

TOPSAIL
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CHURCH

2014 Annual Report

“The Church by the Side of the Road”

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CHURCH DIRECTORY 2014

Minister	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Congregational Designated Minister	Steven Rogers
Administrative Assistant	Lynn Mercer
Caretaker	Roger Richards
Organist & Choir Director	Andrew and Beth Cranston
Youth Band Leader	Brett Vey
Wedding Coordinator	Rosemary Richards
Cemetery Caretaker	Bob Bennett
Webmaster (www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net)	Ken Corbett

OFFICIAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE

Chair	David Jones
Vice Chair	Brad Cole
Secretary	Valerie Howe
Treasurer	Boyde Clarke
Minister	Rev. Bruce Kearley

MEMBERS

Freeman Budgetell	Dale Butt	Doreen Cave
Solomon Davis	Denise Jacobs	Glenys Moran
James Rowsell	Wanda Saunders	Bond Swain

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ministry & Personnel	Gillian Corbett
Finance & Administration	Boyde Clarke
Fundraising	Mitch Moran
Pastoral Care & Membership	Valerie Howe and Genevieve Phillips
Outreach	Patricia Jones
Christian Development	Bond Swain
Property & Trustee	Paul Burt
Worship & Sacraments	Doreen Cave
Long Term Planning	Jim Rowsell and Bruce Kearley

CHURCH GROUP LEADERS

Men's Club	Bob Bennett
United Church Women	Doreen Cave
Sunday School Coordinator	Steven Rogers
Youth & Children's Choir Director	Rosalind Foley
Sunday School and Youth Group Treasure	Anne Allen

EAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Delegates:	Bob Bennett, Doreen Cave, Rosalind Foley, Derek Tuffin
Burry Heights Contact:	Patricia Jones

CHURCH ROLLS 2014

BAPTISMS - 28 MARRIAGES - 14 FUNERALS - 18

*Netta May Oram
William E. Mullett
George W. Hillier
June Sturge
Ruby Driscoll
Harvey Green*

*Herman C. Humby
Shawn King
Dallas Best
Keith D. Thistle
Austin E. Oldford
Benjamin Llewellyn*

*Chesley Reynolds
Sydney R. Kelsey
Emma Butler
David J. Williams
Clarence D. Squires
Leoness M. Easton*

HISTORIC ROLL 2014 – NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Victoria Butt
Nathan Chaulk
Eden Corcoran
Leah Corcoran
McKenzie Fagan*

*Zachary Gosse
Ian Harding
Grace Morris
Sarah Soper*

TRANSFERRED OUT

*Marilyn Tucker
Jim Tucker
Audrey Whitehorne*

*Yves Villemaire
Carol Villemaire*

DECEASED MEMBER

Benjamin Llewellyn

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2014

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Rev. Bruce Kearley called the Annual Congregational Meeting to order at 12:20 pm welcoming all fifteen (15) parishioners who were in attendance.
2. **OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Rev. Bruce Kearley opened the meeting with the prayer “A Prayer for the Journey”, Voices United, p. 648, followed with a scripture reading from the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 1: vs. 14-20, and then lead us in the song, “Follow, Follow. I Will Follow Jesus.” He gave a short message on the witness and faithfulness of our church ministry, quoting the words of the hymn, “We are Pilgrims on a Journey”, Voices United #595.
3. **CHAIR AND SECRETARY FOR 2014 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Rev. Kearley called for nominations for the Chair and Secretary for the meeting. Gillian Corbett accepted the nomination for Chair. After several nominations and declinations, Wanda Saunders agreed to accept the position of Secretary.
4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS:** Gillian Corbett expressed sincere thanks to Rev. Bruce, on behalf of the entire congregation for his Ministry and his devotion to the Topsail Congregation over the past year, and also expressed thanks to the members of the Board.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There was no formal agenda. The Chair suggested that the 2013 Reports of Committees be presented and discussed, with the exception of the Finance Committee, and there then would be one motion to accept them all. The financial reports, including the 2014 Budget would be approved in separate motions. All in attendance agreed.
6. **CHURCH ROLLS:** The names of individuals who were included in Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals were read aloud by Rev. Kearley.
7. **REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE PASSED IN 2013:** Rev. Bruce read the names of those who had passed away in 2013, followed with a moment of silence and a prayer. The Lord’s Prayer was repeated by all present.
8. **MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** There being no errors or omission, it was *MOVED by Bob Jenkins, seconded by David Jones, that the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.*

9. 2013 ANNUAL REPORTS:

9.1 **Minister:** Rev. Bruce spoke to his report highlighting his theme on the ways God leads us, making reference to the Hymn, “ He Leadeth Me.” Being led in our ministry through God’s hand, the Church is all about reaching out to the community and making a difference in the lives of our congregation and beyond as a group effort. He expressed thanks to all present and those not present who work to help the congregation and the wider community through Pastoral Care, Worship, Christian Education, Community Outreach, and Church Administration. By reaching out to those we know and those we don’t know, we serve God. Serving a wide geographical area, Rev. Bruce estimated making 626 contacts through visitations and noted that he relies on the congregation to inform him about people who are in the hospital as there is no longer access to hospital lists.

After eleven years at Topsail, he always considers his ministry, attempting to keep it fresh, and hopes it is meeting the needs of the parishioners and challenging our faith. He thanked the church for allowing him to serve as Chaplain for the Canadian Armed Forces, a position from which he retired this past year. He continues to serve on the CBS Ministerial Committee and the MP and Education Committee with District, the latter being one of high demand.

Commenting on how we will all miss Steven Rogers while on Leave of Absence, Rev. Bruce added that we need to make sure that the Sunday School runs smoothly. He also noted the positive additions to the music ministry of Andrew and Beth Cranston, and how the choirs have benefitted.

In closing, Rev. Bruce expressed his thanks to the staff, congregation, volunteers, and Board members for their support and guidance. Though there are some challenges, that is a good thing too. He added his sincere thanks on behalf of his wife, Dianne, for the concern and prayers in the past weeks following her heart attack.

Chair, Gillian Corbett, responded with thanks to Bruce for his ministry and spiritual guidance.

9.2 Chair of the Board: Board Chair, David Jones, responded to his report commenting that we are well led by and are very happy with our minister, Rev. Kearley. He praised the great staff, music ministry and youth ministry, noting that a new Strategic Plan will lead us forward. He closed his remarks with an expression of thanks to the members of the Board. There were no questions.

Gillian Corbett thanked David for his leadership on the board on behalf of the congregation.

9.3 Congregational Designated Minister: In the absence of Steven Rogers, Gillian Corbett thanked Steven for the wonderful job he has done in his ministry. David Jones added his thanks on behalf of the Board and the congregation, requesting that a letter be sent to Steven by Gillian, expressing the same. Steven left the Sunday School program well organized until June.

9.4 Membership and Pastoral Care: Gillian Corbett spoke to this report in the absence of Valerie Howe. The email list is large but in some cases reflects two going to the same household, (husband/wife), so it looks like more than it actually is. In response to questions about contributions, she reported that 300 families financially support with annual donations of over \$50. Though we are in touch with 450 families, all do not give on a regular basis and some of those are seniors in homes and may not be contributing.

9.5 Worship and Sacraments: Rev Bruce highlighted the workshop that was held last Spring by Ron Klusmeier who is internationally known for writing hymns. We were very fortunate to have had him present here.

Organist/Choir Director: Gillian Corbett reported that the Organist and Choir Director are doing a great job and have future plans for Cantatas and fundraisers.

Senior Choir: Gillian Corbett reported that this is now known as the Mixed Choir. The numbers have increased and the choir is reporting excellent attendance. Freeman Budgetell commented that if the front pew had been taken out to be replaced with chairs, as suggested before, this would now be a problem. After the WDP service, there were positive comments about the number of men in the choir.

9.6 Christian Development Committee

Sunday School: Gillian Corbett commented that the Sunday School has a marvellous group of leaders. Although Steven has left it well organized until the end of June, there is a need to make sure someone is prepared each Sunday. Phone numbers and emails need to be exchanged. They will also need help with the End of Year Celebrations. Rhythm Band has stopped for now. Doreen Cave suggested that maybe the CBS Band leader, Mr. Stentaford, might be interested. Gillian will ask Brett Vey if he knows of anyone who might be interested.

Sunday School Financial: Coffers are in good stead. Gillian Corbett expressed surprise at the amount of money in the account. She will talk to Anne Allan to inquire if envelopes are being used and do they need receipts. Brad Cole inquired about monies coming from recycling. He said he drops his off and asks that the money be donated to the Sunday School. Gillian will find out if the monies are actually coming in.

9.7 Ministry and Personnel: Reported that Andrea Deacy can no longer continue due to work commitments.

9.8 Outreach: Gillian, on behalf of Pat Jones, reported that people help as needed. Food Bank did well. Outreach Committee donated \$1000 to Mission and Service Fund as donations were down.

9.9 Property and Trustee: David Jones, commented that the committee was doing a good job. The downstairs bathrooms are under repair, but it was unfortunate that groups were not informed of sudden work. A working toilet will be needed for the St Patrick's Day Lunch scheduled for Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Signage will be erected to indicate using the toilet in the Board Room. The snow damage to the cemetery fence will be taken care of by the government.

9.10 Men's Club: Both Gillian Corbett and David Jones commented on the excellent work of the men's group and expressed their thanks for their excellent fundraising efforts.

9.11 United Church Women: Currently the group has 19 members. There are 20 people in the coffee group, who are not necessarily members of the UCW, but who do help out with projects. The coffee group are mainly retired women, not necessarily members of Topsail congregation. The UCW is not primarily a fundraising group, but they hold a Fish Cake dinner and raise money to support a Foster Child.

9.12 Harvest Festival: No questions. It was reported that the auction was hard work.

9.13 Long Term Planning: Good results.
A new plan is to be put in place. No questions/comments.

10. ADOPTION OF REPORTS:

MOTION: It was Moved by Bob Jenkins, Seconded by Brad Cole that the Reports 9.1 to 9.17 be accepted as submitted. CARRIED.

11. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Boyde Clarke highlighted items of the report.

- The bathroom repair budgeted for last year was not incurred leaving extra monies.
- Congregational givings were under budget but on a par with last year.

- Harvest Festival is the largest fundraiser.
- Steeple loan is paid off.
- Unfunded roof repairs – received \$9000 towards it. This expense was paid off from the TUC bank account.
- PAR has increased. We are the largest congregation in NL contributing through PAR - 120 families. Boyde has been asked to speak to District about this. The Stewardship program jump-started that 8 or 9 years ago.
- It was suggested by David Jones that if 200 families gave an extra \$5/month, it would make a big difference. Other suggested ways to increase givings would be a direct ask on the plate, increase givings to PAR based on rising church costs, and move to a Stewardship Program again.
- Boyde reported that the United Church was instituting Planned Giving and it might be an idea to ask someone to come in to speak to parishioners.
- Bob Bennett reported that some churches in the city have instituted donating online and are surprised by the amounts donated. This could be done through our website, but Boyde is not convinced it would bring an increase.

BUDGET FOR 2014

Boyde Clarke reviewed the Budget for 2014.

- Budgeted a deficit of \$11,369 primarily for the renovations to the bathroom on this year's budget. Capital expenditure of \$20,000 – will spend probably half of that.
- Saved \$15,000 from Steven Rogers taking Leave of Absence for half a year.
- Church is in good shape with \$100,000 in bank
- Budget was reviewed, discussed and approved by the Board.

It was ***MOVED by Bob Jenkins, Seconded by David Jones that the 2014 Financial Report/Income Statements of Funds be accepted as presented. CARRIED.***

13. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Meeting Chair, Gillian Corbett, thanked all those members going off the Board and the new ones coming on. She presented the Nomination Slate prepared by the Nominating Committee, short three names. The Chair called three times for any other nominations to the Official Board. The board has a right to appoint members for 1 year if there is not a full slate.

It was ***then MOVED by David Jones, Seconded by Bob Jenkins that the slate of members submitted, with the addition of Freeman Budgell be accepted as the Official Board for 2014. CARRIED.***

14. ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

It was ***MOVED by Boyde Clarke that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 pm. CARRIED.***
Rev. Bruce closed the meeting with a Benediction.

Respectively submitted,

Wanda Saunders, Secretary

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH *"The Church by the Side of the Road"*

"We love because God first loved us" – (1 John 4: 19)

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Christ's name. As I write this letter for the 2014 Annual Report, the old saying: *"Time flies"* certainly seems to ring true. It does not seem like a year has passed since writing my letter for the 2013 Annual Report. The year, however, has passed and it seems to have passed quickly; but that does not negate the fact that we need to reflect upon the past year and celebrate and be thankful that God's love has continued to uphold us all the way through 2014. Truly God has led us through 2014 in worship, church activity and in our commitment to witness and celebrate God's presence with us. As we stand on the threshold of New Year we are thankful for God's love!!

We strive, in our personal faith and in our communal faith, to express God's love in our witness because God first loved us. The verse from *1 John 4: 19* printed at the beginning of this letter indicates this truth. A reading from *Acts 17: 28* further states: *"In God we move and live and have our being."* This teaches that we can live our faith day by day because God first loved us and God's love is a gift of Grace given and not earned. This knowledge is further reflected in a beautiful hymn in "More Voices" by **Carolyn Winfrey Gillette** entitled *"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace."*

*When hands reach out and fingers trace
The beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
Love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.*

*And when the ways we learn and grow
Are not the ways that others know, we thank you, God, that
We have learned your love's a gift and never earned.*

God's gift of Love is always there providing strength for our lives day by day. I realize that some days it is difficult to feel that strength especially when our journey takes us through times of sorrow and loss. There are members of our congregation whose journey in 2014 has been difficult because of the death of a loved one. I cannot take away that hurt but I want you to know that God's love is there for strength and, as a congregation; our continued support and prayers are with you. The scriptures record Jesus as saying: *"I am with you always.."*. May knowing that you are held by God's love provide you with strength and comfort.

There were many opportunities for us to celebrate together as a congregation this past year. It would be impossible to mention them all in the confines of this letter but I do want to take a moment to thank the entire congregation for your commitment to the life and ministry of our community of faith. The fact that you share your gifts in this congregation so willingly is a testimony of your commitment to sharing God's love. The Annual Report gives an account of the life and work of our congregation. Please read it with joy and thanksgiving that we are a part of such a vibrant community of faith. It is, therefore, with praise to God and thanksgiving to you that this report is compiled and made available.

It is difficult to write a letter for the Annual Report and not make reference to finances. The many projects we do are dependent upon the support of financial contributions. That being said, we celebrate the fact that in 2014 we were able to maintain a healthy financial position but we need to be always aware of the challenges to maintain that position. *(Please take a look at the report from our Finance Committee)* Unfortunately this year we were unable to meet our Mission & Service budget. The M & S Fund helps provide our church's ministry locally, nationally and globally. I do thank you for your kind and generous support. We do, however, need to maintain our level of financial support by making regular contributions and even increasing, if possible, because (as you know) expenses rise with each new year. The ways you can maintain regular contributions are by using weekly envelopes, monthly envelopes or by contributing through PAR (pre authorized remittance). Our church office can give you information on any of these ways. Thank you for your generous financial support.

I also, on behalf of the congregation, and myself want to express deep appreciation to our other church staff. Thank you to *Lynn Mercer, Steven Rogers, Beth and Andrew Cranston, Rosemary & Roger Richards and Brett Vey* for their support, expertise, help and guidance to me and to our congregation.

I end my letter with all of the verses of *"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"* in Thanksgiving to you for sharing your time and gifts to ensure that our congregation under the leading of God's grace continues to share God's love day by day. The assurance that God always walks with us is my prayer for you as we begin 2015. My wife Dianne joins with me in wishing you God's blessing for the year ahead.

**When hands reach out and fingers trace
The beauty of a loved one's face, we thank you, God, that
Love relies on gifts of grace not seen with eyes.**

**When fingers spell and signs express
Our prayer and praise and thankfulness, we thank you, God, that
Hands can sing; you bless the silent songs we bring.**

**When broken bodies will not mend,
We thank you, God, for Christ our Friend. In him, our healing
Can begin: he welcomes all the wounded in.**

**And when the ways we learn and grow
Are not the ways that others know, we thank you, God, that
We have learned your love's a gift and never earned.**

**Your Spirit gives us differing ways
to serve you well and offer praise. When all are joined as
One, we'll be your able, strong community.**

(#136 More Voices "When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace" – Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

Blessings,



Rev. Bruce

OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIR REPORT

For over 175 years Topsail United Church has not only survived, it has prospered in good times and in bad. This continues to be so. Anyone who looks at the full contents of this Annual Report will see ample testament to that fact and to the dedication of the women and men, youth and children of this Church. We are blessed to have the leadership we do in all aspects of our Church, the example of our Minister, the dedication of our Congregational Minister, the Ministry of Music of our Organist and Choir Director, Choirs and Youth Band and Group, the service of our Church Secretary and Caretaker, the work of our Board and its Committees, and the steadfast support of our Congregation.

These are all things to celebrate.

I do not know what the future holds for Topsail United Church. No one, except God knows that. But I do know and I do believe that whatever challenges and opportunities we face, we will face them together – firm in our faith, supported and grounded by a solid spiritual and fiscal foundation.

Soon my time on our Church Board and that of others on the Board will end and it will be time for a new generation of leadership and service, supported by us all, to continue to chart the direction our Church will take, and to determine what it will be and become. As I enter this, my last year as a member of the Board, I commit to you as a Board Member and as Board Chair, if that is the wish of the Board, that I will do all that I can with the help of the Board and the Minister to keep us on that steady and steadfast course that we have been on for the last 175 years so that we may continue to grow and help prepare the way for those who will come after all of us.

As Chair of the Board I want to end my Report to you by saying that I am thankful and proud of all those who serve this Church, for the difference that they make in the lives of all of us and those that we don't know, and for your support of this work.

May God continue to bless each and every one of you and Topsail United Church.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jones

CONGREGATIONAL DESIGNATED MINISTER REPORT

Greetings!

As we look back over 2014, we can see the many blessings that have been bestowed upon Topsail United Church. I am always inspired by the tremendous commitment of our Sunday School and youth leaders as they offer their time and talent week after week. When I began my 6-month Leave of Absence in February 2014, the leaders of our various youth ministries stepped in to ensure the smooth continuation of our programs and activities. I am grateful for the encouragement and support I received throughout the year. While a report of this nature could never fully encompass the depth and reach of Christian Development at Topsail United, some accomplishments are highlighted below.

Sunday School | Youth Group

Topsail United Sunday School was fortunate to have a team of dedicated leaders in 2014 including: Jo-Ann Stone, Charlotte Akerman, Mona Morey, Genevieve Phillips, Tonya Pelley, Sabina Callan, Nancy Leawood, Sarah Coish, and Joanna Tucker. The Spark Workshop Rotation curriculum remains a great success for both children and leaders. The flexibility of this curriculum allows for easier scheduling of volunteer workshop leaders. Each week, children engage in various workshops such as art, cooking, music, video, skills, and games as they explore the themes of Bible stories. We continue to integrate Godly Play sessions in regular rotation with the previously mentioned workshops. Godly Play is based on the Montessori Method of learning and uses props and figurines to provide a dramatic telling of the Bible story. In the fall of 2014, preliminary information and cost estimates were gathered to explore the feasibility of hosting a Godly Play certification course at Topsail United. This 2-day course is conducted by two trainers who are accredited by Godly Play Canada. Our hope is to provide this training in 2015 to our Sunday School leaders who will receive a certificate upon completion. We are pleased that Jo-Ann Stone has agreed to serve in the newly redefined role of Sunday School Superintendent. We are hoping to have a second volunteer fill this role in the near future.

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School participated in a Palm Parade and joined with the choir and congregation in a special Palm Sunday rap. We are thankful for the leadership of Rosalind Foley who planned the year-end celebration for our Sunday School in June 2014. In the autumn, Marie Burt and Tonya Pelley led the youth in a candle-making workshop where we formed candles for the newly baptised children. We were pleased to have some members of our youth group serve at the Harvest Festival meal. Reading scripture, leading worship, bearing Remembrance wreaths and participating in leader covenanting and confirmation liturgies are just some of the many activities our youth are involved in.

Members of the youth group joined with the Sunday School in preparing a Christmas pageant entitled *Spirit of the Christmas Tree*. The Youth Band and Children’s Choir combined to form single choir that provided the musical support for the pageant, while members of the youth group and Sunday School filled the various acting and logistical roles. Andrea Deacey performed a beautiful selection of carols during the luncheon that followed the pageant.

For Christmas Eve, members of the youth group prepared two dramatic elements for inclusion in the 6:00pm service. Just after the opening hymn, the service was “interrupted” by a loud knock on the sanctuary door. Two stable girls entered with a basket of hay and proceeded through the aisle until they reached the manger where they placed their hay. Sometime later, a second knock “interrupted” the service. Three shepherds requested entry into the sanctuary and proceeded to the front where they offered a dramatic reading of the Christmas Story. These dramatic elements added great impact to our Christmas worship and we are thankful to Sabrina Callan who assisted the youth in their preparation. Our sincere gratitude is also expressed to Anne Allen who continues to serve as the treasurer for our Sunday School and Youth Group.

Membership Statistics	
TOTAL REGISTERED	
Preschool	3
Kindergarten	7
Grade One	6
Grade Two	2
Grade Three	3
Grade Four	4
Grade Five	2
Grade Six and up	18
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	19

The numbers above are based on registration forms received in Fall 2014. Additional participants have attended for whom no registration form was received.

Children’s Choir | Youth Band | Rhythm Band

The Children’s Choir, Youth Band, and Rhythm Band continue to rehearse every Wednesday evening. The Children’s Choir, with a membership of 13, performs under the direction of Rosalind Foley with piano/guitar accompaniment provided by Brett Vey. In addition to the lovely anthems they provide at the monthly Family Service, the Children’s Choir participates in special projects with the Senior Choir, offers a selection at the Anniversary Hymn Sing, and leads the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service.

The Youth Band, with a membership of 11, performs under the direction of Brett Vey with assistance from Rosalind Foley. This program gives band members the opportunity to participate in a worship ensemble and currently features diverse instruments including: bass, guitar, violin, cello, mandolin, piano, percussion, recorder, accordion, glockenspiel, saxophone, flute, and voice. In addition to their musical offerings at the monthly Family Service, the Youth Band also performs at fundraising concerts and special events.

The Rhythm Band, with a membership of 8, provides a space for children to learn performance techniques in various percussion instruments such as djembes, maracas, claves, wood blocks, bongos, cymbals, snare drums, glockenspiels, and other instruments. The music of Rhythm Band is also enjoyed at Family Services and special events. Like our Sunday School and Youth Group, registration in these ensembles is ongoing and interested individuals can join at any time from September to June. We are very pleased with the addition of new mallets and music stands that were donated by the Men's Club. These materials enable us to continue our ministry of music. In addition to musical development, weekly rehearsals also provide our children and youth with a safe space to make friends, to discuss current affairs, and to explore social questions. There is a great sense of camaraderie between the members and the leaders, and the contribution of these ensembles to the life and work of Topsail United could never be overstated.

In closing, I would like to thank Rev. Kearley, the staff, the Official Board and Committees, and the members and supporters of our pastoral charge for being part of the journey. You are appreciated. I am blessed to be part of this journey with you.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Rogers



Congregational Designated Minister

PASTORAL CARE AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Co-Chairs: Valerie Howe and Genevieve Phillips
Members: Cle Callan Gillian Corbett Rosalind Foley
Lynn Mercer (Administrative Assistant)
Anne Pinsent (Baptism Sponsor)
Ex officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

Historic Roll: This Roll contains the names of all those who have joined Topsail United by confirming their baptismal vows, or by profession of their faith or by the transferring in of their membership. The Roll should only contain the names of those members who **reside in the area and who continue to have an active interest in the life and work of the church.** Membership is subject to review by the Official Board. In 2014, **9** new members were added by Confirmation, **1** new member was added by transfer; 5 members removed by transfer; and **1** member was removed by their death. The Historic Roll currently lists 508 members. Please call the Church Office if you need information about Transferring your Membership or wish to confirm your baptismal vows.

Invitations to come to Sunday School were sent to 24 children living in the Pastoral Charge who were baptized here and started kindergarten in September. Our church records for 2014 list **28 Baptisms, 14 Marriages and 18 Funerals** conducted at Topsail United Church throughout the year.

Supporting Families List: In 2014 there were **340** listed families financially supporting the church and a number of other families listed under our Pastoral Care.

Newsletter: All those on our Supporting Families list receive the Newsletter, which was published in the Spring and Fall. The two Newsletters were distributed via email to approximately 150 families and approximately 200 were either delivered by hand or mailed. To comply with Canada's anti spam legislation all email families have been asked to confirm whether or not they wish to receive email from the church. By year-end we had received consent from only 107 email members. We would appreciate any family who has access to email to please provide your email address and your consent for electronic communications. This means of communication is both more timely for members and more cost effective for our church.

Neighbourhood Contacts: We could not possibly get our Newsletters out without the help of this dedicated group of 22 volunteers. Many thanks to all of you who have delivered the Newsletters this year.

"Meet and Greet": The Committee continues to sponsor "Meet and Greet" each Sunday following worship (except for Family Worship, which is sponsored by Outreach). This social gathering provides the chance to meet new people and have a chat. We encourage everyone to attend.

Pastoral Care: Rev. Kearley and a group of volunteers continue visiting our seniors who can no longer get out to church.

Thank you to all who have found a church home at "The Church by the Side of the Road" over the past year and to those who continue to support our church community.

Valerie Howe

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Doreen Cave
Secretary: Barbara Brown (January-March); Beth Cranston (March-December)
Members: Marie Burt Andrew Cranston Heather Cronhelm
 Sharon Deemer Rosalind Foley Allan Parsons
 Rev. Pearce Penney Jacqueline Perry Steven Rogers
 Wanda Saunders
Ex-Officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

Summary of Activities:

The Worship & Sacraments Committee met four times in 2014. Sunday worship schedules were established for the year and business related to worship was conducted.

An election of officers was held at the first meeting in March. Doreen was re-elected as Chair and Beth volunteered as Secretary. Steven was on a leave of absence until September. Sharon resigned from this committee in November.

Various music-related items were discussed and implemented into worship this year. In March, the sung Lord's Prayer was introduced to the congregation and we have used it since that time as a regular part of each Communion Service. The women in the Mixed Choir began using scarves made from the old choir robes. During the summer, Andrew and Beth were pleased to provide some special music, and we also welcomed the Anchormen Barbershop Chorus as a guest choir.

In the Spring, the Board approved a scholarship program for the Mixed Choir. The organist and choir director each completed professional development in the Spring. The Mixed Choir participated in a concert for the visiting Moderator of the United Church, the Right Reverend Gary Paterson. More detail can be found on each of these items in the Organist/Choir Director Report.

Creation Time themes were integrated into the worship schedule this Spring as it seemed to work well with Environment Week and Earth Day occurring around the same time. This received positive feedback. Special services proceeded as usual, including the Longest Night service, the Flower Services in both Long Pond and Topsail, and our Christmas Eve services.

There was a beach clean up day during the summer, which was a great initiative for adults and children alike to take part in. The Men's Club provided refreshments.

Donations have been made that allow us to purchase 50 new Pew Bibles to replace those that are in poor shape.

A Canadian flag that was flown in Afghanistan was given to us by a former congregation member. We intend to properly display the flag somewhere in the Sanctuary or Vestibule.

In December, our Church hosted Coastal Sounds Community Choir's Christmas Concert and 2nd Annual Christmas Cantata, in which members of the Men's and Mixed Choirs took part. The Cantata was accompanied by orchestra and the event was a very special one indeed. More details can be found in the Organist/Choir Director's Report.

Thanks to all staff and volunteers that contribute to worship in our Sanctuary. Thanks also to those who replaced Rev. Bruce, Andrew and Beth, and others when required. We are truly blessed to have such a committed and generous congregation with so many talents and abilities to share with each other in the name of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cranston

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR REPORT

It has been another exciting year for the Mixed and Men's Choirs, as well as for us personally, with more plans for growth still on the horizon!

This year, the Board approved a request to fund a new Choral Scholarship program in support of the Mixed Choir. The intention is to hire three or four young singers to encourage more part-singing in order to develop a richer sound and more dynamic experience for both chorister and congregation. These leaders would attend the appropriate Thursday evenings and Sunday morning services and act as teaching support for regular and sectional rehearsals. There was some advertising done for this in the Fall, however there was minimal interest shown, so as yet these positions remain unfilled. More targeted advertising will be done and we hope to fill these positions in the fall of 2015.

In order to better serve the congregation, Beth completed a series of organ lessons with Stephen Candow in the spring of 2014. It was an important experience in her musical growth and she is excited to continue to learn and improve going forward. In May 2014, Andrew also completed some professional development by participating in PODIUM, a national conductor's conference in Halifax.

On October 23, Cochrane Street United Church hosted "An Evening with the Moderator" where Topsail was one of four congregations that participated in a concert for the visiting Right Rev. Gary Patterson. It was an uplifting and deeply spiritual event! From the wonderful musical performances, to the inspiring talk given by our guest, to the meet and greet afterwards; it was truly a special evening. The Mixed Choir performed three beautiful pieces, Here I Am Lord, Song for Newfoundland, and The Holy City, which were very well received. Someone said of our performance "Is that Topsail's entire congregation?" While amusing to us, this question illustrates how important and good it is to share our gifts outside of our own Church community!

Members of the choirs again participated in Coastal Sounds Choir Association's 2nd Annual Christmas Cantata held at Topsail United Church on December 7. Rev. Bruce also sang, and both Steven Rogers and Lorraine Jarvis narrated. It was a spectacular performance by all accounts, and participants are still receiving positive feedback. This was the first time the group had ever performed with an orchestra and the result was such a fulfilling experience for performers and audience alike. Coastal Sounds Choir Association sincerely thanks Topsail United Church, in particular Rev. Bruce, Lynn Mercer, and the Men's Club, for all the incredible support provided throughout the rehearsal and performance process. The concert could not have happened without all of their help. We are making plans for a Gospel Concert to take place this spring as a fundraiser for the Church's music programs. We want to help contribute to the Church while providing an opportunity for all of the choirs and instrumental ensembles to showcase their talents together. We look forward to an opportunity to collaborate with everyone on this project!

Topsail United Church continues to be such a warm and supportive community of which we both feel privileged to be a part. We would like to thank our colleagues, all of the Church volunteers, and all members of the congregation for making us feel so welcome and appreciated. And of course, a huge thank you to our amazing church choir family. We could not ask for a better work environment or home-away-from-home.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew & Beth Cranston

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: **Bond Swain**

Members: **Glenys Moran**

Jo-anne Stone

Ex officio: **Steven Rogers**

Judy Powell

Charlotte Ackerman

Rosalind Foley

The Christian Development Committee met once in the Spring and three times in the Fall of 2014. The Committee is grateful for the return of Steven Rogers to the role of Christian Development Coordinator/ Congregational Designated Minister. The Committee will continue to act a resource to Steven to provide feedback and guidance, as well provide an oversight role with respect to the Christian Development Program.

The Committee's major focus continues to be the Youth and Children's programs of Topsail United Church. Aspects of the Christian Development Program that were carried out this year include the Sunday School, Youth Group, Youth Music Group and Children's Choir. A major challenge continues to be organizing church programs around other extra-curricular activities that the youth are involved in. A year-end service for the Sunday School was held in the auditorium. In Steven's absence, Rosalind Foley organized this service. We are all thankful to Rosalind for organizing this and doing such a great job!

The Sunday School Superintendent's role has been redefined so that in may include more than one person. To date only one person has accepted this role. If anyone is interested in volunteering as Sunday School Superintendent please contact a Committee member or Steven Rogers.

Godly Play is a large part of our Sunday School Program. Steven has been working with the Committee to implement a formal Godly Play certificate course for Spring 2015. The goal is to have regular Sunday School leaders complete the Core Training for Storytellers. Two certified trainers from Godly Play Canada will conduct this training. Upon completion of the training, Sunday School leaders will receive a certificate recognizing them as accredited Godly Play storytellers.

With renovations to the downstairs area some Church groups are limited in the storage space available to them. Committee members have spent time cleaning out the Godly Play Room/Nursery of some old items no longer used by the Sunday School or Youth Groups. The goal is to move all of the Sunday Schools things to one side of the room making space available for other groups.

The Church and the Committee is thankful for all of the wonderful volunteers assisting with Children, Youth and Sunday School Programs but we are always in need of additional help! If you are interested in volunteering in any way please contact Steven Rogers or a Committee member.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bond Swain

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Description	Income	Expenses
Opening Balance January 1, 2014	2,228.40	
Weekly offerings (January to December 2014)	508.55	
Interest earned (Jan to Dec 2014)	3.63	
Green Depot	49.95	
Beeswax for Baptism Candles		193.44
Supplies		62.09
Guatemala Sponsor Child c/o UCW (for 2015 costs)		210.00
Totals	562.13	465.53
Total Year End Balance in Account (31/12/14)	2,325.00	

YOUTH GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

Description	Income	Expenses
Opening Balance January 1, 2014	\$609.04	
Coins from the Men's Group	31.90	
Green Depot	49.95	
Food Supplies - confirmation class		0.00
Pizza for Youth Group		0.00
Totals	81.85	
Total Year End Balance in Account (31/12/14)	690.89	

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Allen
 Sunday School and Youth Group Treasurer

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Gillian Corbett

Members: Anne Allen Freeman Budgell Lloyd Hobbs
Doreen Hart (Jan –Jun) Patricia Jones

Our membership changed in March when Valerie Howe took over as Official Board Secretary, a conflict with her membership on this committee, then in June Doreen Hart resigned as she moved permanently to Ontario. Thank you to both these former members for their dedication to the work of this Committee.

The Committee is responsible for the role of overseeing all staffing requirements of the church and assisting staff in ensuring the efficient and responsible use of church resources while making sure that the work of the church meets the needs of the congregation.

Topsail United Church is fortunate to have a dedicated group of individuals working for the congregation and this makes the work of this Committee that much easier.

There were just two changes in regular staffing during 2014.

- Steven Rogers Congregational Designated Minister with responsibility for Christian Development was granted a leave of absence for personal reasons from February – August when we welcomed him back again for the fall programming.
- Lynn Mercer, Administrative Assistant was granted a short time of medical leave in November.

We were pleased to be able to assist our organist Beth Cranston in arranging partial funding for Professional Development to increase her expertise on the organ.

The Committee met with all staff during 2014 to discuss individual contracts, concerns, compensation and other needs.

Thank you to all our staff, Steven, Lynn, Beth, Andrew, Roger, Rosemary, Brett and a very special thank you to Rev. Bruce for his continuing leadership and spiritual guidance, we feel truly blessed to have him with us. There are many volunteers who put in countless hours working side by side with our staff to deliver our church programming and we would also like to thank each one of them for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Corbett.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Coordinator: **Pat Jones**

The work of the Outreach Committee in 2014 has been carried out through the U.C.W. and the Coffee Group.

Committee Mandate:

The goal of the Outreach Committee is to reach out to people in our community and around the world.

Summary of Activities:

- Provided postage costs for mailings (Bulletins & Daily Devotion Books) to church members who are shut-ins.
- Supported the Mission and Service Fund by providing "Gold Banks".
- Promoted Burry Heights United Church Camp.
- Promoted and supported the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank
- Promoted and supported the work of "Stella's Circle" which includes Emmanuel House and Naomi House.
- Promoted and collected subscriptions for "The Observer" magazine.
- Organized the annual Outreach Christmas Dinner.
- Provided for Fellowship time following Family Worship
- Provided for social gatherings in the Hall following funerals, when requested.
- Organized two (2) Flea Markets, in Spring for the Church and in Fall for the Harvest Festival.

The Outreach Committee is committed to the activities listed above and appreciates your continued support.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Opening Balance Jan. 1 2014	\$ 1,586.81
“Gold Banks” for Mission & Service Fund	881.00
Spring Market	3,611.00
Christmas Dinner	3,051.00
Bank Interest	.23
Total Income	\$ 9,130.04

DONATIONS & EXPENSES

Topsail United Church	\$ 3,500.00
Christmas Dinner - S.U.F. Hall	2,151.00
Emmanuel House - Christmas	500.00
Miscellaneous	175.00
Bank Charges	39.75
Total Expenses	\$ 6,615.45

Balance as of Dec. 31st 2014 **\$ 2,514.59**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE FOOD BANK REPORT

Thank you for your support of the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank through donations of both food and money during 2014. Please remember the first Sunday of each month is highlighted for donating to the Food Bank but you may bring items any time. Thank you to the Men’s Club for their additional donations of food throughout the year.

The Food Bank continues to be well supported by the community at large and again there was a tremendous response to the Christmas “Hamper” program, which was changed this year. The Food Bank did not make up food hampers; instead each family unit received a turkey and a gift card for the purchase of food only. A single person received a \$50.00 gift card, a family with 2 or 3 people received a \$75.00 gift card and a family with 4, 5 or 6 people received a \$100.00 gift card. This all worked extremely well and was really appreciated by the families.

A total of 240 Christmas “Hampers” were given out. At Christmas time some of our regular clients are looked after by other organizations such as “Single Parents” or a school for their Christmas Hamper. All Food Bank Christmas Hamper requests as well as regular hamper requests are filed with “Food Sharing” to eliminate duplication and other organizations are encouraged to do the same.

The majority of monthly hampers are requested by people who are in receipt of government assistance. We know that there are others in need especially the working poor and those waiting to receive benefits. If you know of someone who is in need please let him or her know that the Food Bank is there for them. **No one is turned away.**

The Food Bank continues to supply lunch items, on request, to schools in the CBS/Paradise area - to be given out as needed.

The Food Bank Board has appealed for financial help to businesses in both communities and continues to seek increased financial help from the member Churches. Special Fund Raisers are held and we ask for your support of these whenever possible. The Annual General Meeting of the Food Bank is held each May and is open to the general public.

Congregational Monetary Support

Regular & Christmas Hamper Donations.....\$ 4,203.00

Total Donations\$ 4,203.00

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND REPORT

Outreach is responsible for the promotion of the Mission and Service Fund within the congregation.

The United Church of Canada, through the "Mission and Service Fund", partners with local churches in Canada and around the world to bring immediate and appropriate help to people wherever and whenever there is a need.

Each year we set a goal for our donations and we remit money to the National Church each quarter as it is received. Our goal is \$20,000.00 so we have fallen short this year. Thank you to Rev. Bruce for bringing the Mission & Service Fund to our attention each week with his reading of the "Minute for Mission" and thank you all those who have responded generously through your envelope, PAR and Gold Bank donations.

Summary of Donations:

INCOME

Individual Offerings (envelopes & PAR).....	\$16,402.50
"Gold Banks"	\$ 200.00
Total	\$16,602.50

EXPENSES

M & S Remittance.....	\$16,355.72
Bank Charges.....	\$ 86.70
PAR Charges.....	\$ 160.08
Total	\$ 16,602.50

PROPERTY AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair:	Paul Burt	Ex officio:	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Members:	Robert Bennett	Roland Regular	Derrick Tuffin
	Roger Richards	Max Robbins	Dale Butt
	Brad Cole		

During 2014, several changes occurred to the membership structure of the Property and Trustee Committee. Early in the year, we were pleased to add new members Dale Butt and Brad Cole to the Committee, while the resignation of Lloyd Johnson was received and accepted. We welcome the expertise of Dale and Brad while also expressing gratitude to Lloyd for his service to the congregation of Topsail United during his lengthy tenure on the Property and Trustee Committee.

2014 was again a very active year for the Committee with the following projects representing just some of the more significant issues dealt with by members during the year:

- A major renovation was undertaken to the church washrooms. This project sought to improve both the appearance and functionality of the downstairs washrooms for the benefit of both church members and outside groups that rent the church hall.
- Metal exit doors in the church basement were refurbished and/or replaced.
- Parking and directional markings were repainted in the parking lot. During this time, our handicapped parking spaces were also repainted and new signage was installed in order to bring us into compliance with new provincial legislation on this matter.
- An extensive ditching and drainage project was undertaken in the Upper Gullies Cemetery in order to remediate ongoing water table issues in that location.
- A large section of chain link fencing was replaced in the Long Pond Cemetery. Apex Construction Specialties generously donated all materials and labour.
- A summer maintenance program was again put in place for the three cemeteries maintained by the church and snow-clearing efforts at Topsail were also coordinated.

While this next topic does not pertain directly to “traditional” church activities that we all see on Sunday mornings, there is a significant amount of unseen work involved in maintaining and coordinating activities within the three cemeteries that fall under the responsibility of Topsail United. A great deal of this work is often quite challenging and time sensitive and involves dealing with bereaved families, ensuring plots are prepared and ready for burial services, etc. Perhaps like many congregation members, I will personally admit to being mostly unaware of the nature and extent of efforts required on the “Trustee” portion of the Property/Trustee Committee prior to becoming involved as Chair. As such, the Committee was pleased to formally institute the position of “Cemetery Caretaker” early in 2014 with the mandate of this position being to perform this extensive suite of duties and responsibilities on an ongoing basis. We were very also pleased to confirm the continuing assistance of Bob Bennett in this newly defined role.

In closing, I would like to thank all committee members for their continued support and dedication towards the time consuming process of maintaining our church building and cemeteries during the past 12 months.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Burt, Committee Chair

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

President: Bob Bennett
Secretary: Bob Osmond

Vice President: Derrick Tuffin
Treasurer: Boyde Clarke

Summary of Activities:

- Members of the Men's Club were trained on the Defibrillator in February. Thank you to Glenys Moran for this.
- We had a Successful Easter Breakfast.
- We held our Annual Flipper Dinner again this year. The event was sold out and continues to be our Largest Fundraiser of the year. Thank you to all who helped in any way with this meal, to our cooks, Tony and Ray Rogers who prepared the meal, those who helped clean vegetables, helped in the kitchen, set up/clean up of the hall.
- We donated Hot Dogs, and drinks for the Town Clean Up Day.
- We supplied Hot Dogs and volunteered for the Year End Family Service.
- We made our Annual Contribution of \$2500 to the Church.
- We held our year-end outing with our spouses and invited guests at the Outport Restaurant. Thank you to our Musicians who continue to supply the music.
- The Men's Club members continue to help with our Annual Harvest Festival Celebrations. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, served supper and cleaned up afterwards. The financial report speaks for the success.
- We sent a \$200 donation to the families the church built houses for in Guatemala.
- We donated \$300 to the church to help defray the cost of the three church members who attended the District workshop in Gander.
- We received an invitation to The Monument of Honour Dinner - thank you to Derrick and Linda who represented the Men's Club.
- We made an additional donation of \$1500 to the Roofing Fund.
- We purchased more instruments for the Youth Music Program.
We Purchased 225 New Hangers for the Church.
- The Men's Club expresses thanks again to Roy Boland one of our Members for his gracious Donation of 2 paper towel Dispensers and Towels for the Kitchen.
- We invited our spouses and other guests to our December Meeting and we were treated to a delicious Turkey Dinner and Dessert, thank you to Freeman and Sol for the preparation. After Supper we were entertained with music in the Sanctuary.
- We had another successful Breakfast with Santa. Thank you again to all of those who came out and supported this Breakfast, a special thank you to Santa as well. Unused food items were donated to the CBS Food Bank.
- We continue to donate a Church Bulletin to Members of our Group who have experienced bereavement.
- All Men of the Congregation are invited to attend the Men's Club Dinner Meeting on the First Monday of every Month.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all members of the Men's Club who are so supportive and help out in so many ways and who do so willingly. Our Church is certainly blessed to have such dedicated group of men.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Bennett

MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

DESCRIPTION	NET
Balance as at January 1, 2014	\$4,068.20
Fundraising	
Breakfast with Santa	814.37
Easter Breakfast	1,368.46
Flipper Dinner	2,618.06
Net Fundraising	4,800.89
Contributions/Donations	
TUC Annual Contribution	(2,500.00)
TUC Roofing Fund	(1,500.00)
TUC In Memoriams	(250.00)
Burry Heights	(350.00)
Rural Ministries	(300.00)
Andrew Cranston (Carnegie Hall)	(200.00)
Guatemala Project	(200.00)
Total Contributions/Donations	(5,300.00)
Other	
TUC Rhythm Band	(305.80)
Fellowship Dinners	(530.93)
Sunday School picnic	(122.73)
Bank Charges	(259.77)
Honorarium	(250.00)
Hangers	(219.67)
Total other Expenditures	(1,688.90)
Total Income less Expenses	(2,188.01)
Balance as at December 31, 2014	\$1,880.19

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW) REPORT

President:	Doreen Cave
Vice-President:	Rosalind Foley
Secretary:	Ruth Jesseau
Treasurer:	Madeline Parsons
Social/Program Convener:	Mildred Coles

Our purpose as UCW is to unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Summary of Activities:

- Hosted a muffin sale in February after Sunday morning worship.
- Hosted the World Day of Prayer Service at Topsail United Church on March 6th. Received many positive comments from people attending the service.
- Hosted a Paddy's Day Luncheon on March 12th, providing meats, rolls, tea, coffee, and desserts while people attending brought along a salad. UCW group provided prizes for the event.
- Doreen Cave (President) and Ruth Jesseau (Secretary) attended the area executive meeting held at Wesley United Church April 10th.
- Hosted the Good Friday Luncheon April 18th, providing fish cakes, baked beans, homemade breads and desserts, proceeds from luncheon were donated to Topsail United Church.
- Mildred Coles once again made her Easter Eggs and monies raised were donated to Topsail United Church
- UCW and Men's group provided food and refreshments for closing of Sunday School/Family Sunday events which took place in the church hall in June.
- Assisted with preparing for and helping out at the Flea Markets in May and October.
- Provided a soup luncheon, with rolls, desserts, and coffee and assisted with other functions throughout Harvest Festival. Member of the ladies Coffee Group and UCW donated items for the bake sale and craft sale.
- We continue to support a Foster Child Program in Guatemala. Monies went to continuing to help Elida, her family and their community. We also provided monies for a Christmas Hamper for our foster child. The Sunday School children and our Coffee Group assist us in our support of this Program.
- As part of OutReach responsibilities we provided and served food and refreshments throughout the year for funerals when requested. We also donated knitted items left from Harvest Festival to Emmanuel House and the Food Bank at Christmas.
- Along with the Coffee Group members, UCW provided prizes for the Outreach dinner held in December.
- UCW and Coffee Group concluded a busy year with a Christmas Pot Luck supper in the church hall. Members brought along items for Emmanuel House which were delivered before Christmas by Pat Jones, Mildred Coles and Gillian Corbett.
- Our 19 members enjoyed a year of work, fun and fellowship in 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Jesseau

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income **\$162.82**

St. Patrick's Day	\$538.05
Good Friday - Fish Cake Dinner	\$1,400.00
Foster Child Donation	\$5.00
Foster Child Donation from Sunday School	\$76.50
Monthly Dues	\$242.52
Membership Fees	\$120.00
Donations	\$489.00
Muffin Sale	\$561.00

Total	\$3,472.07	\$3,472.07
		\$3,634.89

Expenses

Foster Child monthly payments & Christmas (\$170.00)	\$570.00
East District	\$270.00
Bank Fees	\$17.50
Topsail United Church	\$1,200.00
Good Friday	\$311.32
Reading Materials	\$25.00
Gifts	\$33.74
Our Daily Bread	\$25.00

Total	\$2,452.56	\$2,452.56
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Closing Balance at December 31, 2014		\$1,182.33
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HARVEST FESTIVAL REPORT

Committee Members: **Bob Bennett** **Cle Callan** **Doreen Cave**
 Mildred Coles **Gillian Corbett** **Denise Jacobs**
 Pat Jones **Lynn Mercer** **Mitch Moran**
 Max Robbins **Derek Tuffin**

The Annual Harvest Festival in October was successful again thanks to much hard work by the many willing hands.

All the usual events went ahead as planned on the Thanksgiving Weekend.

The Men's Club organized the Saturday Breakfast and served at the Jiggs Dinner with Derek Tuffin in charge of the kitchen. The Sale and Soup Lunch went well although there were fewer people in attendance. 120 Jiggs Dinner tickets were sold and our thanks go out to the Rangers who helped out waiting on tables.

The Flea Market headed up by the U.C.W. and the Auction headed up by Ken Corbett and Max Robbins, were held later in October. The Auctioneers were Boyde Clarke and Brad Cole. Andrew Corbett - Maverick Sports & Collectables, supplied Visa/MasterCard services. Both events were well supported by donors and buyers. The Flea Market especially had some large ticket items and raised the most money ever for this event.

Financially over all we were down a little from 2013 however, again, very many thanks to all who helped - it really does take a combined effort on behalf of the whole congregation to hold all these Harvest Festival fundraising events in the space of one month and once again the success can be measured in the funds raised.

Income:	
Breakfast.....	\$ 1,287.00
Sale & Lunch.....	\$ 1,958.75
Jiggs Dinners.....	\$ 1,828.60
Flea Market.....	\$ 5,085.00
Auction.....	\$ 6,775.00
Donations.....	\$ 250.00
Tickets.....	\$ 215.00
Total.....	\$17,399.35
Expenses.....	\$ 1,702.99
Net profit.....	\$ 15,696.36

Respectfully Submitted,
Gillian Corbett

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair/Treasurer: Boyde Clarke

Members: Don Allen Sandra Baggs Bob Bennett Lynn Mercer

Highlights – 2014

- Deficit of \$1,857 compared to a Budgeted Deficit of \$11,369
- Congregational givings (all categories) over Budget by \$7,400
- Capital expenditures and repairs under Budget by over \$6,300 due primarily to cost savings on renovations to washrooms
- Harvest Festival net of under \$16,000
- Unfunded roof repairs from 2012 of \$8,157
- Bank account balance at year-end = \$57,127; GIC balance = \$50,000
- 118 families on PAR

Budget Submission – 2015

- Budgeted Deficit of \$8,134
- Budgeted increase of 1.9% in Congregational Giving
- No Capital Expenditure budget for 2015
- Godly Play training for Sunday School instructors budgeted at \$3,500
- Potential recoveries against this cost to be determined

Respectfully Submitted,

Boyde Clarke

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is comprised of the following Retiring Board Members:

Doreen Cave Brad Cole Sol Davis

Denise Jacobs James Rowsell

Ex-officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

It is recommended that Board members serve 3 consecutive years.

2014 Official Board Members eligible for re-election in 2015:

3rd year Boyde Clarke
Valerie Howe
David Jones
Wanda Saunders
Bond Swain

2nd year Freeman Budgell
Dale Butt
Glenys Moran

Nominees 2015 Paul Burt
Lloyd Hobbs

Nominees may be accepted up to the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 8, 2015.