our deadlines for contribution to: **the Christmas Food Hampers Program through FCSS; the Mitten Tree; and the donations to the Women's Shelter in Peace River.** Our **Christmas Eve Services in 2009** were at 6pm in Deadwood United

and 8pm and 10:00 (communion) at St John's United Anglican in Manning. December 27th was a Communion Service presided at by Allan. Then Allan took a week off which included going to Bishop elect Fraser Lawton's consecration at St. James Cathedral in peace River. **Lessons and Carols Service** was on Jan3 with Lay Leadership the congregation goes through a liturgy of prayers, scripture and responsive hymns.

8. Board and Church Structure

Church Organization

Anglican Church of Canada (ACC)

- General Synod & Primate
- Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop
- Diocese of Athabasca & Bishop
- St. John's Parish (Manning Deadwood)
- St John's United Anglican and Deadwood United Churches.

St. John's Parish:

Manning Deadwood SM Pastoral Charge

- Official Board & Chairperson
- Trustees
- Ministry and Personnel Committee
- Property & Maintenance Committee
- Finance and Treasurer
- Minister member of all committees, except M&P

United Church of Canada (UCC)

- General Council & Moderator
- Alberta Northwest Conference & President
- Northern lights Presbytery & Chairperson
- Manning Deadwood SM Pastoral Charge:
St. John's Parish.

- St John's United Anglican Church Manning and Deadwood United Church.

9. Trustees

Trustees: Sheila Reinders, Arlene Henitiuk, Nancy Rycroft.

10. Wardens and Appointments

Anglican Appointments

- Rector's Warden.....Nora Paulovich
- People's Warden.....Susan Teige
- PWRDF Representative.....Georgia Kelemen
- Messenger/ Anglican Journal Rep.....Shirley Nordstrom
- Lay Readers.....Nora Paulovich, Georgia Kelemen, Shirley Nordstrom, Jolene Noble, Cara Noble, Dorothy Soroka, Diane Smith, Susan Teige, , Vicki Hudema, Dorothy Soroka.
- Lay Administrator..... Brenda Asmussen and Lynn Hardy.
- Synod Delegate.....Nora Paulovich
- Synod Alternate.....Georgia Kelemen.

United Appointments

- Presbytery Representatives: Sheila Reinders, Eileen Gerrits Alternate.....Bonnie Paulovich.

11. Minister

Minister's Report

Manning Deadwood Shared Ministry does a good job of outreach in our community and in the wider community. Our annual programs Mitten Tree, Women's Shelter, and Christmas Hamper, offer opportunities for everyone to get involved in changing the world. We also, participated in Pennies for Peace last Spring sending \$217.00 into the pot to help build schools for girls and boys in Afghanistan.

Our Bible Study is going well in Del Air Lodge on Tuesday afternoons. Sunday school is available on-line through Whole People of God. Let me know if you would like to sign-up and I will give you a pass word to log-on. I tried showing a movie last Easter called *Jesus Christ Super Star* in the Basement of church. This Palm Sunday I would like to show the movie *The Robe*. We could view in the context of a fund-raiser or in a time of fellowship. There would be an educational component to it asking theological questions of the viewers about the movie. We are checking on a venue for this event.

I did a couple of weddings this year: Blair and Edith (Ross) Banks *July 4, 2009* and Clinton and Yvonne (Gaylord) Gurtler *August 5, 2009*. There were no confirmations but we had a baptism, baptizing Tate Cousins (Cody & Tanya) on Oct 11, 2009 during our regular Sunday service.

This past year I officiated at the following Celebration of Life Services, saying good-bye to: Reg Calver *Oct 18, 2009*; Sigurd Oelstad *Oct 13, 2009*; Pat Lindsay *Nov 17, 2009*; Eleanor Watson *Aug 17, 2009*; Beatrice Little *May 15, 2009*; Harvey Nordstrom *Feb 17, 2009*. I was also, participating in Barry Johnson's Memorial Service *Aug 20, 2009*.

Along with visits to the hospital and to the lodge I do worship services. At extended care that may include memorials from time to time. We have had communion twice at the Lodge this year using individual cup and bread cubes. Our Lodge hymn books have been updated and the font made bigger over the past year. Our ladies at the Lodge have been taking on the leadership role for World Day of Prayer service in the Lodge.

This past Christmas I endeavoured to make the Christmas Eve services intergenerational and as inclusive as possible. Our choir were able to get together 3 days in a row before hand in order to practice. I used my projector for the third time to present a drama that had been designed to be performed by a youth group to give the Christmas message. I adapted it so one actor playing different personalities could do all roles. I shot it in the church office with a web cam. Teresa was an additional bonus offering some credibility to the broadcast. I think most enjoyed the message and how it was conveyed.

I have acquired the whole set of Voices Accompaniment Discs so that when we have no pianist or other musician, we can choose from a wide selection of Voices Hymns and they are all done very well on CD. I continue to ask people as they come in the door if they would like to read and that seems to work. Deadwood has 5 readers rotating monthly—e.g. Catherine is reading the appointed scripture for January.

Presbytery doesn't meet that much anymore. They have only cut out one meeting but it makes a difference. Our Northern Lights Presbytery sponsored the Helen Caldicotte presentations and the Debate in Peace River on Nuclear Power. They were well received and many have complimented the United Church on helping to facilitate information sharing and discussion on this issue.

I was a voting member at the Election Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca in Peace River last fall. It pulled me away from Presbytery in Valley View but it was worthwhile. It was a privilege being a United Church Minister and voting for the next bishop. Our new bishop is The Most Reverend Fraser Lawton from Ft McMurray.

Teresa and I are leaving by the end of June 2010. We don't know where yet, but will inform the Congregations when we find a place. I am available to help the Search Committee in their discernment if called upon. If you have questions about past ministry here and / or about what ministry could be in this community, I am available and willing to help.

This church's ministry extends into the community through its support of local / community events and programs. This church's ministry extends further through representation of our Wardens, Lay Readers, Synod Delegates, Presbytery Delegates and the Minister. This past year I have attended several meetings and conferences of both churches and other related ministries...

**The Wider Ministry
Anglican Church**

-Synod

Community Local / Wider

-Manning Town Councillor

**The Wider Ministry of
United Church of CDA**

-Commissioner of General

-3 Clericus	-Manning Youth Soccer Coord	legate to Alberta NW Conf
2 Deanery Meetings	-Associate Chaplain Alberta	-3 meetings Presbytery
	Pastoral Care Association	Diaconia of United church
	-Manning Ministerial– President	
	-Victim Services –Board	
	-St John’s Parish	

This is all part of our witness to the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ; this is The Church in Manning Deadwood acting out its mission statement:

To worship God and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our community through word and action.

We look forward to 2010. On the horizon are many more opportunities to serve God and spread the Good News about the Kingdom of Heaven at hand. It may be: in new ways to worship; or new ways to do pastoral care; or new ways to extent a helping hand to those in need.

May the Peace of Christ be with you in your mission, ministry and life.

Pastor Allan Gairns