

# Quispamsis United Church

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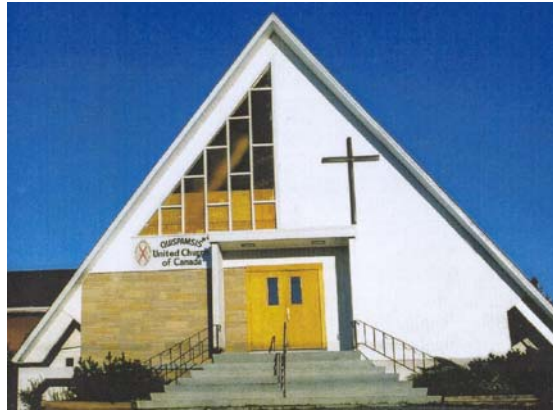
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**Worship Every Sunday At 10:00 AM. All are welcome!**



## NEWSLETTER 2005

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - Hebrews 13:8*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The winter really wasn't that bad this year. We only had a handful of storms and the cold weather didn't come until January. Compared to past years when we have had mountains of snow or months of bitter cold this season was actually quite mild. But the easy winter doesn't make the arrival of spring any less pleasant or welcome. The warm weather, the new growth, and return of songbirds is as invigorating and exhilarating as ever. The change of the season brings with it the promise of warm days and summer activities.

Change is one of those things which is a constant in our lives. We can see it reflected in the world around us and we can see it in the mirror each morning. Life is filled with change and while there are many times we feel changes should happen a little slower, the fact remains that change brings with it the promise of a new day.

The Bible speaks often about change. We are reminded that there are different seasons in our lives. We are born, we live and grow, we share our lives with other people, we pass from this world into the next. Those are the changes which every living person faces, for change is a fact of life. But the pages of Scripture also reveal that God is with us throughout those changes.

God is near us when we are young and growing, when we are sharing in the lives of other people, and when we are struggling with the changes which limit our lives. For while life changes, God's love and care for us remains unchanging. God's invitation for us to be people of faith in the world and share in the mercy and love of Christ remains continual.

That was the message of the early church, the gospel which led to the United Church being formed and inspired the building of Quispamsis United Church, and that good news continues to be the message we celebrate each Sunday. For indeed the promises and truth of Jesus Christ are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

May each new day in this season bring opportunities of faith and renewal for you and your family and may God continue to bless our church.

Yours in Christ's Service,

The Rev. Peter A. Smith



## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE: TSUNAMI APPEAL**

In early January 2005, the United Church of Canada launched an appeal to raise funds to help Tsunami devastated areas of South East Asia. To date as of March 15, 2005 \$1,394,715 has been raised and is being distributed to churches and charities in the areas affected.

### **How the Donations Are Being Shared**

- Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) -- India \$10,000. CASA is providing humanitarian assistance to 50,000 families across the southern states of India.

- The Church of North India (CNI) \$12,000. CNI is running two relief camps in Car Nicobar where 4,000 people are receiving daily support. CNI has taken a leading role in forming an NGO Disaster Management Coordination Committee at Port Blair for better coordination of rescue, relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction work in the islands.

- Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation (HRF) -- India \$12,000. HRF is carrying out immediate relief for those who have lost their livelihood resources and family members and are in special camps, as well as support for orphaned children. They are monitoring relief distribution and working to provide documentation to obtain government compensation and pensions for affected families and widows. HRF is also conducting a survey together with other organizations with regard to long-term restoration of livelihood and housing, including fishing boats and nets.

- Vikas Adhyayan Kendra (VAK) -- India \$12,000. VAK is coordinating immediate requirements for medical care (needed to prevent the spread of epidemics), food, and water. They are facilitating traditional solutions to post-traumatic stress through children's play groups and community caring/sharing groups, as well as carrying out a rapid disaster assessment study.

- Institute for Development Education (IFDE) -- India (Chennai, Tamil Nadu) \$12,000. IFDE is helping local

women's associations identify and supply immediate food and household needs to local fishing villages.

- Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN) -- Thailand \$12,000. AMAN is assisting in the operation of three children's shelters, and carrying out relief operations in different parts of Thailand.

- Through the KAIROS Global Partnership Program Kontras -- Aceh, Indonesia \$12,000. Kontras is involved in immediate food and medical relief.

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### **Other Ways in which United Church Funds Are Being Shared**

- Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) \$100,000 from United Church equity is being directed towards an initiative in India to purchase locally grown rice for distribution among those who need it.

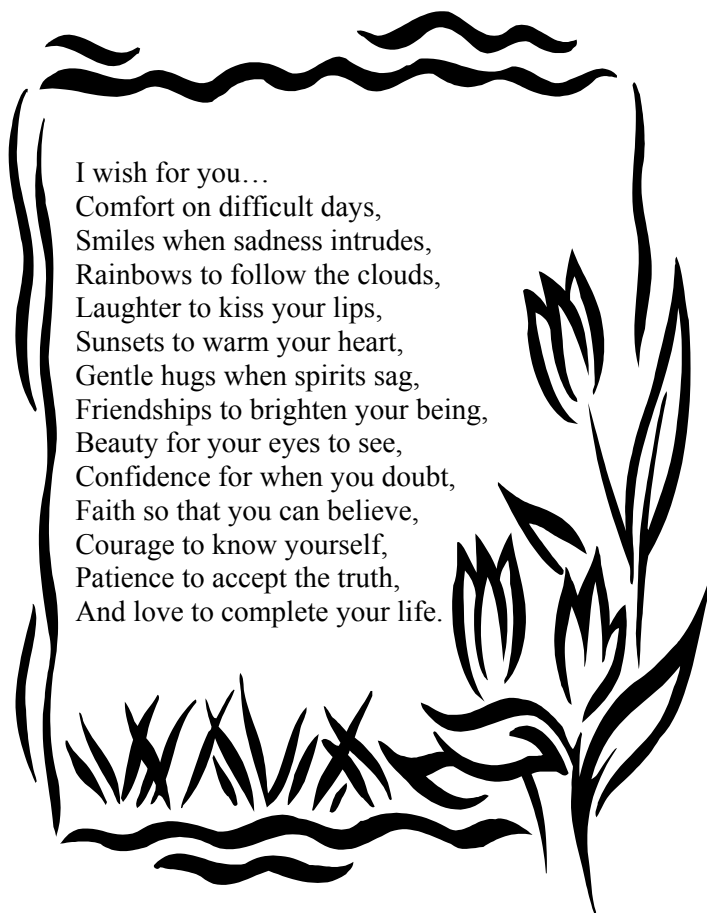
- Action by Churches Together (ACT) \$50,000 has been designated to CASA India. CASA is an agency of the National Council of Churches in India and comprises 24 Protestant and Orthodox churches in India. CASA is mandated to do relief work on behalf of all the Protestant churches in India and, as one of the implementing partners for ACT, is supporting the Church of North India in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

CASA has a decentralized disaster preparedness plan. This system has been created through the establishment of a wider and more effective infrastructure network and capacity building program for CASA staff, representatives of churches, and identified partner organizations, both at the disaster management and grassroots level, who can respond to a call for assistance at short notice. This network is backed by relief materials purchased and pre-stocked at CASA's warehouses at strategic locations throughout the country.



Donations are still being collected to help with the continuing efforts to rebuild the areas devastated by the Tsunami. If you would like to

donate, an envelope can be placed in the Offering Plate on Sunday marked with your church envelope number and "Tsunami Relief" or a donation can be made online at [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca) by clicking on the appropriate links.



I wish for you ...  
Comfort on difficult days,  
Smiles when sadness intrudes,  
Rainbows to follow the clouds,  
Laughter to kiss your lips,  
Sunsets to warm your heart,  
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,  
Friendships to brighten your being,  
Beauty for your eyes to see,  
Confidence for when you doubt,  
Faith so that you can believe,  
Courage to know yourself,  
Patience to accept the truth,  
And love to complete your life.

## **SUPER SATURDAY MULCH SALE** **May 14, 2005**

Be sure to support our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**MULCH..... Tons of it.....\$20.00/yard.**

Delivered **FREE** in the K.V. area. **Deliveries available Friday evening and all day Saturday.** Sign-up sheets available at the church or call steward.

## **FLEA MARKET**

Don't miss it.....\$10.00 to rent a table.

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

If the weather is poor, the flea market will be moved inside.

## **IS THERE SUCH A THING AS EVIL? DARK? COLD?**

*The university professor challenged his students with this question. Did God create everything that exists? A student bravely replied, "Yes, he did!"*

*"God created everything? The professor asked. "Yes sir", the student replied.*

*The professor answered, "If God created everything, then God created evil since evil exists, and according to the principle that our works define who we are then! God is evil". The student became quiet before such an answer.*

*The professor was quite pleased with himself and boasted to the students that he had proven once more that the Christian faith was a myth.*

*Another student raised his hand and said, "Can I ask you a question professor?"*

*"Of course", replied the professor.*

*The student stood up and asked, "Professor, does cold exist?"*

*"What kind of question is this? Of course it exists. Have you never been cold?" The students snickered at the young man's question.*

*The young man replied, "In fact sir, cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat. Every body or object is susceptible to study when it has or transmits energy, and heat is what makes a body or matter have or transmit energy. Absolute zero (-460 degrees F) is the total absence of heat; all matter becomes inert and incapable of reaction at that temperature. Cold does not exist. We have created this word to describe how we feel if we have no heat."*

*The student continued, "Professor, does darkness exist?"*

*The professor responded, "Of course it does."*

*The student replied, "Once again you are wrong sir,*

*darkness does not exist either. Darkness is in reality the absence of light. Light we can study, but not darkness. In fact we can use Newton's prism to break white light into many colours and study the various wavelengths of each colour. You cannot measure darkness. A simple ray of light can break into a world of darkness and illuminate it. How can you know how dark a certain space is? You measure the amount of light present. Isn't this correct? Darkness is a term used by man to describe what happens when there is no light present."*

*Finally the young man asked the professor, "Sir, does evil exist?"*

*Now uncertain, the professor responded, "Of course as I have already said. We see it every day. It is in the daily example of man's inhumanity to man. It is in the multitude of crime and violence everywhere in the world. These manifestations are nothing else but evil."*

*To this the student replied, "Evil does not exist sir, or at least it does not exist unto itself. Evil is simply the absence of God. It is just like darkness and cold, a word that man has created to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. Evil is not like faith, or love that exist just as does light and heat. Evil is the result of what happens when man does not have God's love present in his heart. It's like the cold that comes when there is no heat or the darkness that comes when there is no light."*

*The professor sat down.*

*The young man's name - Albert Einstein.*

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The social committee is still active, planning events about for the members of our congregation to enjoy a time of fellowship together. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we had a wonderful time at Connie & Archie Downey's house with a pizza and karaoke party. Our next event will be a barbeque and square dance in June hosted by Patty and Steven Downey which is always thoroughly enjoyable. Stay tuned through the bulletin for a firm date.



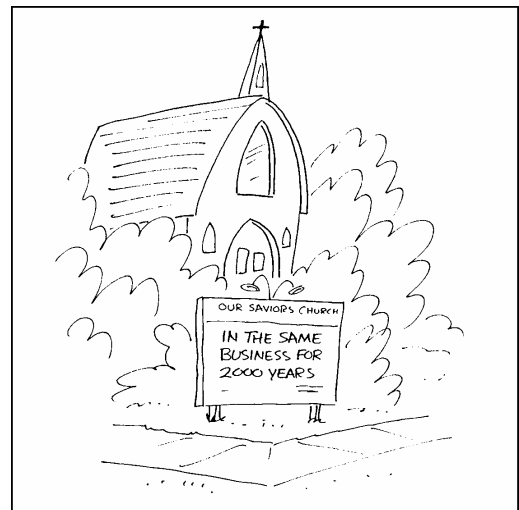
Don't forget that all of our events are open to all church members and their guests. You can even enjoy the barn dance even if you come without a partner. We take turns dancing with others; so plan to attend. It is a real opportunity for fellowship.

Karen Young, Stacy Oliver and Velma Bos

*Whenever you find tears in your eyes, especially unexpected tears, it is well to pay the closest attention.*

*They are not only telling you something about the secret of who you are, but more often than not God is speaking to you through them of the mystery of where you have come from and is summoning you to where, if your soul is to be saved, you should go next.*

— Frederick Buechner "Whistling in the Dark"



**K.V. FOOD BANK** needs our support year round:

- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Donations

The food items and toiletries may be left in the receptacle at the church. Our Food Bank representative is Betty Hughes. We appreciate your continued support as contributions have been down at this time of year.

## CELEBRATING MILESTONES IN 2005

2005 is a year of celebrations. The United Church of Canada is celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Church Union. On June 10, 1925 three distinct denominations, the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregationalist Churches came together to form one national church - the United Church of Canada. Since that historic Union, other churches such as the Evangelical United Brethren and the Wesleyan Methodist Synod of Bermuda have become part of our United Church. We have a rich and diverse history to celebrate and be thankful for as we celebrate our church.

To mark this special occasion there will be special events across the country this June to mark this special time in our life together. Watch the bulletin for more information on what is happening at our church and in the Saint John area!

2005 is also a milestone for us locally at Quispamsis United Church as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our church building. Plans are underway for a whole weekend of activities in late October to remember and give thanks to God for the years we have been a congregation.

Events currently being planned include a memorial hymns sing by the choir, a congregational potluck, and of course a special Anniversary worship service. Watch the bulletin for more information about what is happening and speak to members of the Worship Committee and to the choir if you are interested in being a part of the preparations for this joyful time.

## Membership in the United Church of Canada

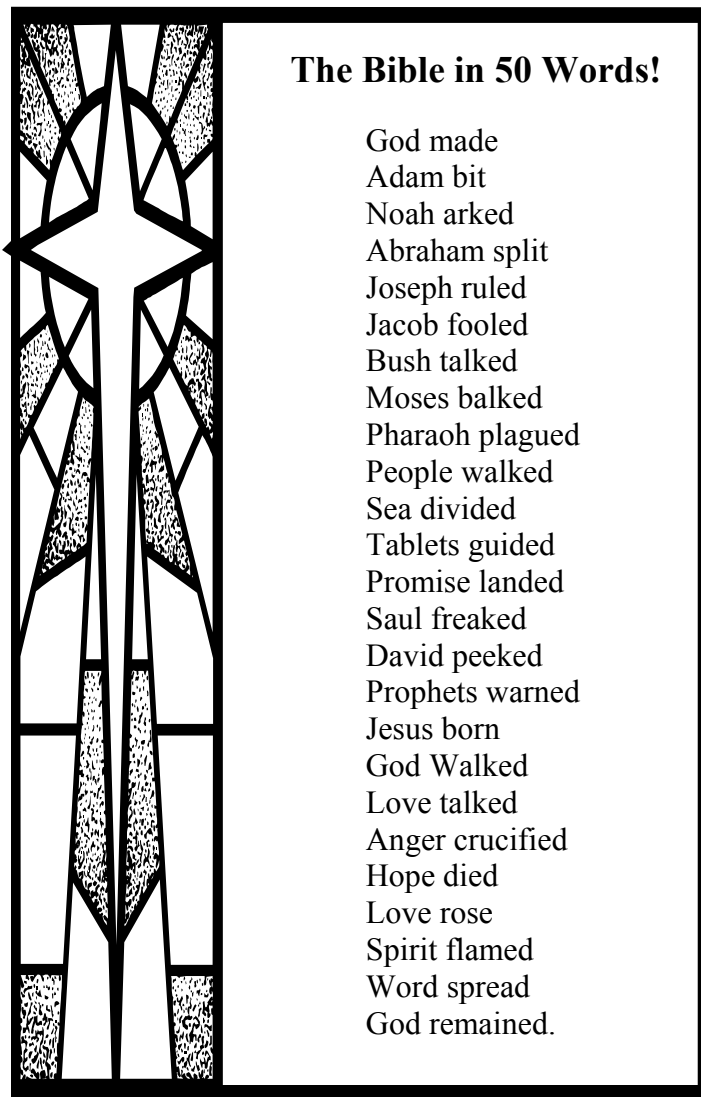
Everyone is welcome to be a part of the life and ministry of the church. Participation in Sunday worship and in the various activities of the church helps to shape and enrich the life of our congregation. All people are welcome to share in the life of the church of Christ as it worships and shares the gospel message. Together we are the body of Christ in the world.

Within the body there are people who have made a specific commitment to the local congregation by becoming members of Quispamsis United Church. In the rules of the United Church of Canada certain decisions are reserved for the members of the church. Most notably these include decisions around the coming and going of a minister and the spiritual direction of the congregation. Becoming a member of the church usually involves making a public profession of faith and promising to be a part of the congregation within the service of worship or transferring your membership from another congregation. If you would like to know more about membership in the United Church of Canada please speak to Rev. Peter or a member of Session.

## Privacy at Quispamsis United Church

Privacy has become an important issue in the electronic age. At Quispamsis United Church we take specific steps to ensure that any personal information that is collected is kept in a secure location and only used for church purposes. Our records are kept and stored in accordance with the national guidelines for archived material. Personal information kept by the church is never shared with outside agencies or organizations except where required by law. Any documents which contain personal information that is no longer required by the church are destroyed by shredding or incineration. If you are concerned about your personal information or privacy in the church in general please speak to a member of the Official Board or to Rev. Peter.





## The Bible in 50 Words!

God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed  
Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God Walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

## LIFE

*The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would ponder it, and let her know.*

*Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body- the cellulite, the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, the jiggly thighs, and the sagging butt. And often I am taken aback by that old lady that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long.*

*I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.*

*Whose business is it if I choose to read until 4 a.m. and sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50's, and if I at the same time wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a bulging midriff, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set. They, too, will get old.*

*I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten - and I eventually remember the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect. I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no", and mean it. I can say "yes", and mean it. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.*

*So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be.*

*And I shall eat dessert every single day! ~writer unknown~*

# Sunday School NEWS

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day." – Mary Ann, age 4

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the worship service on April 3<sup>rd</sup> put on by the Sunday school. The middle school Sunday school class entertained us with their play "It'll Turn Up" which was greatly enjoyed. The following Sunday, they again put this play on at St. Paul's United Church in McAdam. It was great to have so many talented participants. We are very fortunate to have so many people willing to take part in worship.



Our church again participated in an outreach program to collect items for newborn babies in the Northwest Territories. *Thank you so much* for the overwhelming support. So many people have been knitting baby items and donating blankets. We collected \$182.11 with a free will offering at coffee hour on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, which was used towards sending these items to Inuvik.

There will be **no regular Sunday school class on May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, a holiday weekend. *Can you help out on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to do an activity with the youngsters during morning service?* If



**LOOKING FOR.....**

so, please call Karen. **The last day of regular Sunday school will be on May 29<sup>th</sup>.** We will be having a guest speaker, Erica Young, to speak about her year overseas during this service. **June 5<sup>th</sup> is Sunday school closing Sunday.** (Please have your children gather in their classrooms at 9:45 as they will be sitting in the front pews of the church with their classes for this service.) They will receive their certificates. Third grade children will receive Bibles and teachers will be recognized.

Following the service everyone is invited to join us for ice cream sundaes in MacDonald Hall.



If you can take a turn teaching in the fall please let me know. Happy spring and summer!

Karen Young (848-1018)

## CHURCH BULLETIN FUNNIES

Thank Goodness for church ladies with typewriters; these sentences actually appeared in a church bulletin (thankfully, not mine!) or were announced in a church service:

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa will be speaking tonight at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again" giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
3. "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands."
4. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
5. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"
6. Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
7. Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
8. During the absence of our Pastor, we enjoyed the rare privilege of hearing a good sermon when J.F. Stubbs supplied our pulpit.
9. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing "Break Forth into Joy."
10. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

11. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
12. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
13. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
14. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
15. Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
16. The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.
17. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
18. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.
19. The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hospitality.
20. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M.- prayer and medication to follow.
21. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
22. Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
23. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
24. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
25. The 8<sup>TH</sup> graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The Congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

26. Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★  
**Men's News**

Did you know that QUC now has an active Men's Group? We will be meeting every second week, alternating between weekday evenings (at the church) and early morning breakfast meetings at a restaurant.

We're really just getting started and we are still discussing what the objectives of our group will be. Certainly a significant component of having this group will simply be fellowship and social time among friends. We



We have also discussed such things as taking on projects within the church, taking on support roles for other constituents within the church (such as vocational training for the youth or other interested people), bible study, listening to guest speakers, and more. We will try out the alternating morning and evening sessions this spring to help determine what works for different people's schedules. We can then look at changing it or continuing with this approach in the fall.

If you have an interest, or would like to provide some input to either our objectives or our schedule, contact Mert Cline at 849-1427.

**I CAN DO EVERYTHING  
 THROUGH HIM  
 WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH**

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Excerpt (reprinted with permission) from  
"Proverbs for Life for Teachers"  
Everyday Wisdom for Everyday Living  
(Below, one of 46 lessons)

## A Better Way

*Even children make themselves known by their acts.*

*Proverbs 20:11 NRSV*

Children lie—some more than others—but at some point, most children will tell a real whopper at school. Some lies may seem innocuous, but all lies, if undetected, will lead to even more dishonesty. How can a teacher (or partner) turn a child's deception into a lesson?

The best and most positive way to deal with lying is to teach truthfulness. It is reasonable to believe that discerning the difference between the truth and a lie is an acquired skill--something that must be taught.

Look for ordinary opportunities to illustrate truthfulness—even if you are teaching college students. Praise those students who demonstrate honesty, especially when it would seem difficult to do so. Emphasize to your student the rewards of truthfulness—the trust of others, no secrets to cover up, and the confidence that comes from knowing you are pleasing God. For those who've been taught to love the truth, lying is no longer an option.

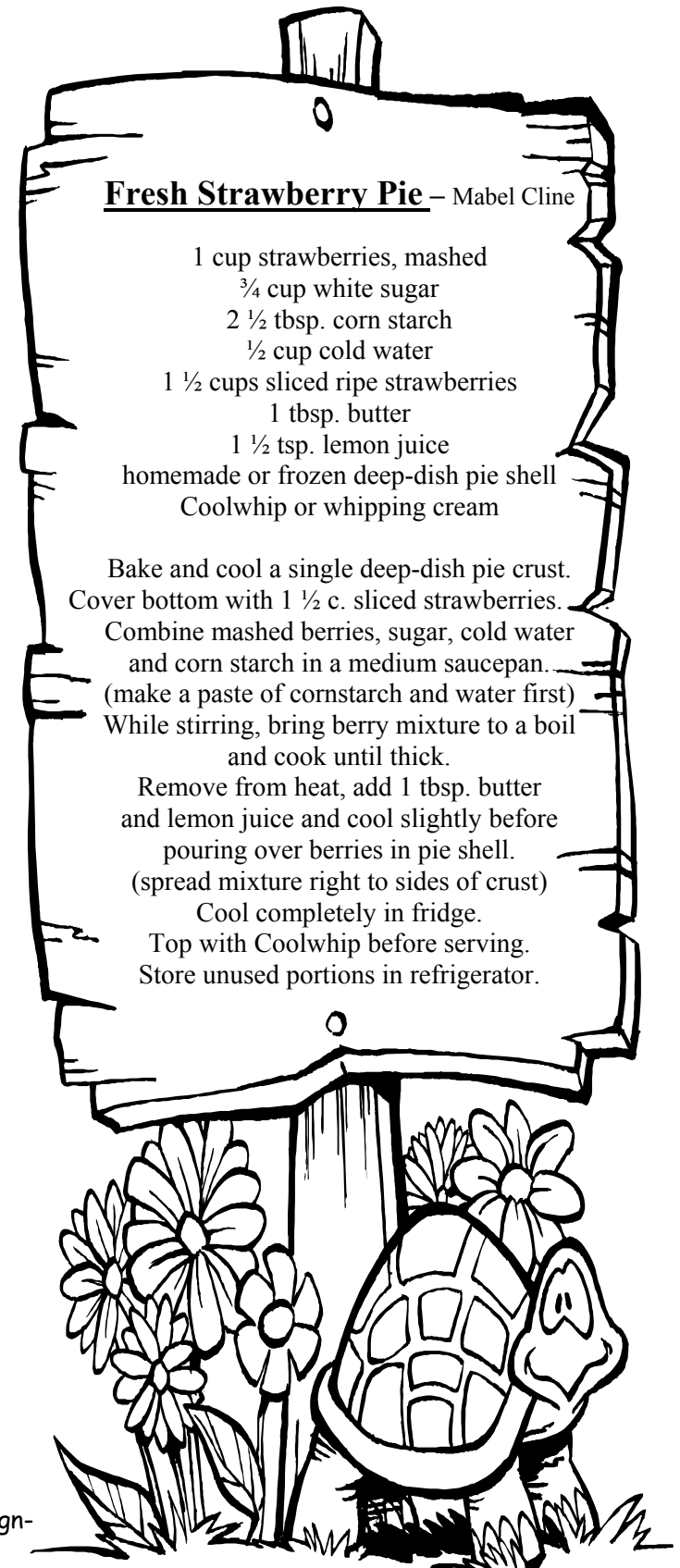
Teaching is much more than standing in front of a classroom with a textbook in your hand. As an effective teacher, you must also strive to make significant contributions to your students' moral education. Ask God to help you find creative ways to communicate the ideal of truthfulness to your students. Help your students reach their full potential by teaching them to recognize the truth and refuse to waver from it.

Try this: Go to the library to get on the internet to look for God-honoring ways to teach truthfulness and honesty. Start a file for your research and, at least twice each term; plan a lesson in the form of a story or illustration dealing with truthfulness to present to your students.

*Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6 NIV*

This book "Proverbs for Life for Teachers is available for sign-out in the QUC Library ☺

**Wondering what to do with those wonderful fresh strawberries which will be in abundance soon? Try this family favourite...**





## Library Book Review

By Jane Reinhart

Though KVHS is my very own Alma Mater, even I can recognize when credit is due. This June marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint John High School and with that in mind, I submit the following review.

Browsing the shelves of a used book store in Sussex, a title “Grin and Chuckle” caught my eye. Always ready for a good laugh, I opened its pages hoping to unleash that greatest of stress relievers. Although I wasn’t thrown out of the store for disturbance from fits of laughter, I was impressed with this collection of stories from cities around the Maritimes, its ability to make me smile, and even more interested to learn I had chosen a book written by a local author and graduate of Saint John High School. Dreaming of being published myself someday, I decided this one could go home with me and I would find out more about the author’s, Bob Butler, sunny outlook on life.

Learn about him, I did. He is a poet and a great humanitarian who calls his wife a “goddess” (a good start to winning over this female reader). He shares some of their life together and many stories that are light, fun, and informative about new friends he came in contact with during his travels. And his travels are many being a Senior Goodwill Ambassador for the Province of New Brunswick. He has had so many privileged experiences as volunteer and a community leader at very grass roots levels since his retirement, that all I can do here is suggest to you to go the church library and take “Grin and Chuckle” home with you for a bit of relaxation and inspiration.

Here is a dear little entry from the poetry section that ends both the book and my review.

Happy reading. ☺

## GRANDCHILDREN (reprinted with permission) Author: Bob Butler

They’re bundles of frivolity  
Just like a windy toy  
Perpetual emotion  
A state that could annoy.

But these tiny, active creatures  
Bring old folks back to life,  
Provide a nice diversion  
From aches and pains and strife.

These active little dynamos  
Are grandchildren, of course.  
With no respect for agedness,  
“C’mon Grampie, be a horse.”

They are delightful little people  
With an endless search for knowledge  
It’s great to get the early sign  
They want some help in college.

And who can ever turn a deaf ear  
When tousled hair and eyes of blue  
Looks up at you and says,  
“Gee Grampie, I love you.”

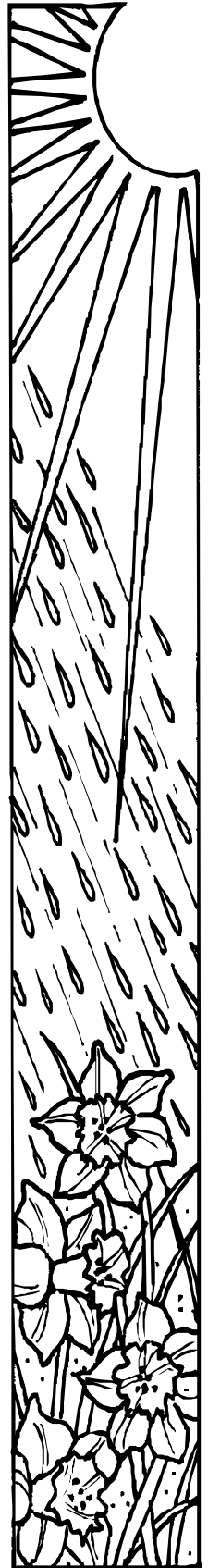
How could you ever recreate  
Such an angelic mug,  
Or duplicate the ecstasy  
Of an unrecruited hug.

Grandchildren give you reason,  
A zest to keep on living.  
And I believe life’s happiness  
Has much to do with giving.

From my grandchildren I get youth,  
A state of mind perhaps.  
And in return I try to give  
Characteristics to adopt.

The joys of life and laughter,  
A sunny, happy mood,  
Respectful thoughts for others,  
Faith, hope and fortitude.

Grandchildren are my special pills  
To keep from getting blue.  
The antidote, said SOFTLY,  
“Gee, Grampie, I love you.”





## PRAYER CIRCLE OF QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH

*Pray without ceasing. -1 Thessalonians 5:17*

Members of the prayer circle lift up those who have asked for prayer through the day, literally surrounding them with our thoughts and prayers. Anyone can be a member of the prayer circle, anyone can ask for a prayer request to be prayed about by the prayer circle.

*What do people in the prayer circle do?*

People in the prayer circle pray for those who have asked for prayer. These prayer requests are offered during the normal times the people in the prayer circle would pray or at a special time each day.

*What are prayer requests?*

Prayer requests are when you want others to be remembering you or a loved one in prayer. Prayers requests can come at a time of need or to give thanks for a blessing received.

Prayer requests can simply be an individual's name, a situation, or the specifics of a circumstance. Whatever is given as a request is lifted up in prayer. No more information is needed or will be asked for by the prayer circle members. Normally, prayers are offered for a month or until the situation being prayed about has changed.

Prayer requests are kept within the prayer circle itself.

*Who will know about my prayer request?*

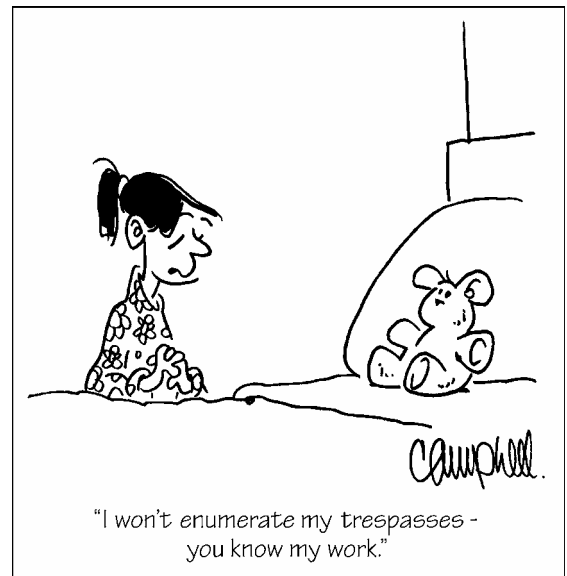
The people in the prayer circle who will be praying for you. Prayer requests are when you ask someone to pray for you, not gossip about you. The people in the prayer circle respect that and keep the request made between them and God. If you wish to speak to someone in the prayer circle about the request you

made that's fine but normally the prayer circle follows Jesus words about the value of praying in secret for others (Matthew 6:5-6).

*Who do I contact about the Prayer Circle?*

Lynn MacDonald is coordinating the prayer circle on behalf of Session. She is keeping the names of the prayer circle members and passing along requests to them. If you have a prayer request please call Lynn at 847-2326. If you would like to be a part of the prayer circle, please fill out the bottom portion of this insert and leave in the offering plate so a list may be generated. Each person on the list will be responsible for contacting one other person. Once we get started, Lynn will supply you with that name. You can also speak to Rev. Peter (847-4924) for more information.

*Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:16*



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**LARGE  
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***Could you use a large-print bulletin on Sunday? If this would be helpful to you, could you please let either Mabel Cline or Rev. Peter know of your requirements.***

## THINGS TO PONDER...

1. The best way to get even is to forget...
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death...
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts...
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight...
5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth....
6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up...
8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
9. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
10. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
11. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person; it's being the right person.
12. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
13. The tongue must be heavy, indeed, because so few people can hold it.
14. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
15. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck...
16. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can figure that the water bill is higher.

You are richer today if you have laughed, given, or forgiven! - (author unknown)

And now these three remain:

**FAITH,.....**  
**& HOPE**  
**Love.**

..... But the greatest  
of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13

## COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

Community Chaplaincy supports individuals who are incarcerated as well as those who have been released from correctional facilities. The Chaplaincy program plays an important part in the lives of many in our community. They are currently in need of groups (of 4 people) that would provide & prepare food for 80 people once per month at Community Chaplaincy. **Quispamsis United provides a meal on the third Wednesday of each month.** Most of the food supplies are purchased with the gifts received from the Outreach Fund. We ask for your continued support for this fund. **If you are able to help prepare the meal on the third Tuesday of the month or help serve the meal or able to supply a dessert once in a while, please contact Wendy Crossman (849-6003) or Rose Martin (847-2765).** Any of the ladies can tell you what a worthy cause this is and the appreciation expressed by the clients. Check out the book *Free At Last* in our library. It tells you the success stories of some people involved in Community Chaplaincy.



*This is your newsletter...*



Do you have any suggestions for things you would like to have included in future editions? If you have something special that you would like to see in print or know news about members of our congregation that should be acknowledged, please send it along for a future issue. Either give me a call (849-1427) or Email ([MECline@Rogers.com](mailto:MECline@Rogers.com)).

*Many thanks to everyone who contributed material for this newsletter. - Mabel*