

Monthly Information

**Camrose United Church
2003 September**

Welcome-back Barbeque

Our new *ConneXions Team* (formerly known as the Fellowship Committee) is up and running. With their organization, the Welcome-back Barbeque on Sep 7 was a huge success. Financially, they were left with a \$245 surplus, so now they even have seed money for future events.

Youth at Church

YAC! is off to a strong start for the year with 17 of our youth leading worship by invitation at the United Churches at Forestburg and Alliance on Sep 14, and 18 youth registered for the Fall Retreat at Bar Harbour Camp Sep 19-21.

Neighbour Link

Leon Lohner reports that Neighbour Link's offering of soup and sandwiches is in high demand – poverty on our doorsteps. Camrose United Church members are invited to serve next on Thursday evening in October. Call Joyce Lohner (672-5760) to volunteer.

Organ Proposal

At the Special Congregational Meeting on Sep 14, the motion to proceed with the refurbishing of the organ was postponed to Dec 5. Therefore, the Church Board has called another Special Congregational Meeting to be held after worship on Dec 5, 2003 for the purpose of giving further consideration to this motion. At the present time, \$75,000 is on loan from the organ fund, so the hope is that, after the stewardship campaign, our financial situation will be more sound, such that we can proceed with confidence.

Board Restructuring

The *Board Restructuring Proposal* was adopted by the Church Board at its June meeting. Both the full proposal and an Executive Summary are available. A Special Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, October 5, 2003, at 7:00 pm for the purpose considering the proposal. Also, a discussion forum will be held on September 21, at 7:00 pm to provide an opportunity for people to hear a summary of the proposal from the Board Restructuring Committee and to discuss and get questions answered.

Stewardship

Our new Stewardship Committee is ready for action. The Fall pledge campaign materials are being distributed with the September Newsletter and a stewardship letter will be sent with the personal quarterly statements in October. Also, a four-part worship series on stewardship will be presented Oct 10 thru Nov 9, with the Stewardship Committee leading the service on Oct 19.

Presbytery Visitation

Coronation Presbytery is scheduled to conduct their regular 3-year oversight visitation to Camrose United Church on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. Their meetings will take place with staff from 3:00--5:00 pm, with the MS&P committee from 5:00--6:30 pm, and with the congregation from 7:00--9:00 pm.

The purpose of the visit is to offer support, encouragement and suggestions, if necessary, to assist the Pastoral Charge to do its work.

The visitation team will be Roland Legge (minister, Forestburg), Alana Johnson (minister, Hardisty-Hughenden), and two lay persons.

Photo Directory

Our Communications Committee has established a team to organize the photo directory project. Briefly, a photographic company, IPC, will come and photograph everyone who belongs to CUC and produce a photo directory for the church at no charge. They provide a copy of the directory to each household that has their photo taken, plus few extras. They also offer people the option of purchasing prints form themselves (this is how they profit from the service). Therefore *everyone* who belongs to this congregation is urged to sign up for a photo session on one of the following dates:

Oct 16 & 17 from 3:30 to 9:00 pm

Oct 18 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Oct 20 to 22 from 3:30 to 9:00 pm.

Set up your appointments on Sep 28, after worship.

Fall Supper

The Annual UCW Fall Supper will be held on November 5, 2003. The sign-up list for volunteers is up.

Book Fair

The next Book Fair, featuring the carefully selected materials from *Revelations Book and Gift Cooperative*, will be held on November 2. *Revelations* is a new venture, launched after the United Church resource centre in Edmonton closed, in order to continue to provide spiritually nourishing resources that reflect the ethos of the United Church.

Worship

- Sep 28.
- Oct 5. World-wide communion.
- Oct 12. Thanksgiving.
- Oct 19. Stewardship ctte leading.
- Oct 26. Stewardship series, part 2.
- Nov 2. Stewardship series, part 3.
- Nov 9. Stewardship series, part 4.