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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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Minister's Message

Greetings in this Thanksgiving season. Of course, our Thanksgiving gratitude begins with the support, nurture and celebration we share in our congregation. As we think about other important things for which we are grateful, our minds immediately focus upon our loved ones – present and past. After this, comes our gratitude for: the harvest of the sea, the fields' yields and the orchards' offerings. This Thanksgiving, I want to acknowledge all of those things but also add to them gratitude for one particular member of our church.

I am writing about Allan Cunningham. For the past four years he so willingly and successfully shouldered the responsibility of Chair of Council. Each year, as his term could have ended, his arm was "gently" twisted and he responded by agreeing to serve again. How fortunate we have been! Midst the many demands he has in his business responsibilities in greater Vancouver and throughout BC and business trips to Europe, Allan found time to focus on the monthly meetings of Council and regular planning conversations each week. Midst the love and support he gives to his teenage children Anna-Lee and Benjamin, Allan showed great compassion and support to all the staff at the church.

He is a remarkable man who models multi-tasking to everyone's benefit. Nothing has slipped between the chairs these years as the Council met and exceeded budget expectations, filled committee vacancies, welcomed some new staff and provided staff with policies and tools for full service and ministry. I know all of this first hand as I have worked happily and closely with Allan. He excelled at ensuring a positive working relationship between Council Chair and Lead Minister.

All of us have special friends for which we are very grateful. Allan has treated us all as his good friends – modeling time and effort on the church's behalf and calling us forward. The church cannot survive without people like Allan who lead with their vision of what can be possible.

I hope that in your Thanksgiving days this year you will realize that there are friends in your wider circle who mean so much to you, giving you helpful and dependable friendship in both regular times and demanding circumstances. Please make sure you tell friends how grateful you are for their friendship - just as we are grateful for Allan's long-serving leadership of our church Council.

Sincerely,
Rev. Gordon How.

Financial Summary – Operating account

Total Offerings received as at August 31, 2010 was \$180,067 (\$175,639 in 2009).

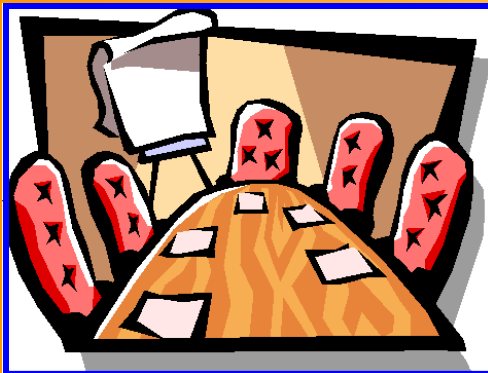
The budget to August 31, 2010 is \$173,047. As at August 31, 2010 we have a \$7,020 positive variance.



2010 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Variance	2009 Actual	2009/2010 Variance
\$180,067	\$173,047	\$ +7,020	\$175,639	\$+4,428

Total Revenue as at August 31, 2010 was \$353,355 (\$345,233 in 2009). **Total Expenses** for this period were \$376,216 (\$368,795 in 2009). **Net Operating Loss** as at August 31, 2010 was \$22,861 (\$23,562 loss in 2009).

	2010 Actual	2010 Budget	2010 Variance	2009 Actual	2009/2010 Variance
Total Revenue	\$353,355	\$346,514	\$ + 6,841	\$ 345,233	\$ + 8,122
Total Expense	\$376,216	\$388,859	\$ + 12,643	\$ 368,795	\$ - 7,421
Total Net Loss	\$ -22,861	\$ -42,345	\$ + 19,484	\$- 23,562	\$ + 701



Council Report

(Elizabeth Kerklaan)

Your 2010-2011 Council is off to a great start and looking forward to a full year of activities. At its first meeting, Council set for itself three main goals for the coming year which are in addition to its regular responsibilities. In no particular order they are as follows:

- 1) Discuss the role of Congregational Life and find a Chair for the committee. The work of this committee is vital to our church.
- 2) Follow up with the report from the Organ Grinders Committee.

Several years of hard work has gone into preparing the Committee’s report and as a congregation we need to discuss it in depth and determine how we should proceed. To this end Council is preparing to host another Second Hour on October 17th. Please check the Weekly Grapevine for further details.

3) This is going to be a year of transition for our congregation as we get ready to say good bye to Gordon How and prepare to welcome a new minister. Council would like to do what it can to help with this transition.

As Chair I’d like to say that you have a terrific group of individuals representing you on Council. From time to time we will be needing help in carrying out some of our plans and we look forward to your assistance in doing so! Thanks for all the support we have been receiving to date!

The Archives

(Ann Moir)

Have you noticed the picture history of Shaughnessy Heights United Church from its beginnings to the present day? It is displayed on the wall adjacent to the gym.

During the summer it was finished by Pat McKenzie and Ann Moir. Noralyn Smiley has also worked on the display when she was Chairperson of Congregational Life.

The archival holdings are called 'fonds'. Every few years additional material is sent to the Conference Archives. We also have hundreds of photographs from 1980 to date. These are slowly being placed in albums.

If you have photos or other material we welcome it. Please provide names, dates and occasion especially for photos.



Fall Fair Saturday October 23rd 2010

(Elizabeth Kerklaan)

Things are gearing up for another great Fall Fair. Please block off Sat October 23rd in your calendars so that you can participate in this fun event at the church. All sorts of great items that we can sell have been brought into the church already. We can still use lots more. Please ask your friends if they have anything they would like to donate. Donations can be dropped off at the church behind the Reception desk through the main entrance to the church. Please mark your bags and boxes FF. If you are able to keep your donations in your house until Fair time that would be wonderful as storage at the church is limited.

The Silent Auction table is a big source of revenue for us. If you have any sport, theatre or concert tickets that you are not planning on using please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. Vacation property weekends are very popular items as are dinners. Please contact either Cheryl Banfield at 604 731 8608 or Brian Forster 604 739 9486 regarding silent auction donations.

The Bake Table is always a popular spot for Fair patrons. If you are doing any baking in the next couple of weeks please keep the Fall Fair in mind and double up those recipes !

Below are the general categories of goods we will be selling:

- Books - Toys and games
- Household items - Sporting Goods
- Small Electrical Goods - Linens
- Home Baking - Christmas theme items
- Clothing/Jewelry - Treasures/Collectibles
- Baked Goods - Plants



What will make the Fair a big success? Lots of advertising and spreading the word! Book clubs, bridge clubs, Daycare facilities, Preschools, your email, Facebook, twitter and blogs. Use them all to get the word out. We will have small flyers and posters ready for pick up Oct 1st. Please consider handing them out or posting them on bulletin boards at work or places you visit.

Open House

(Pat Mitchell, Coordinator)

The Open House, Growing In and Through the Spirit, was held on September 12th, following Worship Service. The Hall was “a buzzzzz”. The Summer hiatus was clearly over!

While chatting with others, friends delighted in browsing through the displays from the Ministries and the building users. The food tables were a big attraction, too! The coffee hosts were kept busy and their work was much appreciated.

The children enjoyed their area.

All in all, it was an important and wonderful morning.



Experience in Northern BC, Summer 2010

(Pamela Jeffery)

Two weeks up North and not a bear to be seen even amongst all the people who told us that bear sightings were up this year! Not surprising, however, given Mikaela's bear song to keep them away whilst we walked around Hazelton and Victoria's rendition of the same song in Bella Coola!

As you can see from our statistics, our time in these places was very full. Our teams came home, ready for rest and time to process what they had seen and been part of. All of us would say that what we received from these experiences far outweighed what we gave.

Some of our best experiences (as relayed by our team) included:

- Relationships with the children and people in the different communities
- The welcome – Children were there to meet us, every day. The church bell rang in Gitsejukla before, sometimes, we had even got out of the van!
- James – an elder and silver artist; Roy Vickers – storyteller and artist
- Minnie Hornridge and Ann Cardwell-Austin (ministers of Hazelton and Bella Coola Pastoral Charge)
- Art projects that included the fence art at Bella Coola, learning the story of the dream catchers and how to make one, creating pillowcases.
- The absolutely incredible gardens!
- BCE playground (except when we couldn't go anymore because of the grizzly bear sighting!)
- The scenery... where the Skeena River and Kispiox rivers meet, Mount Roche de Boule (as seen from our living room window!), the Bella Coola valley, Fisher's pool...
- Freeing the duck from the salmon hatchery nets
- Totem poles in Kispiox
- The Christian Superman rapper at the Nuwalk centre, Bella Coola
- Friendships deepened with SHUC youth and their leaders (and Midnight conversations)
- Music experiences (faith based ones, certainly, but we are also sure there isn't one person on our team that doesn't know the entire words of the pop song "Dynamite" by TaioCruz)
- Care of family – children and youth had deep respect and love for each other, siblings took care of siblings, cousins took care of cousins
- Loving, nurturing, supportive children – so excited to be with us...and us with them!
- Different culture – a different view of the world
- Watching children engage Godly Play stories and wonder about God's world and their place in it
- Singing, praying and laughing!



Some of the experience was very tough. Our eyes were opened in different ways and our processing of what that might mean for us and our faith is still on-going. We were challenged by:

- Leaving.
- The poverty and need
- The physical and emotional un-health of some children
- Decay of homes and church buildings
- Understanding the difficulties and stresses of ministers in rural ministry

We learned about ourselves in many ways. We learned that we are able to build amazing relationships with people in different settings that are respectful and loving. We learned that we can adapt to the needs of the group and the location of the program. We have more questions, possibly more than we had going into the experience! We know that God loves us and we are not alone. We give thanks for the opportunity to participate in a program like this one. The generous support of money and time that SHUC gave to this project was amazing. SHUC should be very proud of its youth and leaders for they gave their very best. It was obvious that the spirit of God was at work!

Statistics

Hazelton Pastoral Charge

a Two point charge serving Mountainview United Church and
Gitsejukla United Church

July 31 - August 7, 2010

SHUC Youth: Mikaela Kroerker, Victoria Jeffery, Lindsay Veenstra, Emily Cho
SHUC Leaders: Evlyn Morrison, Nancy Cho, Pamela Jeffery

Program Information:

Morning Program at Mountainview United Church in Hazelton from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

of Children: 22

Afternoon Program at Gitsejukla United Church in Gitsejukla from 2:30 - 4:30 pm

of Children: up to 40

Transportation: Hawk Air, Dash 8 and a brand new rental Minivan starting with 7 kilometers on it and ending with 800 km! Pounds of Luggage on the Plane to Smithers: 352 pounds ... on the way home: 225 pounds

Sunday Worship - two services on Sunday, the morning at Mountainview at 10:00 am and 2:30 pm at Gitsejukla.

A Typical Day started at 7 am, drive to Mountainview for 7:45 am for breakfast and team check in about the day's events. Prepare for Mountainview's program, starts at 9:30 am. 11:30 am, say good bye to children, clean up program area, make and eat lunch. Over lunch, check in about morning and discuss details about afternoon program. 1:00 pm, head to Gitsejukla to arrive at 1:30 pm to set up and lead the program. 4:30 pm clean up after day, finished at 5:30 pm Back in the car to a member's home for dinner by 6 pm, usually leaving by 8:30 or 9 pm. Team meeting to reflect and discuss plans for next day, practice of Godly play stories, in bed at 11 pm ish (some days were better than others!).



Emily, Lindsay, Mikaela, Pamela, Victoria



Victoria, Yasmine, Elizabeth and Emily with friends

Statistics

Bella Coola Pastoral Charge

a Two point charge serving Emmanuel United Church and
Augsburg United Church

August 14 - 21, 2010

SHUC Youth: Emily Powers, Elizabeth DeSouza, Yasmine Whaley-Kalaora, Victoria Jeffery
Leaders: Ann Thorsteinsson, Pamela Jeffery

Program Information:

Afternoon Program at Emmanuel United Church in Bella Coola from noon - 4:00 pm (including lunch)

of Children: up to 40

Accommodation: We stayed at the manse with the minister, Ann Cardwell-Austin and her brother, Tim and mom, Joan.

Transportation: Pacific Coastal Air, Beachcraft 1900 and a rental van, 1998 Lumina Minivan with 300,000 km! Pounds of Luggage on the Plane to Bella Coola: 321 pounds ... on the way home: 208 pounds

Sunday Worship - two services on Sunday, the morning at Augsburg at 10:30 am, evening worship at Emmanuel at 7:30 pm.

A Typical Day started at 8:30 am with breakfast, conversation about the day ahead, heading to Emmanuel for 9 am to set up and get spaces ready, help to make lunch, check in about the plan for the day. At noon, the children arrived for lunch, program all afternoon, 4:30 pm - clean up the day, prepare and eat dinner, team meeting to reflect on the day, a quick visit/walk about town, Godly Play story practice, preparation for lunches if required, rest at 11 pm to be ready for the next day!

S.H.U.C. – A Welcoming Community

(Sue Zhu)

As a member of Shaughnessy Heights United Church, you may be interested in knowing what is going on during the weekdays at SHUC besides various church programs. Here is a glance at groups that are regularly using our wonderful church facilities in 2010-2011:

On multi-year lease agreements:

- Korean Trinity Presbyterian Church (KTPC)
- Shaughnessy Heights Early Learning Centre (Daycare)

Church

Daycare

Regular (Year-Round)

Musical:

- Shaughnessy Heights Music School
- Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra
- Broadway Chorus
- Zing! Children’s Choir
- Afternoon Delight Choir
- StageCraft Theatre School
- Vocal Lessons
- Piano Lessons

Music

Voice

Theatre

Therapeutic, Educational or Social:

- Quilchena Alcoholics Anonymous
- Stroke Club
- Homeopathic Academy
- Toastmasters
- International Folk Dancers
- Co-Dependents Anonymous
- Mood Disorder Association
- B.C. Special Olympics
- Inspiring Yoga
- Meditation Group
- Creative Writing for Children

Therapy Groups

Piano

Education

Social Groups

- Sports:
- Club Adagio
 - Youshinkan Dojo

Sports

Regular Concert/Recital User Groups:

- Phoenix Chamber Choir (SHUC Ensemble in Residence)
- Vancouver Philharmonic Orchestra
- Vancouver Welshmen’s Choir
- Zing! Children’s Choir
- Chor Leoni Men’s Choir
- Patrick May Piano Recitals
- Shaughnessy Heights Music School

Recitals

Concerts



Help Wanted!

(Andrew Hames - Liason to the Nursery Caregiver)

Our previous nursery caregiver, Judy Vuong, resigned at the beginning of the summer. She moved to Calgary in September, so we are currently searching for her replacement. In the meantime, Sandy Chen has kindly offered to help out in the nursery for a couple of weeks. I'm sure Pamela would be delighted to hear from other volunteers willing to fill in until we hire someone for this position.

LIBRARY NEWS

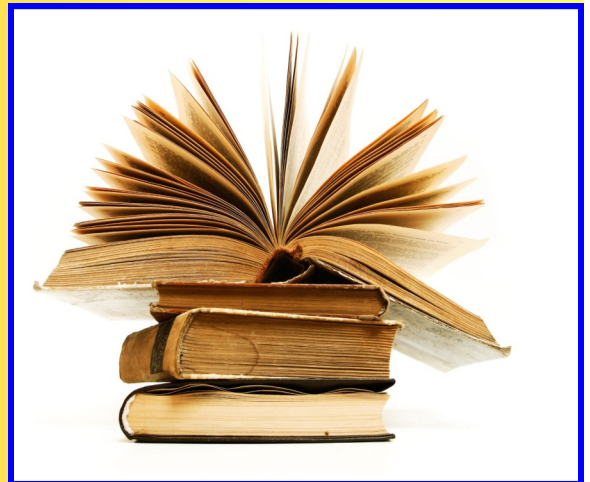
(Pat Hudson)

The Friends of the Library acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the collection:

Nomad, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. The Somali-born author of "INFIDEL" tells the next stage of her life story. Donated in Memory of Dr. Hugh and Mrs. Alice MacCorkindale by the Christopher Family and Margaret Dickinson Smith and Family

The Armageddon Factor, The Rise of Christian Nationalism in Canada, by Marci McDonald. Douglas Todd commented that "This rigorously researched book examines how conservative Christians have been reshaping the country's political and cultural landscape".

JESUS, A BIOGRAPHY FROM A BELIEVER by Paul Johnson. Two books donated in Memory of Janet Warner (nee Jabour) and her mother Margaret Scott.



COMING SOON:

Response, Responsibility and Renewal, Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Journey – the 2nd volume of The Aboriginal Healing Foundation's research series. Donated by Heather Clarke

Children Die Too; Healing a Father' Grief; Sibling Grief; Understanding Grief — 4 Pamphlets.

Healing the Wounds, A Physician Looks at His Work by David Hilfiker M.D. Pamphlets and book donated by Olivia Edwards.

The Opening and Closing of the 2010 Olympic Games; Produced by Vanoc. Our thanks to an anonymous donor.

THE LIBRARY IS NOW ACCEPTING BOOKS FOR THE FALL FAIR. Books may be left at the reception desk.

Sandwiches for First United – NEED YOUR HELP

(Phyllis Hayter)

We promised to donate 10 loaves of sandwiches on the first Tuesday of every month. Unfortunately this August and September we failed to make this number. The need for these sandwiches is growing all the time. Please consider making a donation if you find it difficult to make sandwiches. If you have difficulty getting sandwiches to the church maybe someone can deliver them for you, or contact Phyllis Hayter at 604-261-6377. The notice is posted on the boards and in the Weekly Grapevine.



Coffee, Cake, and Kudos

(Susan Dickson)

Staff

Appreciation

Sunday

October 3, 2010



Please come to celebrate our wonderful staff and the gifts they bring to all of us! After cake and coffee in the church hall, there will be a short program complete with little known, INTERESTING facts about our staff revealed ONLY at this exciting celebration. You don't want to miss this!

Transitions

Deaths

Harold S. Sigurdson (February 14, 1919 – August 9, 2010)

Betty May Charlton (January 23, 1919 – August 17, 2010)



Seniors and Friends

(Pat Mitchell)

Lunch on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at NOON in the Lounge; Please come!

\$7.00 for Soup, Sandwich and Dessert; Rides will be available upon request.

Programme: Photo journey through the Shaughnessy Archives with Pat McKenzie and Ann Moir.

Please sign up after mid-month at the Action Table or call the Church Reception Desk: 604) 261-6377 weekday mornings, or call Coordinator, Pat Mitchell: (604) 948-4894.

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Next Grapevine :

- Submission Deadline: Monday , Nov. 15th
- Distribution Date: Sunday, Nov. 28th

Grapevine Newsletter Team:

John Banfield, Sue Zhu, Bob and Joy Bruce, Pat Mckenzie and the Crew.

Shaughnessy Heights United Church

October 2010







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8am Men & Muffins <i>SHUC Choir Retreat</i> 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
3 10am Worship <i>Worldwide Communion</i> Coffee Hour— <i>Staff Appreciation</i>	4 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	5 7pm Senior Youth	6 9am Book Studies 12 Noon <i>Community Meal</i>	7 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	8	9 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
10 10am Worship	11 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> 	12 7pm Senior Youth	13 9am Book Studies	14 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	15	16 8am Men & Muffins 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
17 10 am Worship	18 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	19 7pm Senior Youth	20 9am Book Studies	21 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	22	23 <i>FALL FAIR</i>  4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
24 10 am Worship – All ages with Zing! Children’s Choir	25 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	26 7pm Senior Youth	27 9am Book Studies 12 noon Seniors’ Lunch 	28 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	29	30 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy <i>8pm SHUC Choir/Phoenix Concert</i> at Holy Rosary Cathedral
31 10 am Worship						

Shaughnessy Heights United Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	2 7pm Senior Youth	3 9am Book Studies 12 noon <i>Community Meal</i>	4 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	5	6 8am Men & Muffins 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy 6pm SHUC Youth Dinner
7 10am Worship with Rev. Tom Miles <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	9 7pm Senior Youth	10 9am Book Studies	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i> 	12	13 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
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21 10 am Worship	22 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	23 7pm Senior Youth	24 1:30pm <i>Holly Tea</i> 	25 7:30am Breakfast Study Group 7:30pm SHUC Choir rehearsal	26	27 4:45pm Bells of Shaughnessy
28 10 am Worship  <i>1st Sunday in Advent</i>	29 6:30pm S.H.O.C.K.	30 7pm Senior Youth				