

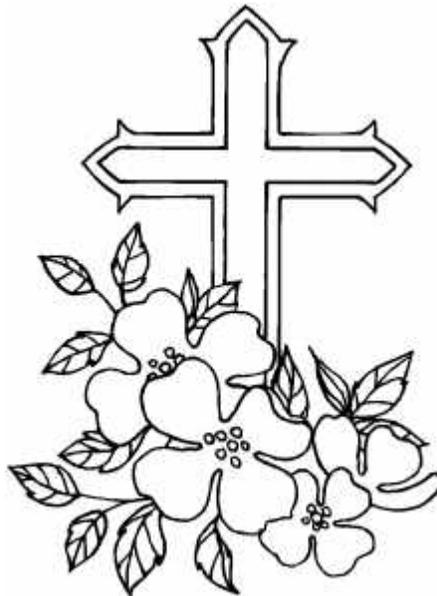
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In Memoriam

The following are the names of those whose funerals, memorial services, or committal services were conducted by the ministers of this church or are the names of members or adherents of this congregation who have died between June 2013 and May 2014.

*Joseph Richard BLACK
Dorothy M. MORRISON
Gerald Bliss STILES
Bertha KINNEAR
Katherine Mae READ
James TRUEMAN
Russell Lorne MacDONALD
Dorothy Mae THOMPSON
Sharon Lilie BUGLEY
Muriel Eileen WIGHTMAN
Creighton Edgar MARNEY
Hilda Beryl ATKINSON
Brenda Louise VAN ZOOST*



Contributors To The 1944-48 Endowment Fund

G. L. Angus	Dr. B. E. Goodwin	B. T. Pugsley
T. R. Angus	E. E. Hewson	J. O. Rodger
N. T. Avard	Wallace Hill	S. L. Sharpe
E. W. Barnes	Dr. A. E. MacKintosh	A. D. Smith
C. B. Chapman	John W. Morrison	H. N. Stevens
George T. Douglas	C. D. Murdock	C. S. Sutherland
Dr. David Drury	Dr. G. W. O'Brien	W. H. Tennant
W. L. Fillmore	Estate of R. B. Beharrell	
D. W. MacDonald (in memory of Mrs. MacDonald)		
Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Kendall (in memory of Rev. & Mrs. William Kendall)		

Bequests From EstatesAnd Special Gifts

Mrs. T. N. Campbell	Mrs. Amos Pugsley	Mrs. Victoria Stevens
Mrs. Eunice Embree	Mrs. Hanna Bent	Mrs. Jennett Mason Wood
Miss Mabel Greenfield	James Chappell	James Henry Hewson
Bradford B. Treen	Ernest C. Phalen	Cyrus E. Black
George T. Douglas	Mrs. Hattie Adelia Mills	Miss Mary Bacon
Mrs. Beulah Farnsworth	Mrs. Jennie Black Carter	Harry Black
Miss Ethel O. Roberts	Eslie Harrison	Miss Sadie E. Black
Dr. B. E. Goodwin	Miss Louise Hewson	Mrs. George H. (Ida) Purdy
Wallace & Rosena E. Hill	Mrs. A. S. Currie	Mrs. Lena Hertz Johnson
Murray H. Jenkins	Miss Martha Gourley	Mrs. Winnifred Etter
Myrtle E. Roberts	Miss Ada Tufts	W. T. Campbell
Mrs. E. E. Hewson	B. T. Pugsley	F. C. Wightman
Wylie Black	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew C. Walker	Miss Ethel Morrison
Miss Hazel M. Harper	Vivian Sargent	Rose Travis
Mary Pugsley	Miss Gladys Bryenton	Miss Helen M. Hewson
Mr. & Mrs. Carl D. Murdock	Miss Mary Kimball	Miss Lillian Kimball
Mrs. Isabel Tennant	Mildred Buck	Ivan W. G. MacCallum
Mrs. Esther I. Black	Freda Bryenton	Marjorie Langille
Alice L. Holmes	Jeanne Lusby	A. Randolph Lusby
Ralph R. Facey	Ron & Lillian Estabrooks	Dorothy Dickinson
May Trueman	Garnet Angus	Dulcie Ingram
Estate of Walter Embree	Ivy Currie	Russell & Helen Purdy
Alfred "Uncle Alf" Murdock	W. E. "Jeff" Jefferson	Ella McDonald
Frances Hennessey	Toler Coates	Dorothy Purdy
Ila Collett	Margaret Biggs	Dell Violet (Ontychuk) Entwistle
Fred Robinson	Doug Trenholm	Kenneth Urquhart
Bruce Lusby	Gwen Smith	Keith Russell
Ruth Bacon	Jean Chappell	Eileen Chapman
Elizabeth (Betty) Fraser	Christine Barnes	Dorothy M. Dickinson
Mrs. R. L. Ripley (in memory of R. L. Ripley)		
Mrs. Albert P. Day (in memory of Miss Grace Black)		
Miss Louise Hewson (in memory of her mother, Mrs. George Hewson)		
Estate of Mrs. Ada M. Brannon (in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Beharrell, their daughters: Elizabeth, M.D. and Mary, R. N.; and Ada & Douglas Brannon)		
Douglas S. Biggs (in memory of Margaret and Douglas S. Biggs)		
Elizabeth A. Day (in memory of her parents Joseph R. Black & Bessie J. Black)		
Molly Stevens (in memory of parents Harold & Grace Stevens)		
Mrs. Clyde MacLean (in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. R. Byron Atkinson)		
Garnet Parker & Gordon Forsythe (in memory of Lorraine Parker)		
Bessie Fillmore Avard (in memory of Dr. Charles MacQueen Avard & Dr. Anna Law Avard)		
Anonymous donation (in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Walker)		
Mrs. Beatrice Park (for maintenance on Park children Memorial Window)		

A message from Church Council Chair

June 15, 2014

To the members and adherents of Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church:

As a congregation, we are now concluding another church year. The past several months have been challenging but also exciting and invigorating. With the official resignation of Rev. Susan Estabrooks, effective September 15th, 2013, we have been experiencing what is known as "bridge ministry". We were pleased to welcome Rev. Carol Smith during August and early September. From September 16th until April 30th 2014 we were indeed blessed to have the Rev. Carolyn and Rev. Victor MacLeod provide clerical leadership and pastoral care. They jointly filled a single position. Their presence among us during this time of transition was inspirational for us all. During what can certainly be called their "healing ministry", our congregation came together as a truly united church family. We lived out our ReGenesis (2010) vision statement as "an enthusiastic, vibrant Christian Community". As a congregation, we owe the Rev. Victor and Rev. Carolyn a huge debt of gratitude.

Their excellent ministerial leadership was strongly supported by a very active congregation. The various hard-working committees along with other dedicated groups and individuals have once again gone "above and beyond" to help fulfill our mission as a church, i.e. "To provide the opportunity to come to know Christ and one another, to grow spiritually, and to become involved with Christian concerns within as well as beyond the congregation." A warm "thank you" to you all.

I hesitate singling out one particular initiative, but the volunteer Pastoral Visitation Committee warrants special mention this year. This new committee, under the able leadership of Rev. Carolyn MacLeod, was established last fall as part of the implementation of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report (2013). Those involved in delivering this visitation program are indeed making an important "outreach" contribution, particularly to members and adherents of our church family who are unable to join us in regular fellowship. A sincere "thank you" to the dedicated visitation volunteers on behalf of the congregation.

The efforts of all those who in both large and small ways contribute to the life and work of our church is very much appreciated. Your good work greatly enriches our worship, our outreach, and our ability to provide pastoral care.

The coming year will present a new set of challenges – and opportunities – as we embark on what will be an "interim" phase of ministry at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church. It is essential that we build on the positive momentum, the real spirit of optimism that we have enjoyed these past several months. So I am anticipating another year of enthusiastic commitment on the part of our church family in spreading the "good news" of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Blessings on you and yours –

Gary Miller,
Church Council Chair

Church Council Membership 2014 – 2015

Minister
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
President of U.C.W. or appointee
Lay Representatives to Chignecto Presbytery

vacant
Paul Calder (Interim 2014)
Gloria Fraser
Mary Lynn Cameron² 15
vacancies (2)

All Church Council members.

Retiring June 30, 2015

Elaine Bourque
Mary Lynn Cameron²
Shelley Hallman²
Barry Helm²
Pauline McKendrick²
Bert Seely
Roy Taylor²

Retiring June 30, 2016

Wanda Bickle
Rod Gilroy
Gerry Helm
Stephanie MacAloney²
Margaret MacDonald²
Jeanne Milner
Kathy Naylor²
Grace Scott
Jean Smith²
Kathy Wells

Retiring June 30, 2017

Evelyn Bishop²
Scott Coleman²
Angus Furlong
Jean Henley
Shawnie Kinnear
Rod Letcher
Jonathan MacMaster²
Wanda McSorley²
Murray Pedersen

Meetings of the Church Council normally shall take place at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the following months: October, December, February, April and May.

EXECUTIVE

Chair
Vice-Chair
Past Chair
Secretary
Treasurer
Minister

Gary Miller
vacant
Mark Milner
Mary Lynn Cameron
Wayne Bishop
vacant

Church Council Committees 2014 - 2015

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

* Wanda Bickle 16
Evelyn Bishop² 17
Shawnie Kinnear 17
Stephanie MacAloney² 16
Jean Smith² 16
Kathy Wells 16

OUTREACH

* **vacant**
Wanda McSorley² 17
Shelley Hallman² 15
Pauline McKendrick² 15
vacancies (2)

Friends

Judy Jonah
Heather Wilkes
Bonnie Wilkie

STEWARDSHIP

* Jonathan MacMaster² 17
Barry Helm² 15
Mark Milner
Murray Pedersen 17
Roy Taylor² 15

Treasurer

Wayne Bishop
Reps from Trustees
Gary Wilkie² 16

M & P

* Margaret MacDonald² 16
Scott Coleman² 17
Gerry Helm 16
Kathy Naylor² 16
Jean Henley 17

PROPERTY

* Bert Seely 15
Angus Furlong 17
Rod Gilroy 16
Rod Letcher 17
Rep from Trustees
Harold Farrow² 17

WORSHIP

* Mary Lynn Cameron² 15
Elaine Bourque 15
Jeanne Milner 16
Grace Scott 16
Director of Music
Jeff Joudrey

* Chair

Friends are not members of council

BOARD of TRUSTEES

Chairman:	Paul Calder (Interim 2014)
Vice-Chairman:	vacant
Secretary:	
Treasurer:	Gary Wilkie
Finance & Investment:	Blois Hennigar, Gordon MacGregor
Stewardship Appointee:	Gary Wilkie
Property Appointee:	Harold Farrow
Fort Lawrence Cemetery:	Elaine Bourque

BOARD MEMBERS:

Harold Farrow ² 17	Gordon MacGregor ² 17	Bruce Baxter 17
Ian Naylor 17	Blois Hennigar ² 15	Brian Trenholm 15
Harry Wilkes 16	Gary Wilkie ² 16	

**Ad hoc members are not voting members of the Trustees*

Christian Education Committee Report

Sunday school got underway in late September with several leaders volunteering to rotate taking responsibility for our combined Sunday school class. Our leaders this year were Phyllis Thomson, Sharon Bristol, Tonia Hyslop, Kaitlyn Hyslop, Evelyn Bishop and Wanda Bickle.

Kathy Curtis was recognized for her many years of service to the youth of the congregation with a special presentation following the anniversary service in October.

We now have some small children attending the Nursery, so volunteers were recruited to rotate weeks providing coverage for the nursery. Thanks go to Shelley Hallman, Nancy MacAloney, Nancy MacGregor, Carlene Patterson and Barbara Wood, for giving leadership.

A family survey was circulated early in the fall to determine the level of commitment and program needs for our families. Results indicated that the majority favored continuing with a program offered during worship time.

For Christmas, in lieu of individual gifts to the youth, two goats were purchased for an agricultural school in Zimbabwe, in their name.

Adult Bible study was led by Rev. Carolyn MacLeod and concluded just prior to Easter.

Police checks are required for all leaders and volunteers involved with vulnerable children and adults, and these are completed and retained by the committee as dictated by the United Church Manual. The Sunday school and the committee members participated in several intergenerational worship services during the program year.

The committee also participated in Bethlehem Market offering sweet treats and a new book display from the United Church Resource distribution center. Candy and Fudge generated \$207. At the yard sale the committee hosted the canteen and realized \$251.

The committee undertook to develop guidelines for the chair, secretary and C.E. treasurer positions, and will complete the Sunday school treasurer guidelines in the fall.

A donation to the church from the Families of Gong T and Hing Wong created two bursaries for \$1000. to be awarded in 2014. The committee was tasked by council to develop the application form and review applicants to select the winners. In May the committee held a special meeting for this purpose and awarded the two \$1000 scholarships to Stephen Bradford and Emily Ripley. Official presentation of these awards will be on Sunday June 22, 2014 during the morning worship service.

The committee was saddened to learn of the passing of Garnet Parker, benefactor of the Lorraine Parker Memorial Fund. The interest from this account is used to assist youth to attend Camp Ta-Wa-Si. Last year, 7 youth were assisted to various camps, along with additional donations from the committee and the community. Sponsorships to attend Camp Ta-Wa-Si are being approved for the coming camping season as well.

The Sunday school's Lenten project this year was in support of the Amherst Food Bank. The congregation gave tremendous support to this endeavour, and the value of food and money collected equalled \$1925. The congregation also supported the Sunflower seed project for High River Alberta. The United Church congregation there sought 4000 packages of seeds which they planned to distribute to every household in the flood ravaged area. Locally we collected 107 packages of seeds. In total the United Church in High River received 18,000 packages of seeds, which they are sharing with other communities as well.

On May 11 the Christian Education committee led the morning worship service on Christian Family Sunday. Committees were asked to take a turn at leading a service, following the completion of Rev. Carolyn and Victor MacLeod's term with us.

June 8 was Pentecost Sunday and the Voices of Victory Choir presented Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat during the morning worship service. Following the service, lunch was shared with the congregation and the visiting choir, and following lunch, gifts of appreciation were shared with our youth and volunteers for their commitment to the life and work of the church during the past year.

Our thanks go out to those on our committee who are retiring this year. We appreciate your efforts in support of our youth and the Christian life and growth of the entire congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Bickle, Chair of Christian Education Committee

Outreach Committee Report

The Outreach Committee had a very satisfying and busy year.

Couch Surfers

This is a project to aid those young people in our community identified as not having a permanent residence. We collected from the congregation donations of hoodies, backpacks, and toiletries. Our group was responsible for purchasing other items not donated, assembling the backpacks, and delivering them to the various groups in town that will distribute them as they see a need. Financial assistance was offered to us from Jennifer Furlong through the Youth Homeless Committee.

Autumn House

Two projects were completed for Autumn House. We once again, purchased and delivered cleaning buckets that were filled with cleaning supplies. When the female residents move to their new homes they each get a bucket. This was the first year we donated Mother Day gift bags containing many personal items for the women residents. These bags were well received by the women.

Food Bank

T.S.S.U.C. continues to be in charge of volunteering every other month on Mondays. We supplied six "birthday bags", three for boys, and three for girls. These bags contained everything a child 3 to 10 yrs would need for a birthday party. E.g. cake mix, balloons, candles etc.

Observer

Carol MacKay was responsible for taking orders for the Observer Magazine. She did a great job and we thank her! She regrettably had to resign from Outreach; therefore, a new representative will have to be found in Sept.

Bethlehem Market

We once again sold new and used Christmas Decorations and ornaments, and netted \$ 220.20.

Benevolent Committee

Thank you to Wendy Butler, Susan Haugg, and Heather LeMoine for being our reps on this committee. Fuel bills, medications, and rent are just a few of the needs filled by this fund. Thanks to those who have contributed funds to this valuable part of Outreach.

We also had an "afternoon" of singing provided by Steve Ripley to celebrate St. Pat's Day. Outreach was responsible for the church service on May 18, 2014 with Gary MacDonald as our guest speaker. His reflection on his work in China was enjoyed by all.

In closing, I thank my terrific committee for a fun six years! I complete my term as Chairperson of Outreach, with the hope that we fulfilled our mandate and "reached out" in areas of need.

Respectfully Submitted, Bonnie Wilkie, Chair of Outreach

Property Committee Report

The following information items are the major issues that the Property Committee dealt with.

Hastings Room where the Choir practices

This room was painted and the floor was refinished. Also the lighting was upgraded with new fluorescent fixtures by Rayel Electric. This room previously had a lot of shadows due to inadequate lighting.

Church Office

Work was completed including painting, new flooring, window and a new work station for the Church Secretary. This work has made a tremendous improvement to the office area. A big thank-you to Terry Lawless, Stephen Bradford, Erika Benjamin, Gary Miller, and all for making this happen.

Request from Aboriginal Affairs for use of Church

Erika received a letter from Jessica Jones requesting the use of our facility for on an as needed basis to allow staff a place to gather in case of an emergency situation. Property Committee approved and to charge them \$50.00 per usage plus any associated janitorial costs if applicable.

Men's Washroom

Property Committee received a request to look at the height of the men's urinal. It is too high for young people to use and is also too high for some adults. A plumber was contacted but has yet to do the work.

Capital Projects for 2013/2014

Work required for repairing the stonework adjacent to Church entry steps and re-pointing sandstone walls. Jim Roger presented this request at a Trustees meeting. Trustees approved up to \$12,000.00 to be spent for this work, however before proceeding they would like to see the work estimate. Jim reported that the work would likely be done this summer.

Kitchen Ceiling Lights

It was brought to our attention the ceiling lights in the kitchen needed attention. They would randomly come on and off. We looked into this and Rayel Electric was contracted to replace them. The existing lights were very old and it would be more energy efficient and practical to replace them with energy efficient T8's rather than try to fix.

First Aid Training

Terry and Erika took Emergency First Aid training on December 16th.

Two Issues Received from Choir

1. It was brought to our attention that the Choir found it dark at the front of the stage in the sanctuary. There are lights in the ceiling that haven't worked since the attic insulation was installed. Rayel Electric fixed these lights while they were replacing the lights in the kitchen.
2. There is a damp and musty smell in the Choir room. There is a dirt floor under the Choir Room and Sanctuary and it is thought the problem is coming from this area. We will look to put plastic down in this area to see if this will alleviate the problem. This area has a restricted height to work in and also is very large. We will try to get two summer students to do this work.

Hot Registers

It was brought to our attention that the registers in the Lue Bird room and Burgess Hall are quite hot and might burn the children who use these rooms. Rod Gilroy has contacted Harvey Bird in the industrial park to see about getting a wire screen made for these radiators. These have yet to be installed.

Attic Vent Leak Issue

John, Jim, and Terry inspected this issue in the attic. It was found that one of the wooden louvers was broken, however there is a guillotine type cover that they were able to pull down and close off the vent. This fixed the water leak problem for now. This summer the vent will need to be opened and the wooden louver repaired.

White Board

There was a need to have a white board in the hall entrance to direct people or for announcements. Jeanne Milner donated a white board on behalf of her Ukulele group, the "Treble Makers". It was valued at approximately \$120.00.

Letters from Town re False Alarms

The Church had received notice that the police department have responded to two false alarms this year and that for each future false alarm (this year) a \$50 charge will be applied. It is necessary to review who has keys to the building to ensure everyone knows how to properly enter the building and is aware of the protocol to follow in the event the alarm is triggered.

Shingles on Church Roof Repaired

Steve Gibson initially completed repairs on the Church roof at a cost of \$700.00 which was thought to be very reasonable. Steve Gibson has been back to repair other areas twice since the major fix. There is an ongoing problem with the current roofing shingles and we attribute it to poor workmanship in the original install 15 years ago. Trustees have set up a fund for a complete roof replacement in the next few years.

Piano Stand in Sanctuary

There is a need to have a runway built at the right hand side of the Sanctuary to be able to wheel the Grand Piano onto when the space on the Sanctuary where the Grand Piano now sits is needed. John Green has agreed to have his Company do a set of plans and bring back to Council for consideration. It was agreed that this new addition needs to fit with the present decor.

Review of Guidelines for use of Church facility rooms especially related to Pre-school

The Pre-school uses the following facilities:

- Lew Bird Room; Monday-Thursday (4 days/week)
- Alma MacLean Room; Monday-Thursday (4 days/week)
- Burges Hall; 1 day/week
- Basement; 1 day/week
- Old Kitchen
- Storage under stage

The amount the Church receives does not cover expenses and does not reflect fair value for all of this use as per our established guidelines. John Green met with Linda Helper and Ellen Myatt at Victoria Manor to discuss this issue. The result of the meeting was that their Board would look at this issue and get back to us after their yearend review. The property committee understands that Alma MacLean started this pre-school from Trinity St. Stephens as an outreach program. We wish it to continue and would expect to have a new agreement in place before the new school season in the fall. Presently there are a total of 48 students that attend this pre-school. Approximately 75% of these students are considered low income with others making up the remaining 25%.

Review Property Committee Responsibilities

The Property Committee responsibilities were reviewed and updated and the results of this review were approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted, Bert Seely, Secretary

Stewardship Committee Report

For the 2013-2014 year, the Stewardship Committee looked after its usual responsibilities of preparing the annual church budget and monitored revenues and expenditures.

We continued to work closely with Erika to ensure the office was running as efficient as possible with the major upgrade of a new photocopier/scanner/fax machine which will make many tasks much easier. The new machine will give us many more options for printing different style bulletins and event programs and the ability to use full colour.

We also completed several other upgrades including all new phones for the office and upgraded the wireless internet connectivity for the choir practice room.

With the addition of a new minister and incredible ministry of music from our music director as well as other programs, the Stewardship Committee is looking forward to hopeful increased attendance and giving in the coming year to boost the church's financial situation. Currently, the church operating budget exceeds revenue and we will need to monitor it very closely to control expenditures.

The Stewardship Committee is always open to new ideas from members of the congregation and would be happy to consider any input brought forward.

Submitted by, Jonathan MacMaster, Chair of Stewardship

Board of Trustees Annual Report for 2013-2014

As with all of our organizations here at Trinity-St. Stephen's, it has been a busy year. The system put in place a year ago for a less complicated allocation of earnings from the Designated Fund, yet reflecting the wishes of beneficiaries is working well. It is much easier to manage for our Treasurer and those conducting the Financial Review.

The Investment Committee, Treasurer and Chair have met several times over the past year with our fund managers at Wood Gundy, the Maltby-Casey Group. Mark Casey has been particularly helpful and it is our feeling that Maltby-Casey are dealing with our financial resources in a very sound manner.

Last year, due to gains in Equity holdings, our ratio of cash and fixed investments to equities reached an approximate 68/32 balance and while our Investment Policy requires a 60/40 balance, it was not sound to change the balance at the time.

Through careful monitoring of our portfolios, with judicious sales and purchases, the present balance is 58/42, which is pretty well as close to the requirements of our Investment Policy as one could expect. The current values of TSSUC Investments stand at \$3,199,678 in the General Fund, \$1,267,308 in the Designated Fund and \$148,809 in the Capital Reserve for a total of \$4,615,795.00

Over the past year, \$74,000.00 has been paid from these funds to cover expenses such as Insurance, Heat, General Operating, Property expenses and the M&S Fund.

Knowing that we are going to be faced with the expense of a new roof in the next few years, the Board of Trustees will be increasing the Capital Reserve to \$250,000.

The generosity of many past and present members of Trinity-St. Stephen's allows this church to continue and it is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees to wisely manage these funds.

I will be concluding my fourth term with Trustees and have enjoyed the twelve years this has entailed. It seems to become more of a challenge each year to find interested and capable members of our congregation to fulfil the required numbers for church governance but it is crucial that we do so.

I very much appreciate the conscientious efforts of our Trustees and want to thank the Board for their time and dedication.

Respectfully submitted, Paul Calder, Chair of Board of Trustees

Worship Committee Report

It has been a busy, challenging and very rewarding year for members of the worship committee. We changed our meeting time to the Thursday afternoon prior to our council meeting. It worked extremely well and was convenient for all, including Jeff Joudrey, our music director. We very much appreciate his enthusiasm, energy, creativity and leadership at our meetings and in our ministry of music.

We were blessed to have Rev. Victor and Rev. Carolyn MacLeod as our ministers from September to the end of April. Their wisdom, experience, and faith commitment were evident in our meetings and enriched the worship experience during their time with us.

Our meetings are never dull. We have good discussions, lots of laughs, and we work hard to make worship a meaningful and important part of our church life.

In September, after worshipping with our friends at First Baptist Church we welcomed everyone back to our church. The first service was led by the members of the Worship Committee and was held in Burgess Hall. Throughout the year we have "planned" services in Burgess Hall. This setting makes the services informal, and mixes people up so they may become acquainted with other people in our church family. We look forward to more worship services in the hall in the next year.

In October we celebrated World Wide Communion. On that particular Sunday the N.S. Youth Choir led us in music at the beginning of the service. For Thanksgiving we decorated the sanctuary. At the end of October, Dr. Phil Joudrey, Principal of The United Theological College, Montreal was our anniversary speaker.

As always, Advent and Christmas are busy times. We were led through Advent with messages, music, and readings. Weather proved to be a challenge as we had to cancel our service on the Sunday before Christmas and also cancel, Lessons and. Carols. We did hold two Christmas Eve services, with the latter one being a communion service.

In February the Worship Committee and the Interim Search Committee conducted a service on "Change". This was held in Burgess Hall. Later in the month we acknowledged Black History month with special messages and outstanding American/African music with our choir and guest musicians.

The CE Committee conducted the Ash Wednesday service in the Kimball Lounge. Our Maundy Thursday service was held in our church and the Good Friday service was held in First Baptist Church. We appreciate the long standing tradition we have with our Baptist friends as we join with them for these services as well as our joint services during the months of July and August. On Easter Sunday we had a special message, communion and celebratory music with guest musicians.

Rev. Carolyn and. Rev Victor left for St. Peter's the end of April. Following their departure we have worked hard to organize our Sunday services. The CE Committee, the Outreach Committee and the Worship Committee have all provided Sunday morning worship leadership. We are thankful for their willingness to take on this role. The Trinity Youth singers presented "O Jonah", their first musical. On June 1 we dedicated the grand piano in loving memory of Margie MacMaster. The piano was presented by Jennifer Furlong, representing the family. Gary Miller led the dedication, and prayer was given by Rev. Jim Fraser, a former minister of our church, Jeff Joudrey conducted the music and gave the message. We are appreciative of this gift by the Morrison, MacMaster, Casey, and Furlong families, along with other contributors, and are assured it will enhance the music ministry in our church for years to come.

On June 8 we welcomed Voices of Victory Choir from Cambridge United Church in Lindsay, Ontario to our service of worship. They led us in a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

We are very proud of our junior choir, now officially called, Trinity Youth Singers. They practise each Sunday following our morning worship. They are now sporting royal blue t-shirts, partly funded by Dick's Jamboree and we thank these folks for their gift. We appreciate the commitment of the youth and look forward to having them join us in our worship services. They are to be applauded for their first musical, "O, Jonah" directed by Jeff Joudrey. A big thank you for their efforts as well as for the support of family and friends in this endeavour. We look forward to future musicals.

In February we sponsored the Wind Master's Flute Choir concert in our sanctuary. This choir consists of fourteen mostly high school students in N.S. and N.B. A local student, Travis Matthews, is a member of this group. It was a fundraiser to help students who are going to Vienna with NBYO and the local food bank. In April we partnered with Dick's Jamboree in a concert raising money for The Highland Fling. We also contributed and worked at the Bethlehem Market and the spring yard sale.

We have had one home baptism; one child baptism, for which we helped with preparations; three transfers of memberships; one wedding. We updated our wedding guidelines and created a policy for the use of the organ and the new grand piano.

We have many people who help us in our task and responsibilities. We are thankful for their help: The Senior choir who devote their time and talent to lead us in worship each Sunday; Mark Milner who fills in when Jeff is absent; Alice Harrison, co coordinator of the welcomers and greeters; Bonnie and Gary Wilkie who prepare the communion elements; Ron Bickle, who tirelessly records our services each Sunday so they will be broadcast on EastLink the following Sunday. There are many others who work faithfully behind the scenes.

The support of our Council Chair, Gary Miller, has been invaluable. A big "thank you" is extended to Erika and Terry for their help throughout the year. You are both amazing! A "huge" thank you is extended to the members of the worship committee: Kathy Curtis; Elaine Bourque (secretary); Grace Scott and Jeff Joudrey. Although small in numbers we accomplished great things!

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Lynn Cameron, Chair of Worship

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report

The M and P committee plays a confidential and supportive role for the staff of the pastoral charge and for members and adherents of the congregation and a conflict resolution role between ministry personnel, staff members and the congregation.

As I am leaving council after six years on the M & P Committee, I would like to thank our wonderful staff Jeff, Erika and Terry for making my job so easy. Trinity-St. Stephen's is so blessed to have you as a staff.

Submitted by, Carlene Patterson, Chair of Ministry and Personnel

ReGenesis Report

The ReGenesis Committee has not met since the Joint Needs Assessment Committee has formed and process has begun.

Submitted by, Kathy Curtis

Director of Music Report

As I write this, I am coming up to my second year as your Director of Music, and what a year it has been! The Church Choir is taking on more challenging repertoire, the Trinity Youth Singers, complete with new t-shirts, finished its season with a terrific performance of *Oh Jonah!*, *Music at Trinity* had a banner year with four internationally calibre concerts, and we also bought a new concert grand piano! It has been a lively twelve months!

When I speak about Trinity-St. Stephen's United with my choral colleagues across the country, I always talk about the wonderful people here, who are friendly, supportive and genuinely interested in seeing their church grow. This past year, Susan and I have made TSSUC our church home and despite the challenges which *all* churches of *every* denomination are going through these days, there is a vision here which transmits through the people and is felt by visiting clergy, guest musicians, visiting family and friends.

The choirs are flourishing. The Church Choir works hard each week in rehearsal and despite absences during the winter when some members travel to warmer climates, we still are able to effectively minister each week. There is potential for choir growth and already there are new members interested in joining in the Fall.

The Trinity Youth Singers continue to provide a lot of excitement for everyone who is touched by these young lives. Their "Oh Jonah" musical presentation was a huge success! Not only did the singers spend long hours in rehearsal learning and memorizing the score, their families provided support and helped with props, staging, sound, costumes, set design, etc. A huge thank you to my accompanist, Mark Milner, to Stage Director extraordinaire, Nancy Letcher, and to all of the TYS families who worked so hard to help bring this musical to life. Stay tuned for next year!

The Music at Trinity concert series had another really successful year. To be able to bring truly "world class" concert performers to Amherst and to hold these concerts in the beautiful acoustics of TSSUC is a huge accomplishment. The MAT committee works tirelessly in order to make this all happen and they have my sincere thanks!

Last October, we began a campaign to locate and buy a grand piano for the sanctuary. The campaign was spearheaded by the MacMaster, Furlong, Casey and Morrison families who wanted a suitable memorial to honour the 20th anniversary of Margaret MacMaster's death. In a record 8 months, we were able to raise almost all of the funds needed to pay off the piano and on June 1, 2014 we dedicated a Yamaha C7 grand piano to the Glory of God and in memory of Margaret J. MacMaster. It is a fabulous instrument, and one which will allow us to accompany church services, be used for concerts, recordings, and by guest musicians for decades to come.

Please allow me to touch on some specific yearly highlights:

- Working with Victor and Carolyn MacLeod in their bridging ministry for 8 months beginning last September. These folks were wonderful colleagues and their support of the Ministry of Music was so appreciated by the Choir and myself. The three of us had a really fun time working together!
- Having the opportunity to celebrate last October's Anniversary Service with my brother Phil as guest minister, was a special treat for me.
- Watching the *Oh Jonah* production come together and seeing the joy on the faces of the kids (and hearing the laughter of the congregation) during the performance!
- Having the Toronto Children's Chorus sing a concert... right here in Amherst... at TSSUC!!
- The Dedication Service of the Margaret J. MacMaster Memorial Piano and working on the service with Mary Lynn Cameron and the MacMaster, Furlong, Casey, Morrison families.

In closing I want to thank the church leadership, and specifically the Worship Committee under its chair, Mary Lynn Cameron for the support of the Ministry of Music. But as well, your understanding when I need to be away for other professional commitments and giving me the latitude to accept those engagements is so much appreciated. I would like to thank Mark Milner for supplying for me at the organ when I am away. Without all of your help, I would not be able to continue in the other areas of my career. I also want to especially mention and thank Erika Benjamin, our efficient, patient and VERY good humoured Administrative Assistant for her help in organizing the music in the church bulletins week to week, concert announcements, and all other music related tasks. Finally, I sincerely appreciate the support of the church leadership and congregation.

I look forward to our year ahead and to more exciting services and projects together.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Joudrey, Director of Music

Report of the Fundraising Committee

The Church Council held special sessions this fall to examine the operating budget process and discuss ways of dealing with the proposed \$53,000 deficit for 2014. At the end of the process, the council committees were challenged to try to raise \$5,000 to aid in deficit reduction.

The Fundraising committee plans for three projects each year which are undertaken with support from the committees and the congregation. In November, the annual Bethlehem Market realized \$3,485. In February we held the annual Supper and Silent Auction. This realized \$1,660. The annual Yard sale and Bazaar held in May of 2014 realized \$2,876.

In addition the Fundraising Committee had two extra events to cater to this year. The biannual United Church Men's rally, held in May, realized \$834. In early June we catered a turkey dinner for a local quilt guild and realized \$1,800.

The Men of the Congregation held their annual Pancake supper in April and realized \$2,348. The Open Circle Group will offer a turkey salad take out in August, in conjunction with the Blueberry Harvest Festival.

The combined efforts of all these various groups, has enabled us to surpass our goal of \$5,000. All of this is possible only with the ongoing support of the congregation and for this we are grateful!

*Respectfully submitted, Wanda Bickle, for the Fundraising Committee:
Evelyn Bishop, Gloria Fraser, Shelley Hallman, Sandy Kane, Jean Thompson,
and our many project workers.*

"Music at Trinity" Community Concert Series Committee Report

This seven member committee had another busy year. Members are: Gil Collicott, Wanda McSorley, Jeanne Milner, Gary Miller, Jeff Joudrey, Jennifer Furlong and Bruce Baxter (chair).

We hosted four more concerts: the Nova Scotia Youth Choir in October, Jean-Willy Kunz (organ) and Thomas Leslie (tenor), in January and ProCoro Canada and the Toronto Children's Chorus in May. All concerts were well attended, particularly the TCC event.

Our dual mission of expanding our musical outreach and raising much needed funds for the Church was successfully continued with each concert making a profit to be contributed to general operations. The four concerts mentioned above netted \$5,325.70 for our church.

Submitted by, Bruce Baxter, Chair

Friends Unlimited

Friends Unlimited meet monthly on the last Saturday of each month (except July and August). There are approximately 35-40 people who regularly attend. This is a social group which meets for a pot-luck dinner at 6:00pm. Following a scrumptious meal, the tables are clear for games: cards, dominos, bowling (downstairs), etc. Please feel free to come along and join in with others sharing food, fun, and fellowship! We'd welcome you any time.

Submitted by, Vera Faulkner, Gloria Beaumont and Grace Scott

Goodtimers

Goodtimers is a social group for the men of the church. We meet the last Wednesday of each month for supper, fellowship and games, i.e. dominoes, shuffleboard and pool. We go out to local restaurants for supper. Following supper some members go back to the church for games. Average attendance has been 15 men. All men of the church are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Ron Patterson or Wayne Bishop.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Bishop

Open Circle Drop In 2013 – 2014

On Thursday afternoons the Kimball Lounge is a lively and welcoming place for a group of folks to come together to play dominoes, cards and various board games suggested by the participants. During the afternoon a shared lunch is enjoyed and a free will offering gratefully received. The group also came together during the Blueberry Harvest Festival to prepare and serve a very successful turkey salad take-out. Plans are already being made to have another take-out on August 8, 2014.

Monies amounting to \$800 from the fun afternoon and take out were donated to charities here at home and away.

Submitted by, Betty Duizer Logan

Parents 'n Tots Program

Parents 'n Tots have completed another successful year of activities in Hertz Hall. Attendance seems to be growing and we are always glad to welcome new faces. We continue to receive contributions of toys from parents who attend and we are always grateful for them as the children are happy to see something different. The ride on toys, play dough, kitchen centre, etc. are still a big hit with the young ones and new parents are impressed by the variety of activities we have to offer.

Tea and coffee are available to the parents though the morning and the children enjoy a snack of crackers, cheese and cookies with apple juice. The snacks and juice are paid for by donations to our piggy bank by the adults. Any surplus money helps support Christmas for Kids, the disaster in the Philippines, and to help a youth go to Camp Ta-Wa-Si.

Our loyal crew has changed somewhat over the year – Lisa Soehner is moving to Fredericton and Kathleen Woodworth has come on board. Although Myrna Furlong has officially retired, she has come back several times to fill in gaps when some of us are on vacation. The rest of the group of helps is composed of Katherine Hatheway, Olivia Williams, Bonnie Wilkie, Beth Dickinson and Lyn Estabrooks. Care givers and their children always pitch in when it comes to cleaning up. Many thanks also go to Terry Lawless for his assistance with larger toys and chairs. Thanks as well go to 107.9 CFTA for advertising our program.

Anyone wishing to become part of our group of volunteers is certainly welcome. We begin in September and go until the end of May. We set up at 9 o'clock every Friday and with the help of the children and parents are tidied up by 11:30 am. Wishing you a wonderful vacation!

Submitted by, Lyn Estabrooks, for the group

President's Annual Report – UCW 2013

I would be very much amiss if I did not begin my year-end report expressing a deep gratitude to our UCW members for helping me along the way during my term as your president. Two years that seemed a flash-by, and yet when I reviewed our records today to prepare this report, I realized how impossible it would be to summarize UCW work and presence in this church in a small capsule of words.

Please know I cherish, and will keep with me for a long time, the many expressions of kindness and support you have shown me—sometimes your motions as simple as a nod of approval or a chuckle of understanding have given me encouragement. By showing trust in me as your leader, you have allowed me to discover something quite wonderful, and this experience has been and will continue to be a guidepost in my faith journey.

I have learned: change is good sometimes, and sometimes you just “don't fix what ain't broke” — quoting, Grace Scott. Over the past two years, our UCW format and structure has faced some changing, some changes were out of our control, and others because we wanted to try something new, experiment doing UCW differently. It seems Units have accepted the idea of hosting General meetings, rather than sharing duties every month. And, just when we are getting used to that, I hope you will support the new structure of meetings expected to happen this coming year—short business only monthly General executive meetings, and four special UCW gatherings during the year.

We appreciated our program presenters in 2013: Dianne Chitty and Vera Faulkner's Valentine Fun; Estelle Perry – Amherst Preschool; Jenna Cottrill, God's Littlest Angels Canada; Elizabeth Cook-Sumba – Cansa; Courtney Black – “Bridge the Gap”; Ray Coulson – The Highlanders Museum; Jim Scopie and Margaret MacDonald – Christmas Sing-along and music, and the antics of our Unit members in Skits and Entertainment at June and December meetings. To the units for bringing these interesting and entertaining programs, for lunches prepared, for meaningful worships during 2013—thank you.

We did exceptionally well with our fund-raising endeavors this year: From our seven joint projects — Spring (\$596.30) and Fall (\$733.00) Rummage Sales, Highland Fling Country Store for the hospital (\$374.52), Yard Sale Bake Table (\$477.75), Shining Star Bake Table (\$530.10), Deborah's Deals - new UCW booth at the Bethlehem Market (\$190.60), and the Turkey Dinner (\$4,800.45)—we recorded a total of \$7,702.72. Thank you to all who did their part to make these projects successful.

We do not lack in carrying out (with much heart) our mandate of Christian witness and service, and you are being noticed. It was with thanksgiving in my heart when I learned that two of our UCW outreach projects — the prayer shawl ministry and Amnesty International letter writing got attention in a September Creation Sunday Service, and our projects in the White Gift's “Sparkle Box” presentation in December.

Although 2013 was not as busy for UCW as our Great 50th Anniversary Year in 2012, we did have opportunity to host outside groups. I very much appreciated the work by many in preparing and presenting the annual meeting for Chignecto Presbyterial in March, following on the heels of hosting the World Day of Prayer, and for serving meals and refreshments for several small Maritime Conference UCW and Presbyterial meetings held here.

We offered congratulations to the two women who received life membership pins and certificates in May— Olivia Williams and Lyn Estabrooks. The presentation took place during Sunday service with the congregation present, showing the way and the hope future life memberships given may be presented in this setting.

Sadly, this past year we prepared funeral services for several dear ones from our congregation, including UCW members Allie Daley, Marion Boiduk, and Katherine “Kay” Read.

Thank you to our church staff — always willing, helpful and kind — Erika and Terry—Thank you to the congregation for support given to the UCW, to Church Council and Chair Gary Miller for interest shown.

Now we are ready to start a new year, with a new way of leadership in UCW. For one year we will be experimenting with sharing presidential duties, as I happily will be turning over the meeting gavel to Kathy Curtis, who will be chairing the General meetings and gatherings in 2014, and Gloria Fraser will

get my chair at Church Council. I will continue to represent you at Presbyterial, and keep you up-to-date on news from Presbyterial, Maritime Conference and National UCW levels.

Thank you all for giving so generously of time, talent and treasure to support the work of UCW during 2013. "So, now, let us go with curiosity and courage, with vision and vigor", to new beginnings in UCW, showing our Christian love in witness, study, fellowship and service, in all ways possible.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Smith

UCW Nomination Report - UCW Officers for Year 2014

Past President/Nominations	Timmy Howatt
President (Meeting Chair)	Kathy Curtis
President (Presbyterial)	Jean Smith
President (Council)	Gloria Fraser
Vice President(s)	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Jean Thompson
Assistant Recording Secretary	Gloria Fraser
Corresponding Secretary	Betty Duizer
Treasurer	Kathy Curtis
Christian Development	Evelyn Bishop
Literature	Mary Dickeson
Program	Units in Rotation
Membership	Gloria Dickinson
Press & Publicity	Marina Russell
Social Coordinator	Vera Faulkner
Social Coordinator	Sandy Burke
Supply	Carol Bennett
Letter Writing	Grace Scott
Outreach/Gifts/Giving	Judy Jonah
Nominations	Timmy Howatt

(Nomination committee: Marina Russell, Dianne Chitty, Jean Thompson)

Unit 1 Leaders	Lyn Estabrooks and Betty Duizer
Unit 2 Leader	Jean Thompson
Unit 3 Leader	Gloria Fraser
Unit 4 Leaders	Evelyn Bishop and Sandy Burke

Respectfully submitted, Timmy Howatt

Annual Membership Report – UCW 2013

Unit Membership:

- Unit 1 – 19 members, 5 Associate members (14 Life Members)
- Unit 2 – 16 members (10 Life Members)
- Unit 3 – 18 members, 5 Associate members (7 Life Members)
- Unit 4 – 19 members, 2 Associate members (16 Life Members)

Summary Totals:

- UCW members – 72
- Associate UCW members – 12
- Life memberships – 41 (active members) 6 (associate members)
- New Life Members in 2013 – 2
- Resigned in 2013 – 1
- Deceased in 2013 – 3

Respectfully submitted, Gloria Dickinson

Annual Report of the Recording Secretary – UCW 2013

The General meeting of our UCW takes place on the first Tuesday of the month in Kimball Lounge at the church. Each meeting has included a time of worship, program, business and a light lunch.

With only four units this year, we tried having one unit responsible each month for all the duties, and that seemed to work quite well.

We had an average attendance of 21 women at the General meetings, and had 45 at the June and 77 at the December celebration nights.

As the recording secretary, I recorded the minutes for each General and Executive meeting and distributed these (either by e-mail or by paper copy) to those women on the Executive and other women who requested them.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Thompson

Corresponding Secretary Annual Report – UCW 2013

Our organization continued to send cards with words of comfort to those who were ill or bereaved, missing you cards to those who moved, and words of congratulations where appropriate.

In return, we received cards of thanks from organizations and people we supported with gifts and donations, and as usual the many folks who appreciated our catering to funerals, meetings and celebrations.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Duizer

Press & Publicity Report – UCW 2013

In 2013 a report of each General Meeting of the United Church Women at Trinity-St. Stephen's was published in the Amherst News.

To advertise UCW fund-raising events, such as our Turkey Dinner and the two Rummage Sales during the year, colorful posters (made by UCW member Jean Smith) were placed in a number of local business locations. The events were listed on the Coming Events page in the Amherst Daily News as well.

Respectfully submitted, Marina Russell

Supply Report – UCW 2013

As Supply Secretary, I collected and delivered the following: several bags of pop can tabs and 66 pairs of glasses to the Lions Club.

The glasses are sent to Operation Eyesight in Edmonton, Alberta. Money from the sale of pop can tabs buys wheelchairs. I also collected card fronts and took them to Maggie's Place. They make crafts with them. The stamps I collected are given to the Bible Society (NB Branch) at the Peace Centre in Moncton. The Campbell soup labels are given to an elementary school in Tantallon, NS.

I took 11 premie hats to the Cumberland Health Care Centre; 150 premie hats and 80 cancer hats were taken to the George Dumont Hospital in Moncton, knitted by Mary Dickeson.

On White Gift Sunday the following items were collected and given to needy children in the Christmas for Kids program: 29 scarves, 80 pair mittens, 20 pair socks, eight pair slippers, five pair socks and mitten sets.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Bennett

Christian Life and Growth Report – UCW 2013

In January and February 2013 our Sunday school leaders were Phyllis Thompson, Karen Hatcher and Tonia Hyslop (during Lent) and Kathy Curtis after Lent.

Nine Lenten study books “Diving Deeply” were sold and one copy placed in the library. The Sunday school M&S Lenten project was called “Fix Feet With Shoes”, with \$30 purchasing special shoes for children undergoing treatment at the clinics. The total amount raised by the project was \$1,170.

On March 17, Evelyn Bishop and committee members helped prepare handouts, and the children took part in the Palm Sunday parade. There was no response for Intermediates and Youth to attend the Youth Gathering at Maritime Conference.

In April, six new books from the UCRD book display were added to our library.

On May 19, Rev. Susan guided us with an interesting and enjoyable Pentecost service in Burgess Hall, which was decorated in red including red-colored finger foods.

On May 25, CE was in charge of the “Canteen Express” at the yard sale.

June 2 was Sunday school closing. Certificates of appreciation were presented to teachers, leaders of Parents & Tots, and our video expert Ron Bickle. Games, sandwiches, cake and ice cream in a cup followed the presentations.

CE was able to financially assist eight children attend camps.

In the fall, Sunday school registered 27 children with an average attendance of eight. The nursery has a regular attendance of four children and two helpers and weekly volunteers. (Help is always appreciated.)

Kathy Curtis was presented with a gift in recognition of her long-term service in Sunday school in October.

At the Bethlehem Market in November, CE provided a book display and a booth selling Sweet Treats.

The Children presented “The Sparkle Box”, a White Gift service in December, highlighting many outreach endeavors in our church.

On December 24, the early Christmas Family Service was organized by Elaine Bourque and enjoyed by all.

Bible Study Circle went well under the direction of Rev. Carolyn.

The Open Circle (Thursday Group) is enjoyed by all who attend.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy MacGregor

Literature and Communications Report – UCW 2013

This year we received 14 subscriptions for the Maritime Conference Newsletter and 36 subscriptions to the Chignecto Presbyterial newsletter “Now Events We Share”.

We also have 10 subscriptions for the Mission magazine “Mandate” for a one-year period. I delivered the “News” and “Mandate” to our members when they come out.

I would like to thank our United Church Women for supporting these publications.

Respectfully submitted, Mary C. Dickeson

Annual Social Report – UCW 2013

Funeral receptions catered:

February 2 – Marion Boiduk
March 13 – Vaughn Coates
April 17 – Allie Daley
May 18 – Margaret O'Brien
May 23 – Charlotte Langille
June 12 – Ronald Roach
June 20 – Joseph Black
September 18 – Gerald Stiles
December 28 – James Trueman

Other events/activities:

March 23 – Presbyterial UCW Luncheon
April 15 – Kitchen Cleanup
May 11 – Highland Fling (Country Store Booth)
May 25 – Church Yard Sale (Bake Table)
June 4 – UCW Potluck Supper
June 18 – Maritime Conference Financial Services Luncheon
October 9 – Maritime Conference UCW Luncheon
October 28 – Maritime Conference Financial Services Luncheon
November 9 – Turkey Dinner
November 23 – Bethlehem Market (Bake Table and Purse, Jewelry & Scarf Table)
December 3 – UCW/Congregational Ladies Christmas Stocking Dinner

Thanks to all our members who work so willingly. The units took on more responsibilities for purchases, etc., for the turkey dinner and it lightened our load significantly.

Our congregational members are also thanked for their assistance in many ways in making our turkey dinner so successful. The assistance of Ron Patterson and his clean-up crew was such a helpful gesture at both our June closing and Christmas dinners. It was a delight to have Jimmy Scopie entertain us with his music at the latter event.

This year we combined the Christmas Stocking Morning and the Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the evening.

Respectfully submitted, Vera Faulkner and Sandra Burke, Coordinators, Social UCW

Archives Report – UCW 2013

To quote our United Church archivist, “We have very few records that tell the ongoing story of the involvement of women in the work of the church.”

To solve that problem we are inviting UCW members to write of their role(s) in their UCW groups—or even of their role in the church in general. We are asking for stories of women who showed up and helped out at Bake Sales, Church Suppers, Rummage Sales, and in countless other ways.

There are stories, too, of women who spent years teaching Sunday school or serving on Church Council, etc., that need to be told. The stories will be kept in Archives. Some (with permission) may be used in news reports from Archives. All will be kept in the Archives for future generations to learn more about the contributions women have made in the life and work of our church.

“If we do not tell our stories, who else will?” A number of UCW stories have come in but we know many more are waiting to be told. There is no deadline. Background information such as place of birth, education, occupation, family, home church, years of UCW involvement to date, etc. Photos would be a wonderful addition. Last, but not least,

“If you happen to know one or more of our earliest UCW leaders we would ask that you share a recollection or two of that person or persons.”

Respectfully submitted, Marina Russell

Outreach Report – UCW 2013

This past year has been a very busy one for our committee. The UCW very generously provided for our “cleaning supply” buckets for Autumn House. We worked at the Food Bank and helped with Food Drives, Coats for Cumberland, Christmas Remembrances for Shut-ins, Christmas Cheer boxes and many requests, which seem to grow steadily for the Benevolent Fund. Thank you all for participating.

Respectfully submitted, Judith A. Jonah

Support for Shut-ins Report – UCW 2013

Early in December, 60 miniature poinsettia plants, in full bloom, were taken to 60 senior shut-ins of this congregation. UCW members Mary Dickeson, Carol Bennett, Gloria Beaumont, Nancy MacGregor, Mary Lynn Cameron and yours truly enjoyed organizing this Christmas Cheer activity, with much appreciation to all who helped make the deliveries. 2013 has been our sixth year for this popular project.

Respectfully submitted, Marian Russell

Amnesty International Action Letter Writers Report – UCW 2013

In 2013, we forwarded by Fax, Email, and Mail 114 letters. (January – 20 letters; March – 40 letters; June – 34 letters; October 20 – letters.) We had seven letter writers in 2013: Beth Dickinson, Lyn Estabrooks, Vera Faulkner, Susan Cole, Ollie Williams, Bonne Wilkie, and Grace Scott. Letters to help save lives, stop torture, free prisoners, etc. were sent to many countries — Just to name a few: Turkey, Mexico, Brazil, Rwanda, Ethiopia, United States.

I am sorry to say, I have received only two replies from the 114 letters sent out. Minister – Counselor (Embassy of Brazil) Ottawa: A migrants’ shelter in Mexico being threatened with violence, damage and stolen articles. We received a reply from the co-workers in the shelter, thanking us for our support. No replies from Mexico’s Federal Minister; no reply from the Governor and no reply from the Hon. John Baird. Just to give you an example of some of the problems we are encountering with our letter writing in 2013—Fourteen letters sent out re: Ethiopia/Journalist behind bars (March 2013). Email address did not work. Fax number did not work. Letters mailed to officials in Ethiopia; copies mailed to Embassy in United States – no replies. This month’s Activist – Same take-action article; same Prime Minister; same Embassy, USA – only one change in one of the number in Fax for Ethiopia. Other copies will have to be mailed. Postage to United States at the present is \$1.10. Postage will be going up in March. In Canada it will be \$1.00. I take this opportunity to thank all the action letter writers for their help and co-operation in 2013.

Respectfully submitted, Grace A. Scott

Christmas Cheer Committee Report – UCW 2013

The Christmas Cheer Committee and the four UCW units worked through the months of October, November and December collecting boxes, monetary donations and sorting food items. Items were picked up as required from the Feed Nova Scotia truck, and the pickups for bread, eggs, margarine, turkeys and hams were completed. As we were the host church this year, the bread, eggs and butter were dispersed from this church following pick up. A number of men from the congregation helped with the pickups. Sarah McIntosh and her helpers from Maggies Place packed up the food in the basement for transportation upstairs.

This year we packed and delivered 72 boxes in Amherst. This included 45 families and 27 single people covering a total of 97 adults and 81 children. There were 19 families with four children or more per family. As host church we were responsible for the delivery of nine late box deliveries.

A notice has been placed in the bulletin thanking all those involved. Thank you for all your help and support. A job well done by everyone!

Respectfully submitted, Marg Archibald (Treasurer) and Evelyn Bishop (Committee Chair)

TELLERS and COLLECTORS LIST ~ 2014-2015

First name in each list is the Head Teller, and is responsible for:

1. Phone your tellers prior to the first Sunday of the month, to see if they will be present or notify you if they cannot be present.
2. Give each teller a specific aisle for the month, in case of an emergency evacuation, the teller can assist people to nearest exit. (See map on bulletin board.)
3. If one of the tellers is going to be absent choose a replacement from the substitute list and put them in the same aisle.
4. Tellers collect from the pews, balcony, choir loft, and are on duty for special services that fall during their month.
5. See there are 2 collection plates on the organ for the choir.
6. Wait until the organist has finished the postlude music before going forward to pick up the offering.
7. July & August are Stewardship Committee's responsibility.

SEPTEMBER

Stan Williams 667-7569
Geoff McAloney 667-4799
Roger Russell 660-2065
Catherine Aquino-Russell

OCTOBER

Wayne Bishop 667-2908
John Dickinson 667-3080
Beth Dickinson 667-3080
Ron Estabrooks 667-8387
Brian Jones 667-3531
Jim Rodger 667-5741
Gary Wilkie 667-1130

NOVEMBER

James Ayres 661-4509
Robert Barnes 667-2733
Paul Calder 667-4778
Blake Daley 667-2546
Bill Kane 667-7010
Paul MacEachern 667-5677
Harry Wilkes 667-7335

DECEMBER

Ron Patterson 667-9513
Allan Chapman 667-1820
Marilyn Chapman 667-9987
Carlene Patterson 667-9513
Elsbeth Wilson 667-7418
Ron Wilson 667-7418

JANUARY

Gloria Fraser 667-9298
Jean Henley 667-9617
Blois Hennigar 661-2566
Charles Smith 667-8748
Jean Smith 667-8748

FEBRUARY

Rod Gilroy 667-5863
Marg Archibald 667-8238
Wanda Bickle 667-8214
Keith Quinn 660-2004
Barbara Wood 667-9589

MARCH

John Covert 667-3216
Diane Chitty 667-7080
Vera Faulkner 667-3255
Jean Henley 667-9617
Ivan Macdonald 667-4040
Harold McAloney 667-2134
Roy Parlee 667-2879

APRIL

Gordon MacGregor 667-9774
Harold Farrow 667-3294
Lawrence Harrison 667-2021
Jim Hatheway 667-3107
Gordon Helm 661-7502
Ben Pitman 667-5447

MAY

Don Trenholm 661-2203
Etta Briand 667-9135
Gerry Helm 661-7502
Gordon Helm 661-7502
Bill McAloney 667-1348
Nancy McAloney 667-1348
Ruth Trenholm 661-2203

JUNE

Kathy Curtis 667-8017
Grace Scott 667-5969
Charles Smith
Jean Smith

SUBSTITUTES

Bart Butler 667-1616
Jean Henley 667-9617
Sandy Fairbanks 667-2846
Vern Short 667-3479
Richard Van Snick 667-0942
Barbara Hood 667-3559

Usher List from Worship Committee

Duties

- To be an usher for the month assigned and find a replacement if not able to be present.
- To be familiar with building, the location of rooms and the emergency tools.
- Help greet the members and visitors and pass out bulletins.
- Remain at the back of the sanctuary during the worship services offering assistance and directions to any in need.
- Be available to assist with collection of offering.
- Attend to any emergencies that arise.
- Provide leadership in the event of a building evacuation.

January	Alice & Laurence Harrison 667-2021
February	John Covert 667-3216 / Garth Rayner 667-9702
March	Stan Williams 667-7569 / Gary Wilkie 667-1130
April	Dale & Brian Jones 667-3531
May	Barry Helm 667-8299 / Paul Calder 667-4778
June	Charles & Jean Smith 667-8748
Summer	Beth Dickinson 667-3080 / Ollie Williams 667-7569
September	Chris & John Bradford 667- 5871 / Bert Seely 667-0335
October	Weldon Travis 667-7708 / Jean Henley 667-9617
November	Brian Trenholm 667-9288 / Wayne Bishop 667-2908
December (2 teams)	Scott Coleman 667-0852 / Ivan Macdonald 667-4040 Blake Daley 667-2546 / Marg Archibald 667-8238 Ben Pitman 667-5447 / Rod Gilroy 667-5863

Substitute Ushers List: Austen Rose 667-8993, Ron/Lynn Estabrooks 660-2660, Gloria Fraser 667-9298, Betty Duizer Logan 667-2254.

Wecomers and Greeters

Welcomers

- Pairs are placed at the hall entrances (Hertz Hall and Parking Lot doors); they welcome people as they enter the building (hugging allowed); only in place before the service

Greeters

- Only in place before the service at the sanctuary entrances
- Pass out the bulletins
- May be the candle lighters - lights the Christ Candle at the beginning of worship service and extinguishes it at the end
- Often a 'family'

Greeters and Welcomers are allocated on a weekly basis and are found by a "recruiter" who will have a month at a time to find people for each Sunday. *If you wish to be involved in one or both of these activities please contact one of the persons responsible for the recruiting.*

Recruiters: These are the people who will fill the above positions. Don't wait for a call - contact one of the following if you would like to be a Greeter or Welcomer: Alice Harrison 667-2021, Ron Estabrooks 660-2660, Beth Dickenson 667-3080, Betty Duizer 667-2254, and Gerry/Gordon Helm 661-7502.

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2 0 1 3 Information

Marriages Performed

none

Baptisms

Callum MacLean WELLS

New Members Received

By Profession of Faith

Bertha KINNEAR

By Reaffirmation of Faith

none

Membership Transfer In

Lois Anne DROSBECK

Jeff JOUDREY

Susan JOUDREY

Members Removed

By Transfer

none

2 0 1 3 Statistical Information

Number of Households under Pastoral Care		378
Members		
Received by	a) Profession of Faith	1
	b) Certificate of Transfer	3
Removed by	a) Death	7
	b) Certificate of Transfer	0
Number on Historic Roll		415
	(Resident)	380
	(Non-Resident)	35
Number in Sunday School		8
Number of Identifiable Givers	- Local	230
	- M. & S.	134
Number of Baptisms	(infants or small children)	1
Number of Marriages performed		0
Number of Funerals (and Memorial Services) conducted		14