

# Monthly Information

**Camrose United Church  
2004 April**

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## ***Monthly Information***

This Monthly Information sheet is now to be distributed directly to the committees in order to ensure that it is functioning as an effective medium of communication among committee members. As in the past, copies will also be available for anyone else who would like to keep up with the work of the Committees, Council, etc.

## ***Committee Boxes***

The *Monthly Information* sheets will be placed each month in the committee boxes (located in the hallway between Jim's office and the Parlour). We would ask that you please check these regularly and take whatever is in your box so that others will know that you have received it.

## ***Annual Meeting***

At our Annual Congregational meeting on Feb 29 our new Church Council was implemented with a full roster of members on the Council and the new bylaws were adopted.

## ***Church Council***

The Council has had three meetings. They will be reading *Jacob's Blessing*, "Dreams, hopes, & visions for the church", by Donna Sinclair & Christopher White, as the beginning of the visioning part of their work. A copy of this book will be available through the church library for anyone who would like to read along.

The first mandate review will be with the Finance Committee, because of the urgency to develop and clarify procedures for financial management. This will be followed in May with Stewardship and in June with Christian Development.

The Council will be submitting our new bylaws to the Presbytery for approval, as required by *The Manual*.

There is a lot of work to do to get this new structure running smoothly and we are realizing that we cannot do it all at once. So we are prioritizing our work in order to be addressing what is urgent and allow the rest to come in time.

## ***Annual Workshop***

Many thanks to all of you who attended the first Annual Workshop on Mar 27. We all got to know each other better, to look more deeply at our committee mandates and plans, and to discuss some of the general procedures currently under development that will guide our common work more smoothly.

## ***Volunteer Coordination***

Mary Ann & Jim are still our acting volunteer coordinators, providing ongoing information and updates about the vacancies that remain on our committees. These continue to be gradually filled, with only 8 vacancies remaining to be filled at this time.

Doris Hirsch is working on our "Roster Project", entering volunteer information into our membership records. This will eventually make it possible to keep the information up to date and readily available for a variety of needs.

### ***Stewardship***

The visitation campaign is continuing.

### ***Finance***

Updates on our current financial situation are being published weekly in the Announcements. The Finance Committee has met with the Church Council to work out the procedures for financial management, including the responsibilities of the Church Council, the Finance Committee and the other committees. This information will become available to the congregation when it is complete.

### ***Worship Schedule***

Apr 25. Camping Sunday. Youth-led service.

May 2.

May 9. Baptism. Last Sunday School

May 16. Baptism.

### ***Presbytery***

The third workshop for Local Members' Ministry was held at Coronation on Mar 13, led by Jim Allan & Mervyn Penfound, on Communion and Baptism; and the fourth workshop at Killam on Mar 20, led by Jan Richardson, Kathleen Taylor & Mary Ann Pastuck, on conducting funerals. The next workshop is planned for May 8, with a repeat of Pastoral care, Worship & Communion & Baptism.

### ***Youth at Church***

Camrose United Church has been selected to host the Alberta & Northwest Conference-wide Senior Youth Rally in 2004 Nov 12-14. This is an exciting and energetic event which CUC hosted last in 2000 Spring, so the opportunity to do it again is tremendous.

### ***Membership***

Marilyn Mason has begun serving as our new "Roll Clerk". This is an old term we are borrowing for a new job. She is taking over keeping the membership records, both the current information on Membership Plus and the official "Historic Roll". All changes and additions will now be entered by Marilyn and she will be the one to provide the various lists that are required by various groups.

The committee is also looking into the recent questions of the integrity of managing personal information. Eventually, they will produce recommendations for ensuring that our practices in this regard meet today's standards.