

Monthly Information

**Camrose United Church
2004 December**

Annual Meeting

The dates for the Annual Congregational Meeting and related dates are as follows (**please note changes**):

- Jan 17: Deadline for Annual Report submissions
- Feb 13: Annual Meeting.
- Feb 20: Commissioning of church leaders
- Feb 26: Annual workshop (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Commissioning of Church Leaders & Annual Workshop

As we did last year, we will be commissioning our church leaders in the worship service on Sunday, Feb 20. This includes Church Council members, all Committee members, UCW executive, Trustees, and Presbytery representatives.

The same group of people are asked to plan to attend the Annual workshop on Feb 26 (Saturday) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This workshop is a crucial element in making our new structure work, because it is the opportunity for all of the leadership groups to come together for the purposes of: (1) getting to know each other, especially new members; (2) learning one another's responsibilities and how groups can work together; (3) understanding our structure as it evolves; (4) discussion and feedback with our Church Council who are responsible for keeping everything coordinated.

Finance

The Organ fund has been completely repaid from the General fund, without using our line of credit.

Visioning Workshop

The Visioning Workshop on Nov 27 was attended by 13 people and generated a great deal of energy and insight. A report on the workshop is being prepared and will be circulated to the congregation in the new year.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Camrose Camarata, the Camrose Children's Choir and EmBELLish presented a wonder service of Lessons and Carols on Nov 28 with full or nearly full house at both performances. Proceeds of about \$1600 from the services will go to support the work of these three groups.

Bylaws

Our new bylaws, which were implemented with their adoption at our Annual Meeting in February, were approved by the Coronation Presbytery at their November meeting. They had been submitted for approval last Spring.

Visioning

At its November meeting, the Church Council reviewed the visioning workshop and members are presently studying *Size Transitions in Congregations*, edited by Beth Ann Gaede (Alban Institute, 2001) with plans to discuss it at their January meeting.

Next Meeting and Deadline

The next meeting of the Church Council and deadline for the next *Monthly Information* is **Wed, 2005 Jan 12.**

2:34 PM *Monthly Information* is produced monthly, following regular meetings of the Church Council. Its purpose is to communicate information about the governance (direction and management) of our congregation. It is written especially for those who are involved in the leadership of the congregation, but copies are made available to be picked up by anyone who is interested. Committee Chairpersons: please submit pertinent information to the church office for inclusion in *Monthly Information*.