

# Quispamsis United Church

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Worship Every Sunday At 10:00 AM. All are welcome!



## FALL NEWSLETTER 2008

### *Newsletter notes from Ron V...*

It's hard to believe that the fall/winter season has begun. Well, it has and the activities of the church are nicely underway. In this Newsletter you will find information about congregational events and special worship services planned for the Advent and Christmas season.

As you probably know, I am here on a ¾ time basis. Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte will be of assistance for the other ¼ and will keep in touch with those from the congregation who might be in hospital, and preach on the last Sunday of each month. There will be some exceptions to this plan, but that's generally how it will work. I am "on deck," so to speak, for 3 weeks each month, and have the last week off. I wish I'd thought of this arrangement years ago!

An important and essential part of congregational life is the willingness of participants in the congregation to share the duties and responsibilities of the work to be done. There are many enthusiastic volunteers that make this place work well. One of the greatest needs is for teachers in the Sunday School. A very important part of who we are as Jesus' disciples is to share in the faith formation of our children and youth. It is an opportunity to make a friend amongst the children, a friendship that will last for years.



There is a fairly informal study group under way on Tuesday mornings from 10:30 'til noon, and it is an excellent opportunity to talk about all sorts of things. The focus, more or less, is the "Song of Faith", a statement of faith that came from the last General Council in 2006. You can find it on the United Church website, ([united-church.ca](http://united-church.ca)), and in the search box, just type "Song of Faith". It's worth the effort! As you might imagine, conversation in the group is wide ranging as we discuss the document, and, as importantly, reflect on our own lives and our respective churches of origin. It looks like this group will continue throughout the fall and winter on the first three Tuesday mornings each month. Just keep an eye on the Sunday announcements, and if you have never taken in such a group, it's a good time to start, and the tea is just great!

There will be special services for Advent and Christmas, and more details you will find in Faye's notes. You might want to pass the word along to some who may not have quite gotten back into the routine of Sunday morning worship. It is important to reach out, even if by a phone call, to people who have "moved back" from congregational activities for a while. Your voice of welcome could make a difference.

I am with you until the Selection Committee chooses a minister to present to you for your consideration. Selecting a new minister is always a challenging and exciting task, and anyone that comes here should be excited to be invited to exercise their ministry in your midst.

It is a pleasure to be with you for these months, and I wish you greater sense of God's closeness as we move into the future where God awaits us. May the Advent and Christmas seasons be a blessing as, together, we contemplate the Christ child in our midst, move into the New Year.

God's richest blessing on us all...

Rev. Dr. Ron Vincent

## Fall turkey supper



November 8, 4-6pm

Adults - \$10

Seniors - \$8

Children under 12 - \$4

**Food donations and help requirements lists are posted on the side bulletin board.**

### *Agnes Allingham UCW*

The Agnes Allingham unit of the U.C.W. meets in the church parlour on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, starting at 1:30pm and has 15 members. We were saddened to hear of the passing of one of our members, Lyla Richards. She will be missed.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is continuing. We have given out 19 of these shawls and everyone has been very appreciative to receive them.

The tap saver program from Sobeys has been discontinued, so there is no need to save these. The final submission was in September and we were able to receive \$192.00 which we will get in 3-4 weeks. We were able to buy four more tables for McDonald Hall with our money in the spring. Thank you to the congregation for supporting this program.

We are still collecting Campbells Soup labels and used stamps.

On the Social side we were invited to Minto in May to share lunch and a meeting with them. A great time was had by all. We are planning to invite them to our meeting in October.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margery Dunfield



*Christian Development Committee*

The Christian Development Committee has been reformed with new members who are Dave Parkhill (co-chair), Jill Hossack (co-chair), Peter Hogan (secretary), Amanda Winchester and Lorrie Delong. We have had 4 meetings thus far and our primary focus has been on revitalizing the Sunday school ministry. We have been working closely with Kim Kimball, Sunday school coordinator, and her team to help choose a new curriculum and redistribute the many tasks that this ministry encompasses. We feel things are going well so far this year with the Sunday school and the new "Piece by Piece" curriculum has been getting positive feedback from both the students and teachers alike. We encourage parents and caregivers to be supportive of this new program and be involved in any way they can to make this year another success story for our congregation.

With the Sunday school up and running, we are focusing on getting a youth group reestablished to give our youth a place to learn and have fun in a church setting. Karen Young has begun working with the high school students and we are exploring some joint ventures with the youth of St. David's United Church. Alicia Walls, part time youth minister at St. David's, has been very receptive to this idea and we are planning a joint meeting very soon to develop a plan going forward. We hope to eventually have a junior and senior youth group established as in years past. Stay posted!!

Finally, we are hoping to develop an adult Christian education program and we have identified this as a goal. With all the other tasks we are undertaking, not much has happened so far on this endeavour but we would appreciate any input the congregation may have on what they would like to see in this ministry or if there any other areas that need to be addressed.

Feel free to contact any member of the CD Committee with your feedback.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Hogan



October, 2008

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe we are into the busy-ness of fall activities. Our choirs certainly are, and soon will be preparing Advent and Christmas music. This is a good opportunity for you to enjoy singing, especially with Quispamsis adult choir. Singing is a healthy social activity and a welcome break from the pressures of everyday living. Take some time for yourself as we approach an even more hectic time of year. We are preparing a cantata for presentation December 14. Come and sing with us.

We have started organizing a choir function with Hammond River UC and Hampton United Church. Both organists are keen to take part in an evening of seasonal music with a combined choir presentation. A free will offering would go to the Mission and Service Fund. These plans are tentative and subject to choir members' approval. Keep an eye to your bulletins for more information.

Quispamsis United Church Children's Choir meets regularly after church on Sunday mornings. We have welcomed several new singers and heartily encourage others to come join us. Parents can enjoy a social time downstairs as we rehearse. It is only for forty to forty-five minutes, but we get a lot done in that time. We are preparing to sing October 26, November 23 and at White Gift Sunday worship.

We are grateful to have vocal soloists and instrumentalists contributing through the year. It warms our hearts to see a young musician giving time and talent to the glory of God. J.S. Bach "The Father of Music" always signed his musical compositions that way "To the Glory of God". Bach's works have flourished for over three centuries. We try to keep that same purpose in our hearts and minds as we work at musical presentations week after week wishing only to make worship more meaningful for all.

In Christ's service,

### *Opportunities for Input and Service*

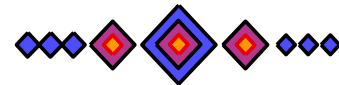
Very soon the Nominating Committee will ask you to put forward the names of congregation members who will serve a three-year term on Session or Stewards. This year there are numerous vacancies since several current members agreed to extend their stay by one year to facilitate the transition to a new minister. Many thanks to them and to those who have served back-to-back terms over the years.

Session members have the opportunity to guide the life and work of Quispamsis United, as well as be an Elder to a small number of Church families. Stewards are responsible for the Church's financial management and the maintenance of the church property. Both groups meet on a monthly basis.

Nominations are always welcome, and may be given to any member of the Nominating Committee. Please prayerfully consider letting your name stand this year.

Brenda Badger

Members of the Nominating Committee:  
Bruce Amey – 847-4085  
Carolyn Kimball – 849-9618  
Brenda Badger – 847-7829  
Stu Baker – 847-4906



*Hope is the thing with feathers  
That perches in the soul.  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all.*

Emily Dickinson

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

I've decided to answer some questions about our worship services and our committee. No one has actually asked these questions yet, but maybe you are all thinking them!

Q: Who is responsible for making our sanctuary look so beautiful for Thanksgiving?

A: Annie Walker and Evelyn Backa decorated for us. Didn't they do a great job?

Q: Why on earth is church starting five minutes early?

A: We wanted to allow an hour for our worship service, and we know that people like to be finished around eleven o'clock. By starting with announcements at 9:55, it allows us to get the "business" of the church out of the way. Then, you'll notice, the candles are lit and our service of worship begins.

Q: What kind of things is the Worship Committee currently planning?

A: I'm glad you asked! We have great things planned for the season of Advent. On December 7th we are having a "White Gift Service" (minus the white), and on that evening we are having a service of seasonal music, with choirs from other United Churches taking part. Mark that on your calendar. On December 14th we are having a Cantata. Also this Advent, we will be having Wednesday evening services, which will allow you to escape the hustle and bustle of Christmas for about 20 minutes, and give you a chance to focus on the spiritual part of the season. Please consider inviting friends to these services.

Q: How can I get involved with this exciting committee?

A: We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, and we would be happy to have new members or visitors. If you have decorating talent you want to share, talk to Annie Walker. If you have questions, suggestions,

or complaints about our Worship services, talk to the minister or to me, Faye Sherrard. I've been on many church committees, and Worship is the only one that I always look forward to and never leave in a bad mood. Now isn't that a good recommendation?



We are getting a high school youth group going and our first activity is a trip to Moncton TreeGo. You can check out the website. We will be up in the trees in Centennial Park on Saturday afternoon, picking our way across obstacle courses and zoom down zip lines. We've heard it is a lot of fun. Not sure what our next event is yet but we'll let you know soon.

The **Social Committee** will be hosting a carol sing and silent auction before Christmas. We will choose a date this week.

## Outreach

Our Outreach umbrella reaches over several projects within our Church and beyond, such as

- support for crises needs of members of our Church, or our community, to help with costs for groceries (in conjunction with the KV Food Basket), heating, gas
- Christmas families, in conjunction with the Christmas Exchange, and the Fire Station
- Christmas Cookie Exchange for our Church families, shut-ins, and others as possible
- Community Chaplaincy, for monthly meals which we cook and serve to this inner city Christian Food Ministry, and for other support as possible.
- Coverdale Centre, its satellite homeless shelter and satellite apartment, as possible
- Nunavit baby clothes/blankets, as coordinated by Liz Flogeras.

Of course, we also continue to support the United Church Clothing Depot, and the KV Food Basket, and other programs as deemed possible.

We ask for your prayerful and financial support as we approach the challenges of a new year. Our team is small, but mighty, and we extend a warm invitation to you, to join with us in our endeavours. Please contact Diane Tonge (847-8145) or Barb McBean (847-2275) for more information.



## **An Update from KenVal United Church Suites**

The Board of the KV United Church Suites has had a very busy autumn season!

Our zoning has been approved by the Town of Quispamsis, awaiting completion of a development plan.

Mortgage applications are in progress, as are tenders for structural quotes.

Several of our internal committees have been EXTREMELY busy, meeting completion dates for various requirements as we progress toward a final agreement with governmental levels.

We are anticipating that we will bring our affordable housing project to fruition in the near future!

Respectfully submitted,  
Board members,  
KVUCS

### *A Prayer*

*Dear God, today we remember all who have died in wars. We pray that you would teach us to live peaceably with each other at home, at school, and at work so wars will not have to happen. Teach us to settle disputes in other ways than by fighting. Help us not to plan evil against anyone. If anyone harms us in any way, keep us from hurting them. Enable us to forgive. Help us to reconcile friends who are angry with one another. Teach us to listen to others, to respect their opinions, and to consider how they feel. Give wisdom to all the rulers of the nations. Set us free from selfishness and help us to love those in need and to share with them what we have. Care for all those who suffer because of wars or famine, oppression or discrimination. In Jesus' name, who came to bring peace. Amen.*