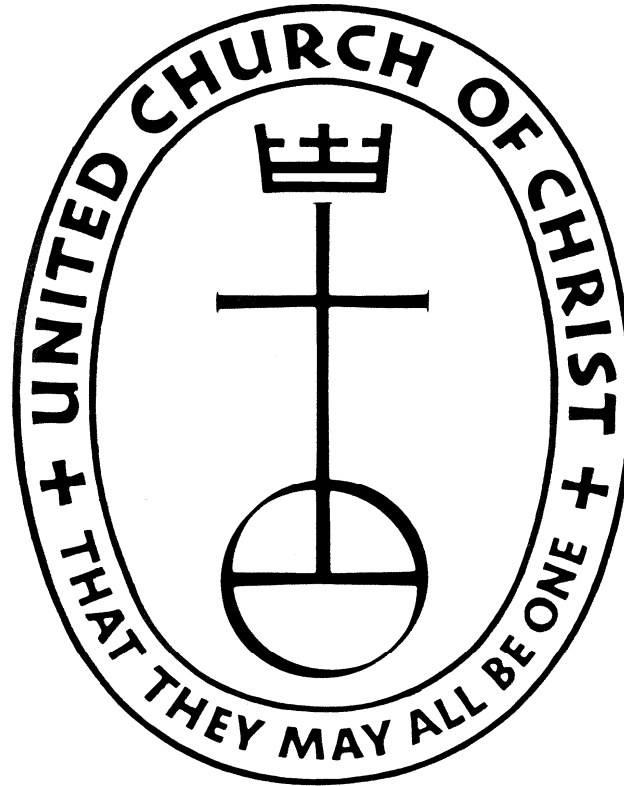

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CONSISTORY AND CHURCH OFFICERS 2008 AND 2009 / CONSISTORY REPORT

PASTORS REPORT

CONSISTORY BOARDS

- ELDERS** Barbara Schneller, Chairperson; Nancy Greger, Vice-chairperson; Sharon Kuznick & Barbara Schneller, Co-secretaries; Barbara Coover and Kendra Schramm
- DEACONS** Russ Brierley, Chairperson; Diane Battilana, Mary Lou Esposito, Beth Kirschner, Mary Lee Sailer, and Muriel Lewis
- TRUSTEES** Greg Allen, Chairperson; Reid Hoover, Matthew Kilareski, Lorraine Nowlan, Marg Perina, and Jon Kopf

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. MINISTRY & WORSHIP

Christian Education.....Lisa Allen
Vacation Bible School.....Mary Raudenbush
Youth Group.....Liza Hauze
Boy Scout Troop 482.....Nancy Greger
Church Growth Group.....Mary Raudenbush
Greeters/Readers.....Nancy Wilson
Loaves & Fishes.....Church Growth Group
Music Committee.....Mary Raudenbush
Pastoral Relations.....Fran Pluchino

2. MISSION & OUTREACH

Atkinson Men's Shelter.....Diane Battilana
Community Outreach Ministry.....
.....Mary Lee Sailer
Memorial Scholarship Fund.....
.....Barbara Schneller
Habitat for Humanity....Matthew Kilareski
Food Bank.....Nancy Wilson
Prayer Community.....Barbara Coover
Sunshine Committee.....Barbara Coover/
Robin Madison

3. OPERATIONS

Treasurer.....Daniel Shoop
Financial Planning/Endowment...Russ Brierley/
.....Louis Franconi
Memorial Fund.....Mary Lee Sailer
..... Russ Brierley
Cemetery.....Mary Lou Esposito
.....Robert Norwood/Trustees/Ron Trimble
Records Clerk.....Diane Battilana
Financial Secretary.....Joan Trimble
Fundraising Committee....Fran Pluchino
Historical Committee.....Mary Lou Esposito

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Public Relations.....
The Clear Voice.....Russ Brierley/
Cynthia Harrison
Publicity.....Mary Lee Sailer
Web Site.....Ryan VanderMeulen
Photo Directory, Name Tags, Pew Registries
.....Russ Brierley

5. FELLOWSHIP

Book Discussion.... Mary Lee Sailer
Bridge Club.....Mary Raudenbush
Day Timers.....Barbara Coover
Men's Fellowship....Men of St. Paul

ABRAHAM FETTERS-WHITE SCHOOL

PRESERVATION SOCIETY UPDATE.....Frank Perina, Fran Pluchino, Amy Layman

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY – 2008**

<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Barbara Coover	12/08
Nancy Greger	12/08
Don Raudenbush	12/09 d. 06/08
(Theresa Heinze	12/09)
Kendra Schramm	12/09
Chris Baumann	12/10
Barbara Schneller	12/10

<u>ELDER EMERITUS</u>	
Alice Behrndt	N/A
Walter Hessinger	N/A

<u>DEACONS</u>	
Russ Brierley	12/08
Mary Lee Sailer	12/08
Diane Battilana	12/09
Beth Kirschner	12/09
Mary Lou Esposito	12/10
Muriel G. Lewis	12/10

<u>TRUSTEES</u>	
Greg Allen	12/08
Lorraine Nowlan	12/08
Reid Hoover	12/09
Matthew Kilareski	12/09
Jon Kopf	12/10
Marg Perina	12/10

CHURCH OFFICERS & STAFF FOR 2008

Pastor – The Rev. Jonathan I. Hauze

President of Consistory	Russ Brierley
Vice President	Greg Allen
Secretary of Consistory	Barbara Schneller
Financial Secretary	Joan Trimble
Treasurer	Daniel Shoop
Clerk	Diane Battilana
Organist	Muriel G. Lewis
Choir Director	George Haughton
Bell Choir Director	Stephanie Esposito
Office Secretary	Mary Lou Esposito
Sexton	Robert Norwood
Nursery Aides	Jessie Battilana, Lori Fair, Edda Nardoni, Mary Scripko, Colleen Urbine, Becky VanderMeulen, Allison Wenger
PA Southeast Conference Delegates	Don & Mary Raudenbush

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CONSISTORY – 2009

	<u>ELDERS</u>	<u>TERM ENDS</u>
Theresa Heinze		12/09
Kendra Schramm		12/09
Chris Baumann		12/10
Barbara Schneller		12/10
Greg Allen		12/11
Barbara Coover		12/11

	<u>ELDER EMERITUS</u>	
Alice Behrndt		N/A
Walter Hessinger		N/A

	<u>DEACONS</u>	
Diane Battilana		12/09
Beth Kirschner		12/09
Mary Lou Esposito		12/10
Muriel G. Lewis		12/10
Mary Lee Sailer		12/11
Ryan VanderMeulen		12/11

	<u>TRUSTEES</u>	
Reid Hoover		12/09
Matthew Kilareski		12/09
Jon Kopf		12/10
Marg Perina		12/10
Lorraine Nowlan		12/11
Tom Phillips		12/11

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PA Southeast Conference Delegates	Barbara Coover /Mary Lee Sailer

CONSISTORY ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

The 2008 year was a productive year for the Consistory of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. During 2008, Consistory held twelve regularly scheduled monthly meetings to conduct the business and ministry of our church. Boards include Elders, Deacons, and Trustees met and reported during Consistory. Consistory members are to be commended for the many volunteered hours expended serving the church and doing God's work. A special THANK YOU is extended to those who are leaving or have departed Church Offices in 2008. These members include Elder Nancy Greger, Deacon Russ Brierley, and Trustee Greg Allen. A special note of gratitude goes to our fallen brother in Christ, Don Raudenbush, who gave many, many years of exemplary service to our church.

In addition to the Consistory Boards, committee work addressed specific initiatives as determined by Consistory. Committees include Fundraising, Growth, Financial Planning, Endowment Committee, Pastoral Relations Committee, Music, Christian Education, Homeless Shelter, Historical, Visitation, Scholarship, Day Timers, Memorial, Nominating, Men's Breakfast, and others.

The ministerial health of the congregation was excellent in 2008. Several new families were welcomed into our church family. The Sunday school program grew again this year. Lenten and Easter activities included Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunrise services as well as an Easter breakfast by the men of St. Paul's. In the fall we celebrated Harvest Home Sunday. The Advent and Christmas activities included Hanging of the Greens, the Christmas Pageant, and the Advent Workshop. For the third year in a row for the Vacation Bible School was a huge success.

The financial status of St. Paul's UCC is outstanding at the end of 2008. While we had a slight deficit at the end of the year, our general checking account was in great shape and we managed to purchase a full set of Bells to start the Bell Choir. We are truly blessed with a very giving congregation. Mission giving increased again this year with giving to a blend of both local and national/international missions. The 2009 Budget was also drafted by consistory and approved by the congregation. Consistory reviewed and approved plans to remodel the kitchen which is nearly complete. Besides organizing the routine maintenance and operation of the church, the Trustees finalized paving and water retention plans and completed this project in 2008. Restoration of cemetery stones was also approved.

St. Paul's is blessed to have a congregation willing to volunteer their time, talents, and treasures in the operation of the church. Thank you to all who have served St. Paul's in 2008. St. Paul's has also been blessed with the talents, spiritual leadership, and dedication of our pastor in 2008.

Respectfully Submitted, Russ Brierley, Consistory President

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 2008

Having finished my fourth year among you, I am as excited as ever to be walking beside you in the journey of Christian faith. My partnership with you is source of great joy in my life. You continue to bless me with your generous, caring, open-minded way. As I compile this year-in-review piece I am struck by how much my own ministry is sustained and enlivened by the people of this congregation. So as I present this report I give thanks to God for the privilege of being your pastor and teacher, and I pray that the Holy Spirit may encourage us all for the good work that is yet to be done.

Worship

- Rites and Sacraments: It was my honor to preside at two baptisms, two weddings, and seven funerals in 2008.
- Special 'Second Thursday' Worship: Throughout the year I led a monthly prayer service. These included services of silent prayer, healing prayer, and one Taizé service of meditative song.
- Advent and Lenten Devotionals: With generous writing contributions from the people of St. Paul's, and with many of my own writings, I created daily devotionals for the seasons of Lent and Advent.
- Missionary Sunday: I helped to organize our first Missionary Sunday on April 27, when we hosted Dale Nafziger, our Global Ministries missionary in Nepal.
- Lionville-Exton Ministerium: I participated in the numerous ecumenical worship services of our ministerium.

Christian Education and Formation

- In March I led a Saturday church retreat on the theme of forgiveness. I am thankful for the help of the Elders and Pastoral Relations Committee, many of whose members helped to bring this event to fruition.
- On Wednesdays in July I led a series of seminars on modern theology called "The End of Theism." This was an educational series of my own design, centered on the thought of Paul Tillich.
- Our Christian Education Committee again did a fabulous job in coordinating our Vacation Bible School program. With Stephanie Esposito's help I led the music portion of the program, and also assisted by telling Bible stories and leading the opening and closing assemblies.
- In September I led a crash course introduction to the Gospel of John for our adult Bible study class and others who were interested.
- In November I began a confirmation course with three of our young people, which will continue into 2009, culminating on Pentecost.

Visitation

It is a sacred honor for me to share times of visitation with those who are homebound, hospitalized, grieving, or in need of a listening ear. There are many laypeople who share in this ministry of spiritual care, and I am deeply grateful for their faithful and generous efforts that express so well Christ's call for us to love one another.

Music Enrichment

George Haughton, Stephanie Esposito and I began a new music enrichment program at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Enlivening Worship and Music for The Small Church is a monthly program, funded by a grant from the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, consists of several seminars and individual consultations exploring new forms of music and worship over a nine month period. We are eager to bring new ideas from these workshops into the worship life of St. Paul's.

Weblog

I continued to maintain my blog, changing the title to "The Alternative Script." I finished the year with 19 posts. The web address is: <http://jonathanhauze.blogspot.com> .

Facebook

In the fall I launched a page for St. Paul's on Facebook, the social networking site. This site enables us to share photos, stories, and general information with any Facebook member. It's a great way for us to stay connected with long-distance friends (like our college students) and introduce ourselves to prospective members and visitors.

Habitat for Humanity

In April I was honored to offer the prayer of invocation at the groundbreaking ceremony for our coalition's Habitat for Humanity house in West Chester. I give thanks for the continued work of Matthew Kilaeski, our Volunteer Coordinator and liaison to the coalition.

Continuing Education

I attended the following learning, training and enrichment programs:

- Seminar on Skills of Leadership, offered by the Council for Relationships as a part of their clergy seminar series in May.
- The Clergy Convocation, offered in May by the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference. The featured speaker was the Rev. John Thomas, General Minister and President of the U.C.C.
- The PA State Pastor's Conference in October. This year's focus was preaching.
- Wholeness in Ministry program for new pastors (throughout the year), offered through Lancaster Theological Seminary and funded by the Lilly Endowment.

The Wider Church

In 2008 I served the wider church and represented St. Paul's UCC in the following groups:

- Ursinus Association Committee on Ministry.
- PSEC New Church Start Task Force.
- Exton-Lionville Ministerium, serving as the Treasurer.

I pray that God's love and compassion may continue to grow in me, that I may always prove worthy of the sacred trust that you have given to me. And I pray the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us all in the ways of peace and praise, that St. Paul's may always be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ in this world that God so loves.

Shalom,
Jonathan

ST. PAUL'S UCC ELDERS **2008 Annual Report**

The 2008 Board of Elders consisted of Chris Baumann, Barbara Coover, Nancy Greger, Don Raudenbush, Kendra Schramm and Barb Schneller. Unfortunately Don passed to his eternal rest in June of the year and in November, Theresa Heinze was elected to complete his term. The Elders want to express how much Don contributed to the Elders and the life of St. Paul's and how dearly we miss him.

The Elders held twelve monthly meetings during 2008. We worked closely with the Pastor in providing guidance for the spiritual life of the congregation. We assisted with the sacraments of Communion and Baptism and with admission of new members, the church retreat, and other events in the life of the church.

The efforts of many members of the congregation led to a very successful year of Christian Education for children and adults and for Vacation Bible School. Thanks go out especially to Mrs. Lisa Allen for her leadership of the Christian Education Committee. We continued to budget for a Christian Education Coordinator and publicized the availability of the position. The position remains unfilled.

DEACONS ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

The Deacons met for twelve regularly scheduled meetings during 2008. The Deacons are entrusted to look after the financial affairs and foster stewardship for the church. Below is a summary of the actions undertaken by Deacons in 2008:

1. The Church's Treasurer and Cemetery Fund books and records were audited for the calendar year 2007.
2. The Deacons, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary performed Sunday offering counting and deposit into the church accounts.
3. Worked with Church Treasurer and Financial Secretary on a variety of finance and stewardship issues.
4. Designated the disposition of special mission offerings in 2008 totaling \$7,565 (\$6,616, \$5,561 last 2 years):
 - a. 1st Quarter Mission of \$945 (\$1102, \$1078 last 2 years) went to One Great Hour of Sharing.
 - b. 2nd Quarter Mission of \$667 (\$649 last year) for Strengthen the Church and \$354 (\$407 last year) for Church Change.
 - c. 3rd Quarter Mission of \$1046 (\$1058, \$751 last 2 years) went to Neighbors-In-Need.
 - d. Also during 3rd quarter, a dining night out at Unos along with contributions from the Endowment Fund and VBS fundraising totaled \$2,403 benefitting the Habitat for Humanity project.
 - e. 4th Quarter Mission of \$524 (\$324, \$355 last 2 years) went to the UCC Christmas Fund.
 - f. The Thanksgiving offering was \$375 (\$570 last year) was designated for the Wyncote Home.
 - g. All Saints offering was \$265 (\$122 last year).
 - h. The Christmas Eve offering was contributed to the Bethany Children's Home totaling \$1170 (\$1,544 last year).
 - i. Emergency Relief offerings totaled \$170 for Hurricanes.
5. In addition to the above, St. Paul's Youth group and Sunday Schools greatly enhanced the Mission and Outreach in our church, including Souper Bowl offering for The Lord's Pantry totaling \$152, \$3,042 was raised in The Crop Walk and gifts for several families through Christmas adopt-a-family with Community Cares, proceeds from Greater Gift sale to third world artisans. **The Sunday school also put together school kits to help children in need through Church World Services.** The children also helped raised funds for Habitat for Humanity during Vacation Bible School.
6. A total of \$15,000 was contributed to Our Churches Wider Mission as budgeted for 2008.
7. Regular finance and stewardship updates were submitted to the monthly newsletter.
8. The budget was prepared for 2009 and was approved at the November, 2008 Congregational Meeting.
9. The Deacons and the Pastor organized the 2009 stewardship campaign. A total of 26 pledges totaling \$84,362 for 2009 were received. Anyone still wishing to submit a pledge for 2009 can still do so at anytime. A total of 93 offering envelopes have been given out to start 2009.
10. Total 2008 income was \$189,747 (\$175,460 last year) against total expenses of \$192,518 (\$173,463 last year) for a deficit of \$2,771. Offering and loose collection totaled \$140,373, investment income of \$30,394, fundraising of \$6,223, general income of \$6,434, and mission/outreach giving of \$6325.

The Deacons also met regularly as part of the Financial Planning and Endowment Committees. The strong financial health of the church is detailed in the Treasurer's report.

We wish to thank everyone for their generosity in Time, Talents, and Treasure to St. Paul's for the year 2008.

BOARD OF DEACONS: Russ Brierley (Chair), Diane Battilana, Mary Lou Esposito, Beth Kirschner, Mary Lee Sailer, and Muriel Lewis

Trustee Annual Report 2008

The primary responsibilities of the Board of Trustees are maintenance and care of church building and systems and its grounds as well as coordination of contractors who provide services to the church. In addition, the Trustees provide the “public face” to groups using our church property. Top Priority concerns and completions:

- Black top paving parking lot and driveways
- Back kitchen renovation
- Providing more classroom space

Other projects:

- Coordinated spring (March 15 & April 12) and fall (Dec. 6) All Church Workdays
- Organized spring garden enhancement and planting.
- Provided review and approval of Eagle Scout cemetery project by Michael Scripko
(Project repaired five fallen headstones, documented writings on old cemetery stones)
- Reviewed and approved several requests for outsider use of Fellowship Hall.
- Assisted in setting up for various events in Fellowship Hall.
- Provided more research and planning with township, paving companies and engineers for pending parking lot and driveway paving.
- Completed and finally approved contracts for paving.
- Paving of parking lot and driveways completed November. (Highland Orchards)
- Coordinated annual building and equipment inspections. (2 furnace 1/22, A/C, fire alarm, etc)
- Repaired roof leak of education wing.
- Men's/Ladies rest rooms painted (Kilareski). Light fixtures and door mechanisms fixed.
- Arranged Disaster Preparedness presentation with Red Cross
- Reviewed and approved Scout Project –Garage gutters and interior cleaned. (McWilliams)
- Shrubbery was trimmed. (J. Kopf)
- Contracted for all church carpet cleaning April 18; Scotch Guard April 19
- Completed church stained glass windows with Plexiglas coverings (Plumbstead Studios)
- Generally maintained church building and property (Supported Kitchen Task force)
- Provided overseeing for lawn care and snow plowing.
- Bi-monthly “worrier” continued this year...monitoring and purchasing kitchen and paper supplies
- Maintain office, kitchen and other equipment
- Moved adult Sunday school class to choir room, creating one more children's classroom.

The Trustees would like to thank Greg Allen for his relentless efforts and dedication on behalf of The Board the past 3 years and wish him success as President of Consistory. Trustees expressed gratitude to Jon Kopf and Marg Perina for joining the Board and welcome new trustee for 2009, Tom Phillips.

Respectfully submitted: Greg Allen, Matt Kilareski, Lorraine Nowlan, Marg Perina and Reid Hoover, Jon Kopf

1. MINISTRY & WORSHIP

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Youth Group.....Liza Hauze

Boy Scout Troop 482.....Nancy Greger

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Pastoral Relations.....Fran Pluchino

Christian Education Annual Report 2008

Adult Sunday School

The St. Paul's adult Sunday School class meets each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. This year we are reading the gospel of John, and having in depth discussions. Everyone is invited to join us as they are able. We have about 8 regular attendees and some folks who drop in when they can. We are using the book "John for Everyone" by Tom Wright to focus our discussions. Each week the discussion is new and vibrant, and whether you can only attend once, or occasionally, or every week, your contribution will be welcomed. Please join us as we learn from each other how to make John's gospel more meaningful in our daily lives.

Children's Sunday School

For 2008, we continued with two classes using the Gather 'Round curriculum – pre-schoolers and school-age (6-12). Each Sunday morning we gather in the sanctuary to share in the beginning of worship at the 9:00 service. The children participate in the service by taking turns lighting the altar candles, collecting the offering, and making music. The children depart for class after the children's message and sharing of peace. On communion Sundays, the children always return to the sanctuary to celebrate the sacrament with the congregation.

The pre-school class has a regular attendance between 6 and 10. The school-age class has a regular attendance between 5 and 7. Each class is led by a teacher and an adult teacher's helper. St. Paul's is blessed to have so many people willing to help make Sunday School interesting and fun for all the kids!

Here are some highlights in Christian Education from 2008:

- At the start of 2008, the children collected donations and put together 24 Baby Kits including diapers, blankets, sleepers and more which we dedicated on March 2nd during One Great Hour of Sharing and sent to Church World Service for distribution to children around the world.
- We hosted a community Easter Egg Hunt on March 22. More than 30 children participated in the hunt which was held indoors due to weather. It was a good time for all.
- Liza and the children created new Easter banners this year. 'It Is Finished' was used on Good Friday, and, on Easter Sunday, 'Alleluia' and 'Do Not Be Afraid' were carried in the children's procession into church.
- The children participated in the missionary visit in April by learning about Nepal and actual missionaries. The school-age children wrote letters to a missionary family in China and have received notes back.
- To end the Sunday School year, we had a special service on June 8th. The pre-school class sang '1,2,3, clap, clap, Alleluia' and the readings were the beatitudes, read by the Allen girls and the ten commandments, read by Johanna Baumann, both samples of what the school-age children had learned in the past Sunday School year. Teachers and students were presented with certificates and the graduates were recognized and presented with gifts to start their college years. After the service, we had a picnic, attended by the entire congregation, complete with good food, entertaining music, games, and water balloons. It was great fun.

- We hosted Vacation Bible School again this year. This community outreach effort was again a great success, with 25 kids participating, many of whom came from outside the church. It was held the week of July 28th on weekday afternoons, 3-5:30 pm for children ages 4-12. We used God's Big Backyard curriculum with crafts, bible lessons, outside recreation, snack time, and music. The week ended with a visit from a Habitat for Humanity representative and a pizza party for participants, their families, and the rest of the congregation. The kids all got to sign a 2x4 to be used in one of the West Chester homes currently under construction. Thanks to the whole congregation for helping to bring it all together.
- Sunday school started on September with an ice cream social.
- In October, the Sunday school kids had a great, productive day of baking all of the bread for World Communion Sunday and participated in another great CROP Walk for Hunger.
- On December 7, we had a great time at our annual Advent workshop. We made Christmas wreaths, stars, and candy canes, boxed up gifts for our shut-ins complete with handmade cards, strung popcorn and cranberries, and decorated pinecones with peanut butter and birdseed to adorn our outdoor Christmas tree for our feathered friends. The Hanging of the Greens service followed during which we decorated the sanctuary. Congratulations to the children who participated in the hand bell choir's first performance during the service – Johanna and Lilly Baumann and Grace and Jessica Allen.
- The children put on a fantastic Christmas Pageant for both services on December 21st. The pageant, written and directed by Liza Hauze, told the story of Rebecca, a shepherd's daughter who helps find a place for Joseph and Mary when there was no room at the inn. Many of the children had speaking roles and the littlest filled in as perfect sheep and angels.

Submitted by the Christian Education Committee

YOUTH GROUP ANNUAL REPORT - 2008

The Youth Group underwent some major changes this year, as we sent off five members to college and gained two new members. Once again, we participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" on Super Bowl Sunday, a national youth-led initiative that raises money and collects food for local food pantries. The \$151.50 and 50 food items that we collected were all donated to The Lord's Pantry in Downingtown. In August, we had a party at Jonathan and Liza's house to say farewell to our seniors and wish them well at college. Some of us participated in the CROP Walk for hunger and poverty relief in October. We continued our work with the Chester County Cares Adopt-a-Family program in December, organizing the church's donations of Christmas gifts for ten children from families in our area. We went to Target to finish off the shopping with cash donations from the congregation, and a few of us brought all the gifts to Chester County Cares at their new location in downtown West Chester. We are currently planning for a mission trip to Philadelphia in March 2009.

As always, we enjoyed many meetings that were devoted to fellowship, playing games, and just enjoying each other's company. We are: Jesse Battilana (college), Connor Battilana, Caisa Baumann, Johanna Baumann (new), David Harrison (new), Kelcie Hillard (college), Anton Ocepek, Marc Ocepek, Matthew Pluchino (college), Mark Pluchino (college), Mary Scripko (college), and Michael Scripko.

Submitted by Liza Hauze, co-advisor

Boy Scout Troop 482 Annual Report - 2008

Troop Leadership:

Jim Scripko, Scoutmaster

Alan Gluchoff, Assistant Scoutmaster

Steve Scripko, Assistant Scoutmaster

Lucy Grosse, Committee Chair

Ed Kuznick, Charter Organization Representative

Jonathan Hauze, Chaplain

Nancy Greger, Treasurer

Cynthia Harrison, Advancement Chair

Sylvie Ashby - Secretary Fundraising

Meryl Senft - Fundraising

The troop is in need of several men willing to work with teenage boys. We need help on Tuesday evenings and occasional weekends. All training provided!

Camping and Service Events:

During 2008 the boys lent a hand to several service events: Participating in the St. Paul's Cleanup Days in April and December; a Life project involving cleaning the church garage; an Eagle project to map and to prepare a detailed inventory of gravestones in the church's Old Cemetery along with the repair of several gravestones. Additionally several boys chose to participate as part of the church's contingent in the Crop Walk.

The boys started January with a camping weekend at Camp Jarvis and celebrated their first Court of Honor for the year. On a rainy March day, the boys participated in the first Council-wide First Aid Meet. They also participated in the Webelos Woods event, teaching the Webelos firebuilding skills and serving up the troop's delicious Southwest Chicken Corn Chowder. July found the boys at troop summer camp at Camp Ockanickon in Bucks County. They had a great time earning merit badges and also a troop activity where they went tubing down the Schuylkill. In the fall, the boys split their activities by patrol with one group climbing at Philadelphia Rock Gym and the other group attending the Star Wars exhibit at the Franklin Institute. In December the boys tried a unique event, they did a 24 hour gaming session. They were exhausted but had a lot of fun.

Fundraising: In April the boys conducted a very successful Easter flower sale on the church parking lot. We also participated in the Council Popcorn sale and wrapped gifts at Barnes and Noble for several days during December.

Merit Badges and Ranks: In addition to earning lots of merit badges at summer camp, the patrols worked individually on the Collections merit badge and the Music merit badge.

Training: Jim Scripko completed BSA Wood Badge training, where adult leaders learn skills to improve the effectiveness of the organization to fulfill scouting's mission to the boys.

Troop Awards: The troop qualified for Good Turn for America recognition.

Financials: At the conclusion of 2008 the troop checking account totaled \$5526. Of this \$1298 is assigned to individual boys scout accounts (much of which will be used to pay for summer camp), \$619 is earmarked to purchase camping equipment for the troop and \$420 is earmarked for trailer rentals when needed. The troop has also been able to fund a campership fund to assist our boys with financial need to attend summer camp.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Greger on behalf of the Scouts, Leaders and Parents of Troop 482.

Church Growth Committee Annual Report - 2008

This has been another busy year for the Church Growth Committee. Pastor Hauze continues to offer special short term programs throughout the year. One series entitled “Un-Christian –what a New Generation really thinks about Christianity” was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We have also discussed this briefly at our monthly meetings. We continue to follow up on the progress of “Habitat for Humanity”.

Throughout the year we used various resources in our search for ideas to enhance church growth. These included “Tips from a Professional Church Visitor”, “7 Simple Keys to Church Growth”, “Church Tools for Growth” and “Assimilating Rating”.

With the assistance of Fran Pluchino we have revised the guidelines for “Loaves and Fishes” in order to follow better health practices. “Loaves and Fishes” provide the yummy refreshments that are offered every Sunday following both worship services.

We started the monthly “Lunch Bunch” group. It’s a time to gather at local restaurants and enjoy the food as well as each other’s company. We also offered two fund raisers for Habitat for Humanity at Chicago Uno which was very successful. An afternoon of baseball in Allentown was also enjoyed by 30 plus people.

Some things we are working on for 2009 include Picture displays of various committees and groups within the church. We hope to have the first one on display early 2009. Parents Night Out, More small groups for all ages, Coffee House

I want to thank the committee for their continuous support over the past five years. Church Growth meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Anyone interested in church growth and wants to share their ideas is welcome to attend our meetings.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Raudenbush –c

Loaves and Fishes Annual Report 2008

“Loaves and Fishes” is a program organized by the Church Growth Committee for volunteers to sign up to provide refreshments following both the 9:00am and 10:30am worship services.

This is a time of fellowship and a time to mingle with members and guests alike. If you attend the 9:00am service, you may ask someone from the Church Growth Committee to clean up after the 10:30am service if you do not want to stay for both services.

If you are interested and want more information about this program, please see any member of the Church Growth Committee. There are also guidelines located in the Church Growth mail slot. We extend our sincere thanks to all who have participated during the past year.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Raudenbush –c, Lisa Allen, Russ Brierley, Barbara Coover, John Gangwisch, Jonathan Hauze, Mary Lee Sailer

GREETERS AND READERS 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

I continue to have a good, eager group of helpers with both greeting and reading. Of course new volunteers are always welcome to share in this important part of our Sunday worship service – please feel free to sign up on the bulletin board in Social Room before the 25th of each month.

Thank you and God Bless,

Nancy Wilson

Coordinator

MUSIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The music committee met several times throughout the year to discuss plans for 2008.

To add to the enhancement of the music program, consistory approved the purchase of Hand Bells which arrived in April. Very quickly, Stephanie Esposito volunteered to direct the Hand Bell Choir and was followed by many volunteers who wanted to participate in the program. They practiced all summer and performed for the first time at the “Hanging of the Greens” program on Dec. 7th. What a smashing success!

We would like to add small drums to our music program and hope this will be possible in 2009.

The instrumental orchestra and the Recorder Group performed several throughout the year and their music is always enjoyed by everyone.

If you have any ideas or would like to participate in our music program, we invite you to join us for our next music committee meeting which will be announced in early 2009.

A special “thanks” to all who gave of their time and musical talents throughout the past year for the enhancement of St. Paul’s music program.

Respectively submitted,

Mary Raudenbush - c

St. Paul's Pastoral Relations Committee 2008

The Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is a committee of church members whose purpose is to support and maintain open, healthy communication between the congregation and the pastor of the church.

- The committee offers confidential, constructive and caring advice to support the work of the pastor.
- It serves as an advisory group for the pastor that shares ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations and concerns of the congregation with the pastor.
- It is a group to help nurture and support the work of the pastor and aid in the interpretation of the various roles, functions and needs of the pastor to the congregation.
- The goal of the PRC is to aid the professional growth and well being and promote mutual ministry between the pastor and the congregation with the ultimate goal of a healthy church.

The PRC meets quarterly or as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Pluchino, Committee Chair

2. MISSION & OUTREACH

Atkinson Men's Shelter.....	Diane Battilana
Community Outreach Ministry.....	Mary Lee Sailer
Memorial Scholarship Fund.....	Barbara Schneller
Habitat for Humanity Project.....	Matthew Kilareski
Food Bank.....	Nancy Wilson
Prayer Community.....	Barbara Coover
Sunshine Committee.....	Barbara Coover / Robin Madison

Atkinson's Men's Shelter – 2008 Annual Report

St. Paul's has had a long association with the Atkinson's Men's Shelter in Coatesville – a facility that takes in men that often have nowhere else to go, and helps them with job training and other habits that will help them become self sufficient. We have been serving dinner at Atkinson's on many a Monday night for over 15 years.

We serve the 6:30 dinner on the first and second Monday of every month to between 15 and 25 hungry men. This is a very rewarding experience; some of us have been helping to provide this ministry for over fifteen years.

We are always looking for more people to help in this ministry. The time commitment is just a few hours every few months. There are roles for everyone, whether you can cook or not. Everyone is paired with at least one or two other people and assigned specific days to prepare and/or serve dinner. On your designated day, you might help coordinate the buying of food, prepare part of the meal at home, and/or serve the evening meal at the shelter. The men at the Atkinson's Shelter are unfailingly polite and appreciative. The shelter is easily located a block off of Lancaster Pike in Coatesville and there is parking right outside. If you are interested in joining a group, would like to try it once, or just want to find out more, please call me (610-399-1519) or see me between church services.

Thanks to the people who helped prepare and serve meals during 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Battilana

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY LAY COMMITTEE

St. Paul's UCC 2008 Annual Report

OUR MISSION: As Christians, we are committed to supporting our local community by sharing out talent, time and treasures. Our mission, guided by the Lord, is to serve those individuals and families who have fallen upon difficult or trying times. Through our actions we communicate the outreach efforts of our churches in conjunction with the Ministers of the Exton-Lionville Ministerium. We are represented by five denominations in the area: UCC, Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES include:

1. Communicate available services to over 40 churches in the Exton Lionville area;
2. Educate church administrators on available resources;
3. Coordinate outreach ministries that are provided by member churches;
4. Work with County agencies and created supplement to "Chester County Service Guide: to provide easier use of service guide;
5. Collect and distribute food donated by local churches, Post Office and Boy Scout Drives to local food banks
6. Provide "behind the scenes" assistance to Lord's Pantry
7. Recruit drivers for "Meals-on-Wheels;
8. Help to establish emergency shelter for single adult women;
9. Participate in Uwchlan Days with a booth with information on community resources available;
10. Distribute information at Ministerium programs throughout the year; and
11. Constantly seek to keep the community informed of existing programs i.e. Rover Transportation and new programs i.e. Prescription Drug Program, CPR training by Uwchlan Ambulance Corp.

The group meets once a month with a stated agenda. Speakers from various community organizations are invited to speak. Since its beginning Don Raudenbush and Mary Lee Sailer have represented St. Paul's. Due to the untimely passing of Don Raudenbush this past year, we are currently looking for volunteer(s) to participate in this vital Committee. If you are interested please consult the pastor or myself.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lee Sailer

Bessie P. Rogers/Harry C. Woodward Scholarship Fund
Annual Report 2008

During 2008 the Bessie P. Rogers/Harry C. Woodward Scholarship Committee (Scholarship Committee), implemented changes to the Scholarship Fund approved by Consistory during the previous year. These changes included increasing the Scholarship Fund's Investment amount from the original 1978 allocation of \$5,000 in memory of Harry C. Woodward to \$10,000. The additional \$5,000 are being allocated \$1,000 per year over 5 years in memory of Bessie P. Rogers. The first \$1,000 was transferred in 2008. All of the Scholarship Fund's procedures and applications were updated and revised accordingly.

As of January, 2009, the Scholarship Fund had \$6,770.71 in the Vanguard Wellesley Income Fund and \$180.47 in the Vanguard Money Market Account. During 2008, the Scholarship Committee granted 5 scholarships of \$200 each to Jesse Battilana, Kelcie Hillard, Mark Pluchino, Matthew Pluchino and Mary Scripko.

The Scholarship Committee goals for 2009 are to make scholarship funds available to members and friends of St. Paul's to continue their higher education plans.

Respectfully submitted in Christian love,

Russell Brierley, Muriel Lewis, and Barbara Schneller,

The Scholarship Committee

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

Habitat for Humanity of Chester County is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry who has been building simple and affordable homes in partnership with those in need of decent housing since 1989. In 2008 St. Paul's joined volunteers from Unionville High School, West Chester University, Highway Gospel Community Temple, St. John's Episcopal, Grove United Methodist, Unitarian Fellowship of West Chester, and Wellsprings Congregation, to create a coalition to help build houses in West Chester. Last year volunteers from St. Paul's helped to complete three houses and begin work on a fourth. This fourth house is scheduled to be completed in 2009. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Matt Kilareski at 610-207-5137 or wafflemtk@hotmail.com

2008 ANNUAL REPORT FOR FOOD BANK AND THE LORD'S PANTRY

Our non-perishable food collection for the Lord's Pantry continues -- even more now in our troubled economy -- as a worthy and needy mission of our church. It is important for us to remember that our giving is an ongoing need throughout the year -- not just at special times like Harvest Home and Souper Sun., etc.

I take the food collection directly to Downingtown about once a month depending on amount in the food basket.

Thank you and Blessings to all,

Nancy Wilson

Coordinator

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

We had a busy year with over 300 cards sent out for birthdays, thinking of you, loss of loved ones, and for those in the hospital. If you know of anyone a card would cheer up, please call Robin or Barbara.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Madison and Barbara Coover

PRAYER COMMUNITY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

2008 was a busy year for the Prayer Chain, and it is hoped everyone received their calls. Anyone interested is welcome to be added to the Prayer Chain. Please contact Barb Coover and we will add your name to our list. There were many calls for names of those needing our prayers, and if you know of anyone, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Coover

3. OPERATIONS

Treasurer.....Daniel Shoop

Financial Planning/Endowment.....Louis Franconi/Russ Brierley

Memorial Fund.....Mary Lee Sailer/Russ Brierley

Cemetery.....Mary Lou Esposito/Bob Norwood/Ron Trimble/Trustees

Records Clerk.....Diane Battilana

Financial Secretary.....Joan Trimble

Fundraising Committee.....Fran Pluchino

Historical Committee.....Mary Lou Esposito

TREASURER'S REPORT – 2008

Attached herewith are church financial reports for calendar year 2008 as follows:

1. A combined budget report showing the approved 2008 budget, the actual receipts and expenditures for each budgeted category, and the approved 2009 budget.
Please note the following:
 - a. The Investment Income includes four quarterly distributions from the United Church Foundation totaling \$1,056.52; four quarterly distributions from the Vanguard Wellesley Income Admiral fund totaling \$3,510.03; an annual distribution from the Harry C. Woodward trust of \$5,827.79; and total transfers from the Vanguard Prime Money Market fund of \$20,000.00.
 - b. We finished the year 2008 with a budget deficit of \$2,771.10.
2. A Net Worth Report showing end-of-year account balances. All accounts are as of December 31, 2008, except for the Harry C. Woodward Trust, which is as of November 30, 2008. The property values are the valuations assigned by our property and casualty insurer, and represent a 4% increase over last year.
3. A report showing Exchange Items that pass through the general checking account but do not show up on the budget report. These are uncategorized items earmarked for specific purposes. Also listed are funds carried over year to year.
4. A report of Endowment Fund activities.

We have a very sound and financially stable church. We continue to make needed improvements and repairs, and I continue to be optimistic for our church's future. This is my last treasurer's report, and I am very appreciative of the trust and confidence which you have shown me. Thank you for allowing me to serve for these past seven years.

The Lord's blessing on you all,
Daniel Shoop

2008 ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES / 2009 APPROVED BUDGET

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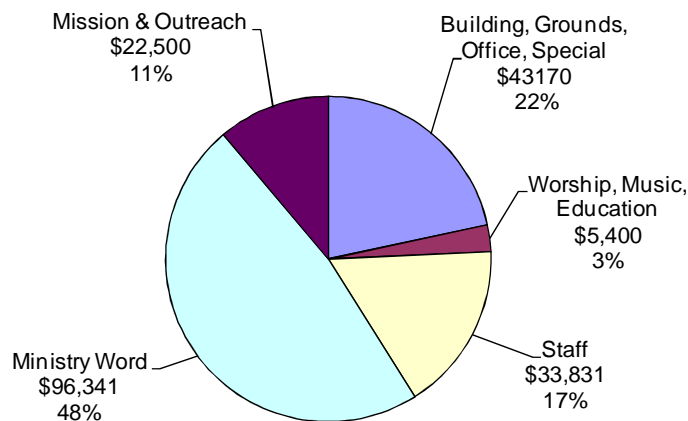
	B	Q	T	U
1	Category Description	2008 Approved Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Approved Budget
2	INCOME			
3	Envelopes	\$122,000	\$138,539	\$128,000
4	Investments	\$28,000	\$30,394	\$23,000
5	Loose	\$2,000	\$1,834	\$2,000
6	Miscellaneous Fund Raising	\$4,000	\$6,223	\$5,000
7	General	\$5,000	\$6,433	\$5,000
8	Mission/Outreach Offerings	\$4,000	\$6,325	\$4,000
9	TOTAL INCOME	\$165,000	\$189,747	\$167,000
10				
11	EXPENSES			
12				
13	Mission and Outreach			
14	Community Service/Benuevolence	\$200	\$252	\$700
15	Confirm Mission Trip	\$200	\$0	\$200
16	Delegate Expense	\$600	\$488	\$600
18	Mission/Outreach Offerings	\$6,000	\$8,175	\$6,000
19	Our Church Wider Missions (OCWM)	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
20	TOTAL Mission and Outreach	\$22,000	\$23,915	\$22,500
21				
22	Christian Education			
24	General Operating Expenses	\$3,200	\$3,606	\$3,200
27	TOTAL Christian Education	\$3,200	\$3,606	\$3,200
28	Ministry Music			
30	Music expenses & Supplies	\$600	\$6,453	\$1,000
31	Substitute Organist	\$400	\$0	\$400
32	TOTAL Ministry Music	\$1,000	\$6,453	\$1,400
33	Worship Expenses			
35	Worship expenses	\$500	\$1,158	\$500
36	Offering Envelopes	\$300	\$356	\$300
37	TOTAL Worship Expenses	\$800	\$1,514	\$800
38	TOTAL Worship, Music, Education	\$5,000	\$11,573	\$5,400
39				
40	Ministry Word - Pastor			
41	Auto Expenses	\$4,450	\$1,771	\$5,850
42	Family Protection Plan			
43	Life & Disability	\$852	\$828	\$877
44	Health Insurance	\$15,000	\$14,719	\$16,575
45	Housing Allowance	\$20,781	\$20,781	\$21,404
46	Pastor's Phone	\$0		\$0
47	Pastor's Fund/education/books	\$1,500	\$1,125	\$1,000
48	Pastor's Salary	\$35,998	\$35,998	\$37,078
49	Pastor's Social Security Allowance	\$4,703	\$4,703	\$4,844
50	Pension	\$7,949	\$7,725	\$8,187
51	Supply Pastor	\$525		\$525
52	Salary+Housing	\$56,779	\$56,779	\$58,482
53	TOTAL Ministry Word - Pastor	\$91,758	\$87,649	\$96,341
54				
55	Staff Compensation			
56	Church Office Secretary	\$7,504	\$7,865	\$7,504
57	Christian Ed Coordinator Salary	\$5,200		\$5,200
58	Book Keeper/Treasurer			\$3,000
59	Consistory Secretary	\$642		\$642
60	Nursery Aide Salary	\$1,872	\$1,974	\$1,872
61	Organist's Salary	\$5,782	\$5,782	\$5,782
62	Musical Director Salary	\$4,519	\$4,519	\$4,519
63	Sexton	\$2,856	\$2,915	\$3,120
64	Medicare @ 1.45%	\$370	\$301	\$415
65	Social Security @ 6.2%	\$1,582	\$1,284	\$1,776
66	TOTAL Staff Compensation	\$30,327	\$24,639	\$33,830

2007 ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES / 2008 APPROVED BUDGET

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	B	Q	T	U
67	Category Description	2008 Approved Budget	2008 Actual	2009 Proposed Budget
68				
69	Building			
70	Building & Appliance expenses	\$3,000	\$346	\$3,000
71	Cleaning Services	\$192	\$1,001	\$0
72	Consumable Supplies	\$500	\$597	\$500
73	HVAC Service Contract	\$890	\$632	\$890
74	HVAC Unscheduled Maintenance	\$500	\$1,224	\$500
75	Insurance	\$6,000	\$5,050	\$6,000
77	Worker's Compensation	\$800	\$882	\$900
78	TOTAL Building	\$11,882	\$9,733	\$11,790
79	Grounds			
80	Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$600	\$1,000
81	Mowing	\$1,800	\$3,352	\$2,200
82	Snow Removal	\$3,000	\$1,865	\$3,000
83	Trash Removal	\$480	\$550	\$480
84	TOTAL Grounds	\$6,280	\$6,367	\$6,680
85	Utilities			
86	Alarm System	\$1,000	\$814	\$1,000
87	Electricity	\$5,000	\$5,880	\$5,800
88	Gas	\$4,400	\$2,937	\$3,600
89	Water	\$500	\$476	\$500
90	TOTAL Utilities	\$10,900	\$10,107	\$10,900
91	Church Office			
92	Advertisement	\$1,500	\$731	\$1,500
93	Office Equip. Repair	\$2,100	\$2,341	\$2,100
94	Office Supplies	\$600	\$771	\$600
95	Postage	\$400	\$0	\$400
96	Telephone	\$1,600	\$2,490	\$1,600
97	TOTAL Church Office	\$6,200	\$6,333	\$6,200
98	Special Projects			
99	General Uncategorized	\$500	\$827	\$500
100	Special Capital Projects	\$10,000	\$11,376	\$7,500
102	TOTAL Special Projects	\$10,500	\$12,203	\$8,000
103	TOTAL Buildg, Grounds, Office, & Misc.	\$45,762	\$44,742	\$43,570
106	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$194,847	\$192,518	\$201,641
108	TOTAL INCOME	\$165,000	\$189,747	\$167,000
110	NET INCOME/(LOSS)	-\$29,847	-\$2,771	-\$34,641
112	Operating Expenses (total expenses - missions)	\$173,516	\$169,092	\$179,941
114	% total mission/operating expenses	12.2%	13.9%	12.1%
115	% OCWM/operating expenses	8.6%	8.9%	8.3%

St. Paul's Proposed Budget 2009



Net Worth - As of 12/31/2008
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 12/31/2008

Account	12/31/2008 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
General Checking Acct.	16,911.27
HC Woodward Children's Fund	1,116.18
Memorial Fund	6,118.34
Memorial Fund Savings	5.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	24,150.79
Other Assets	
Church Building	817,808.00
Furniture & Fixtures	60,247.00
Schoolhouse & Garage	146,327.00
TOTAL Other Assets	1,024,382.00
Investments	
Endow 500 Index Investor Share	64,569.40
Endow Interm Term Inv Adm	97,501.82
Endow UCF Intl. Equity Fund	56,927.18
Endow Windsor II	61,555.68
Endowment Money Mkt Vanguard	105,311.54
H.C.W. Trust	76,868.94
Memorial Fund CD - 24 mo 31Jul11	1,072.36
Memorial Fund CD - 36 Mo 30JUL13	1,057.22
Memorial Fund CD - 48 Mo 30JUL12	1,046.26
Memorial Fund CD - 60 Mo 30Jul09	1,082.16
Memorial Fund CD 60 Mo 30Jul10	1,067.46
Scholarship Fund Van Wellesley	6,770.71
Scholarship Van Money Market	180.47
UCF Moderate Balanced Fund	29,080.58
Van Wellesley Income	65,276.55
TOTAL Investments	569,368.34
TOTAL ASSETS	1,617,901.13
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	1,617,901.13

Note: Net Worth report does not include Boy Scout Checking account and Cemetery accounts which are both assets of church but are treated as separately managed accounts. See their respective annual reports for details on these funds.

EXCHANGE ITEMS – 2008

Receipts:

Balances from prior year:	
Bessie Roger's Estate	\$ 6,104.81
Women's Fellowship	405.20
Youth Group	163.17
Boy Scouts of America	50.00
Cemetery Fund	4,500.00
Choir dues	10.00
Earned Income Tax Withholding	637.55
Easter Breakfast donation	44.44
Flowers	1,097.75
Flexible Spending Account Withholding	1,200.00
Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate	494.30
CWS/CROP	40.00
Purchase of Giant Gift Cards	29,307.50
Local Service Tax Withholding	52.00
Pennsylvania Income Tax Withholding	2,595.31
Children's Christmas Gifts	96.96
Easter Candy Expenses	453.15
Baseball Tickets	286.00
SERRV International	87.50
Holiday Fair Expenses	345.11
Donation for Pizza	116.00
Purchase of WAWA gift coupons	185.00
Woodward Scholarship Fund	1,400.00
Youth Group Donation	3.04
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TOTAL	\$ 49,674.79

Disbursements:

Woodward/Roger's Scholarship Wellesley Income Fund	1,000.00
Boy Scouts of America	50.00
Turpin Brothers Landscaping – Mowing	5,028.00
Lorraine Nowlan – Choir dues	10.00
H. A. Berkheimer – EIT	617.61
Russ Brierley – Easter Breakfast	44.44
Ford's Greenhouse	487.75
Blossom Boutique Florist	1,020.00
Pension Boards—UCC—Flexible Spending Account	1,200.00
Jonathan Hauze – Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate	232.95
Mary Lee Sailer – Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate	172.50
Giant Food Stores	29,450.00
H. A. Berkheimer – Local Services Tax	38.74
PA Department of Revenue—Income Tax Withholding	2,560.75
Jonathan Hauze—Youth Group Christmas Shop	96.96
Fran Pluchino—Holiday Fair and Easter Candy	860.93
Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs	284.00
SERRV International	710.45
Greg Allen—Pizza	147.44

EXCHANGE ITEMS – 2008 CONTINUED

DNB First—Bank Check for WAWA Coupons	500.00
Upper Room	166.20
Woodward Scholarship Recipients	<u>1,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 46,078.72

End-of-year Balances of Continuing Accounts:

Bessie Roger’s Estate	\$ 5,104.81
Women’s Fellowship	239.00
Youth Group	<u>166.21</u>
TOTAL	\$ 5,510.02

ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT FOR 2008

At the beginning of 2008 the church’s Endowment Fund had a total value of \$555,511.57. Following is a listing of the value as of December 31, 2008, of the various Endowment Fund Investments:

Fund Investments:

Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund	\$ 105,311.54
Vanguard Investment Grade Intermediate Bond Fund	97,501.82
Vanguard Index 500 Fund	64,569.40
Vanguard Windsor II Fund	61,555.68
United Church Foundation International Equity Fund	<u>56,925.96</u>
TOTAL	\$ 385,864.40

Following is a breakdown of activities in the Vanguard Prime Money Market Fund during 2008:

Balance as of 12-31-07	\$ 214,775.38
Receipts:	
Income Dividends	4,223.91
Disbursements:	
Plumstead Studios	16,168.00
UCF International Equity Fund	40,000.00
Vanguard Index 500 Fund	20,000.00
Dunlap & Burrell, LLC (Paving engineer)	2,519.75
Abraham Feters-White Schoolhouse Society	15,000.00
St. Paul’s General Checking Account	<u>20,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 113,687.75</u>
Balance as of 12-31-08	\$ 105,311.54

FINANCIAL PLANNING AND ENDOWMENT COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

The Financial Planning was established in 2004 by Consistory in order to help oversee the financial health of the church. The Endowment Committee was formed as part of the Endowment Resolution approved by the congregation at the November 2006 congregational meeting. The purpose of the Endowment Committee is to oversee the investments of the Endowment Fund and make recommendations to Consistory on changes to these investments and to coordinate with Consistory on the use of a portion of these funds in order to extend the mission and ministry of St. Paul's in the present and future generations.

Meetings focused on the following items:

- a. Review, analyze, and discuss St. Paul's current and past financial data.
- b. Develop mechanisms of keeping St. Paul's members apprised of the financial health of the church on an ongoing basis.
- c. Assist Deacons and Treasurers with financial matters of St. Paul's.
- d. Management of the endowment program and the further development of the planned giving ministry.

Out of original \$609,000 of the bequest, \$500,000 was to be invested as approved by the congregation in November 2006 congregational meeting. The remaining funds were to be used for special projects funding (organ, windows, paving, and schoolhouse). Five different areas for investments was recommended and approved in 2007. These are listed in the Treasurer's report. Due to the poor economy in 2008, fund balances all decreased by a total of 29% to a total of \$385,864. Because of the poor market, a recommendation was made to decrease endowment investment income to the ministries and missions of the church from \$20,000 in 2008 to \$15,000 in 2009 as approved in the church's 2009 budget. The recommended breakdowns of the funds use are in special projects (\$7,500), Mission Outreach and Our Churches Wider Mission (\$5,000), and to the general operating budget (\$2,500). Timing to present these work shops

The planning and coordination of several workshops that will cover Planned Giving, Wills, Financial Planning and Retirement Savings has been completed and speakers identified. We are now discussing the best time to present these workshops to the congregation.

St. Paul's ended 2008 in good financial health with a slight deficit of \$2,771 and a healthy general checking account (\$16,911). THANK YOU to all who have helped St. Paul's maintain a healthy financial status.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Brierley¹ (chair), Diane Battilana¹, Mary Lou Esposito¹, Louis Franconi²(chair), Pastor Hauze, Walt Hessinger², Beth Kirschner¹, Muriel Lewis¹, Joe Pluchino², Mary Lee Sailer¹, Dan Shoop, Susan Shoop³, Joan Trimble³, Ron Trimble³

1. 2008 Deacons; 2. Elected Endowment Committee; 3. Financial Planning

St. Paul's United Church of Christ Memorial Fund Annual Report - 2008

The total Memorial Fund balance, as of December 31, 2008, was \$11,448.80 which includes \$6,118.34 in checking/money market account, \$5,325.46 in CD's, and \$5 in a Credit Union savings account.

Twelve (12) New Century Hymnals were purchased for \$220 in 2008 with Memorial Funds in memory of deceased members.

In 2008 a set of choir bells were purchased by the congregation for \$,5885 as an extraordinary budget expenditure approved by Consistory. During 2008, donations of \$3,217 were received from church members to help off-set the cost of the bells. In January 2009, the remaining cost of the Choir Bells, \$2,668, was paid from the Memorial Fund. This Memorial Donation was given in memory of the following St. Paul's members that have passed: Harry Weaver, Betty Weaver, Jack Wilson, Anna Dewees, Dale Coover, Don Raudenbush, Alice Uchno, and Harry Dewees.

Memorial Funds were received in 2008 in memory of Dale Coover, Don Raudenbush, Alice Uchno, Harry Dewees, and Martha Mathews. A total of \$8,805 was given as memorial donations in 2008. From these donations, \$3,740 was deposited into memorial checking account and \$5065 was designated for Cemetery care funds.

Mary Lee Sailer has volunteered to take over the vacant chair for this committee and is looking for additional people to help on this committee. The role of this committee is to update the Memorial Book to recognize donations given in memory of members that have passed and to recommend purchases to be made in honor of these memories.

Respectively submitted,

Russ Brierley and Mary Lee Sailer

CEMETERY FUND

2008 ANNUAL REPORT

If anyone is interested in purchasing a cemetery lot, please contact Robert Norwood or Mary Lou Esposito at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 101 Worthington Road, Exton, PA 19341.

Effective January 1, 2009, the purchase prices were increased to the following new rates (including perpetual care):

<u>Non Members</u>	<u>Past & Present Members</u>	<u>Number of Graves</u>	<u>Size of Lot</u>
\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00	for a 1 grave lot	8' X 4'
1,500.00	1,000.00	for a 2 grave lot	8' X 8'
2,250.00	1,500.00	for a 3 grave lot	8' X 12'
3,000.00	2,000.00	for a 4 grave lot	8' X 16'
3,750.00	2,500.00	for a 5 grave lot	8' X 20'
4,500.00	3,000.00	for a 6 grave lot	8' X 25'

The trustees reserve the right to limit the number of lots purchased by non-members.

In case of death, please have the Funeral Director call the church at (610) 363-7285 or notify Robert Norwood, 436 Devon Drive, Exton, PA 19341, (610) 363-9297 or Mary Lou Esposito, 305 Cornell Drive, Exton, PA 19341, (610) 363-7937. Beginning September 1, 2007 to open a grave at least 2 full days notice is requested before a funeral. Opening for a single depth is \$660.00; double depth is \$735.00. The cost for cremation is \$255.00. Prices will also be higher for shorter notice or abnormal conditions. Above prices are for normal adult sizes. Smaller sizes and babies or cremations will be decided at the time. Burials for members and non-members cannot be more than two burials in one grave (casket). Not more three cremations in one grave lot.

2008 TRUSTEES: Greg Allen
Reid Hoover
Matthew Kilareski
Jon Kopf
Lorraine Nowlan
Marg Perina

CEMETERY FUND – 2008

SAVINGS ACCOUNT – CITADEL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Account Balance 1/1/08			\$ 136.28
Interest – Citadel	\$.70		<u>.70</u>
Balance 12/31/08			\$ 136.98

CHECKING ACCOUNT – CITADEL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Account Balance 1/1/08			\$ 100.40
Interest – Franklin Inc. Fund	148.96		
Transfer from Money Market	5,900.00		
Proceeds – Franklin Inc. Fund	1,500.00		
			<u>\$ 7,548.96</u>
Mowing		\$4,644.00	
Lake Scrafford Memorials		2,950.00	
Low Balance Fee		5.00	
			<u>\$ 7,599.00</u>
Balance 12/31/08			\$ 50.36

MONEY MARKET – CITADEL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Account Balance 1/1/08			\$ 4,623.27
Interest – Citadel	\$ 64.64		
Interest – Franklin Income Fund	1,724.39		
Sale of Lots	900.00		<u>\$ 2,689.03</u>
Transfer to Checking		\$5,900.00	<u>\$ 5,900.00</u>
Balance 12/31/08			<u>\$ 1,412.30</u>

FRANKLIN INCOME FUND

Balance 12/31/08			<u>\$18,289.35</u>
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RONALD J. TRIMBLE
TREASURER

RECORDS CLERK ANNUAL REPORT - 2008

<u>NEW MEMBERS</u>	<u>Date Joined</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Date of Letter of Transfer</u>
Jessica Phillips	02/24/08		
Thomas Phillips	02/24/08		
John Danese	02/24/08		
Rose Danese	02/24/08		
Doug Propsner	12/14/08		
Joanne Propsner	12/14/08		

<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Hannah Caryn Miller	02/03/08
Ian Ishmeal Davila	08/10/08

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Sahasra Pesaramalli	June 2008

<u>WEDDINGS</u>	<u>Date of Wedding</u>
Derek Stout & Jennifer Smith	06/28/08
Joseph Raymond Ballard & Stephanie Lin Madison	07/19/08

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Dale N. Coover, Sr.	06/18/08
Donald George Raudenbush	06/20/08
Alice Cope Uchno	09/04/08
Harry B. Dewees	10/06/08
Martha L. Matthews	11/01/08

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT - 2008

The role of the Financial Secretary is to record giving to the church confidentially and to provide a statement of Giving and Thanks to all those who gave to the church during the year. Also, offering envelopes are provided to all active members and anyone else who asks to receive them. Pledges are also recorded from the stewardship campaign.

A total of 26 pledges totaling \$84,362 for 2009 were received, compared to 28 pledges for \$84,448 for 2008 and 37 pledges totaling \$82,264 for 2007. Pledge cards are available in your offering envelopes and at the church. Anyone still wishing to submit a pledge for 2009 can still do so at anytime.

A total of 93 offering envelopes have been given out to start 2009. If anyone would like a set of offering envelopes, please let me know.

Both midyear and final year giving statements were provided for 2008.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Trimble
Financial Secretary

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT - 2008

The fundraising activities this year have been very good. ***THANK YOU*** to all who helped out in so many ways and to those who also participated in the events! Here is how we raised \$6,179 for St. Paul's general funds in 2008: East Candy Sales- \$1,530; Giant Gift Cards- \$1,587; Holiday Fair- \$2,789; Acme receipts- \$236 and WAWA hoagie coupons- \$236. Below is a reminder of all the activities that we have going on weekly for you to participate in:

Giant Gift Card Program- Giant gift cards are sold each Sunday in between services. The card denominations are \$25, \$50 and \$100. St. Paul's receives 5% of all purchases at the store. All you have to do is buy the card in advance, and use it as you would cash or a charge or debit card. The entire amount does not have to be used at one time. Deductions are made by machine and your receipt gives the card balance. The cards are good for use in the following stores: Stop and Shop, Bi-Lo, Super G, Giant, Tops and Martins Food Stores.

If you plan on shopping at local merchants you can buy a Giant gift card to for that store (Home Depot, Kohl's, Macy's, Toys R Us, or area restaurants – Chili's, On the Border, Carrabas... and many other local merchants). Then use the gift card to make your purchases. The church then receives the same 5% from the giant card. You just need to plan ahead if you need to purchase gifts for yourself or others. Ask about this opportunity if you have questions.

ACME Receipts- If you shop any ACME store, bring us in all your receipts. St. Paul's receives 1% of all the receipt purchases.

Easter Candy Sale- Our second largest fundraiser...Each year we make homemade peanut butter and coconut Easter eggs as well as chocolate covered pretzels and sell to church members, church friends and work friends. Our candy eggs have been sought after each year.

Holiday Fair- Our largest fundraising event with record turnout each year. This festive event is always held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Homemade crafts, baked goods, local vendors, fantastic silent auction items, bargains in the white elephant room, creative children's crafts and of course our own Santa workshop have been the ongoing themes that make this a great event every year.

The committee is small and meets as need to plan the seasonal events. We welcome any new ideas and appreciate your support and help throughout the year. Please consider attending a meeting to join in on the activities or ask how you can get involved. We could always use more people to help out for the activities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Fran Pluchino
(Chair)

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

The Historical Committee agreed to follow the guidelines established by the Congregational Library for record management for local churches. Documents that record the history of the church and should be retained include a permanent roll of members, baptisms, marriages, funerals, pastors of the congregation, listing of professional lay workers such as Christian educators and music directors, and a roster of officers. Other materials that should be retained are those which tell the congregation's story such as Consistory minutes, annual reports, reports of committees, the church Constitution and bylaws, sermons and worship bulletins, membership directories, and news releases.

Financial records that should be retained include the annual audit report, treasurer's reports, and information on bequests, gifts, and endowments. Other financial records such as canceled checks, bank reconciliations, payroll administration records, cash receipt journals, and a record of member giving are required to be maintained for seven years. General invoices for major purchases need to be stored for three years, and offering envelopes do not need to be retained.

There are many other regulations set up by the Congregational Library which we will follow as we continue to search for a permanent area in the church to store historical documents making them easy to access.

Submitted by,
Mary Lou Esposito

4. COMMUNICATONS

Public Relations	Russ Brierley
Clear Voice.....	Russ Brierley / Cynthia Harrison
Publicity.....	Mary Lee Sailer
Web Site.....	Ryan VanderMeulen
Photo Directory, Name Tags, Pew Registers.....	Russ Brierley

St. Paul's Public Relations Team 2008 Annual Report

The Public Relations Team includes Cynthia Harrison, Russ Brierley, Lorraine Nowlan, Mary Lee Sailer, Ryan VanderMeulen, Pastor Hauze and Mary Lou Esposito.

The PR Team is dedicated to ensuring everyone connected with the church and living in the local communities are aware of all St. Paul's UCC events and activities. Once information is available to the PR Team:

1. Cynthia Harrison & Russ Brierley will include it in *The Clear Voice*, our monthly newsletter, made available to all members and friends.
2. Lorraine Nowlan and Mary Lee Sailer will submit the news item(s) on church events & activities to local media outlets including newspaper, radio, and TV.
3. Ryan VanderMeulen will place the information on the church web site, www.stpauluccexton.org, where it will be available to anyone having access to the World Wide Web.
4. Mary Lou Esposito, the church secretary, will place the information in the Sunday Bulletins available to all attending our weekly Worship Services.
5. Jonathan also sends out weekly e-mails to the congregation to tell us what to expect on Sunday. He has also set up St. Paul's with a Face book page and set up Google Ads for the Web.

The PR Team's success is entirely dependent on YOUR HELP. We are unable to communicate and publicize church information unless YOU let us know what is happening or being planned. If YOU have an event, activity, or notice you believe should be communicated to others, please contact the PR members listed above.

THE CLEAR VOICE

The Clear Voice is our monthly newsletter. We try and have the newsletter available by the first Sunday of each Month. Each newsletter contains upcoming church activities, photos of church events, Pastor's Ponderings, Monthly Lectionary, Birthdays/Anniversaries, schedule and dedications for Altar Flowers, Greeters and Readers Volunteer Schedule, Boy Scout news, missions, stewardship and financial updates, new member welcome articles, and members of the month features. Copies are available throughout the month either at the church or on our Web site, WWW.STPAULUCCEXTON.ORG. Submissions should be made by the beginning of the last week of each month. Anyone with some computer publishing skills that would like to help out is welcome.

2008 PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Publicity Committee of St. Paul's is entrusted with the responsibility to secure publication in all local newspapers, TV and radio outlets. Each month there is an ad in the Rhondda Newsletter advising residents of the church, its mission and times for services. In the Church Directory of the Community Courier each week there is also an ad outlining the mission and times for the services. Special events and services are published in local papers: The Philadelphia Inquirer Chester County Section, the Daily Local News, the Suburban Advertiser, and the Community Courier. Reports of special services and events are also sent to WCOJ Radio in Chester County and to the Comcast Cable Calendar.

The optimal time we try and place information in publications is two to three weeks prior to the event or season. Publicity and getting the news out to the community of our church and its events lets the community know we are here and we welcome them.

Guidelines for PR submissions for inclusion in Local News media

- 1. Items are submitted in final draft form.**
- 2. Articles are to submitted 4 weeks in advance of the event (most media outlets have a lead time of 2 weeks and Lorraine and Mary Lee will need time to make the contact.)**
- 3. The news item may be submitted to Lorraine and Mary Lee by email (include your telephone # in case they have questions) or in written form.**

Lorraine Nowlan - 610-280-9631 - email: lornnowlan@verizon.net

Mary Lee Sailer - 610-594-2411 - email: mlsailer@chescolaw.com

Submitted by,
Lorraine Nowlan

St. Paul's UCC World Wide Web Site 2008 Annual Report

WWW.STPAULUCCEXTON.ORG

The following describes the web site pages:

1. **Home** contains a Welcome greeting, Worship Service information, Historical information and our equal opportunity Statement. It also contains Links to the Ursinus Association, Southeast PA. UCC Conference, National UCC, God is Still Speaking and location map sites.
2. **Pastor** contains biographical information on and a photo of Pastor Hauze.
3. **Ministry** provides information on St. Paul's many ministries.
4. **ClearVoice Newsletter** contains a current copy of our newsletter, "*The Clear Voice*", available to any site visitor.
5. **Church Officers** contains our current Lay Leaders, Church Staff and Church Officers listing.
6. **Member's Profile** is a secure page (ID & password needed for access) containing information and pictures of our previous Members of the Month. It also contains links to Photo Albums of past church activities.
7. **Directions Page** has directions to St. Paul's and a link to a locator map.
8. **Church Directory** is a secure page (ID & password needed for access) containing an on-line Directory of St. Paul's members and friends.

ID & passwords are used to limit access to pages with personal information & photos. Please let us know if you have any problems accessing the site or desire access to the secure pages. Your comments & recommendations on St. Paul's Web Site are always welcomed and appreciated.

St. Paul's Web Master

Ryan VanderMeulen

PHOTO DIRECTORY, NAME TAGS, AND PEW REGISTERS ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

PHOTO DIRECTORY

An updated St. Paul's member and friends directory is maintained throughout the year and published approximately every year. Anyone with new contact information (address, telephone, e-mail) should let Russ Brierley and Mary Lou Esposito know so church records and directory can be updated. A list of Birthdays and Anniversaries is also maintained in our directory. A family photo section is also maintained. Most Sundays you can ask me to take an updated picture for the directory. Anyone wishing an updated electronic copy can request one at anytime. A copy can also be found on our Web page, WWW.STPAULUCCEXTON.ORG. The 2009 version will be published in March.

NAME TAGS

A great way to get to know church members and friends is to have everyone wear name tags. As new visitors come to St. Paul's, name tags are printed and made available within a few Sundays. If name tags are lost, please let me know or see the sign-up sheet by name tags. Everyone should have a name tag to wear each Sunday and ALL are encouraged to wear them.

By wearing your name-tag, this is a way of saying to newcomers that we want to get to know new people, even before we open our mouths.

PEW REGISTRY

Pew registers are used as another way to let people know who we are. If you have updated contact information, this is a great place to let us know. We also use the pew register to help with following up with visitors to extend our extravagant welcome even after they leave on Sunday. Pew register information is recorded throughout the year into a database to help track how we are doing for attendance throughout the year. Our average weekly attendance in 2008 was 82.

I hope the efforts in these areas have helped further enhance our mission of being an open and welcoming community at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Peace

Russ Brierley

5. FELLOWSHIP

Book Discussion.....Barbara Schneller

Bridge Club.....Mary Raudenbush

Day Timers.....Barbara Coover

Men's Fellowship.....Men of St. Paul's

2008 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

St. Paul's Book Club meets monthly, with the exception of June, July, August, and December. In 2008, the group chose diverse subject matters for reading and discussion. Both fiction and nonfiction were on the list and they were as follows:

January: "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini – Set in Afghanistan in current turbulent times; Fiction

February: "Amish Grace" by B. Kraybill, S. Nolt, D. Weaver—A study of the Amish and their response to the killing of the school children; Nonfiction

March: "The Faith Club", A dialogue between Protestant, Catholic and Muslim women and their search to understand each others faith; Nonfiction

April: "Three Cups of Tea...." by Greg Mortenson – A mountain climber's journey from near disaster to his journey to build schools and educate children in Pakistan's remote areas; Nonfiction

May: "The Alchemist", The journey of a young man to find himself and life, including a walk across the desert; Fiction

September: "The Post American World" by Fareed Zoharia – A discussion of America's place as world leaders and the rise of economic growth in China, India and other third world countries; Nonfiction

October: "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw – Vignettes of veterans of WWII and their war and post war lives; Nonfiction

November: "The Shack" by William P. Young – The best selling book about a man and his quest for faith and forgiveness; Fiction

Each book, in its own way, elicited stimulating discussion from the members. Everyone is welcome to join us and book suggestions are encouraged. The group meets in homes and, whether or not you have read the book, please join us for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Schneller
Mary Lee Sailer

2008 BRIDGE CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

If you like to play cards, we welcome you to join our **Bridge Club**. We try to meet once a month in local homes. Beginners are always welcome. We hope you will join us for cards, fun and refreshments. If interested, please see Mary Raudenbush, Barbara Schneller, Mary Lee Sailer or George Haughton.

DAY TIMERS' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

In 2008, the Day Timers became the *Lunch Bunch* trying to meet once a month at a different restaurant. The price of gas has been keeping us close to home, but we are hoping to get at least a couple of trips in this spring. Our group is open to all and we do enjoy each other's company. Come join us!

Submitted by Barbara Coover

ST. PAUL'S UCC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - 2008

Men's Fellowship at St. Paul's is an informal group which meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month for fellowship and breakfast. We usually meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Exton Diner located at the intersection on Route 100 and Marchwood Road (the next intersection on Route 100 south of the church.) All are invited and welcomed to join us for great fellowship and a hardy breakfast. The men also are continuing the long time tradition at St. Paul's of organizing, preparing, and serving breakfast at the church on Easter morning. We also assist in various fund raising activities when requested or needed.

ABRAHAM FETTERS-WHITE SCHOOL - 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Work Effort

This year significant progress was accomplished on the restoration of the schoolhouse as some major items, both structural and operational, were completed. As the result of an engineering inspection, we were required to further shore-up floor joists, foundation supports and roof rafters. Also it was necessary to install a steel I-beam and support columns to strengthen ceiling joists. These items were out-of-scope from our original plan and added additional cost.

In addition, a new septic system was installed; HVAC installed - we now have heat and A/C! Other work includes under floor electric and plumbing; ceiling insulation; vapor barrier & floor insulation; sub-floor; and repair of plaster walls.

The following summarizes the restoration project to date:

Cost of work completed through 2007	\$ 98,040
Cost of above work in 2008	<u>43,002</u>
Cost of work completed to date	<u>\$141,042</u>

To Complete:

(I) – Work needed to apply for conditional occupancy permit:

Construct complete ADA restroom; lighting; emergency lights; fire extinguishers; signage; re-hinge front and rear doors to out-swing, install ADA door hardware.

(II) – Balance of work to completion:

Wainscot & chair rail on walls; ceiling tile grid; ceiling tile; balance of in-wall electric & plumbing; interior partitions & doors; complete 2nd restroom; kitchen cabinets & countertops; misc. trim; furniture & furnishings.

Estimated cost to complete \$ 53,857

We have requested our contractor, Mike Templin, to provide details of the above cost to complete which will be available at a later date.

With the completion of item (I) above, we are able to apply to the township for a conditional use & occupancy permit. This is not firm but is based on the township's assessment of our meeting the peoples' health and safety requirements. This is our optimistic goal to open the schoolhouse in the fall of 2009, provided additional funding becomes available.

Funding

We are continuing to investigate foundation sources of grant funds and also have initiated a fund raising program. We sponsored a concert in December and was successful in achieving some funds and was well received by the community. We are planning additional concerts and activities such as the personal paving brick, seedling sales and others.

We are feeling the effects, as most of us are, of the economic downturn and is reflected in our grant searches as shown below:

Number of grant applications submitted	<u>35</u>
Denials	19 (4 foundations have ceased operation)
Open applications	16

Summary

We want to thank St. Paul's and all of you who have supported this project over the past seven years, both financially and morally. The project has moved forward to a point where the re-birth of this historic schoolhouse is in sight. Again, we ask for your support to get over the last hurdle to make the schoolhouse usable once again. Your talents and hands-on effort at the schoolhouse would be a valuable contribution. **We should all be very proud of the transformation of the schoolhouse, rich in St. Paul's history, from an eyesore to a beautiful asset to the community.**

Frank Perina
Fran Pluchino
Amy Layman
2/09

