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Quispamsis United Church

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January 2006

Dear Friends in Christ,

I will always think of 2005 as a year of milestones. Together, we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our church building at Quispamsis United as well as the 80th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The year was filled with projects, activities, and special worship services as we gave thanks to God for all our blessings.

For we have been blessed in our church. We have an active and worshipping congregation, a proud history, and a bright future ahead of us. As I look around on Sunday mornings, I see people of all ages- families and neighbours - gathering together to sing hymns and offer prayers. Throughout the week, there are groups and activities which keep our church busy with faithful work. We are a blessed people in this congregation as we go about our life of faith.

This annual report is a witness to that. Within each page, you will find a careful recounting of the activities and actions that took place last year. These reports tell what we were able to do as a congregation and how we shared the gospel. As you read through the reports, I'd ask you to be mindful of our history and the blessings we have received from God. Then I would ask you to consider the years ahead of us.

For as a church, we are called to remember God's faithfulness as we continue to work and serve in Jesus' name. These reports show us where we have been and how God has been with us. Knowing our past, we can better understand where God is calling us to in the months and years to come.

May God continue to bless us in the days ahead just as God has blessed us in the days past.

Yours In Christ's Service,

The Rev. Peter A. Smith



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

DEMMONS, CHRISTIAN GEORGE
BUTLER, JACK LOUGHLIN
BARTON, CLAIRE VICTORIA JANE
WINCHESTER, RILEY BRUCE
ROGERSON, CARTER CORELL
McINTYRE, HEATHER RACHEL STEEVES
DUNLOP, NICHOLAS JEFFREY
FRIARS, CAMERON JAMES
PASQUALETTO, KYRA ELIZABETH
DeLONG, KYLE THOMAS McQUINN
SOUCY, ZACHARY DAVID STANLEY



THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN

DOIRON, PAUL ALLEN
MOWBRAY, JASON PATRICK
ALWARD, MICHAEL DOUGLAS

AND GRAHAM, LORI MARY
AND STARKLEY, LISA MARIE
AND ROBERTSON, HEATHER ANNE



IN MEMORIAM

SPARKS, HOWARD ROY
MOORE, RUSSELL W.
CARLSON, JEAN MARIE
BALLANTYNE, WILLIAM ANDREW
BAIRD, LEONARD LAWRENCE
ALSTON, GEORGE HOLLIS



AL GRAHAM MEMORIAL AWARD

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

The Al Graham Award is an award of \$500.00 presented to any High School graduate student who is a member or adherent of the congregation of Quispamsis United Church.

Applications are received and reviewed by a selection committee with representatives from Session, Stewards, Christian Development and the congregation.

The successful applicant/applicants is/are announced at a Church service during late June.

Recipients to date: Krista Robertson - 1992; Jamie Backa and Shayne Graham - 1993; Sherry Vincent - 1994; Jason Hayward - 1995; Shawn Hayward - 1996; Amy Jackson - 1997; Heather Robertson - 1998; Jennifer Kiervin - 1999; Karl Grutzner - 2000; Scott Amey - 2001; Kim Kimball - 2002; Mark Grutzner - 2003; Clair Barefoot and Laura Crossman - 2004; James MacDonald and Heather Sherrard - 2005 .

2004 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - February 6, 2005

In attendance: Rev. Peter Smith, Brion Crossman, Clifford and Joan DeLong, Brenda and Dan Forret, Ruth Buckley, Evelyn Backa, Marilyn and Don Robertson, Bruce and Linda Amey, Nancy and Larry Watson, Paula Scott, Jane Reinhart, Karen and Chris Young, David and Rowena Anderson, Barb McBean, Graham and Debbie Huddleston, Harry Dunfield, Ray and Diane Tonge, Joan Tonge, Lynn MacDonald, Rose and Nancy Jardine, Bill and Marlene Whittaker, Annie and Donald Walker, Mert Cline, John Hill, Stu and Hughena Baker, Evert and Velma Bos, Allyson Bos, Brenda and Ron Badger.

Rev. Peter Smith. opened the meeting with a prayer. John Hill volunteered to record the minutes. Rev. Peter accepted the position of Chairperson. The meeting was called to order at 12:00. A motion was put forward by Stu Baker and seconded by Annie Walker to accept corresponding members at the meeting. The motion was carried.

A motion was put forward by Diane Tonge and seconded by Stu Baker to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

A motion was put forward by Bill Whittaker and seconded by Annie Walker to accept the minutes of the 2004 Congregational Meeting. The motion was carried.

Annual reports were reviewed. Bill Whittaker moved, Don Walker seconded a motion to accept the reports as presented. Barb McBean asked about the cancellation of the Outreach Minister by presbytery. Rev. Peter explained presbytery's position. Lynn MacDonald commended Karen Young for the good job she is doing as superintendent of the Sunday school.

The motion was carried.

Brion Crossman presented the financial report and statement for 2004. Stu Baker moved and Barb McBean seconded a motion to accept the report. The motion was carried.

Brion then presented a proposed budget for 2005. Bill Whittaker moved and Diane Tonge seconded a motion to accept the budget. The motion was carried.

A motion was presented by Brenda Badger to accept the nominations of the stewards and elders as put forward by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Stu Baker. Motion carried. Stu spoke about the difficulties facing the nominating committee. There were no nominations from the congregation.

New Business:

Rev. Smith reported on the proposed seniors subsidized housing complex, discussion ensued regarding the type of housing, timeline for completion and other questions.

Karen Young and Lynn MacDonald commented on the positive effects of the stewards promoting PAR and awareness of the functioning of the church.

Rev. Smith thanked Mabel, Judy and Angela for their dedication to the work they do.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55

Respectfully submitted, John Hill

SESSION REPORT 2005

Session is the body in the church that looks after the spiritual matters of the congregation. Currently Quispamsis has 27 members of session, called elders, each serving a three-year term. Session meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Eight regular meetings of Session were held during 2005. Larry Watson agreed to continue as our Clerk of Session for the next year. At any given session meeting we might discuss matters on the national level, conference level, presbytery level and our own congregational level. We discuss baptisms, weddings, communion, and confirmations. Several committees report to session, including Christian Development, Presbytery, Outreach and Worship. This allows the elders to become familiar with many aspects of the church. One of the most important duties of the session is to be in contact with their assigned families. All elders are assigned approximately a dozen families. The idea being that the elder is willing to be a contact person between the church, minister and family. We deliver a newsletter twice a year to our families, and keep in touch through those visitations, phone and speaking with them on Sunday mornings. Session also serves communion monthly, meets with the confirmands at an informal get-together and usually hosts the confirmation reception following the confirmation.

Members of Session in 2005 were:

Rev. Peter Smith	Bruce Amey	Mert Cline
Evelyn Backa	Barb McBean	Sally Allanach
Lynn MacDonald	June Jardine	Marlene Whittaker
Bob Crowley	Faye Sherrard	Angela MacLean
Blaine Smallwood	Beth Daigle	Peter Oliver
Jane Reinhart	Merle Blair	Diane Tonge
Chris Young	David Parkhill	Annie Walker
Joan Tonge	Patty Downey	Larry Watson
Jennifer Galloway	Ron Badger	Brenda Hogan
Rowena Anderson		

Highlights of this year's business include:

- Annual pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday with donations given to Outreach Fund
- Meeting with confirmands for questions, games and pizza
- Lively Bible study on Tuesday mornings
- Religion-in-Life classes
- Support of Christmas families through Christmas exchange and Rothesay Fire Dept.
- Facilitated camp scholarships for church youth
- Participated in community chaplaincy program through Outreach
- Exploring the opportunity to become involved in the development of subsidized seniors housing in the KV area
- Triennial Presbytery visit and hosted Presbytery meeting
- 40th anniversary service for QUC
- Men's group initiated

In addition to the above business, Session was pleased to accept many baptisms, weddings and transfers into our congregation. We see the church growing and pray for God's blessing on each and everyone.

The following persons were confirmed this year:

Caleb Cummings	Gillian Fielding	Taylor Fielding
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John McGuire

Abigail Reinhart

Stephanie Roy

We sincerely appreciate the help of so many people over the past year:
Thank you to Angela and all the choir members for the ministry of music.
Thanks to Jane and June for updating and maintaining our church library.
Super superintendents and teachers of the Sunday school.
Representatives and volunteers of the KV Food Basket.
Leaders and members of our youth groups.
Members of the Worship, Christian Development and Memorial Committee.
Members of Presbytery.
Members of Session.

Several people are leaving session this year as their term is completed. A sincere thank you for your time, interest and effort is extended to you from your session.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Downey, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

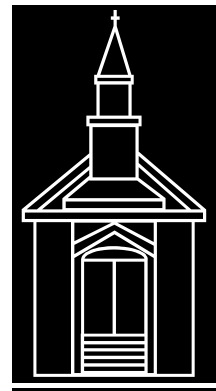
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members: Stu Baker, Chairperson
 Rowena Anderson
 Bruce Phillips
 Diane Tonge
 Bruce Amey, Secretary
 Rev. Peter Smith

The Board of Trustees is a group appointed by the congregation to approve major changes to property of the congregation. These changes would include acquisition, disposal, lease, demolition and expansion. The Board of Trustees acts on behalf of the congregation as directed by the Official Board.

There were no meetings held by the Board of Trustees in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
Stu Baker, Chairperson
Board of Trustees



BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards is responsible for the finances and maintenance of the church and the manse. This is a task made much easier because of the faithful giving and prayers of the congregation as well as the dedication of the fifteen committee members. The monthly meetings this year were chaired by Brenda Badger. Bill Whittaker was the vice-chairman; John Hill was recording secretary; Brion Crossman served as treasurer. Members received a talkmail message as a meeting reminder and minutes were distributed by e-mail in an effort to increase attendance and streamline meeting length. Much of the work undertaken by the Board of Stewards this year involved projects outside the meetings, however. Willing participation from the congregation with these projects was certainly appreciated.

During the year we signed formal agreements with two groups who rent our facility on a regular basis, Kidzone and the FCF Congregation. These will be up for renewal on March 1, 2006. Evert Bos now books the hall and is in charge of keys to the church. A Sparks/Brownie/Guide group has returned to use our hall on Tuesday evenings.

Improvements to the physical plant were a priority during 2005. New windows were installed at the manse in June. New tables and chairs have replaced some that were becoming hazardous. CD players and a DVD player were purchased to enhance our Christian Education programs. A second Christmas mural was also added.

Before Stewards go ahead with any improvements or changes, there is discussion and research. During the year individual Stewards investigated what type of dishwasher we would need for the kitchen (in advance of a kitchen renovation), the type and cost of a new sound system for the sanctuary and last, but not least, the type and cost of new flooring for the hall and basement classrooms. Only one of these projects came to fruition this year, but replacing the flooring in the basement has been a truly wonderful change. Thank you to the many volunteers who removed the old carpet, washed the walls, painted the Sunday School rooms and laid the new laminate flooring. In fact, the parlour also has had new laminate flooring installed since the summer. Bill Whittaker deserves a special thank you for his co-ordination of this project and for his perseverance in having the side door finally fixed.

The Board of Stewards had an ambitious \$140,000 budget this year and have been blessed to have a congregation who supports its ventures. Two turkey suppers, the annual Mulch Sale, the Goods and Services exchange, the December silent auction, as well as weekly and PAR givings, enable the Board of Stewards to maintain and improve our facility. Our congregation can also be proud of its commitment to the Mission & Service Fund which this year had a 10% increase over 2004.

Whether the Board of Stewards undertakes the painting of the Narthex, the decorations and refreshments for Graduation Sunday, the removal of an old couch, the construction of an awning for outside cooking, or the planning for kitchen and hall renovations to come, we are grateful for the willingness of our church family to help out and for their continued prayerful and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Badger

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MANSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Considerable money was spent on the Manse this year with the replacement of the windows in the two front bedrooms as well as the living room and dining room. The bedroom windows were slightly enlarged, at the same time, to bring the openings up to current building fire code. After completing the installation, the trim was varnished and new mini-blinds installed on the bedroom and dining room windows. At the same time the front bedrooms, hall and living room were painted. Lastly, some boards were replaced on the rear deck and the whole unit was pressure cleaned and sealed.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Sparks, Chair

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY REPORT

It shall be the mission of Saint John Presbytery to provide for the total ministry of the church within its bounds and to offer sympathetic and creative support to its member congregations and encouragement as they seek to fulfill the portion of that mission which is within their resources.

Saint John Presbytery meets the second Tuesday of each month in alternating pastoral charges throughout the presbytery. Presbytery committees meet as needed to deal with business that falls under their responsibilities. Committees of presbytery include Archives, Christian Life and Growth, Education and Students, Faith in Action, Finance, Outreach, Pastoral Oversight, Pastoral Relations and Property.

Delegates to Presbytery: Carolyn Kimball and Evelyn Backa

Chair of Presbytery: Rev. Len Mills

Highlights

Clothing Depot

Saint John presbytery executive made a job description for a clothing depot coordinator early in the new year. The depot is open 10 hours a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 10 months of the year. Kelli Owens Beach has been hired as the new coordinator. The depot continues to be an important part of the United Church presence in the city with many people using the facility on a regular basis. Please continue to keep the depot in mind when cleaning out your closets. Items always in need include: clothes, bedding, pot/pans, shoes, curtains, towels. A note of interest for Quispamsis United, the coordinator was wowed when the underwear and socks were taken in from the church.

Education and Students

Linda Fuller completed her courses to become a Lay Pastoral Minister and was commissioned at Maritime Conference. She is LPM at Millstream United.

Ross Sherwood will continue in Lay Ministry – Two Rivers Pastoral Charge.

Leslie Anthony will continue in Lay Ministry – Saint David's United.

Vince Galbraith – Lay Pastoral Minister in Training.

J. Brown- through discernment.

Jill Smith discernment is on hold – Saint David’s United.
Pam Coates has withdrawn from discernment – Portland United.

Property

The Andrew Donald charge and Park Avenue United have sold their manses.

Pastoral Relations

Silver Falls and Glenview United reached an impasse in negotiations regarding the sale of one of the church buildings during amalgamation. This impasse resulted in both churches becoming individual charges again.

Changes

Rev. Paul Rodey from Park Avenue to Ontario
Rev. Mark Hatfield from Welsford to Kirk McColl
Rev. James MacDonald to Welsford
Rev Jeffro Burse request for change from Lorneville/St/Giles
Rev. Doug Cosman to Silver Falls
Rev. Cathy Paul left St. Martins
Rev. Ian Harrison to St. Martins
Linda Fuller LPM to Millstream
Vince Galbraith Lay Minister in Training to Park Avenue

Joys

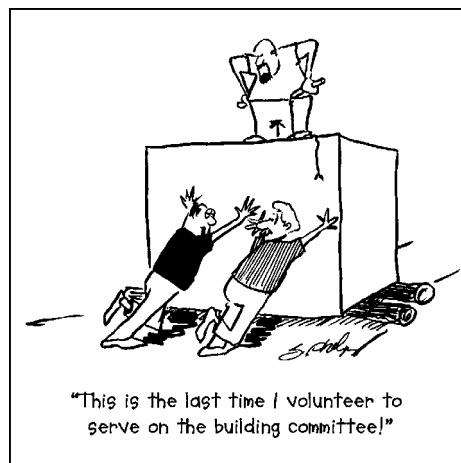
C.G.I.T. celebrated the 90th anniversary on Prince Edward Island. Still the cutest girls in town, United Church celebrated the 80th anniversary with a special service at Portland United.

Sorrows

Presbytery suffered the loss of two ministers this year. The death of Rev. Ted Paw and Rev. Doug Woods was deeply felt among the presbytery.

Maritime Conference was held in Sackville in May 2005. Rev. Peter, Evelyn and Carolyn attended. Maritime Conference voted to send a letter to the province and NB Power asking that Point Lepreau not be refurbished. Rev. Peter spoke against the motion, as did a few others.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Backa
Carolyn Kimball



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee is made up of Velma Bos, Stacy Oliver and Karen Young. We offered four events in 2005.

February 26th - potluck, trivia night in MacDonald Hall

April 9th - pizza and karaoke at Archie and Connie Downeys'

June 11th - barbeque and barn dance at Steve and Patty Downeys'

Dec 3rd - potluck, silent auction and carol sing

All of the events were well attended. Thank you to Stacy for preparing a lovely power point presentation with trivia questions about the bible and the church.

What would we do without the Downeys? Thank you so much for opening your homes and hearts to all of us. I can't tell you how much we appreciate and enjoy your hospitality.

The barn dance is always one of our favorites and we had a great turnout as we have every year, except 2004. The McLeans were our callers again this year. They are very patient with all those of us who have two left feet.

Thank you to Bonnie Demmons who had the idea for the silent auction and when I mentioned it to Rev. Peter he said that the outreach fund could use a boost and thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we raised over \$500 to prop up that fund. Great job! I know that people like to make fun of potluck dinners, but that one was fabulous and we had a very large crowd of people to enjoy the evening.

We continue to attempt to offer a variety of activities to offer a time of fellowship for all ages. We are always looking for new ideas and members. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Young

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We used the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum for most of the past 6 years but we are now using *Bible Quest*. Instead of following the lectionary the main purpose of this curriculum is to familiarize children and youth with some of the old Bible stories we remember from our youth. We sometimes spend more than one lesson focusing on one story from the Old Testament.

Once again, we have close to 60 children enrolled in Sunday School. This is a consistent number for the past 6 years, I believe.

A few of the highlights were as follows:

April 3rd - youth service

April 10th - drama presentation at Saint Paul's United Church in McAdam

June 5th - closing service , ice cream sundae party

September 11th - registration Sunday and ice cream sundae party

September 25th - church picnic

December 11th - Christmas concert

We are very fortunate to have so many interested and energetic young people and kind, patient and hard working volunteers to teach them. I often hear stories from Sunday school teachers about touching, inspiring and humorous events that take place in their classes. It is often surprising and enlightening to hear the thoughts of the young people. They keep you on your toes.

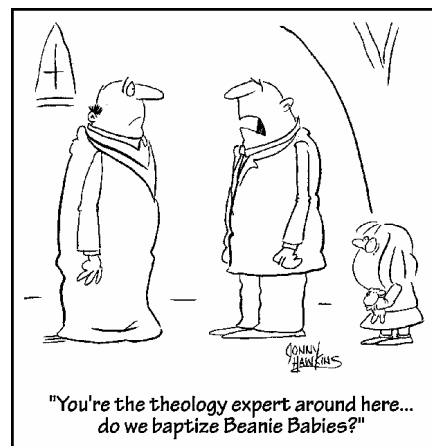
What a pleasure it was to work with Barb Hill and our middle school youth as they practiced and performed an Easter comedy entitled "It'll Turn Up". The play is about the disappearance of the body of Jesus after the resurrection when King Herod and his men are trying not to panic as they contemplate the repercussions of this event that changed history forever. The following week we travelled to McAdam to perform the play at my aunt's church. It was a very meaningful and worthwhile experience for all those who took part. We received a great deal of positive feedback. Thank you for your support.

Another highlight was the church picnic. We always have a great time at the picnic and we were very fortunate as the weather cooperated. It is much better to be outside than in the church basement. Jamie Barefoot, Kate Prosser and Bethany Young helped herd the little ones for races, games, tug of war and tattoos. We enjoyed sandwiches, corn on the cob and sweets. Tyler Mumford entertained us. He performed excellent magic tricks and a juggling act despite the strong, warm wind.

The children and teachers worked very diligently to prepare a Christmas concert. I am always amazed at how much work it is and how it seems impossible to practice a play given that we only have about 40 minutes a week for a few weeks with different children showing up each week but somehow in the end it works out. The children really enjoyed the process of preparing and performing the play. They did a great job. The little ones did a great job singing and performing "Bossie the Cow" with the assistance of Stacy Oliver and Sue LeBreton. It was very entertaining.

If you would like to teach in the future, please contact Stacy Oliver or Karen Young. I can't stress enough at what a pleasurable experience it is most of the time. We are blessed with a wonderful group of young people. Thank you very much to the parents for bringing them and teachers for teaching them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Young



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

The members of Christian Development are Rev. Peter Smith, Brenda Forret, Brion Crossman, Faye Sherrard, Ray Tonge, Jennifer Galloway, Karen Young, Jane Reinhart and Rose Martin.

CD is responsible for the Christian education of the congregation including children, youth and adults.

Our Sunday School Superintendent, Karen Young, is responsible for ordering curriculum, recruiting Sunday school teachers and the weekly running of classes. She organizes the Christmas concern, Sunday school closing and the Church picnic. We thank Karen for her continued dedication to this position and congratulate her on an excellent job.

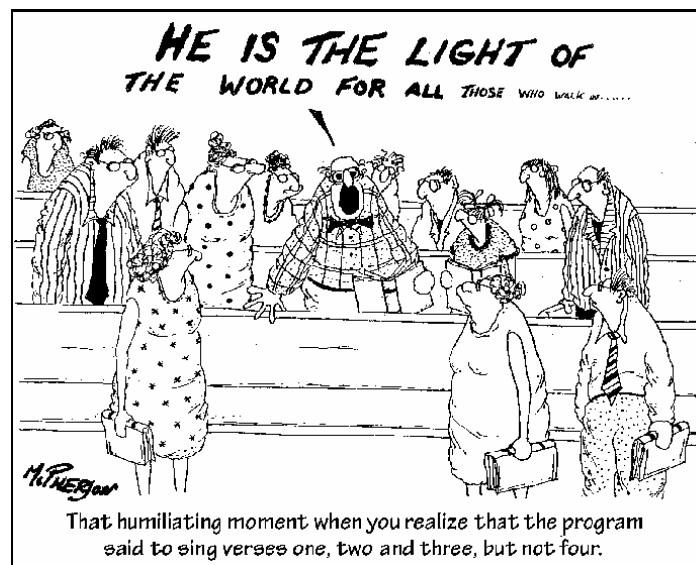
The nursery for the first session this year operated with volunteers, who signed up to supervise each week. We thank all those that were able to donate their time. In the fall of this year, Bonnie and Scott Demmons took over the scheduling of the nursery supervision, as well as the cleaning and purging of the supplies located in this room. We thank them for their dedication.

Our youth have continued to meet this past year under the guidance of Barb and John Hill and Paula Scott. We thank you for your excellent leadership as well as the generous donation of time. Volunteers have made it possible for special outings and activities. We thank all who have given so generously of their time.

Our Tuesday morning Bible study continued this year as well as the introduction this fall of an adult bible study Sunday morning after church service. Both days are well attended.

Confirmation classes were held this year under the direction of Rev. Peter Smith and David Parkhill. Six youth were confirmed this spring. CD helped with the planning of the receptions for both Confirmation and Graduation Sundays.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Forret, Chair



LIBRARY REPORT

Greetings from the librarian! Our "Good Book Library" has completed its second year of operation with splendid results. Usage of the library in 2005 quadrupled over the previous year. This was measured by sign out records and incoming inventory. With this growth comes the good and the inevitable. The good is that we now have a library budget of \$300 per year. The inevitable is that the library needed to be a more secure space. Therefore, a lock was added to the door this year. This was a little hard to get used to (and cold when first opened) but the improved posted hours have made it workable for those who are around during meeting times. Having said that, please let me know if you have any problems gaining access.

Glancing into the library, observe the once cluttered shelves have been neatly organized into categories and there appears to be much room for new titles. That's because the library has benefited from the volunteer work of June McLennan. June's recent retirement to new and wonderful things has enabled her to act as an assistant in the library and take on the task of reorganization and cataloging. Her help has been greatly appreciated and will make the transition to a proposed computerized data base easier in 2006.

New category labels include: United Church, bibles, fiction, inspirational, parenting, teens, youth, children, and Janette Oke (since there are a dozen titles by one author). You can also sign out many magazines, CD's, tapes, videos, and any Sunday service you wish to review.

Thanks to the somewhat unique services to librarians provided by Blessings Christian Marketplace in Moncton, the library receives a *free* new best seller each month. Any requests should be forwarded to the librarian. In addition to meeting resource needs for books, audiovisuals, lesson planning, and devotionals, the store provides outlets for beginning writers and guest novelists from time to time. These are often posted in our library and were taken advantage of in 2005.

As you know, I have really enjoyed nurturing this library space and have noticed its availability goes beyond signing out a book. Posted on the back of the library door are twelve suggested uses. Did you know that the library has served for meetings and other gatherings and that the space is available for sign out? You might even consider hosting an event in the library yourself. It was wonderful to see twenty-five people come to a Time for Mothers at the after-church event held in May 2005.

You can even get your shoes shined in the library for the nominal fee of 5 cents! This was a novel idea to add a touch of the old gentry to our Sunday meeting time. I try to keep the library active and current by posting new messages regularly, putting things in the bulletin, and being available before and after church. Some of the youth (and not so youthful!) in our congregation have discovered I have been known to put out surprises such as (but not limited to) a candy dish on occasion; others have picked up the guitar they see propped in the corner on weeks it is left over.

Got Mail! Mail comes addressed to the library. Being a high school teacher all these years, it is fun to take on a new (and somewhat quieter) role and be "librarian". My sister on the West Coast, a certified teaching technologist librarian, is thrilled I share one of her interests. I say, it is never too late to start something new and even better if it breathes life into your Christian service.

That is why I like the library so much. Your Good Book Library has flourished because of the growing number of you who use and support it by dropping something into the in-box from time to time and of course, encouraging me. A library is a place and can be self-service but personal service is to your avail here at Quispamsis United Church.

When tending to the library, I try to keep a perspective on its purpose and hopefully one God intends ~ a warm place and time for encouragement, sanctuary, and laughter amidst its aesthetic shelving. All of this has been felt and the space has been blessed by your attentiveness.

Thank you so much for all the resource materials dropped, kind words, and visits during 2005. If you have yet to stop by, do so in 2006 and see what God has made possible and has waiting for you.

"The right book placed in the hands of the right person may easily transform a life." A.W. Tozer

In Christian Service,
Jane Reinhart, Church Library Resource

LOOKING BACK ON THE YEAR 2005: A CHOIR PERSPECTIVE

Senior Choir

The spirit of Christmas moved right into 2005 with the relief concert put on by Tracy Friars for tsunami victims. Many from our choir participated and attended the concert and I think music and what it can do for those around us really set the stage for 2005.

Easter arrived relatively early and once again we had the opportunity to sing as a combined choir with St. David's United Church on Good Friday. It was soon after Easter that Evelyn Backa and Marilyn Roberston started all the work in preparing for our church's 40th anniversary later in the fall. There was a lot of preparation involved as numerous letters had to be mailed out to present and past church members.

The choir held 2 services at the Loch Lomond Villa in 2005. The residents at The Villa who attend the church services are very enlightening and they never fail to impress me or bring a smile to my face as they sing ALL the hymns without a book in front of them. I had come to realize that one particular gentleman had a great voice as well as a great memory so I asked him if he'd like to join us in the choir. No sooner was he up there in his wheel chair with us. Later on in October when we went back to the Villa, I asked him if he'd like to sing a solo and he was quite touched and sang "In the Garden". As a choir, I think I speak for all of us when I say we truly love worshipping with those at The Villa.

Early September the choir and congregation were very blessed to have Jane Reinhart and Rev. Peter share their ministry of music in singing "He's More Wonderful". Although official choir practices had ended in June, each Sunday Jane & Rev. Peter were practicing for this very special piece of music. It was a pleasure to be part of something so touching. I look forward to the next selection. Thank you both for your gift of music.

October 29th marked our 40th Anniversary Memorial Hymn Sing organized by Evelyn and Marilyn. It was a huge success! Rev. Peter sang a solo, Ruth & Bobby sang a duet, we had a

quartet with Mert, Patty, Ken & Ruth, John and Ken had solo parts – who am I leaving out? The choir had a great time! I had asked Barb Hill if she would be interested in playing some of the music that night and I can still hear her singing “Amazing Grace” with the choir softly echoing in the background. It was so inspiring. After the service, the choir received a letter from a member of the congregation stating that listening to all the old hymns made her think about the music her grandparents probably grew up singing in the church. One way or another, we were all grateful for the Memorial Hymn Sing.

Immediately after the October festivities, we started working on the Christmas Cantata “A Great Day!” And I think it was a GREAT DAY when the accompaniment CD finally arrived December 6 – leaving us with 2, maybe 3 practices, with it. I chose this Cantata partly because it brought back memories from my childhood and Sunday School days as most of the songs in the Cantata I learned as a child. When I flipped through it and saw that there was a part for a children’s choir, my decision had been made – this was the Cantata.

As we got into the Cantata practices, I had realized and accepted that the piano accompaniment was not what I had hoped for and to really make this come alive, I needed more “umph” to the music. I left my comfort zone and ordered the accompaniment CD knowing full well I’d have to wave good bye to my bench and stand behind the new music stand. There were a few rough practices along the way as when you direct, well YOU direct and that was hard for me. Many choir members continually provided guidance and offered suggestions to me and for that I am grateful. The cantata taught me more about myself than any of you will imagine and it also brought me great peace in knowing how high the beliefs others have in you can really lift you. As we’ve realized before, God is with us in our music and in our song and I’ve never felt that presence more than I did December 18th.

We are very thankful to Paula Scott for recruiting extra Junior Choir members. We truly appreciated and enjoyed the help from Rachel Prosser, Kristen Scott, Stephanie Hollet, Julia Reid and Jacqueline Young. Hats off to all the Junior Choir members for a great cantata and a great 2005: Sarah Hill, Jessica Buckley, Emma & Ian Crowley. Thanks to Bethany Young and Ryan Floyd for narrating the cantata – superb job guys!

Thank you to Mert and Steve & Patty Downey for bringing in stereo equipment week after week and setting us up electronically.

The early Christmas Eve service consisted of 4 solos: Julia Reid, Stephanie Hollet, Rosalie Hanlon and Emma Crowley. Later on in the evening we heard the choir sing “Gentle Mary” and we heard solos from Ruth Buckley and Rosalie and unfortunately Stacia Smallwood was not able to sing but we welcome her music any Sunday. You all sang beautifully and we appreciate your ministry of music.

I’d also like to thank all the children who played preludes through the month of December. Your ministry of music to the congregation is much appreciated. Also, thanks to Jacqueline Young (violin) and Marilyn Robertson (piano) for accompanying me with service music in December.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir practices are from 6:30-7:15 pm Thursday evenings at the church. To date we have 4 members and we welcome any other child in the congregation who enjoys singing to come out and sing with us. If your child is interested in singing, please come out and sing with

us at Junior Choir! Ruth Buckley, Bonnie Demmons and Angela MacLean direct the Junior Choir.

In 2005 the Junior Choir sang approximately once per month, sometimes more during special seasons in our church year. I would sincerely like to thank the children for all their devotion to the choir – you are a fun bunch to work with!

From your organist and choir director, a sincere thanks to the congregation for encouraging the choirs to keep singing and worshipping God through song, to Rev. Peter our minister for helping make sure we have appropriate music for the worship service and to the Senior & Junior choirs for your utmost dedication and commitment. 2005 was a great year and I look forward to working with all of you in 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela MacLean, Organist and Choir Director

AGNES ALLINGHAM U.C.W.

The Agnes Allingham Unit of the U.C.W. meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour of Quispamsis United Church. We have 17 members. Our president is Lillian Rettinger, secretary is Margery Dunfield and the treasurer is Shirley Melvin. We held 14 meetings last year with an average attendance of 8.

Greeting cards are sent out for the following occasions: Easter, Christmas, get well, thinking of you, baptismal, confirmation, graduation and sympathy.

We took part in The World's Day of Prayer, held at St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Pettingill Road on March 4, 2005.

Donations are made to the Outreach Fund once a month.

This past year we made donations of toiletries, books and slippers to the Coverdale House, and socks and underwear for men to the United Church Depot.

The end of October saw us filling 6 Christmas Shoeboxes for girls and boys ages 10-14 years.

Two successful cookie sales were held at the spring and fall turkey suppers. Thank you to the women of the congregation for their help.

In December our mitten tree was put up in the Sanctuary and 55 items were donated. These were divided between our Christmas families and the K.V. Food Basket.

We are still collecting Sobey's cash register tapes, used stamps and Campbell's Soup labels.

We closed 2005 with a potluck dinner and a "yankee swap". Everyone went home with a full tummy and a lovely gift. A successful and fun year had ended.

Respectfully submitted,
Margery Dunfield, Secretary

**AGNES ALLINGHAM U.C.W.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – YEAR ENDING DEC. 31/2005**

RECEIPTS

EXPENSES

Offering	506.06	Memorial Fund	190.00
Money Making Idea	30.00	Saint John Presbyterial U.C.W.	
Brown Bag Sale	44.35	Re: Allocation	25.50
Cookie Sale	609.02	Q.U.C. Re: Outreach	350.00
Interest	.10	Stamps	37.00
Donation	10.00	Flowers	49.69
		Anniversary Hymn Sing	20.00
		Samaritan's Purse	
		Re: Shoeboxes	30.00
		Turkey Supper – cookie sale	
		given to church	296.02
		Gift for friend	40.00
		Christmas Party	<u>15.45</u>
	<u>1,199.53</u>		<u>1,053.66</u>
Balance Forward	139.38	Bank Balance	615.17
Receipts	<u>1,199.53</u>	Outstanding cheques	<u>0.00</u>
Total	1,338.91	Total	615.17
Expenses	<u>1,053.66</u>	Memorial Fund	<u>329.92</u>
Balance Dec. 31/2005	\$285.25	Balance Dec. 31/2005	\$285.25

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Melvin (Treasurer)



KENNEBECASIS VALLEY FOOD BASKET
346 Hampton Road
Quispamsis, N. B.
E2E 4S9

MISSION STATEMENT: *The Kennebecasis Valley Food Basket Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides a three-day emergency supply, once per month to members of our community (Rothesay, Quispamsis who are in need. Our clients are treated with courtesy, respect and dignity and our volunteers uphold confidentiality.*

The Board of Directors for the KVFB meets bi-monthly on the third Monday, starting in January with the annual meeting being held in May each year to which the public is encouraged to attend.

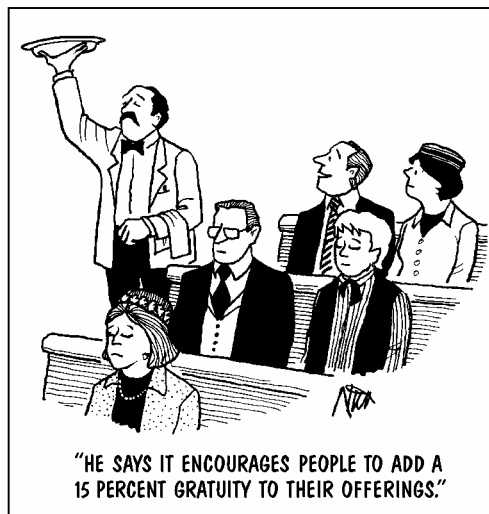
We operate on a budget of \$30,000-\$35,000 per year but also depend heavily on groups, individuals and businesses that keep us supplied with non-perishable items. Donations of food and/or cash can be brought to KVFB any Monday from 9:00 am – 12 Noon. Many churches in the area include the KVFB in their budgeting process.

KVFB serves about 120 families per month, which includes 248 adults and 107 children. In addition to food, we often have school supplies and personal hygiene items to pass out.

There are two groups of volunteers that keep the weekly handout running smoothly. There is a group that arrives each Monday to stock the shelves and make purchases of fresh items such as milk, eggs, bread, meat and vegetables. Tuesday (9:30 am – 12 Noon) is the day the clients arrive to pick up their food. The volunteers on this day see that each family receives the appropriate amount of groceries depending on the size of the family. For the year 2004, we recorded 2,508 hours of volunteer time.

Concerns or questions regarding the operation of the KVFB could be directed to Mina Gillis (Board President) or Lee Bishop (Food Co-ordinator) at the Food Basket, Mondays (847-5854).

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Hughes



**QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH
USER GROUPS**

SUNDAY	7:00-9:00	FCF CHURCH	PETER WILLIAMS	696-2395
TUESDAY	10:30 – 12:00 6:00 – 8:00	BIBLE STUDY BROWNIES	PETER SMITH MARIE WETMORE	847-4924 847-9446
WEDNESDAY	1:30 (2nd & 4th) 8:00-10:00 (3rd)	AGNES ALLINGHAM ADELAIDE BARBOUR	LILLIAN RETTINGER KATHY McINTYRE	849-4454 849-2875
THURSDAY	6:15 - 7:00 7:30 - 9:00 7:00 - 8:30	JUNIOR CHOIR SENIOR CHOIR MARTIAL ARTS	ANGELA MACLEAN ANGELA MACLEAN ROB DOLEY	657-2643 657-2643 847-4022
SATURDAY	1:00 – 3:00	CRAFT GROUP		
MONTHLY	7:30	CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT	BRENDA FORRET	849-9009
WEDNESDAY - 2nd	7:30	STEWARDS	BRENDA BADGER	847-7829
WEDNESDAY - 4th	7:30	SESSION	LARRY WATSON	849-7501
TUESDAY - 1st	7:30	WORSHIP	PETER SMITH	847-4924
MONDAY - FRIDAY	3:00 – 6:00	KIDZONE	JANIE STEWART	849-0123



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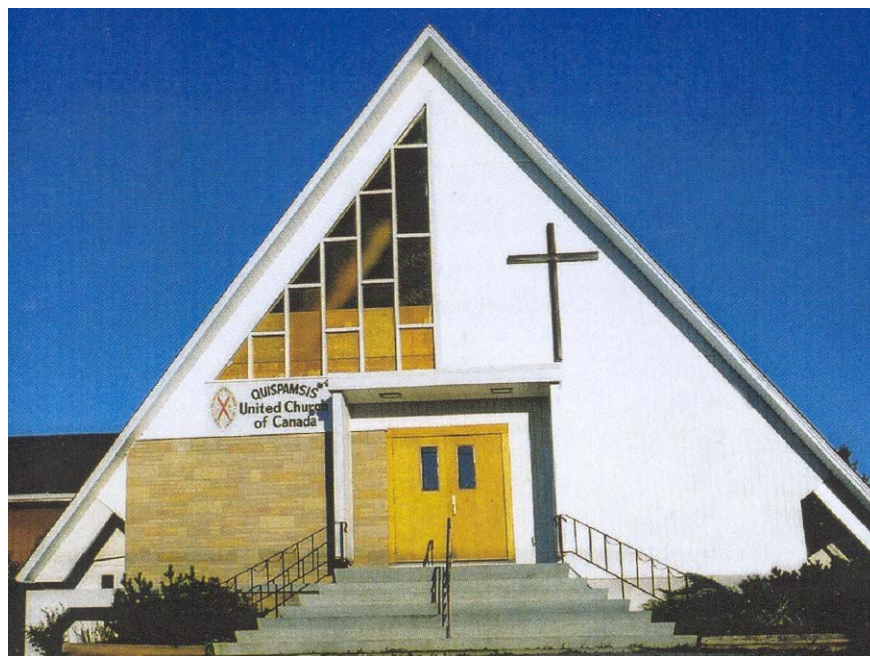
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