2014 Annual Report
St. Luke’s United Church

Back to Basics: Building Blocks
MILESTONES

Baptisms

Dana Chantelle Pardy
Elaine Marie Hamm
Adelaide Violet Murdoch-Hornsby
Dallas Jennifer Murdoch-Hornsby
Dawn Brooklyn Murdoch-Hornsby
Emily Drue Caldwell

Marriages

Ronald Derek Manning & Jillian Janet Carr
Derek Gordon MacKay & Shayne Carolyn Clark
Samuel Murray Clark & Margaret Jessica Elsie Bailly
Mark James Barkhouse & Sonja Renee Wile

Deaths

Clyde Burton Hemeon
Murray Russell Dunbar
Margaret Catriona Florence Blois
Bruce William MacGowan
Hubert Gavalean Ryan
Elaine Marie Hamm
Patricia Victoria Uens
Harvey James Hurshman
Peter Laushway
Joan Marie Benight
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Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and vision,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dreams God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Chorus

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Chorus

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the word and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach
and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger; Chorus

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; Chorus

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Back to the Basics: Building Blocks

God is doing something. There is something emerging in our communities, throughout the church, and across the globe. People are awaking to the notion that something is missing in their lives. People are looking for meaning, trying to find a new way of being that nurtures their souls; people are seeking God.

How do we, the church, respond to their inquiries? What do we have to offer people as they explore the realm of spirituality? How will we accompany them as they forge their own path? What teachings, practices and rituals do we have to share that will help them as they make their way? And, how will we let people know that we are here to assist them on their important journey?

As a people of faith, we are always growing and developing in our own understanding of how God works in the world. In each and every time, congregations are challenged to tell the Christian story in a way that is relevant for the people of its time and place. Strange as it seems, in order to support people in their important life quest, the church itself has to adapt and change.

We, like congregations of various denominations, have been very busy trying to keep up to societal changes, technological advances, maintaining our buildings in repair and keeping our books balanced. Sometimes, our main focus of helping people grow in faith and action gets overlooked.

Over this past year, we have entered into a Joint Needs Process, looking at our ministry and determining our ministerial needs are based on those findings. This past September, we entered into a new pastoral relationship and over the Fall we have been learning about each other. In the Needs and Search process, and in our sharing about ourselves, we are reexamining who we are and what we are all about. We have been reconsidering what is important to us - what is our very essence. We are getting Back to the Basics: rediscovering what is at the very core of our being and our belief and wondering how to build on that foundation.

Our theme for the Annual Report and for our Annual Meeting was chosen to capture in words, a verbal picture of our activities over the past year. Back to the Basics: Building Blocks is a summary of all we have been about at St. Luke's in 2014. As you read each report telling of the vibrant ministry we have been about, we invite you to imagine BIG and to dream of the church we are becoming as we find new ways to deepen our faith and share it with others in the year ahead.

*Come build a church with soul and spirit, come build a church of flesh and bone.*
*We need no tower rising skyward; no house of wood or glass or stone.*
*Come build a church with human frailty, come build a church of flesh and blood.*
*Jesus shall be its sure foundation. It shall be built by the hand of God.*

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May God bless us as we continue to build the church God calls us to be,
Reverend Kathi
Chair of Council Message ........

Another year has presented us many great moments in life at St Lukes! We have much to be grateful for, and I hope we take the time to truly appreciate the opportunities God has given us. Our Church provides us the path to follow that helps strengthen our faith and truly let us be involved as Christians in a community of believers!

St Lukes is a busy place and has continued to shine in the larger St Margarets Bay community! This is a reflection of the people at St Lukes reaching out in many ways ..... providing support, leadership, creating space, caring response and sharing the love we feel for others. Life at our Church has opened doors for many to enter, and be involved with activities, too numerous to mention. The responsibility to provide such activity requires support from all our family.

The Council at St Lukes asks you to make a deliberate decision to join the activities we offer in service and program. Your participation and support in our many ministries would greatly assist our effort to grow our church and establish a wider resource base for promoting new experiences.

We have heard Rev. Kathi speak of answering the call ...... listen carefully, you can probably hear what she means ...... having heard you need to act!

Peace be Shared,

Charlie O'Handley
Chair of Council
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

The St. Luke’s United Church 2013 Annual General Meeting was held in the Sanctuary on February 2, 2014 following the worship service. Henry Ellsworth indicated that the Chair (Henry Ellsworth) and Secretary (Linda Burrows) continue until the end of the Annual General Meeting.

**Constitution of the Court:** The meeting was constituted in the name of Jesus Christ the one true head of the church.

**Corresponding Privileges:** A Motion of Corresponding Privileges was moved by Denise Dunbar, seconded by Brian Pugh. **Motion Carried.** An attendance list is attached.

**Minutes of the AGM, February 3, 2013:** It was moved by Linda Burrows and seconded by Chris Binns that the minutes of 2012 AGM be approved as presented in the Annual Report. **Motion Carried.**

**Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting, Sept. 22, 2013:** It was moved by Linda Burrows and seconded by Ruth Strubank that the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2013 Congregational Meeting be approved and presented in the Annual Report. **Motion Carried.**

**Business Arising from the Minutes:** None.

**Ministry Facilitator's Reports, Chair of Council and Presbytery Representatives Report:** These reports are printed in the Annual Report.

**Motion to Accept:** It was moved by Linda Burrows and seconded by Jeff Parks that the reports be accepted as presented. **Motion Carried.**

**Financial Report:** Kris Stover presented the financial statements for 2013 and indicated that even though the budget was breakeven, we are now anticipating a $8,000 shortfall. A detailed copy of the financial statements is on the bulletin board along with a sign-up sheet if you would like a hard copy. It was moved by Kris Stover and seconded by John Beaulieu that the financial report be accepted for information as presented in the Annual Report. **Motion Carried.**

**Building Fund** – Harley Grimmer reviewed the Building Fund statement in the Annual Report. It was moved by Harley Grimmer and seconded by Chris Binns that the building fund statement be accepted for information as presented in the Annual Report. **Motion Carried.**
New Business

a) **Presentation of 2014 Budget**: Kris Stover reviewed the budget and indicted there is no amount included in the budget for the Search and Relocation expenses for our permanent Minister as it is not possible to predict these costs at the present time. The budget will need to be amended when we have a better indication of what these costs will be. It was moved by Kris Stover and seconded by Charlie O'Handley that we approve the budget for 2014 as it appears in the Annual Report. **Motion Carried.**

b) **Election of Council Facilitators – Nominations Report**: The Nominations report is printed in the Annual Report. In addition to that report, Ruth Strubank and Roger Cooke are being nominated as Co-facilitators of Stewardship. Lynn Stover and Christiane Lonergan have volunteered to coordinate the Coffee Hour duties of Fellowship Ministry. There being no other nominations from the floor, it was moved by Jeff Parks and seconded by Paul Dunlop that the Nominations report with additional names above be accepted as the 2014 St. Luke’s Council and Administrative bodies. **Motion Carried.**

**Council Chair**: It was moved by Jim Sutherland and seconded by Jeff Parks that Council be authorized to select a Chair from their members or seek someone from outside as Council Chair. **Motion Carried.**

**Other Business**: Ralph Tingley asked if the Communications Ministry would look into assisted sound for people with difficulty hearing.

It was moved by Jeff Parks and seconded by Betty Bailly that a motion of appreciation be extended to the outgoing Council. **Motion Carried.** Henry Ellsworth added his thanks to everyone who has assisted him during his time as Chair of Council.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Linda Burrows,  Henry Ellsworth
Recording Secretary  Chair
In Attendance for Annual General Meeting and Special Congregational Meeting

Julie Tingley  
Ralph Tingley  
Kathryn Gamache  
Joan Cleveland  
Roy Crump  
Margaret Crump  
Naaman Bush  
David Draper  
Lillian Crant-Draper  
Jean MacCalder  
Brian Pugh  
Chris Binns  
John Beaulieu  
Nancy Beaulieu  
Denise Dunbar  
Ruth Anne Sutherland  
James Sutherland  
Adrienne Moraal  
Deanna Hemeon  
Eileen Jakeman  
Sylvia Skinner  
Charlie O’Handley  
Jean O’Handley  
Faye MacIntyre  
Jennifer Murdoch  
Courteney Murdoch  
Charlotte Murdoch  
Jean Ellsworth  
Henry Ellsworth  
Heather Beaton  
Naomi Stewart  
Gordon Earle  
Myrna Inkpen  
H.G. (Nick) Ryan  
Carol Fader  
Ron Bailly  
Betty Bailly  
Roger Cooke  
Rev. Pix Butt  
Walter Moyse  
Phyllis Redden  
Walter Redden  
Marion Porter  
Ruth Peters  
Jean Campbell  
Pat Swim  
Harvey MacAusland  
Jim Swim  
Gordon Hill  
Marjorie Hill  
B. (Sonny) Kennedy  
Joanne Ellis  
Allanna Jost  
Mary Jean Laing  
Paul Dunlop  
Vel Moulton-Pugh  
Angela MacLean  
Jeff Parks  
Nancy Boutilier  
Betty Bailly  
Susan A. Boutilier  
Anne Grimmer  
Harley Grimmer  
Marilyn Coolen  
Dawn Robinson  
Bruce Burrows  
Linda Burrows  
Myrla Shaw  
Rod Shaw  
Kirk Harrison  
Ruth Strubank  
Jean MacAskill  
Christiane Lonergan  
Kris Stover  
Lynn Stover  
Carol Roberts  
William Strubank
Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting February 2, 2014

A Special Congregational Meeting of St. Luke’s United Church was held on February 2, 2014 to receive the report of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee (report attached). Henry Ellsworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Rev. Vincent Ihasz and Rick Fullerton, Presbytery Representatives on the JNAC.

The meeting was constituted in the name of Jesus Christ the one true head of the church.

Rev. Ihasz opened the meeting with a prayer.

Kathy Gamache, Chair of the JNAC, presented the report which circulated electronically and hard copies were also available.

It was moved by Harley Grimmer and seconded by Jeff Parks that the JNAC Report be accepted as presented and forwarded to Halifax Presbytery with the recommendation that a vacancy be declared so that a search can begin and that a Joint Search Committee be established. Motion Carried.

Rev. Ihasz indicated that the Joint Search Committee is made up of between 5 – 7 people.

He thanked everyone who served on the JNAC and indicated that this Committee will be disbanded after Presbytery approval has been received.

It was also pointed out that those eligible to vote on the permanent minister must be in full membership at St. Luke’s.

It was moved by Harley Grimmer and seconded by Jeff Parks that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Linda Burrows  Henry Ellsworth
Secretary         Chair of Council
Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting March 16, 2014

A Special Congregational Meeting of St. Luke’s United Church was held on March 16, 2014 to approve the St. Luke’s members of the Joint Search Committee. Harley Grimmer, Administration Facilitator, Chaired the meeting.

**Constitute Meeting:** The meeting was constituted in the name of Jesus Christ the one true head of the church.

**Corresponding Privileges:** A Motion of Corresponding Privileges was moved by Jeff Parks, seconded by Ron Bailly. **Motion Carried.** An attendance list is attached.

A quorum was present. There was a consensus that voting be by a show of hands.

The Nominations for the Joint Search Committee were presented by Brian Williams:
Karen Harrison
Ron Bailly
Ruth Anne Sutherland
Naomi Stewart
Paul MacLean
Jeff Parks

It was moved by Bruce Burrows, seconded by Wendy Thompson that nominations cease. **Motion Carried.**

**Budget for Joint Search Committee.** It was moved by Lynn Parks and seconded by Paul Dunlop that a budget of $5,000 be established to cover expenses relating to the search. **Motion Carried.**

The Chair thanked all that felt the call to serve.

It was moved by Chris Binns and seconded by Bruce Burrows that the meeting adjourn. **Motion Carried.**

Linda Burrows                Harley Grimmer
Secretary                  Chair,

**In Attendance**

Julie Tingley                Jim Swim
Ralph Tingley                Jeff Parks
Naomi Stewart                Karen Harrison
Norm Hutt                    Marilyn Coolen

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Bettye Hutt
Naaman Bush
Brian Williams
Heather Williams
Jean MacCalder
Adrienne Moraal
Linda Burrows
Bruce Burrows
Carol Fader
H. G. (Nick) Ryan
Jean MacAskill
Eileen Jakeman
Deanne Hemeon
Elizabeth Bailly
Deborah MacIntyre
Rose Dunlop
Paul Dunlop
Jane Earle
Gordon Earle
John Beaulieu
Nancy Beaulieu
Ruth Samson
Karen Stothart
Keith Stothart
Keith Colter
Kris Stover
Denise Dunbar
Jim Sutherland

Anne Grimmer
Harley Grimmer
Roy Crump
Marg Crump
Joan Cleveland
Kathryn Gamache
Brendan Gamache
Jean Fredericks
Wendy Thompson
Debbie Milligan
Lynn Parks
Carol Roberts
Amanda Walker
Carol Kaiser
Vel Moulton-Pugh
Lori Dwyer
Paul MacLean
Pat Swim
Roland Swim
Chris Binns
Kirk Harrison
Leslie Avis
Dan Avis
Ron Bailly
Margaret Murray
Margaret MacLeod
Peter Mumford
Ruth Anne Sutherland
Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting June 22, 2014

A Special Congregational Meeting of St. Luke’s United Church was held on June 22, 2014 to receive the results of the Joint Search Committee and vote on a permanent Minister. Ron Bailly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Rev. Vincent Ihasz and Rick Fullerton, Presbytery Representatives on the Joint Search Committee.

Rev. Ihasz indicated that this is not the first time they have been before the St. Luke’s Congregation as both he and Rick Fullerton were Presbytery Representatives for the Joint Needs Assessment Committee as well. The meeting was constituted in the name of Jesus Christ the one true head of the church.

Rev. Ihasz turned the meeting over to Ron Bailly, Chair of the Joint Search Committee to present the name of the candidate.

Members of the Joint Search Committee: Ron Bailly, Chair, Ruth Anne Sutherland, Naomi Stewart, Paul MacLean, Jeff Parks, Rev. Vincent Ihasz and Rick Fullerton.

Ron Bailly indicated that there were 11 applicants and 4 interviews completed. He gave an outline of the background and powerpoint presentation of the candidate, Rev. Kathi Zwicker.

It was moved by Ron Bailly and seconded by Jeff Parks that the vote be by show of hands. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by Ron Bailly, seconded by Jeff Parks that the St. Luke’s Pastoral Charge call Rev. Kathleen “Kathi” Zwicker to Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. **Motion Carried.**

It was moved by Ron Bailly and seconded by Ruth Anne Sutherland that we advise Presbytery of the call. **Motion Carried.**

It was moved by Ron Bailly and seconded by Naomi Stewart that the Joint Needs Assessment be disbanded following the Covenanting Service. **Motion Carried.**

Ron Bailly thanked the Presbytery Reps for the time they spent with the JNAC and JSC.

Rev. Ihasz indicated that the Pastoral Relations Committee will take this decision to the Presbytery meeting next week.

The Covenanting Service will take place when the candidate arrives.
Rev. Ihasz said on behalf of Rick Fullerton and himself, it has been a pleasure to work on St. Luke’s JNAC and JSC.

Meeting adjourned.


Linda Burrows
Secretary

In Attendance

Chris Binns
Roy Crump
Marg Crump
Norm Hutt
Bettye Hutt
Ruth Anne Sutherland
Jim Sutherland
Harley Grimmer
Anne Grimmer
Marilyn Coolen
Lynn Parks
Jeff Parks
Susan Boutilier
Myrla Shaw
Rod Shaw
Rev. Vincent Ihasz
Rick Fullerton
Paul Dunlop
Rose Dunlop
Harvey MacAusland
Martha Dorey
Brian Williams
Eileen Jakeman
Karen Harrison
Naomi Stewart
Pat Swim
Roland Swim
Carol Fader
Nick Ryan

Ron Bailly
Chair, Joint Search Committee

Kathryn Gamache
Christiane Lonergan
Marjorie Hill
Gordon Hill
Joan Cleveland
Heather Beaton
Mary Jean Laing
Carol Roberts
Paul MacLean
Angela MacLean
Betty Bailly
Ron Bailly
Lynn Stover
Kris Stover
Jennifer Dean-Levy
Brent Levy
Brian Pugh
Margaret Murray
Jean MacAskil
Edna Cooke
Roger Cooke
Bruce Burrows
Linda Burrows
Deborah Milligan
Wendy Thompson
Scott Thompson
Jean Campbell
Worship Ministry Report for 2014

Joel 2:28

God’s Spirit Poured Out

28 [a] Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

The wide variety of worship services related directly to the many worship leaders during 2014. Rev. Pix Butt completed her term appointment at the end of June. Our lay pulpit supply leaders are to be commended for covering many of the summer services until Rev. Kathi Zwicker arrived to start in September.

Rev. Kathi Zwicker followed a nautical theme; beginning with a “Welcome Back” Sunday, and throughout the fall and winter used a variety of memorable visuals, including baptism with seashells.

Our worship services moved to projection on a regular basis. Refinements made by the Communications team, especially the new ceiling mounted projector, helped greatly in this regard. Thanks to those who prepared the weekly PowerPoint and operated the audio visuals. The use of projection led us to update our licensing programs with the major copyright organizations that specialize in worship related music. We added membership in OneLicense.net and CCLI to our membership in LicenSing.

There was music, music and more music, with special thanks to our dedicated Music Director, Dana. The House Band was a popular addition to some of our services.

Our Sunday school and Youth Group continued to take an active role in some of our services. Our themes for Earth Sunday and Camping Sunday were combined in April and incorporated special music from Big Beautiful Planet by Raffi.

Besides our regular Sunday worship, there were a variety of Special services throughout the year, including

Ash Wednesday
Maundy Thursday potluck with guest speaker from Missions to Seafarers.
Easter Sunrise at Peggy’s Cove
Blue Christmas
Christmas Eve – three services of entirely different style, including late communion and candlelight service
Worship is a community of faith activity. It is desirable to have participation from a wide range of the congregation. We are always looking for new faces in many roles, including greeters, scripture readers, storytellers, and Communion servers. We welcome feedback and suggestions for our services. Note the new convenient email below:

worship@stlukesunited.ca

There continues to be some discussion of adding a second worship service in the future, which was also mentioned in St. Luke’s Joint Needs Assessment Report.

We encourage all of us to dream dreams, and have vision. Thank you to all who participated in making our services come to life.

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Thompson, Co Facilitator

Ron Bailly, Co Facilitator

Statistics:

Baptisms: 6
Confirmations: 6
Weddings: 4
Funerals: 9
Pastoral Care Ministry Report 2014

Rev. Pix Butt was a strong pastoral care presence during the first half of 2014. We thank her for her loving care and compassion as she took care of the St Luke's flock.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Pix for beginning Anna's Circle. The members of Anna's Circle commit to praying daily for those on our prayer list, those who have asked for private prayers, and to emergency requests when people find themselves in crisis situations. After a bit of hiatus through the summer and early fall, Vel Moulton-Pugh began coordinating the Circle. She has done an upstanding job of updating the pray list, sending notifications to the circle members and generally looking after all the organization so that the members can keep focused on the active ministry of prayer.

Thanks to Angela MacLean for giving leadership as Acting Facilitator in this ministry over the past year. And to Angela and Heather Star Williams for looking after the pastoral care needs of the congregation over the summer when St Luke's was without a resident minister.

We have had a number of funerals this year. We thank the Fellowship Ministry’s Jean O’Handley for her coordination of the receptions for those held in the church.

Julie Tingley has been busy sending cards: sympathy, milestone birthdays and anniversaries, thinking of you and to little ones celebrating the anniversary of their baptism. We often get thank you’s from those who receive these in appreciation for Julie's ministry on our behalf.

Heather Star Williams leads the congregation in the Pastoral Prayer each Sunday. We thank her for her heartfelt prayers on our behalf.

Between the efforts of the laity and minister, Home Communions have been celebrated, shut-ins visited, those in hospital have had visits, casseroles have been dropped off and expressions of sympathy conveyed. Next year we will be setting up a rotation of home and telephone visiting shared between the minister and congregational visitors.

Rev Kathi took part in the Blue Christmas Service at the Walker Funeral Home and on December 21 we offered a beautiful service at St Luke’s. Invitations were sent to families who have lost someone this year and in the service those grieving as well as those experiencing other types of loss were ministered to and prayed for.

The outdoor Celebration and Memorial Tree was decorated with red and white bows from the Buy A Bow Campaign. Donations to the campaign went to the Outreach Ministry for the Benevolent Fund. Thanks to Carol Fader for coordinating the Campaign and to Lillian Crant-Draper for starting the campaign.

If you are interested in being part of the ministry team, a pastoral visitor, a telephone visitor or part of Anna's Circle please let us know.

Respectfully submitted
Rev. Kathi (Acting Facilitator)
Faith Formation & Family Ministry Report 2014

The Faith Formation Ministry provides leadership for Christian education programs for children, youth and adults. Sunday School, Bible and other Adult Studies, VBS, Youth Group, small groups that meet on a regular basis, intergenerational and age related events are all a part of this ministry. We encourage Drama, Art, and Music initiatives including St. Luke's Community Players, the Cardinal Points, and drama in worship. Body, Mind and Spirit programs also would fall under our umbrella. The Library, promoting and ordering publications and other resources, hosting the United Church Resource Distribution Book Display & Sales and decorating the bulletin boards are all our responsibility. Faith Formation also looks after applying for learning grants for people attending events and workshops in the wider church, promoting such events and for coordinating and providing opportunities for learning and leadership development within the congregation. The ministry also looks for opportunities for Families of all shapes and sizes to spend time together. We hope to provide a supportive atmosphere where we can play, learn, and grow together in faith.

MEMBERSHIP
The minister has been sole facilitator of this ministry. Since the Fall of 2014 we have been adding people to the ministry team and with a few more the team will be complete. We are searching for a co-facilitator. This is an exciting ministry that has a big impact on the people who participate in its' programs and groups, we hope you will consider becoming a part of it.

NURSERY
St Luke's has a great nursery space which we have named Noah's Ark. In the Fall all the toys were sorted and washed. The platform rockers were removed and a comfy chair and small rocker added. A narrow bookcase where the books can stand face front was put in the nursery and new board books added. A new to us play kitchen and tool bench are popular among the users. We purchased Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum for the nursery which has posters, board books, CD and a teacher's guide. It is a one year curriculum that can be used year after year. A CD player was placed in the nursery. Care is taken to ensure the room is rearranged for Sunday to make it safe and inviting for the parents and their little ones.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
It has been another busy year in the life and worship of our Sunday School! Our Teachers demonstrate their care and commitment to the children of the Sunday School. One of our leaders, Angela MacLean, is now pursuing her path to become a United Church Minister, and has had to step aside, but in her place, we welcome back Cheryl O'Rourke, who along with Joanne Ellis, leads the L'il Mates, our first class after the Nursery, for children 4 and up. The Rainbow Fish, our other Sunday School group, is lead by MJ Laing, with assistance from Debbie Wright, and welcomes students from Grades 2 to 5, after which kids join the Buoys and Gulls in Youth Group, lead by Kathy Gamache, with students in grade 6 and up. Our L'il mates meet on Sunday mornings in the Upper Hall, the Rainbow Fish in the Lower Hall, and the Buoys and Gulls in the Freedom Renewal Centre.
We follow the ‘Season’s of the Spirit’ Sunday School Curriculum, which is a Lectionary based program with lessons and activities tailored to students at every age and stage of learning. The program is accessed on-line, easy to use, and provides all the tools and guidance you’ll need in an easy, accessible format. We can always use help in the Sunday School, so please give some thought and prayer to it. Perhaps this is where God is calling you!

Here is a quick year in review: In February, we celebrated Thinking Day with our Scouts and Guides. One Sunday last March, through our Lenten Centers we explored the symbols of Lent and Easter – This was an intergenerational experience, with learning and discussion opportunities for all ages. On Earth Day and Camping Sunday, our Sunday School and Youth, under Miss Dana’s direction, performed songs from Raffi’s ‘Big Beautiful Planet’ to celebrate our world, and be thoughtful in our role as stewards and caretakers of the earth and all life in it. Our incredible Youth Group, as is their tradition, hosted an Easter celebration and egg hunt for the Sunday School kids on Easter morning. In May, we invited parents to join us in Sunday School to experience Children’s Worship. For Pentecost, our Youth and Sunday School lead us in worship. In June, we had our Sunday School closing, followed by a Congregational Picnic at Jerry Lawrence Park.

In September, it was all hands on deck, as we welcomed Rev. Kathi on board! In October, we were treated to Youth and Children taking the lead in worship to observe World Food Day. Our Youth Group held another of their fun-filled Halloween parties for the Sunday School on the last Sunday in October. In December we again provided worship leadership in the White Gift Service, where we collect all sorts of socks, underwear, hats, mittens, gifts and food stuff for distribution within the community and through our local United Church Mission Unit, Brunswick Street Mission.

The Sunday School sponsors a child through Plan Canada. Our Foster Child’s name is Parwesh Meena, a 13 year old boy living in village in Rajasthan, India. The students understand that their Sunday School Offering goes from their hands to the Church to do God’s work, and we often connect this to sponsoring our Foster Child, which helps fund immunization for children and pregnant mothers, provision of micro-nutrients to children, training for midwives and traditional birth attendants, construction or repair of water storage tanks and support to families in accessing credit and savings services. The students look forward to receiving updates from Parwesh – especially new photographs. We also enjoy writing him letters!

VBS
The first week of August, we held a fantastic Vacation Bible School, with the theme ‘Come to the Banquet,’ where participants focused on food as a GIFT, GRATITUDE for our food, our RESPONSIBILITIES when it comes to food, and food as a CELEBRATION feast! These daily themes were explored each day through music, story telling, sharing food and with crafts.
ACTIVITY PAKS
Children in Worship are able to busy themselves with items from our Activity Paks Ministry. They are filled with pictures to color of Biblical stories that are featured in the worship service, paper to draw on, crayons, and books appropriate to the church season. This is coordinated by Amelia Parks.

PLAY AREA
Coffee Time has become more lively with the addition of tents and tunnels for little ones to crawl through. The giant Lego blocks are popular, also. Parents who gather around with coffee in hand are getting the opportunity to chat to one another as the youngsters play. Thanks to those who have donated the crawl throughs, tents, and Legos and to Ameilia Parks and others who help set up and take down our pop up playground.

FOCUS GROUP
In the Fall we held a Focus Group where children and adults gathered over a pizza supper to comment on what type of programs and activities the Faith Formation Ministry should encourage. People shared about what they loved about St Luke's by drawing pictures of those things. They suggested we go caroling, have one night programs, start a once a month activity based group for children's and adults after church on Sunday, add studies for adults, and offer more opportunities for children to be active in outreach. Between the Faith Formation and Outreach ministries we are endeavoring to make their ideas reality.

DRAMA, ARTS AND MUSIC
After a successful run of "The Wizard of Oz" in November of 2013 the St. Luke's Community Players took a break in 2014 and decided that a spring 2015 production would be more practical, not as rushed and less conflict with the church calendar and functions. After perusing several scripts and much consideration the popular musical 'Oliver' was chosen for our next project and the call went out for auditions which were held this past fall. The response was overwhelming and what could only be described as an impressive cast was chosen just before Christmas. The rehearsal process has begun for this May 2015 production.

In June St. Luke's hosted a Spring Concert, a general fundraiser which drew in an abundance of talent from the local Community and beyond. Acts included several singers and dancers from the Saint Margaret's Bay area and beyond, as well as the youth choir from our neighbours at St. Nicholas' Church and the "Band with No Name". Other than a delayed start due to road work on Highway 3 causing panic in many of the performers and audience (not to mention the director..) the afternoon was a huge success.

Out of this Spring Concert came the formation of a new Quartet. Brian Bright, Bruce Burrows, Jacob Fletcher and Mike Forhan, all from various background originally came together to sing one song, an 'ambitious' piece which was unknown not only to half the
group, but the accompanist as well. Within 15 minutes they had the solo parts and harmonies created and the basis formed for not only that song, but a musical camaraderie which led to a summer of rehearsal fun twice a week here at St. Luke's under the direction of Elaine Forhan.

The Quartet with accompanist Edith Steffens, decided to put on a September show to raise money for 'black out blinds' for the sanctuary, a benefit not only to the lighting in worship services especially when using the power point and the various concerts and performances held at St. Luke's but also a helpful tool in temperature control. Known at this point as simply "The Quartet" their concert was very well received at St. Luke's, St. Andrew's in Timberlea and Parkland Manor in Clayton Park. By request, and to complete payment of the blinds, the now newly named 'Cardinal Points' decided to put on a Christmas show, with special musical guests Claire Mercer, Olivia Mercer and Shannon Bright, this time putting on December concerts at the original venues as well as St. James' in Boutilier's Point and Sheffield Baptist Church in Halifax. From each venue, a monetary donation was requested and given to St. Luke's to offset rehearsal costs. You will most likely be hearing from the Cardinal Points again in 2015!

Our Christmas pageant was a bit different this year. St. Luke's Music Director Dana provided a script called the 'Fumbly Bumbly Angels'. Several of our Sunday school children participated in the lead roles for this drama, rehearsing after church service on several Sundays leading up to the performance date. Our youngest members, with the assistance of Joanne Ellis, Cheryl O'Rouke and Jennifer Dean Levy, filled in as our sheep and Kathy Gamache and MJ Laing organized the costumes. This adorable story was interspersed with familiar carols and all fell into place for a heart-warming performance at our December 14th church service.

A number of times during the year we are treated to scripture dramas. This year, Gathering Sunday, which was Rev. Kathi's first Sunday, included Ruth Strubank singing a sea shanty telling the story of the "Storm at Sea" while the Sunday School and friends (of all ages) acted out the tale complete with billowing waves.

On our last Sunday of 2014, the congregation joined in an impromptu Christmas pageant from scratch. Heather Star Williams did an excellent job of directing (with 5 minutes to prepare for it) and Charlie O'Handley narrated this epic (albeit chaotic) production. It turned out to be a marvelous telling and we all had a fun time being part of the experience.

THE LIBRARY
St. Luke's Library was located in the Board Room on the lower level, a room not available to us for library use during the week nor on the weekends. In the fall of 2014 it was moved upstairs in the Upper Hall.

In addition to the books we had, many have donated books. Two 5 shelved bookcases in the corner house the adult selections of resources. Worship, Outreach, Spirituality,
Children and Youth leadership, Bible Study, Pastoral Care, Self Help, and Religious Fiction are some of the sections on these book shelves. The children's books, Stewardship, United Church related resources, DVDs, VHS Tapes and CDs are located on lower white shelves along the parking lot wall.

Thanks to Paul and Rose Dunlop, Ruth Strubank, Elizabeth Anthony and Joan Cleveland for helping move, dust and categorize the books.

The books and resources will be marked with colored tape to indicate the area in which they are to be shelved. Books and resources can be booked out just by signing the sheets on the clip board. We hope to be up and running for borrowing early in 2015.

BULLETIN BOARDS
New This Fall! Cheryl O'Rourke has been decorating our bulletin boards with fabric backing and edging them with seasonal borders. By un-cluttering them we are making the material and information posted catch our eye and they are much easier to read. The decorative boards are very attractive and highlight St. Luke's Ministries so that visitors to our facility can see the great work we are about in the name of Christ.

RESOURCES
An United Church Resource Distribution Book Display and Sale was brought in during the late fall and set up at Coffee Time on the tables to one side of the area. Along with books and resources on every aspect of the church and its ministries, it featured books, gifts and resources for the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Season. People really enjoyed browsing and we had good sales.

Subscriptions for the United Church Observer are taken each October. Thanks to Julie Tingley for coordinating our renewals for this award winning magazine. A copy of the latest Observer is found on the table in the entry. Back issues are found in the Library.

The Mandate Magazine features ideas and resources for our Faith Formation and Outreach Ministries. We have increased our subscription so that those involved in those ministries can use it as a resource for their programming or for study groups as well as it being available for general reading.

LEADERSHIP
Claire Mercer took part in Youth Forum 2014 at Maritime Conference in May. Two nights were offered for the Sunday School Teachers to look over the upcoming season's curriculum. Information about upcoming workshops, webinars and learning events in the wider church were publicized in the Church@Work and on the Facebook Site. We hope to offer more opportunities for leadership development in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
M J Laing
Elaine Forhan
Rev. Kathi
Outreach Ministry Report 2014

The Outreach activities within St. Luke’s are diverse with the core being the United Church Mission and Service Fund. Thanks to the team of Minute for Mission Readers who bring to life the work of the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. Our congregation seeks opportunities to show love and care in our community

The Mission and Service Fund provides support for local, national and international work

Mission and Service Fund Contributions for 2014 $15,954.00
Goal for 2014 $18,357.00

Specific World Outreach
Sunday School Foster Child $456.00

Local Outreach
Thank you to Paul Dunlop (Food Bank) Vel Pugh (Sock it to Them) and Carol Fader (Memorial Tree)

Food Bank
Cash Donations $923.00
Food and Personal care items donated to Food Bank
83 bags over the year (18 from craft sale, 50 weekly and 15 from VBS)

Brunswick St Mission
Mitten, Sock, Hat and Underwear Tree
3 large baskets of items from White Gift Donations
Sock It to Them $555.00
Christmas Socks for Brunswick St Mission, FRC Guests, The Open Door Centre

Buy A Bow for the Memorial Tree Campaign $502.00
Contributions to St. Luke’s Benevolent Fun

Hope Cottage Sandwich Project
This project has completed 33 years of regular monthly Sandwich preparation for Hope Cottage. Appreciation to Myrla and Rod Shaw for initiating this and all the volunteers for ensuring its viability

Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism and Community
Coordination with community partners (Shambhala, SMB Stewardship Association and Transition St. Margaret’s) for Potluck and Film Screening/Discussion 35 – 40 people attended the Community Potluck and approximately 60 attended the Film Screening. A copy of the film is stored at St. Luke’s and available for community groups to view.

Respectfully Submitted by
Outreach Facilitator: Ruth Anne Sutherland
Fellowship Ministry Report 2014

This year has been a learning experience for me and co-facilitator Christiane Lonergan.

Lynn Stover has graciously taken care of organizing the Coffee hour.

This year we had a womens group that met in the FRC, and there are plans to host family/game night on a monthly basis.

Christiane and I were delighted to help with Ron and Betty Bailly's daughter's wedding rehearsal.

Also Jean O'Handley shared a fantastic recipe for Hot Cross Buns that along with many hands and quite a few giggles, we were able to make and share with our church family.

Our annual summer picnic was so much fun! We had a bouncy castle, no bugs and many games. The Sunday school donated the banner and everyone brought lots of goodies. Vel Moulton Pugh did the face painting to everyone's enjoyment. Christiane and I were so grateful for all the ways Vel, Lynn and Kris Stover helped us when we were starting to flounder with our first picnic. Linda and Bruce Burrows as well were indispensable.

This year had seen many changes for St. Luke's and they say that sometimes a change is as good as a rest. As Rev. Kathi settles in we look forward to working together to create many happy memories for 2015.

Lori Dwyer
Christiane Lonergan
Co-facilitators
Freedom Renewal Center Annual Report 2014

Freedom Renewal Center celebrated her 3rd Anniversary this past Epiphany. Thank you St. Luke’s for your generous support of time, talents, and money to help bring a little slice of heaven to earth in our little corner of the world. 2014 saw the following happen at FRC:

- The Thursday men’s group has been a real blessing to both the men who participated and our St. Luke’s family. Due to travel complications, it became clear that it was time to wind down the men’s group this fall. However, Ted Creelman, is still very much a part of St. Luke’s on specific occasions and we give thanks to Jean and Charlie O’Handley in particular for their faithfulness. They ensured and are ensuring Ted’s inclusion at different times in the life of St. Luke’s after the men’s group decided it was time to disband. There were several highlights within this group last year, including Paul Dunlop’s duck presentation last May, the day we received Reike treatments by Chris Binns and reflexology treatments by Robyn Harding. Thank you to those who helped make a difference with this group over the last couple of years: Crystal LeBlanc, Lillian Draper, Lori Dwyer (plus Roddy and Kye), Sarah Martin, Cheryl O’Rourke, Vel Pugh, Linda Burrows, Sheila and Kemi Morrison, Sue Boutilier, Bettye Hutt, Chris Binns, Jean/Charlie O’Handley, Lynn Stover, the Sir John A. High School Cooking Class, and all of you who either came to visit, make meals, clean up, and just be in loving community together.

- There was a small Friday morning prayer group led by Chris Binns that was very reflective and educational throughout 2014 that was open to FRC volunteers and the wider St. Luke’s community. Those who participated experienced a growth in faith and knowledge. Thank you, Chris for your leadership here!

- Connections Clubhouse continued to come sporadically throughout the year, however due to transportation issues, it became too difficult to host them on a regular basis. This is a great group of people who lives with mental illnesses that can keep them out of mainstream society. It is funded by Capital Health and one of the highlights for this year was the massage therapy we had. Thanks to Jane Britten, who recently graduated from the Atlantic School for Massage and Hydrotherapy, Connections group and our own local ACL group received wonderful massages from several students who came out to share their skills and gifts. A wonderful day of healing for those who participated! Again, our thanks to St. Luke’s Youth Group who provided delicious meals when Connections came, and to Pat DeMeo who also offered her gifted care in spiritual direction with this group. Another highlight in August was when the Go Missions Kids joined us at the Freedom Renewal Center. Several teenagers from across the country came as Freedom Renewal Center was chosen as a mission site for the youth to experience the presence of God through mission. They made delicious soup, participated in conversation, singing, and prayer. It was truly a beautiful day.
Special thanks to Sarah Irwin, local artist and owner of The Finer Diner, for her continued support over the year. With Sarah’s help we hosted the 2nd Annual Wee Tree Button Project at St. Luke’s last April. There was a calming atmosphere that included talented harpists Karen Harrison and Pat DeMeo! This was a project that saw several community groups, including Five Bridges Junior High students, come together to make buttons to sell in support of the work at Freedom Renewal Center. Thank you, Sarah, for your inspiring creativity!

When one group folds, God has another plan. Although our men’s group has come to an end for now, we are pleased to be able to offer a retreat day to the women of Marguerite Center in Timberlea. Marguerite Center is a home in Timberlea that houses women who are recovering from substance misuse. They have the option to stay at Marguerite Center up to a maximum of one year. Not only are they a great fit with Freedom Renewal Center, but they are also geographically close to St. Luke’s. After Lynn Stover’s suggestion that we contact Marguerite Center, Freedom Renewal Center has hosted the ladies twice with a spa day scheduled for February! Special thanks go out to Lynn Stover, Crystal Leblanc, Ruth Strubank, Sue Boutilier, Jean O’Handley, Lillian Draper, Ruth Anne Sutherland, Joan Cleveland, and Cheryl O’Rourke for helping to make a difference for everyone with this new ministry to Marguerite Center. I pray God’s blessing over this partnership and believe that God will continue to heal and create something new in our midst.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank two more people: Chris Binns has been a huge tree of wisdom in getting Freedom Renewal Center up and running and was co-facilitator of Freedom Renewal Center. In the fall of 2014, Chris stepped down from this role. Thank you for all of your work, service and efforts in this ministry, Chris. In addition, Kris Stover has been stellar as treasurer. Thank you for helping us to stay on track, Kris. Your gifts and dedication are remembered with gratitude. Furthermore, I’ve started my studies at Atlantic School of Theology in September 2014 which is taking me down the road to Ordination. As such, the time has come for me to step down as Facilitator of Freedom Renewal Center. I want to thank all of you for your continued support as together we seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Stay open to the Holy Spirit, witness to Christ’s love for us, and most of all, know that you are a blessing to your neighbors and one another. It has been a pure joy to serve and grow in faith with you. If you have not been involved in this ministry and want to know more, I would encourage you to find out more about what is happening and how you can become involved! If this is something that interests you, Vel Pugh or Lynn Stover would be happy to tell you more about the work that happens at Freedom Renewal Center.

Grace and Peace to all of you.
Yours in Christ,
Angela MacLean
Stewardship Ministry Report 2014

Fiscal year 2014 was year of transition for St. Luke’s and the Stewardship Ministry. Co-facilitators Roger Cooke and Ruth joined the church Council and with mentoring and guidance from Charlie O’Handley, Kris Stover, as well as hard work and efforts from the Stewardship team- Linda Burrows, Rose Dunlop, Lynn Stover, and Mike Trenaman, and many members of the congregation there is lots to celebrate.

We quickly learned about the opportunities and challenges main line churches like St. Luke’s face and the need to adjust expectations in revenues from fundraising. Treasure Kris Stover provided data from the past several years that indicated a consistent decrease in fundraising dollars. After a review of United Church of Canada materials from the Stewardship Toolkit and other resources, and the data financials which showed a need to increase givings, the Stewardship Ministry reframed the focus. This lead to a change in the number of fundraising events during 2014, however, events that generated more revenue and some new activities were included in the Stewardship Ministry plan.

Givings Campaign- Stewardship Moments

A report of the financials during the March council meeting lead the Stewardship Ministry to share launch a campaign from May-June. The focus of the campaign was to:

- Provide context on Stewardship from the United Church of Canada perspective
- Increase overall givings through new enrollments in the PAR (Pre-authorized Remittance)
- To increase overall envelope givings.

Scripture guided the Stewardship Ministry in the development and implementation of the campaign. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God this way (Luke 12:34): “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let us show our Lord that he has our hearts by giving him what the world values so much.

As one member of the congregation shared, “We have the faith, the commitment, and talent to figure anything out we set our mind to.” This comment became reality as the response to the campaign was remarkable and in September it was reported that there was an increase of $1119.00 per month in givings since the campaign began in May. In total this was a 24% increase in overall givings. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of the St. Luke’s congregation and especially Linda Burrows, Kris Stover, and Charlie O’Handley.

Fundraising Activities & Events

Now more than ever individuals and families are asked to support fundraising events. Many people from within and outside the St. Luke’s community supported the following fundraising activities and events. With gratitude we thank everyone.

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Ham & Bean Supper
- Spring Yard and Plant Sale
- St. Luke’s Players – Wizard of Oz
- Christmas Craft Fair
- Cardinal Points Concerts
Family Luncheons- time for fellowship over a meal. The Sunday School staff and students have been wonderful partners helping out with the lunches. Thanks!

FRC donated funds from their sales to St. Luke’s

**Stewardship Education & Communication**

Another goal of the Stewardship Ministry was to increase education and communication with church members. This was accomplished through monthly Stewardship Moments and weekly Stewardship Second in the Church at work. The purpose was engage St. Luke’s members to be partners in the conversation we each consider how to be good Stewards. The following “wordle” was one tool that was presented.

![Stewardship is...](attachment:stewardship_wordle.png)

**Gratitude**

God’s work takes many forms and the impact of our collective work together was remarkable. The United Church of Canada notes this basic Stewardship assumption, “Stewardship involves joyous acts of thanksgiving in response to all that God has given us.” Thank-you!

Ruth Strubank & Roger Cooke
Stewardship Ministry Co-facilitators
Communications Ministry Report 2014

The ministry is pleased to report that during the past year we acquired an up-to-date computer for the sound room. This is the final step required to project images etc in the sanctuary and completes a project which started several years ago when our walkers raised money for the purchase of the screen. A monitor is still required so the choir can see what is being projected.

Although our sound engineers, Brain, Bill, Kirk and Ben have high profile jobs in the sound room others have contributed to our work. Scott Thompson and Rev Kathi have spent hours each week preparing the slides for Sunday worship. Linda Burrows continues to send out PSA announcements and produce the Church@Work. Rev Kathi often with the help of our in house photographers, Crystal LeBlanc and Brian Williams has ensured that our Facebook page is up to date. Cheryl O’Rourke has assisted in redoing our bulletin boards. Jim and Linda have acted as co-webmasters.

Through our registration with Tech Soup and access to Google Apps for non-profits church email addresses are being modified so we present a more unified look to the outside world ie, tickets@stlukesunited.ca and office@stlukesunited.ca.

Looking to the future plans are underway to rebuild our website. For this to be successful we need your help and no you don’t need to be a web designer. What can we put on our site that would be useful to members in our congregation? What type of material will encourage people to check us out? Look at other websites and pass on your ideas and suggestions. Tell us what you want to see on the new www.stlukesunited.ca/, currently under construction.

Jim Sutherland,
Communications Facilitator

Property Ministry Report for 2014

Service in 2014

For St. Lukes, 2014 has been a year of change and transition. It has also been a challenging time for the Property Ministry. We have accomplished much in 2014 to address some long standing concerns with our building and property.

In the spring of 2014 we partnered with Transition Bay St. Margarets to complete an edible landscaping project at St. Lukes. Cherry trees, blueberry and raspberry bushes and rhubarb are among the plants added to our property.

In the summer of 2014 our roofing replacement contract was completed when new shingles were installed to the front section of the facility.

To enable us to more economically maintain our tile floors, we purchased a floor scrubber and polisher in August. With some training from the vendor we were able to scrub and wax our main level tile floors entirely with volunteer labour. We will now be able to do more timely and economical floor maintenance in the future.
During the summer and fall of 2014 a large group of Property Ministry volunteers completed landscape work, numerous small plumbing repairs, lots of painting and drywall work and many small jobs in support of our services and programs. With the help of a fund raising concert we have purchased and installed roller blinds on all the sanctuary windows.

Throughout early 2014 plans were being made to replace our untreatable well water with a cistern based water source. In the fall of 2014 this project got underway and was successfully completed on budget. We are now able to move forward and replace our stained toilets and sinks with new water conserving models. This is a major milestone for us here at St. Lukes.

Our Future Vision

Property Ministry is looking to our future with a plan that reflects green ideas, as well as our hopes for a efficiently managed building. The vision expressed in Ecology Action Centre programs will likely reflect the basis for our future decisions regarding heating, lighting, and overall management of the property.

Our focus is to have the members of St Lukes committed and involved in caring for our site. We are fortunate to have many gifted people willing to share their skills, their time and their energy, ensuring we thrive as a properly maintained, community-minded church, using the best practices available! Our Property Ministry pledges to you, the congregation, that every effort will be made to provide the good stewardship that Saint Lukes United Church deserves. To help us achieve this goal we are actively seeking support from expert opinion and researching funding sources available outside our walls. We are developing a step-by-step approach to maintaining our present facility, and we are creating new projects that will reach into the next year and beyond, cementing the foundations of appropriate property maintenance and development. We hope you will either actively join us in this exciting journey, or follow closely as we begin living the future!

Submitted by,
Charlie O’Handley
Brian Pugh

Romans 12:4-7 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;
Presbytery Representatives Report 2014

Chris Binns and I had the honour of serving as the lay Presbytery representatives for St. Luke’s for 2014. We both are active members and hold positions on the Executive for Presbytery. Chris chairs the Gospel, Ecumenism and Theology Committee and I co-chair the Property and Finance Committee as well as fulfilling the duties of the Mission Support Convener. Chris was unable to attend many Executive and Full Court meetings due to health issues. I have attended most Executive and all Full Court meetings as well as meetings of my committee as well as the fall Mission Support consultation at Maritime Conference and Maritime Conference in May.

Respectfully submitted
Harley Grimmer

Trustees’ Report for 2014

The St. Luke’s Trustees met on on 7 December 2014 to approve the application to the Church Extension Board for a loan of $50,000 to partially fund the construction of the addition underneath the chancel area and purchase water tanks and associated equipment with which to replace the existing water system. A promissory note was executed in favour of the Church Extension Board. The term of the loan is for 10 years at an interest rate of 6%. The loan is issued to St. Luke’s based on the fact that we are still classed under the provisions of the New Church Development fund. This entitles us to receive a portion of the investment interest earned by the fund and have that amount applied to reduce the outstanding principal of the loan. This will result in an early retirement of the loan.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of the following persons:

Chair: Rev. Kathleen Zwicker
5 Percy Pitts Lane
Upper Tantallon, NS B3Z 4A9

Deputy: Harley Grimmer
223 Parklea Drive,
Head of St. Margaret’s Bay, NS
B3Z 2G6

Members: Betty Bailly (Secretary)
119 Viewmount Drive
Head of St. Margaret’s Bay, NS
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David Robertson,
358 Masons Point Road,
Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS
B3Z 1Z4

Annie Grimmer
223 Parklea Drive,
Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS
B3Z 2G6

With the exception of Rev. Zwicker, all trustees are members of St. Luke’s Pastoral Charge.

Adequate insurance is carried for the property and contents, boiler and machinery, liability, crime insurance, directors and officers coverage and sexual abuse.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Grimmer
Nominations Report 2014

Chair of Council                          Charlie O'Handley (March - April 2014)
Secretary of Council                      Linda Burrows
Treasurer                                Kris Stover
Ministry of Administration, Facilitator  Harley Grimmer
Ministry of Faith Development, Facilitator Rev. Pix Butt (Until June 30, 2014)
                                             Rev. Kathleen Zwicker (From September 2014)
Ministry of Worship, Co-facilitators      Wendy Thompson / Ron Bailly
Ministry of Property, Co-facilitators     Brian Pugh / Charlie O'Handley
Ministry of Communications, Facilitator   Jim Sutherland
Ministry of Outreach, Facilitator         Ruth Anne Sutherland
Ministry of FRC Co-facilitators          Angela MacLean / Chris Binns (Chris until November 2014)
Ministry of Stewardship, Co-facilitator   Ruth Strubank/ Roger Cooke
Ministry of Fellowship Co-facilitator     Lori Dwyer (From March 2014)
                                             Christiane Lonergan (September 2014)
Ministry of Pastoral Care Facilitator     Angela MacLean (Until August 31, 2014)
                                             Rev. Kathleen Zwicker (From September 2014)
Representatives to Presbytery             Harley Grimmer / Chris Binns
St. Luke’s Trustees                      Rev. Pix Butt (until June 2014)
                                             Rev. Kathleen Zwicker (from September 2014)
                                             Harley Grimmer, Anne Grimmer,
                                             Betty Bailly, David Robertson,
                                             The appointed or Called Minister
Ministry and Personnel Committee          Gordon Earle, Rod Shaw,
                                             Chris Binns, Marilyn Macdonald
2014 has been a year of change. For the first six months our worship leader was the Rev. Pix Butt. Her appointment was completed on 30 June and we wished her well as she left. During this time the Joint Search Committee was hard at work to select a new minister. At a congregational meeting held on 22 June they reported their findings and the congregation approved the motion to issues the call to the Reverend Kathi Zwicker. Kathi joined St. Luke’s at the beginning of September. Since then we have been busy becoming acquainted with each other. Administratively, the office has been very busy as has been the case in previous years as we strive to make the operation of the church for both our congregants and members of the St. Margaret’s Bay community smooth and supportive. Rental activity remains high and forms a substantial portion of our total income.

Our treasurer, Kris Stover, has had a heavy workload with the changes that have occurred and we owe him a large debt of thanks for carrying out his duties so efficiently. Our office administrator, Linda Burrows, continues to present a pleasant and welcoming approach to all who come to the office while at the same time keeping up with the heavy workload for which we are most appreciative.

Our offering counters and recorders have efficiently carried out this function toiling away every Sunday morning in the Administration office. My thanks is expended to Nancy Boutilier, Betty Bailly, Marilyn Coolen, and Wendy Thompson for their accurate execution of this function. Marilyn Coolen, due to her move to Bedford has resigned as a counter and we offer our sincere thanks for her contribution to St. Luke’s.

As a result of a congregational meeting held in September 2013, an application was made to the Halifax Presbytery Church Extension Board for loans totaling $100,000 to fund replacement of our water system and for upgrades to the former sanctuary and the basement underneath. These loans were approved, the first for $50,000 at 6% for ten years that would participate in a special program whereby a portion of the investment income from the Halifax Presbytery New Church Development Fund would be applied to the outstanding principal on a yearly basis until the loan is retired. This will effectively reduce the amount St. Luke’s must repay and shorten the life of the loan by four to five years. The second loan will be for $50,000 at 3% for 10 years with the provision that once the first loan is repaid, the second loan will then have the interest rate raised to 6% and then be subject to the same provisions as the first loan for the balance of the remaining term. The first loan was taken in December 2014 and it is expected that the second loan will be drawn in 2015 as work commences on the building upgrades.

Financially, 2014 saw a deficit of $5,914 of expenses over revenues. Thanks to generous year-end donations the deficit was less than that which was expected late in the fourth quarter. A balanced budget is planned for 2015. There are elements of risk
that could impact our finances, one being the fact that St Marguerite Bourgeois Parish is planning to construct their new church in 2015 and the resultant loss of the rental income from their use of St. Luke’s.

I extend my thanks to all who contributed in so many different ways in 2014 to St. Luke’s and pray that with God’s help 2015 will be as good or better.

Blessings,
Harley Grimmer,
Facilitator
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# BUILDING FUND
## INCOME AND EXPENSE
### December 31, 2014

**BEGINNING BALANCE 1**
**JANUARY, 2014** 39558.28

### INCOME
- TRANSFERS FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT 20412.12
- REPAYMENT OF COPIER LOAN 717.00
- HST REBATE 1824.04
- CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD LOAN 50000.00

**TOTAL INCOME** 71129.12

### EXPENDITURES
- FOUR SEASONS ROOFING 24321.23
- FLAT ROOF REPAIR 4725.25
- WATER PROJECT 53768.34
- HST PAID 6578.05
- MISCELLANEOUS 1.00
- BANK CHARGES 64.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** 89457.87

**BANK BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2014** 23053.57
**CASH IN GIC ACCOUNT** 10.05

**TOTAL CASH 31 DECEMBER 2014** 23063.62

**LIABILITY**
- CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD LOAN
  - 1 DEC 2014 - 30 NOV 2024 @ 6% 50,000.00
# St. Lukes, United Church

## Proposed Budget 2015

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Nomination Candidates for St Lukes Church Council 2015

Facilitators:

Worship                  Wendy Thompson, Ron Bailly
Pastoral Care           _________________________
Faith Formation          Rev. Kathi Zwicker, Debbie MacIntyre
Outreach                 Ruth Anne Sutherland, Marilynn MacDonald
Fellowship               Lori Dwyer, Christiane Lonergan
Freedom Renewal Centre   _________________________
Stewardship              Ruth Strubank, Roger Cooke
Communication           Jim Sutherland, Scott Thompson
Property                 Brian Pugh, Charlie O'Handley
Administration           _________________________
Treasurer                Kris Stover
Trustee                  Jim Sutherland
Christ is Made The Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and its confidence alone.

2 To this temple where we call you,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with your faithful loving-kindness
hear your servants as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

3 Here bestow on all your servants
what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory
evermore with you to reign.

4 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one,
one in might, and one in glory,
while unending ages run.


Come Build a Church

Come build a church with soul and spirit,
come build a church of flesh and bone.
We need no tower rising skyward;
no house of wood or glass or stone.
Come build a church with human frailty,
come build a church of flesh and blood.
Jesus shall be its sure foundation.
It shall be built by the hand of God.

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