

# Spirit on the Move

Fall 2009

South Burnaby United Church – 7591 Gray Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.. V5J 3Z4

## Dedication of the Cross

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 we gave thanks for the building's new life, marked the original dedication of the building fifty years before (October 11, 1959) and dedicated the cross that will proclaim our faith and vision for years to come.

We enjoyed the company of "Our neighbours" and the part they took in celebrating with us. We started with a poem called the Church of My dreams. This poem was read as part of the dedication of the Building in 1959. We read it October 11<sup>th</sup> to remind ourselves that before there could be a Building, there had to be a dream.

**This is the church of my dreams;  
a church adequate to the task,  
the church of the warm heart;  
of the open mind;  
of the adventurous spirit;  
the church that cares;  
that heals hurt lives;  
that comforts the old;  
that challenges the young;  
that knows  
no divisions of culture or class;  
no frontiers, geographical or social;  
the Church that looks forward  
as well as backward  
the Church of the Master  
the Church of the People  
a High church, a Low church,  
a Broad church;  
\*high as the ideals of Jesus  
\*low as the most humble heart  
a working church, a winsome church;  
a church that inspires courage for  
this life and hope for the life to come:  
the church of my dreams is  
the Church of the Living God!**

John M. Moore (adapted)

## *Peace and Serenity*



The Baird family gave the gift of the cross with these words.

**On behalf of three generations of our Family, we gladly give this Cross to be sign and symbol of faith in Jesus Christ:**

**Evocative enough to call forth our gratitude for life, inspirational enough to spark our service to God and one another; beautiful enough to be a sign of God's peace and love unending.**

## **FABRICATION OF THE EAST EXTERIOR CROSS**

The dimensions of the cross are the same as the interior cross. Peter Steunenberg of "Solid Rock Steel Fabricating" designed the cross and had the working specifications documented. Peter then arranged with Don Adams of "MBM Metal Fabricators" to have the cross fabricated and powder coated. Don also arranged to have the finished product transported to South Burnaby United Church.

### A.O.T.S Men's Club

As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Burnaby United Church and the 55<sup>th</sup> of our club, it's also a time of reflection. How will our club better serve the church and community? How can we attract more members especially in these busy times?

Hi! My name is Jim Noble, the newly appointed president of the AOTS men's club. I'm reaching out through this newsletter to invite the men of SBUC congregation to try our club out. New faces, new ideas, more helping hands are always welcomed. If you are interested in joining, please contact me through the church office.

Sincerely  
Jim Noble

### 100 years!!! - Hymn Sing

Imagine what the south slope looked like!!  
Imagine the young families making their way to worship!!

Remember your favourite songs and hymns?

*Jesus wants me for a sunbeam??*

*Just a closer walk??*

Or something more recent

*On Eagles' Wings*

Let's sing them again in 2010!!

Here's an opportunity !!!

Tell us your choice, why it is your choice, include a donation toward the church maintenance and the choir will compile a sing-along evening for us to join our voices.

Date not yet confirmed---  
perhaps sometime in March.

Beth and Harry need lead time to find the music so pick your family's brains and send in your choices as soon as possible.

Watch for it !!!

### Advent Calendar

**November 29 - Advent Begins**  
**Start of SBUC Anniversary Celebrations**

**December 6 - 4:45 – 7:00 pm**  
**Family Matters Advent Party**

**December 20 - 10:30 am**  
**Intergenerational Christmas Service**

**December 24 - 7:30 pm**  
**Christmas Eve Service**

### Can you help ?

Some areas of the church are in need of volunteers, if by chance you can help in the following area(s), it would be greatly appreciated.

Flower Committee - Ruth Bromley  
- Kay Cumming

Coffee Sunday - Donna Dawson

Garage Sales - Jim Noble  
- Keith Stainton

### An update from the SBUC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

**October 21<sup>st</sup>** - saw our UCW Fall Thankoffering "100 years of fashion," with Mr. Ivan Sayers. We're happy to report the evening was enjoyed by 90 guests (including almost 50 visitors). Thank-you to the many that gave their energy to make this evening so special – Marlene, Jim, Ray, Yosh, Bill Cumming and the great ladies of the UCW that baked and decorated tables with a Fall theme. The evening was a great success!

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Up Next!

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30 pm  
 "Sing A Little Christmas," beginning with  
 desserts in the Church Hall. Mark your  
 calendars and join Beth, Harry, and the Choir  
 for this happy evening, singing-a-long with  
 Christmas favourites – Carols and songs.  
 Remember, too, the mouth-watering  
 desserts! Tickets at later date through Choir  
 members. We hope to see you there!

Tickets - \$5.00; Children under 12 - \$2.00

**2010 January 22<sup>nd</sup>** –

"Robbie Burns Night" celebrating the life of  
 the great Scottish Poet, Robert Burns. The  
 dinner and entertainment are delightful and  
 draw us all in to the festivities. Watch for  
 further information...

**March (date TBA)** –  
 100 year – Hymn Sing

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday evening** –  
 Church dinner with Guest Speaker and  
 former moderator of the United Church,  
 Lois Wilson. Ticket details will be available at  
 a later date.

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – Saturday afternoon** –  
 An anniversary party & reunion. Details TBA.

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Sunday** –  
 Luncheon following Sunday service.

Do you know the whereabouts of  
 former SBUC members (names and  
 addresses are needed)? We'd like to connect  
 with as many people as possible who have  
 been part of our Church family because they  
 have contributed to our 100 years of worship  
 and service in Burnaby! Please contact Gwen  
 Morse with any information you have.

Thanks!

More details on the 100 Year  
 Anniversary will be forthcoming in the next

months. Please read the weekly bulletin for  
 updates! It's getting exciting, isn't it?  
 Blessings to all –

Your 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

### Upgrades at SBUC

This has been a busy summer at SBUC. In  
 preparation for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we  
 have completed these projects:

1. We have replaced the rotten wood and  
 applied 3 coats of paint to the exterior  
 walls of the church hall. Thank you to  
 the AOTS and volunteers for their  
 painting skills.
2. We have completed the restoration of  
 the outside of the church with new  
 insulated siding, fascia boards and  
 soffits, all made from vinyl and metal  
 which means we will never need to  
 paint the outside of the church again.
3. A new cross has been installed thanks  
 to the Baird Family.
4. A new customized welcome mat is now  
 outside the front door. Thank you to the  
 ladies of the UCW.
5. All the flat roofs of the church and hall,  
 have been replaced with insulated  
 torch-on roofing material.
6. We would like to thank Andrew  
 Pankiewicz from Allside Exteriors for  
 excellent work and a cooperative  
 attitude during the restoration of the  
 church exterior. We would highly  
 recommend Andrew's company to  
 anyone who may be considering a  
 siding project. Andrew has many years  
 experience.  
 Contact Marlene for information.

We thank the congregation for their  
 cooperation and support in making these  
 projects possible

Marlene Rogerson  
 Jim Noble

### GODWORKS

This year is South Burnaby's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary !

We have several projects to celebrate the occasion, starting in Advent & winding up April 25<sup>th</sup> at a special service.

We hope the children will be involved both at an event on **Saturday, April 24 & Sunday April 25.**

Keep these dates in your calendar.

One of the plans will be a secret pal project. Adult members of the congregation will be matched to the children to exchange a note or message on Third Sundays. Watch for news soon. If you would like to be a secret pal, talk to Barb or Shannon.

Parent & Tot "PlayDate.come.asyouare"  
Interest has been expressed in having a Monday morning drop in for parents & tots to gather in the hall. Toys & books would be available & coffee or tea available for parents. If you are interested, contact Barb.  
**604-435-0537 (h) 604-434- 8323 (w)**

#### Sunday School

We are dividing children into 4 groupings:

Nursery	Christina Burge - coordinator <b>604-321-4020</b>
Primary	Krista Carlberg - coordinator <b>604-451-5506</b>
Intermediate and Junior Youth	Shannon Baird - coordinator <b>604-525-8583</b>

We are looking for parents to help oversee Sunday school classes. Coordinators will make sure all lesson resources & supplies are prepared. If you are willing to help once every 5 or 6 weeks, contact Shannon. **604-525-8583**  
[sdbaird@telus.net](mailto:sdbaird@telus.net) )

### **VST thanks SBUC – Laurie Lamb**

Thank you so much for the thoughtful report from you which I received this week. It was amplified by the detailed responses from the members of her Ministry Reflection Group as well as the one from Laurie herself. Since your congregation has provided a context for training many student ministers it is a particularly valuable place for them to do their placements. That is reflected in the honest and detailed responses they provided for Laurie. Will you please pass on to them the appreciation of VST?

As I read these reports I am impressed with the rich quality of experience afforded a student under your supervision and among your people. Thank you so much for your partnership with VST in providing such a valuable training context!

May God continue to give you "good" and even "great" years as your congregation acts as a beacon of God's love in the community.

Sincerely Rev. Joyce Davis  
Director of Theological Field Education  
Vancouver School of Theology

### **In Memoriam**

Jean Hole  
Len Priest  
Ray Cox  
Bob Bagshaw  
Dr. J. Parkes  
Lillian Gould  
Irene Turiff

### **An Update from the Stewards, or “What’s Been Going on Around Here Anyway?”**

You may have noticed some changes around the church over the last few months. The most obvious one is the new siding on the main building, together with the new cross at the front (generously funded by the Baird family). Thanks to the efforts of some tireless volunteers, the hall also got a new exterior paint job. After all, it wouldn’t do to have one building looking tired while the other appeared brand new, would it? Thanks to all who participated and, in particular to Jim Noble and Marlene Rogerson for all their efforts as “project managers.”

There were other less obvious improvements as well. The roof was replaced over the office portion of the church while earlier, the furnace in the church was upgraded to a higher efficiency model.

You may recall that we had received Presbytery permission to use money from our Manse Fund to undertake energy conservation improvements to the church property. The new siding and the roof both added insulation to the building, while the furnace uses less gas than previously. The cost of this work, \$46,000 for the siding, \$52,000 for all of the flat roofs on the church and hall, and \$25,000 for the furnace have left our reserve funds significantly reduced. The result is that we have two beautifully restored buildings with a much more efficient heating system.

We are appealing to all members of our congregation to consider a special donation to boost our “reserve funds” or give thought to including this fund in their planned giving.

We are also including in this newsletter our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financial results which show us to be in a deficit position for the year to date. It is important to know that this situation has no direct relationship to the reserve funds expended on the building improvements. We are asking members of the congregation to consider donating a little extra, over and above your regular givings if you are able, to support the operations and on-going programs of the church.

We think we have something special to celebrate, and with your help we will continue to be God’s presence in this community. After 100 years of service, we must be doing something right!

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Tunnicliffe

### Submitting Articles for future Newsletters

Articles may be submitted by dropping them off by hand at the SBUC office,  
**Or** Send by email or Fax. **604-430-3697** (by the deadline date in church bulletin)  
 \*\*\*\*\*email to: **yosh0147@telus.net (format: Word or Text)**

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## South Burnaby United Church

This summary is prepared to present the current financial position of our church to the congregation

\*\*\*\* **Financial Update from Stewards** \*\*\*\*  
**Income Statement to September 30, 2009**

	Actual to Sept 30.2009	Budget 75.00%	Variance
<b>Receipts</b>			
General Givings	\$ 118,548	\$ 134,400	\$ (15,852)
Towards Deficit	\$ 4,335	\$ 8,055	\$ (3,720)
Seniors Ministry	\$ 2,979	\$ 2,625	\$ 354
Other Receipts	\$ 7,907	\$ 3,750	\$ 4,157
Facility Rentals	\$ 52,641	\$ 50,138	\$ 2,504
Fac.fr.AOTS/UCW	\$ 11,440	\$ 12,375	\$ (935)
Prog. Receipts	\$ 5,674	\$ 9,866	\$ (4,192)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 203,524</b>	<b>\$ 221,209</b>	<b>\$ (17,685)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 17,671	\$ 19,800	\$ (2,129)
Facilities	\$ 42,147	\$ 36,300	\$ 5,847
Program Expense	\$ 5,953	\$ 10,804	\$ (4,851)
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 151,574	\$ 154,305	\$ (2,731)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 217,345</b>	<b>\$ 221,209</b>	<b>\$ (3,864)</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (13,821)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (13,821)</b>
<b>Outreach:</b>			
M&S	\$ 18,473	\$ 23,625	\$ (5,152)
WDR	\$ 303	\$ 3,375	\$ (3,072)
Ist United Mission	\$ 1,844	\$ 3,375	\$ (1,531)
UCW Sandwich	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,200	\$ 60
Stephen Lewis L. L.	\$ 1,923	\$ 1,200	\$ 723
Benevolent Fund	\$ 685	\$ 1,350	\$ (665)
Burnaby Homeless	\$ 170	\$ 375	\$ (205)
Christmas Hampers	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Burn Xmas Bureau	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Refugee Fund	\$ 273	\$ -	\$ 273
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,931</b>	<b>\$ 34,500</b>	<b>\$ (9,569)</b>

### Consider Planning Your Gift

South Burnaby United Church has been a reflection of God's presence in this community for 100 years. Now that is something to be thankful for. We have a proud history, and now we are investing our lives, time, gifts and strengths toward the future to which God invites us.

You can become a part of extending our vision by making a planned gift today. So what does this mean? A planned gift is simply a gift you plan to give to the church, either today or in the future. In the United Church the most common gifts are:

**Bequests:** Your will is an excellent opportunity to provide for a gift to the church. A charitable tax receipt will also be available to your estate.

**Gift Annuities:** Allows you to leave a gift at your death, but also provides you with an income for your lifetime.

**Gift of Shares:** When you make a gift of shares to the church your taxable capital gain is cut in half and you receive a taxable receipt for the full value of the shares when they are received by the church.

**Life Insurance:** You can donate an existing policy and receive a charitable receipt for its cash value.

You can decide where you want your gift to go. It could be used for our general funds to meet our current needs or our reserve fund for future projects, or you can designate your gift to support a ministry of your choice, such as Christian Education, Seniors Ministry, M & S Fund, or others.

There is more information available through the church office and, if you prefer, we can put you in touch with the United Church's Regional Gift Planner. Please consider a planned gift to SBUC as part of your financial plans.

Ken Tunnicliffe