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***QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
2002***

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**MINISTER'S LETTER**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

McINTOSH, KAITLYN ANNE  
MUNRO, MORGAN BEVERLY  
JONES, MADISON MARGARET  
REID, RACHEL JOYCE  
KRUMREI, COLE CHRISTIAN KEVIN  
GAMBLE, ELIZABETH PATRICIA  
HUBBARD, MEGAN OLIVIA  
DEMMONS, LIA JOY



**THE COVENANT OF MARRIAGE  
BETWEEN**

DeLONG, DERRECK ANDREW  
BAKER, PAUL CAMERON  
GOUGEON, KENNETH GERALD  
CONNELL, DAVID WAYNE  
WINCHESTER, KEVIN JOHN  
BOYER, MICHAEL KENNETH

**AND** SAUNDERS, LORRIE GAIL  
**AND** WAYE, DAPHNE ELIZABETH  
**AND** ROBERTSON, ANGELA DAWN  
**AND** DRAPER, KIMBERLY SUE  
**AND** AMEY, AMANDA BETH  
**AND** CHAMBERLAIN, GILLIAN LINDSAY

### **IN MEMORIAM**

REID, RALPH ELDON  
MacDONALD, M. CHARLOTTE  
JARDINE, FREDERICK I.  
MEADE, EARLE E.  
HUGHES, BEULAH MARY  
MEADE, LAURA E.

### **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.

## 2001 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2001 Annual Congregational Meeting of Quispamsis United Church was held February 3, 2002 following morning worship with sandwiches & sweets luncheon.

The meeting was held in the MacDonald Hall with 40 members and adherents present. Leslie Tennant, representing Saint John Presbytery, joined our meeting. Ellen Flemming opened the meeting with Scripture.

Motion: It was moved by Bill Whittaker, seconded by George Barefoot that Marilyn Robertson be appointed Recording Secretary for the meeting. Carried.

Motion: Bill Whittaker made a motion to appoint Hally Kimball as chair for the meeting, seconded by Brenda Forret. Carried.

Motion: A motion was made by Evelyn Backa, seconded by Stu Baker that all non-members in attendance have corresponding privileges and that all corresponding members have voting powers. Carried.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

Motion: It was moved by Stu Baker, seconded by Bill Whittaker to accept the minutes of the February 3, 2001 Congregational Meeting as printed in our Booklet. Carried.

Business from Minutes: 1) Repairs to the Side entrance heat still being investigated by Stewards. It will be addressed before next year. 2) Format for next year's Annual Meeting. Stu Baker made a recommendation that the Official Board review the following ideas and report back to the Congregation ways of increasing attendance at our meetings. Suggestions: Possibly canceling Sunday School so the meeting could take place immediately following morning service; incorporating the meeting into morning worship; having a movie for the younger children so parents can attend; keep same format.

Motion: It was moved by Bill Whittaker, seconded by Stu Baker to accept all reports from Committees printed in the Booklet, excluding the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Note was made that Rowena Anderson's name was omitted from the Session Report. Ellen Flemming noted that Marlene Whittaker's name should be included in the Choir Report as she has contributed to our services.

It was felt by all in attendance that in our Outreach, a couple of people should be assigned to work with the Minister as support. Ellen Flemming noted that this is a serious moment for Pastoral Care - meeting the demands of our Community. Session will look into this.

A suggestion was offered that the Senior Sunday School and Senior Youth Group could possibly create a list of youth available for baby sitting services for new families to our congregation and post names in the bulletin.

Treasurer's Report - Brion Crossman gave a detailed explanation of the 2001 Treasurer's Report income and expenses. December was the largest giving month as seen in many years; givings of this amount does not reflect the ups and downs of the overall actual months. Several unexpected items increased our expenses in 2001 - such as purchasing a fridge for the manse; increase in garbage removal; increase in insurance on the property; higher power bills for 3

months and unexpected supply minister. It was suggested by Marlene Whittaker that the Stewards should be trained on the heating system so when the church is checked nightly if problems occur with heat not shutting off, it can be dealt with. Brion also noted that the Al Graham Award was not used in 2001, deferred to 2002.

Motion: Brion Crossman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report of 2001 as presented, seconded by Bruce Amey. Carried.

2002 Budget - Brion explained the Budget for 2002 as set up. Note was made that we need 10,000 per month to operate. 75% of the budget amounts are pre-set and can't be adjusted.

Motion: Brion moved, Bill Whittaker seconded a motion to accept to 2002 Budget as stated in the Booklet. Carried.

Appreciation and thanks was expressed to Brion for his hard work with handling our finances and much behind the scene work on the budget.

On behalf of the congregation, Brion Crossman expressed deep appreciation to Ellen Flemming for stepping in and helping in our time of need.

New Business - Presbytery Rep. Session is to bring to our next Official Board Meeting in April, confirmation from Shelley Gallant that she is or is not willing to continue as Presbytery Rep. and to bring forth names to be appointed as alternate. Evert Bos is to contact Shelly. Thanks was expressed to Evelyn Backa for all her years as Presbytery Representative. Thanks was also expressed to Linda Amey for the preparation of our Booklets. Appreciation to Ray Tonge and all members of the Worship Committee for their service preparation and support where needed as we await our Minister's return. Ellen Flemming voiced her thanks to the congregation for welcoming her into our church family. She has enjoyed her time with us and found great pleasure in working with the many talented members of our congregation.

Bill Whittaker moved the meeting adjourned. Ellen Flemming closed the meeting with prayer and Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn J. Robertson  
Hally Kimball

## SESSION REPORT 2002

Members of Session in 2002 were:

Rev. Peter Smith	Bruce Amey
Evert Bos	David Parkhill
Audrey Dunphy	Ron Badger
Liz Flogeras	Carol Cummings
Joan Tonge	Patty Downey
Jennifer Galloway	Carolyn Kimball
Peter Oliver	Diane Tonge
Annie Walker	Ruth Buckley
Larry Watson	Rowena Anderson
Jane Barefoot	Beth Daigle
Joan DeLong	Bonnie Demmons
Janice Roy	Marlene Whittaker
Lynn MacDonald	Hester Starker
Mert Cline	Brenda Forret

Eight regular meetings of Session were held during 2002. The following committees operate under the umbrella of Session and report during a regular Session meeting: Christian Development, Worship, Memorial, Outreach and Presbytery. Larry Watson agreed to become our new Clerk of Session for the next year.

Highlights of this year's business include:

- Annual pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday
- Creation of Outreach Committee to meet expanding needs of the congregation
- Elder greeters at both doors at the close of the service
- Meeting with confirmands for questions, games and pizza
- Lively Bible study on Wednesday mornings
- Support of 4 youth members to attend LINKS program at St. David's
- Picture of Richard Mathieson painted by his son Paul dedicated and placed in entry
- Hosted Presbytery meeting in October
- Religion-in-Life classes
- Support of Christmas families through Christmas exchange and the Rothesay Fire Dept

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 had their membership transferred in from other congregations or were received into membership during the year:

Brenda and Peter Hogan	Ian MacDonald
Mary and Robert Crowley	Emma Shaw

The following persons had their membership transferred elsewhere during the year:

Gordon and Martha Willett  
Don Mathieson

The following persons were confirmed this year:  
Jamie Barefoot                      James MacDonald  
Gregory Forret                        Andrew Maguire  
Darren Roach

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.  
Super superintendents and teachers of the Sunday school.  
Representatives and volunteers of the KV Food Basket.  
Leaders and members of our junior and senior 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 efforts is extended to you from your session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Downey, Secretary

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Members:     Stu Baker, Chairperson  
                  Rowena Anderson  
                  Bruce Phillips  
                  Diane Tonge  
                  Bruce Amey, Secretary

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.

One meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in 2002 to deal with the replacement of the roof on the church. The roof had deteriorated to a point where leakage was threatening major structural damage. The Board of Stewards, after consultation with professional roofers, recommended a complete roof replacement. On May 5, 2002 the Congregation gave approval to proceed with roof replacement and the associated financing of up to \$30,000.

The Board of Trustees met with a representative of the Board of Stewards to discuss the financing options available for this project. A motion was passed that we notify the Properties Committee of Saint John Presbytery of our request for a loan of up to \$30,000 for a term of seven years at a monthly payment of approximately \$450.00 per month, and that this proposal be recommended by the Properties Committee to Saint Presbytery for approval.

Respectfully submitted  
Stu Baker, Chairperson  
Board of Trustees

## BOARD OF STEWARDS

The 15 member 2002 Quispamsis United Church Board of Stewards was chaired by George Barefoot. The committee met each month, with the exception of July & August, to discuss and complete the temporal and financial affairs of the Church. At each meeting, reports were received from each of the 7 sub committees of Stewards (Christian Development, W.U.C., Group, Manse, Maintenance & Housekeeping, Youth and Social).

Several very successful fund raisers were staged at Quispamsis United Church in 2002. In addition to the annual turkey suppers and the Super Saturday mulch sale, a major drive was launched to fund the cost of a new roof for the Church. Through many creative avenues, including a Goods & Services Sale, over 50% of the cost of the new roof was "raised". A heartfelt thank you goes out to all who participated in and supported these important fund raising efforts.

Maintenance and Housekeeping on both the Church property and the Manse property are on going as required. A great deal of work is done behind the scenes by a group of very dedicated persons on this committee. Thanks to each of them for sharing their time and talents to keep things ship shape.

2002 saw some changes in the associated uses of the Church. The nursery school which operated from the Church basement & hall for many years vacated at the end of June and the fall saw fewer groups using the hall in the evenings. Among the groups still active are the Beavers and Scouts and we look forward to their ongoing participation with us.

The Social committee was busy in 2002 planning a series of fun, family activities which were enjoyed by many. This committee continues to work hard to provide fresh, new opportunities for friendship and fellowship.

Thank you to all who volunteer to serve the Church in any capacity – it's all about people helping people.

Best wishes for a New Year full of Peace and Health.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Swetnam  
Secretary – Board of Stewards

**TREASURER'S REPORT**



## MANSE COMMITTEE REPORT

The majority of the Manse allotment, for the year, went towards the purchase of a new kitchen range. Other than the replacement of both smoke alarms and the "shocking" of the well, the only other expenditure was for lime and fertilizer for the lawn.

In 2003, we hope to repair the bathtub, shower stall with a tub and wall liner; this repair is long past due.

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 it's bounds and to offer sympathetic and creative support to its member congregations and encouragement as the seek to fulfill the portion of that mission which is within their resources"*

Saint John Presbytery meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in alternating pastoral charges throughout the presbytery.

**Delegates to Presbytery:** Carolyn Kimball & Wendy Crossman

**Youth Forum Delegate:** Jennifer Hill

**Chair of Presbytery:** Barbara Prouse

### Highlights of 2002

#### ***Moderator Visit***

The Right Rev. Dr. Marion Purdy visited our presbytery in September. We had three opportunities to see and listen to her.

#### ***Program Fund***

This year the program fund was started. The finances were divided between operating Fund and the Program Fund. The program Fund is on a voluntary basis. Things funded by the Program fund are: Outreach Ministry, Glenfalls Breakfast, Centenary Queen Square Day Care, Saint Andrew & Saint David, and the Hospital Chaplaincy.

#### ***J.N.A.C***

Following a motion April 9<sup>th</sup>, a Joint Needs Assessment Committee was established to look at all aspects of the Presbytery work with specific emphasis on Outreach activities and responsibilities. We are currently involved in this process and hope for completion by the first of June.

Presbytery put on several workshops throughout the year:

- Seasons of the Spirit
- Sunday School workshop with Janice McLean
- Fall Retreat-September
- M & P workshops
- Musical Workshops

Presbytery committees meet as needed to deal with business. These committees are: Property, Christian Life & Growth, Education and Students, Faith in Action, Finance, Outreach, Pastoral Oversight, and Pastoral Relations.

Maritime Conference will be held at St. Mary's University on May 22nd & 23rd, 2003

Covenating services were held this year for:

Rev Phillip Dallimore - St Pauls United  
Jeanette Cosman - Staff associate St. Pauls United  
Diane McGovern - Outreach Minister  
Linda Fuller - Apohaqui-Norton-Kingskirk  
Rev. Hubert Bartlett - Saint Andrews & Saint Davids

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Crossman  
Carolyn Kimball

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee plans about 1 activity per month throughout the school year. We try to plan events that will interest and include every age. We will be repeating some favorites for 2003. All who attended in 2002 enjoyed themselves.

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - We organized a sleigh ride that was so popular we filled 2 sleighs and had to turn some people away. It was a frosty night. Most people gathered at our house after their ride for chili, pizza and hot drinks.

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - It's always a challenge to interest people in performing in a variety show but the evening was fun-filled. A few of the highlights were a visit from Steve Irwin (Crocodile Hunter, Colin MacDonald), Ross playing the turkey baster (I wouldn't have believed it had I not seen it with my own eyes), and Shirley Melvin's recitation on aging (I need to obtain a copy of that very comical poem).

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Stacie always does a great job of organizing curling at Riverside. It was a full house and especially enjoyable to watch a few teens curling for their first time. They were great sports.

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Connie and Archie generously hosted a potluck and games night at their house again. The food was fabulous as always. There wasn't much game playing this time but everyone enjoyed the evening. Several people commented that it would be great if we could attract more people to join us because there is lots of room and we often have the same crowd. But what can we do, besides spread the word that you are missing a great time.

May 25<sup>th</sup> - We had to cancel the boat rent because we had such a cold, wet, late spring the boat owner couldn't get his boat in the water.

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Patty and Steve Downey hosted another BBQ and barn dance at their place. It rained hard for part of the evening again this year. We even had a spectacular electrical storm. It certainly didn't dampen the dancer's spirits. We had a lot of laughs and a very good turnout once again.

Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> - There was very little interest from the congregation to take a boat cruise on the river so I filled the boat mostly with friends and family members. It was a beautiful day and very nice to see the view of Saint John from the water.

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Velma had a great idea of how to enjoy the fall colors in our beautiful valley. She and Evert organized a road rally. There were only 4 teams and at one point we were all in the same place at the same time even though we had departed at 5 minute intervals. That was hilarious.

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Several people gathered together on the Saturday night preceding advent to decorate advent candle holders (generously made and donated by Dave Anderson). Everyone's candle holder was unique and they all received a reading for each night of the advent season. We shared cookies and made angels to be given out at the Christmas Eve services.

The tentative schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Sleigh Ride at Rockwood Park and Chili at the Young's. Contact person: Karen 848-1018.

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - Bowling and Pizza. Contact person: Angela Maclean 657-2643. Please pay in advance.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - Curling at Riverside. Contact person: Stacie Oliver 849-1099. Please pay in advance.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Potluck and Games Night. Contact person: Velma 847-4657.

June 7<sup>th</sup> - BBQ and Barn Dance at Steve and Patty Downey's. Contact person: Karen Young 848-1018. Please pay \$5.00 per family in advance for the dance callers.

If you have any comment or suggestions, please contact any member of the committee. We'd love to hear from you. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family and friends to attend any or all of these events. The more the merrier. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Young

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our numbers continue to decline. We have about 65 children registered this past fall compared to 90 last year. The good news is that we have a large number of young children (15 regulars in the 5 and 6 year old class). Hopefully we can keep them interested in attending as they grow. I had no difficulty recruiting teachers. We are very fortunate to have such competent, caring, energetic people to teach our young people the good news.

Most of our classes are using the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum which is based on the lectionary.

Wendy Crossman, Lisa Guidry and I attended a workshop at Silver Fall's United Church. Many interesting ideas were shared by teachers from all over southern NB.

We welcome and encourage the youth to participate in worship services. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> the Sunday school classes led us in worship. Again on December 1<sup>st</sup> many young people participated in the White gift service. On December 8<sup>th</sup> the elementary school children participated in an evening Christmas service. In the past few months several young people have added to the morning services by reading minute for mission and writing and reading prayers.

We are preparing to begin a new semester and hope to reach out to our children to teach them Christian values and plan some mission and service work that will involve everyone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Young

## CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

The members of Christian Development this year are Rev. Peter Smith, Evert Bos, Brenda Forret, Brion Crossman, Rose Martin, Faye Sherrard, Ray Tonge, Jennifer Galloway, Carolyn Kimball and Karen Young and Carol Cummings.

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

Our Sunday School Superintendent is Karen Young. Karen has the responsibility of ordering the curriculum, the recruitment of teachers, and weekly running of classes, Christmas concert, Sunday School closing and the Church picnic.

The nursery was under the guidance of Laura Crossman and Jeana Hanlon. Our thanks to them for their time donated to the nursery, job well done.

We continue to have to youth group meetings. The junior youth group was under the leadership of Carolyn and Hally Kimball during the first of the year and we wish to thank them for their excellent leadership. John and Carol Cummings take over the leadership of the junior youth group and we thank them for the donation of their time. The senior youth group was co-lead by Brion and Wendy Crossman and Rose and Mike Martin for the first part of the year. We wish to thank Rose and Mike for their many years of dedicated service to our youth as they take some time off. The senior youth group will continue under the excellent leadership of Brion and Wendy. Our thanks to all who donate their time to the leadership of our youth and we offer our continue support.

Bible Study continued this year with Wednesday morning meetings.

Confirmation classes were held at the beginning of the new Sunday School term this year and there were five teenagers confirmed this spring. C.D. helped with the planning of receptions for Confirmation and Graduation Sundays.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Forret, Chair

## JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP Jan. 2002 - June 2002

The Junior Youth Group had a busy and successful second half of the church year, with several activities to note. The group went to Dooley's for a night of pool. The kids had fun but the smoke was bad! Another night we held a Jeopardy night and invited some adults to a challenge. The prize \$50.00 went to the charity of the winners choice. The adults won the challenge and the cheque went to the United Church clothing depot. Well - done one and all. Hally and I would like to thank the adults who came out to help with the game. Don't ask me why April is the month for the United Church camping Sunday, but we went along with the camping theme and had a sleepover at the church. "**Sleepover**" should be used loosely as we only had about 3 and a half - hours sleep. We started off the night by going to the recyclers which went along with our mission topic this year. "To live with respect in creation."

Back at the church the group built a real sacred pond in the basement, water and all. The next day, Sunday, we invited the congregation to have a look at our pond and to toss a coin in for M&S. \$38.00 was collected and the group thanked the congregation for their support. The group went to Fundy National Park for a day and we held a gym night where it was suggested we collect pennies for the church roof. We joined in with the congregation and collected a little over \$400.00 in pennies. To end the year we had our driving scavenger hunt. The kids said make it harder than the year before, so harder is what they got.

We left the group in the capable hands of the Cummings with a little more than \$100.00 in the bank account. Hally and I wish to thank the congregation for all the support that was shown to the group and pray that the kids this year experience the same support next year. All the best to the kids going on and to the ones arriving and old timers have a blast!

**JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**  
**Sept. 2002 – Dec. 2002**

The Junior Youth Group held its first meeting Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2002. There are a lot of new faces attending and, on average, we have 10-12 youth at a meeting.

Our major fund raisers this fall were a fudge sale at the November Turkey Supper and selling Christmas wreaths and bows. We would like to thank the congregation for supporting us in both these endeavors.

Some of the projects we undertook were baking pies for Hestia House, filling two shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, and making soup for Romero House.

We also took time for some fun as well. We have had a night of bowling and pizza. We also like to play games with the favourite being Underground Church. Our latest adventure included a night of sliding (it was cold but we had a great time).

John and I really enjoy working with this group of young people but regretfully we cannot continue next year due to conflicts with other commitments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol and John Cummings

**JR. YOUTH GROUP TREASURER REPORT**  
**Fund Raising and Expenses: Sept. 2002 – Dec. 2002**

Receipts:	Fudge Sales	90.00
	Sale of Christmas Wreaths	1,143.00
	Bows	194.00
Total receipts		1,427.00
	Expenses:	
	Bowling at KV Lanes	29.50
	Pizza	40.00
	Christmas wreaths	765.00
Total Expenses		834.50
Closing balance December 31, 2001		592.50

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol and John Cummings

**SENIOR YOUTH GROUP**

The Senior Youth Group started off the year with a couple of meetings. We did go curling with the congregation in the spring. A trip to the Hampton Bible camp to go paintballing drew a crowd and was enjoyed by everyone. We also went biking in late May.

At the close of the Sunday school in June we recognized the great work done by Mike and Rose Martin, who decided to take a rest from running through the woods at night with the teenagers, actually I think they got tired of waiting for the kids to catch up!! Their years of dedication and hard work for the youth of our church is greatly appreciated.

The sad news is the attendance in 2002 at meetings was down to one or two and so this fall no meetings were held. We still intend to plan a few "outings" with the youth for this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Brion Crossman

## LOOKING BACK ON THE YEAR 2002: A CHOIR PERSPECTIVE

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” *Proverbs 16:3* I once read that one person with a dream is equal to 99 who only have an interest. The Lord truly planted a dream into the members of Quispamsis United Church congregation this year and gave us all His desire to follow our dreams to the end. As a congregation, if we remember our good times and bad times throughout 2002, I think we all will remember the bad news we got about the roof but hopefully reflect back at all the good times we had setting fundraising goals and achieving, at times surpassing, our goals. We are blessed with a vibrant, dedicated congregation, and as well, a very dedicated choir.

I don't think any of us could look back at 2002 and not think about the CD. The year was one of planning and preparation. “Plan ahead! Noah didn't build the ark when it was raining!” We started out on this endeavor when we had nothing else to do back in January and February. The choir worked very hard as our April recording date approached and when it had to be postponed until the fall, I think in some ways, we were all a bit relieved. While we did do a lot of preparation, there was still a lot we could've done given more time. We got 6 more months and recorded our CD, **“Raise the Roof!”** on October 19<sup>th</sup>! We ordered 500 CDs and to date we have sold approximately 400 and have raised about \$3500 for the roof fund. **Thank you** for helping us make these sales possible.

Looking beyond the work and commitment the choir put into the CD, Quispamsis United Church Choir joined St. David's Choir to perform not one but two Cantatas this year: “I Come to the Cross” at Easter and “Touched by A King” at Christmas time. December 15<sup>th</sup> was quite a busy morning for both choirs as the cantata was sung at Quispamsis United at 9:30 and again at St. David's at 11:00. Thanks to Brion Crossman for narrating and for all those who helped make this service possible, including the change of service time that was needed for us to even consider doing such a thing. Thank you. The specialty of the added instruments and combined choir voices truly enhanced the Christmas message we all received that morning.

The Quispamsis United Church Choir consists of about 30 dedicated and talented people. Lately our choir annual reports just wouldn't be an annual report if I weren't able to report new choir members! This year, we are pleased to welcome Bob Crowley into the Tenor section, and Susan Reid, Brenda Badger and Rose Jardine into the soprano section. And last but not least, if you see Shelley Gallant singing in the choir, do not think she's lost – she is home! We are very happy to have Shelley singing with us again!

In addition to preparing anthems for Sunday Services and Church Celebrations, the choir also sings at the Loch Lomond Villa approximately 2-3 times per year, and since the spring, the choir has been greatly involved in the Outreach program, generously and graciously giving what we can to help families in need. Our Ministry of Music also reaches out to the homes of people who are unable to attend church on Sunday. If you, or anyone you know, might like a visit from the choir, please let us know.

The choir meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 and is always seeking new members. If you have an interest in joining the choir, we would strongly encourage you to do so! For more information, please speak to me or see one of the choir members.

The year 2002 was a year of preparation and the realization that God has truly given all of us wings to fly. As the choir prepares for 2003, we will have St. David's join us for Good Friday service, we will learn the current sung response for offertory, we will master the round for Hymn

#701, we will sell the remaining 100 CDs (and possibly more) and above all, we will continue to sing with all our gladness, making joyful noises unto the Lord.

*“...And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.”*

*Micah 6:8*

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela MacLean  
Organist and Choir Director

*The secret of happy living is not to do what you like, but to like what you do. Lord, be with me in my daily work and help me to take pleasure in each task. Amen.*

**AGNES ALLINGHAM U.C.W.**  
**Fortieth Anniversary of the United Church Women**

The Agnes Allingham U.C.W. numbers on the roll this year have decreased from 20 to 18 due to illness. We had 12 meetings with an average attendance of 13.

Many members participated in our devotionals of various themes. We continued to send cards to the sick and bereaved and delivered gifts to shut-ins at special times throughout the year. Memorial cards were also mailed at the appropriate times. This year the decision was made to send cards to members of our congregation at the time of their baptism, confirmation and marriage.

Some of our members continue to donate time to the K. V. Food Basket and the Clothing Depot. A number of our members attended the U.C.W. Annual Meeting at Glenview United at which time flowers were placed in memory of departed members. We participated in the World Day of Prayer at St. Luke's Anglican Church, Quispamsis.

St. David's United Church in Rothesay hosted the U.C.W. Biennial this year and it being the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.C.W. it was a memorable occasion. We contributed to the success of this event, as did other units of the Saint John Presbytery, by providing meals, banners and homes for billets etc. In our church, in recognition of the Fortieth Anniversary of the U.C.W., we conducted a service that was especially prepared for the occasion.

We continue to save Sobey's Slips, Campbell Soup Labels and Postage Stamps. Our money making projects this year consisted of a Flea Market, Brown Bag Sale, Bake Sale and Special Days Collection. Those who received support from us were: Romero House Soup Kitchen, Coverdale Centre, Outreach Fund, K.V. Food Basket, Operation Christmas Child and the Roof Fund. The mitten tree brought in 24 pair of mittens, 1 hat, 5 pairs of socks and a pair of baby booties.

Just a note of interest, two of our members celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

For our last meeting before the summer break we had lunch together at Holly's in Hampton. The year closed with a Pot Luck Dinner and an exchange of Christmas gifts to which we invited guests which included Rev. Peter Smith and his wife, Meredith. A social time was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Hughes

*Be Fishers of Men...you catch 'em, God will clean 'em.*

*Exercise daily---walk with the Lord!*

**AGNES ALLINGHAM U.C.W.  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT – YEAR ENDING DEC. 31/2002**

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Offering	492.75	Saint John Pres. U.C.W.	60.00
Memorial Fund	30.00	Re: Allocation	
Money making idea	65.00	Memorial Fund	90.00
Brown Bag Sales	135.50	Q.U.C. "Outreach Fund"	250.00
Transferred from		U.C.W. Bi-Annual Expenses	144.60
Memorial Fund	16.10	Cards	31.85
Received from Maritime		Maritime Conference Re: Newsletter	6.00
Conference Re: U.C.W.		Secretary Book	15.32
Bi-Annual	420.00	Flewelling Press – Plaque for Table	16.10
Yard Sale	397.31	Flowers	54.02
Interest	.15	Stamps	16.00
Donations	15.00	Yard Sale – "Given to Church"	394.56
Tax rebate on table for		Q.U.C. "Roof Fund"	436.00
Parlor	16.50	Funeral Reception	12.29
Bake Sale at Turkey Supper	455.80	Bake Sale Turkey Supper - "Given	
Sobey's Slips	<u>284.01</u>	to Church"	455.80
	2,328.12	Shoe Boxes	35.00
		Christmas Party	<u>28.58</u>
			2,046.12
Balance Forward	193.10	Bank Balance	634.00
Receipts	<u>2,328.12</u>	Outstanding cheques	<u>0.00</u>
Total	2,521.22	Total	634.00
Expenses	<u>2,046.12</u>	Memorial Fund	<u>158.90</u>
Balance Dec. 31/2002	475.10	Balance Dec. 31/2002	475.10

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley Melvin (Treasurer)

## KENNEBECASIS VALLEY FOOD BASKET

346 Hampton Road  
Quispamsis, N. B.  
E2E 4S9

Tel. 847-5854

### HOURS:

Monday: 9 am - 12 noon  
(volunteers prepare food  
and receive donations)

Tuesday: 9:30 am - 12 noon  
(food distribution)

The number of families served this year from May to October, 2002, increased by 13.6% as compared to the same 6 months period in 2001. There were 4% more adults served and 13% more children served during this same time frame.

There are about 50 volunteers who keep the Food Basket running smoothly and efficiently. The people in the Valley continue to be very supportive and caring. As a note of interest, one of the volunteers of the K.V. Food Basket was chosen as "Maritimer of the Week" on ATV in December. Many schools and other youth groups continue to be involved and collect for the Food Basket. It is very gratifying, indeed, to see our youth aware of those less fortunate and willing to do something about it. All this makes it easier for the Board to carry out its mandate, which is to provide a 3 day supply of food to those who find themselves in a difficult situation.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank all those who continue to support the Food Basket, it is very much appreciated by all concerned. Our hope is that the support will continue in the future due to an increase in numbers of those in need.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Hughes

*Give God what is right, not what is left!*

*A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing!*

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**QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH  
USER GROUPS**

WEDNESDAY	1:30 (2nd & 4th)	AGNES ALLINGHAM	LILLIAN RETTINGER	849-4454
THURSDAY	6:30 - 8:00 7:30 - 9:00 8:00 - 9:30	BEAVERS 'B' SENIOR CHOIR MARTIAL ARTS	JOEL GOLDING ANGELA MACLEAN ROB DOLEY	849-3766 657-2643 847-4022
SUNDAY		SR. YOUTH GROUP	NOT MEETING	
SATURDAY alternate weeks	7:00 - 9:30	JR. YOUTH GROUP	CAROL CUMMINGS	847-2329
THURSDAY - 1st	7:30	GROUP COMMITTEE	CALVIN KEITH	849-1410
MONTHLY	7:30	CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT	BRENDA FORRET	849-9009
WEDNESDAY - 2nd	7:30	STEWARDS	GEORGE BAREFOOT	849-9302
WEDNESDAY - 4th	7:30	SESSION	LARRY WATSON	849-7501
TUESDAY - 1st	7:30	WORSHIP	PETER SMITH	847-4924

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
**OFFICIAL BOARD 2003**

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Annie Walker

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## INDIVIDUAL ASSIGNMENTS

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<b>Assistant Envelope Secretary</b>	Carolyn Kimball
<b>Sunday School Superintendent</b>	Karen Young
<b>Presbytery Representative</b>	Wendy Crossman
	Shelley Gallant (Alternate)
<b>Home Mission Council Rep.</b>	Brion Crossman
<b>Greeter Co-ordinator</b>	Barb Jewett
<b>Lay Reader Co-ordinator</b>	Marlene Whittaker
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Rowena Anderson	Ray Tonge
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<b>Church Secretary</b>	
Mabel Cline	
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Angela MacLean	Stacy Oliver
Karen Young	

Respectfully submitted,  
Evert Bos, Nominating Committee