

**TRINITY UNITED CHURCH SESSION MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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**WELCOME:**

Millie Cuthill, Chairperson, constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ the only Head of the Church, at 7:05 p.m.

**MEMEBERS PRESENT:**

Millie Cuthill, Barb Joyce, John McDougall, Darlene Nicol, Lynda Price, Marg Smith, and Elfleda Watson. (a quorum)

**Regrets:** Barb Stewart

**OPENING REFLECTIONS:**

Millie Cuthill read Matthew 2: 9, "Christian Season of Advent"  
Volunteer for January 2010 - John McDougall

**AGENDA:**

**Two items were added under New Business; Choosing date for the Annual**  
Congregational Meeting and Mission Statement update.

Millie Cuthill/Barb Joyce moved the approval of the Agenda.

**Carried**

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009:**

Three corrections, pg. 10, under Business Arising, should have read Women of the UCW; and pg. 11, under Minister's Report, corrected date is Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Combined Service at Trinity, and corrected date of Lynda Price's holidays, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

With these corrections, Barb Joyce/Marg Smith moved the adoption of these minutes as printed and circulated.

**Carried**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

- a) Decorating the Church Outside and In - Friday morning after Playgroup Breakfast, we will put the wreaths, candles and a couple of poinsettias in the church for the concert at night. John McDougall, Millie Cuthill, Marg Smith and Barb Joyce will meet at 8:30 a.m. Sat. morning, to put up the tree, lights, etc. (Barb will pickup poinsettias Friday a.m./p.m.)
- b) Advent and December Services
  - Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, Advent 2**, Hanging of the Greens - Elfleda Watson ringing bell; Vera Brown plugging in Christmas tree lights; Garland for the windows will be put in seats below window; Poinsettias, will be taken to the front of the church by members of session/congregation. (see bulletin)
  - Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, Advent 3**, Children's Pageant and White Gift - Children will be doing the service.
  - Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Advent 4**, International Christmas Custom, followed by a (Potluck) Brunch of Muffins, Crackers & Cheese, etc, Juice, Coffee, Tea.
  - Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve, 7 p.m. Family Service**
  - Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, Combined Service at Trinity, at 9:15 a.m.**
- c) Update of Oversight Visitation and Official Board Meeting - Millie Cuthill stated that one of the remarks from the Oversight Committee, was that the two churches were working really hard doing Outreach in our communities, and that we are working on updating our Mission Statement. Also, they reminded us to apply for a Watkins Grant, for the Manse renovations.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

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**WORSHIP AND SACRAMENT:**

- a) Minister's Report - since last meeting Lynda Price has done 18 visits; 6 meetings; conducted one funeral, attended "Light Into Darkness" service; working with Salvation Army and Rural Visions re Christmas hampers.
- b) Upcoming - Special Advent and Christmas Services  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (in Harrowsmith in Jan.)  
Lynda away Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - still looking for coverage.

**MEMBERSHIP PASTORAL CARE:**

- a) Some choir members, and any welcomed singers will go to Helen Henderson and Rosewood to sing. A date will be set up after the concert, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Christmas Cards can be sent out anytime now.
- c) Country View Home - Millie Cuthill, spoke to Jennifer Clow, and she said, they would be glad to have visits/singing from Trinity.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

- a) Birthday Cards for the Children - we decided to buy some cards from the Resource Centre, and send them to the children on their birthday.

**OUTREACH:**

- a) Playgroup Breakfast for the Moms' Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, - Millie Cuthill, Marg Smith, John McDougall and Barb Joyce will be working 8:30 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Health Emergency Plan Update - Marg Smith brought it back to the table, we revamped again, and Marg will bring it back for January.
- b) Children's Space in the Sanctuary - John McDougall reported there has been some controversy from some members of the congregation re taking out a pew. We will put this item on the Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda.
- c) Poinsettias - Barb Joyce will ordered 6 large, 4 small.
- d) Annual Congregational Meeting date - Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 11 a.m.  
(After the 9:15 a.m. service, we will have muffins, juice, coffee, tea)
- e) Mission Statement Update - John McDougall informed us the committee are working on some goals and directions of what we need to do to keep our two churches open for the next 4 to 5 years. (more update in the new year)
- f) Welcome Bags - Lynda Price, while visiting the Resource Centre picked up some resources re the United Church, which we can include in these bags.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tues. January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at 7 p.m.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

We thank you God, for your presence with us this evening, and for your guidance as we do the work of your church and your people. Amen.

**MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:** 8:40 P.M.

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