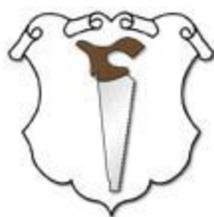


St. James the Less Church in the
Parish of Renforth
Annual Report 2015



Our Missional Footprint

The Corporation

Rector - Eric B. Phinney BBA, MDiv

Wardens- David Henderson, David Parsons

Treasurer - Don Hazen

Envelope Secretary - Linda Jennex/Norman McLeod

Vestry - John Cudmore, Shelly Dauphinee, Donald Hazen, David Kierstead, Norman McLeod, Deja Peterson, Josh Peterson

Vestry Clerk - Vacant

Synod Delegates - David Henderson, Norman McLeod, Val Phinney

Alternates to Synod - Don Hazen, Gregor Hope, David Parsons

Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Attendance
3. Minutes of the last AGM
4. Rector's Report
5. Wardens Report
6. Financial Report and Budget for 2016
7. Missions Report
8. Other Reports
9. Election of Wardens and Vestry
10. Election of Synod Delegates and Alternates
11. Any other Business
12. Votes of thanks
13. Adjournment

Minutes of the Last AGM

AGM for the Parish of Renforth for the Year 2014
Held at St. James the Less Church Feb 8th 2015

Meeting called to order 13:00 with 29 in attendance.

Eric opened in prayer

Chair was David Henderson

Minutes of the previous year were read. Shelly Dauphinee moved their adoption, Mary Splane Seconded the motion. Carried

Rector's report. Moved by Norm McLeod, Seconded by Josh Peterson. . Carried
Statistic report. Moved by Don Hazen Seconded by Rodney Senior Carried

Question to have report at least 7 days prior to meeting. The congregation was given assurance by the Churchwardens that in the future the report would be available one week prior to the meeting.

Wardens report. Moved by David Parsons. Seconded. by Eric Phinney

Comment by Davie Parsons. Much time was spent on how we deal with financial matters.
Review of what we have been doing over the last couple of years.

Every time we have sent money to the diocese or to missions there was money left over.

We are proposing to send money first to the dioceses and to our mission tithe first.

Davie gave some biblical examples concerning faith and obedience.

On the question. Carried

Other Reports Moved by Josh Peterson, Seconded by Sharon Kierstead. Carried.

Financial Statements and budget. Moved by Don Hazen Seconded by David Kierstead

Page 11. Date is wrong on budget

Final fig is 177000 Deficit Is Increased.

Typo on page 12. Income and expense re John Phillip. Should be taken out

Friendly amendment to add a "faith" line on the income of 27,500

Request from Rodney Senior regarding financial position. Vestry will report on a monthly basis.

Discussion ensued On the question carried

Elections

Report of the nominating committee

Move that 7 people be on vestry. Moved by Dave Henderson, Seconded by Don Hazen

Wardens elected by acclamation

Vestry elected by acclamation

Synod delegates elected by acclamation

Synod alternates elected by acclamation

Any other business

Votes of Thanks

David's Henderson: thanks to the congregation

Eric Phinney To Val Phinney, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Worship teams, Lay readers, Missions committee, Kids church

Norman thanked Eric

Motion to Adjourn was made by Norman. 2:53

Respectfully Submitted by,

Eric Phinney

Rector's Report

This year's report will be a little different as I have included most of what I do under "Our Missional Footprint" and "Other Ministries". You will find below our annual Statistical returns that shows the numbers that we report to the diocese.

I have been working on behalf of the diocese in two areas. The first of these is developing and approach to reporting to the diocese. As you will see in this report I have separated the missional impact type of items from the church maintenance items. What is really important is impact that we have on the communities. People who are outside of the faith could not care less how many services we have or what the offering is. What really matters to God and the world around us is what difference we are making. I have drafted a report and held a number of focus groups to develop an approach called "Our Missional Footprint" the result of which you will see in this report.

The second project that I am working on is to help make the Bishops teaching available to more churches on a Sunday morning. David Edwards is an excellent teacher and preacher. Can you imagine a world where we could dial him into a service on a Sunday morning. The technology to do this is available and I believe that we are very close to making this a reality. I hope that this year we can host Bishop David and make his talk available as a live stream to a handful of participating churches.

It has been a joy this year working with the mission committee and really having a team that is looking outside the walls of the building. I look forward to many of you becoming more involved in the outward looking mission of this church family. If you find something in this report that peaks your interest please consider becoming more involved.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Phinney - Priest and Rector

PARISH ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN

PARISH OF RENFORTH

YEAR: 2015

Section 1 – Population Summary

Congregation:

Number of Congregations 1

Households:

Families: 41

Individuals: 27

Membership:

Children: 21

Adults: 118

Other:

Confirmed Persons: 63

Communicants: 139

Identifiable Givers: 60

Section 2 – Parish Groups and Roles Summary

Layreaders:

Parochial: 3

Diocesan: 2

Episcopal: 0

Church School Information:

Schools: 1

Teachers: 7

Students: 13

Attendance:

Parish Groups:

Men's Groups - # Groups: 0

Total Membership:

Women's Groups - # Groups: 0

Total Membership: 12

Youth Groups - # Groups: 0

Total Membership: 0

Music teams - # Groups: 3

Total Membership: 6

Study Groups - # Groups: 2

Total Membership: 10

Other Groups - # Groups:

Section 3 – Worship Services Summary

Celebrations of Holy Eucharist/Holy Comm.

Inside Church: 92

Outside Church: 10

On Sundays: 92

On Weekdays: 10

Administration of Reserved Sacrament:

Reserved Sacrament Services: 18

Other Services:

Evensong: 0

Lessons & Carols: 1

Funerals: 6

Baptism: 2

Marriage: 0

Confirmation: 0

Reaffirmation: 0

Reception: 0

Holy Unction: 0

Other: 0

Total Services:

On Sundays: 102

On Weekdays: 1

Section 4 – Number of Individuals

Making:

Easter Communion: 75

Communion by Reserved Sacrament: 5

Other Yearly Totals:

Normal attendance on Sundays (est.) 70

Number Buried: 6

Number Baptized: 2

Number of Marriages: 0

Number of First Communions: 0

Number of Confirmations: 0

Number of Reaffirmations: 0

Number Received from other Communions:

Wardens Report

Dear fellow Parishioners:

I believe it is my duty to share my observations on last year's finances.

Looking back at 2015, our income was \$11,694 below our budget of \$177,636. We needed to receive \$14,800 per month to reach our budget. Our actual income was \$165,941 and our actual expenses were \$165,269.

We were expected to pay \$24,480 to the Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget. We managed to pay only \$18,988, a shortfall of \$5,492. We paid \$2,040 per month from January to June, \$748 in November and \$6,000 in January (for 2015).

We will be expected to support the 2016 Shared Ministry Budget in the amount of \$23,158. This works out to \$1,930 per month.

A tithe (10%) of the Offerings was set aside each month for the Missions Committee to disburse for mission outreaches in the following month.

For 2016, Vestry once again intends to support the Shared Ministry Budget of the Diocese. We also intend to support missions through the tithe set aside for the Missions Committee to disburse. We will need to become Fully Reliant On God's provision, because our actual income did not cover all our costs in 2015.

The Saint John Presbyterian Korean Church began using our facilities on March 29th. There was quite a bit of discussion within Vestry regarding what we should expect for rent, as some of us thought this could be a mission outreach for our church. I talked to them and said we would like them to pay what they thought it was worth. They paid \$300 per month for their use of St. James the Less Church. In December they raised this amount to \$400. They have been asked to provide proof of insurance and I have been working, with help, on a lease contract with them. It has been a very complex exercise.

In late May / early June we undertook the following cost-saving measures:

The lawn mowing contract, water cooler, coffee, floor mats and composting were cancelled.

Garbage pickup was reduced to monthly rather than bi-weekly.

Linda Jennex retired in June. Norman McLeod agreed to take over Linda's duties as Envelope Secretary and I agreed to receive the bills and write the necessary cheques.

The cost saving measures and Linda's retirement lowered our expenses by more than \$1,000 per month.

On March 17th, a letter was received from the Diocese asking for a meeting with our Vestry.

Vestry met with the Diocesan Committee on June 29th to discuss our financial situation and the work of our church in the body and in the community. The Diocesan Committee urged us to use e-offerings to provide a more constant income flow.

The Wardens met with Bishop David on June 30th. We talked about our church, our expectations and our hopes for the development of our part of the Body of Christ.

Please pray that I will have an increase of faith. I find it impossible to write a cheque if there are insufficient funds in our bank account to cover it whereas, if I were Fully Reliant On God, writing that cheque would not be a problem. My faith is not as strong as I thought it was.

Respectfully submitted,
David Henderson, Warden

Financial Reports

BUDGET ANALYSIS 2015-2016			Purposed
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2015	2015	2016
INCOME			
ENVELOPE	\$ 153,779	\$ 145,000	153000
MISC	\$ 6,042	\$ 5,000	6000
Additional income	\$ 6,120	\$ 27,631	\$ 7,358
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 165,941	\$ 177,631	\$ 166,358
EXPENSES			
BANK CHGS	\$ 754	\$ 800	800
CHUR MAINT	\$ 8,267	\$ 7,500	6600
CHUR SUPP WORSHIP	\$ 1,158	\$ 1,000	1200
INSURANCE	\$ 4,256	\$ 4,256	5000
KITCHEN	\$ 360	\$ 1,000	500
MISC	\$ 0	\$ 0	
MISSION PROJECTS	\$ 16,772	\$ 17,112	14442
SUN SCH FOSTER	\$ 858	\$ 888	858
DIOCESE	\$ 12,988	\$ 24,475	23158
OTHER	\$ 0		0
OFFICE	\$ 944	\$ 1,500	500
RECTORY TELEPHONE	\$ 2,123	\$ 2,300	2300
RECTORY MAIN	\$ 383	\$ 1,200	1000
SAL JANITOR	\$ 5,642	\$ 6,600	6600
SAL SECT	\$ 3,150	\$ 6,500	0
STIPEND & BENEFITS	\$ 84,494	\$ 86,000	85000
EI-CPP-WHSC	\$ 381	\$ 600	200
WATER & SEWER	\$ 1,579	\$ 1,350	1700
CHUR ELECT	\$ 8,357	\$ 8,200	9000
RECT ELECT	\$ 5,549	\$ 5,000	6000
CHURCH TELEPHONE	\$ 1,253	\$ 1,200	1500
YOUTH MIN EX	\$ 0	\$ 150	0
Total expense	\$ 159,268	\$ 177,631	\$ 166,358
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 6,673	\$ 0	\$ 0

Our Missional Footprint



I define our missional footprint as all those activities of the Church that impact our community and our world. It includes the actions and programs of the Church and individuals. While this report is not complete it begins to give us a picture of the impact that we are making for Christ in the world. It does not include the things that we do for ourselves for our own maintenance. Maintenance is important, we cannot survive without it, and our impact on the world depends on a healthy and functioning community. Our internal “Other Ministries” will follow this section of the report. This look at our Mission Activity is, in my mind, the most important measure of our success as a parish and the centre piece of this Report. Today this is what we celebrate.

Mission Committee Report

Following the initiative that began in 2014, St. James the Less has continued to tithe one tenth of all revenue that comes into our parish, to flow out into outside ministries and missions. On the first Tuesday of every month the Missions Committee meets to pray, share and disperse the funds that Vestry has allocated to be disbursed through the Missions Committee. Following a motion by Vestry, every Sunday when the funds are counted, 1/10 of all funds are set aside for the Missions Committee to disburse.

As much as the original purpose of the committee may have been to disburse funds, the committee has moved into a more important role of praying and seeking the Lord’s hand in the direction and overall mission of St. James the Less. Every time we meet, we dedicate a significant portion of our time at the beginning and end to prayer.

In 2015, the Missions Committee has maintained the long term support for MMI and Wycliffe Bible Translators to support the ongoing ministries of Madeleine Allard and Shiloh Peterson respectively?. Every month a portion of the funds that come into St. James the Less helps provide a stable financial support for these two valuable ministries. Starting in 2015, the Missions Committee also decided to help support a local Syrian family that has been relocated to our area. KUBC (Kennebecasis United Baptist Church) has sponsored the Syrian family. Every month we support this family through KUBC to help them provide the needed financial support for the family over the year. In addition to these ministries, St. James the Less has had a long standing support for World Vision through its foster child program. We continue to support this on a monthly basis.

Did you know? - Since June 2015, on the first Thursday of every month there is a crew from St. James the Church that prepares a meal at our church to be served that night for Outflow at Grace Presbyterian at 5:30pm. This crew is made up of many people and is coordinated by Jerry Jamer. Money directed from the missions committee provides the funding for the meal, however it is the many hands that makes this ministry possible. Thank you everyone who has provided their time and to Jerry who coordinates this every month.

In addition to the various ongoing ministry partners, the Mission Committee supports various other groups and responds to various needs as they arise and are brought to our attention. The committee has not been given

an official mandate from Vestry, however as Christians we have been given a pretty thorough how-to book on this subject. I think this sums it up fairly well. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:35-40.

In 2015 St. James the Less sent out a total of \$17,629 to the various ministry support groups.

If you are interested in joining the Missions Committee or just curious and want to check it out we meet the first Tuesday of every month at the rectory at 6pm.

We would ask that you continue to pray for our Missions Committee and its members. We may not be a large church, but we are certainly a blessed church. We thank God for his awesome provision in 2015, we look to him and him alone for our strength and support in 2016.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

Below is a list of the various groups and ministries that we have been able to support in 2015

Missions Committee Members 2015

Susan Henderson, Karen Kelly, David and Sharon Kierstead, Sarah Kim, Eric and Val Phinney, David Parsons

Missions Committee Chair



David Parsons

Ministries Supporter on a monthly basis

Foster Children <http://www.worldvision.ca/>

Outflow Ministry – Meals one per month <http://www.outflowsj.com/>

Medical Mission International MMI <http://www.medicalmission.ca/>

Wycliff bible Translators (Shiloh Peterson) <https://www.wycliffe.ca/wycliffe/>

KUBC Syrian Family Support



Ministries where we provided physical and financial support



Coldest Night of the Year <https://coldestnightoftheyear.org/>

Saint John Seafarer's Mission (*Shoebox Campaign 50 Packages*) <http://sjseafarers.com/>

Renforth Wharf Days

Medical Mission International MMI <http://www.medicalmission.ca/>



Other supported ministries and our response to crisis and need

Colin Ranson Surgery

Individuals needing support within the Parish

Responding to families in crisis (fire, sickness, financial)

Saint John Harbour Lights <http://www.sjport.com/community-inclusion/harbour-lights/>

Christmas Support for Families

Dayspring Ministries (Youth With a Mission) <http://www.ywam.org/>

Street Hope Saint John

<http://thresholdministries.ca/saint-john/street-hope-saint-john-about-us/>

L'arche Saint John <http://larchesaintjohn.org/>

KV Outreach (women's support ministry) <http://www.kvoutreach.ca/>

Saint John Pregnancy Resource Center

World Vision (Nepal Earthquake) <http://www.worldvision.ca/>



Renforth Shore Community Life Days/Renforth Wharf Day - Eric

Two years ago after doing a prayer walk we discerned together to begin a work in the community along the Shore Road. What emerged was a festival that involved many organizations in the community. From the children in the school and artists to the various organizations that dot the shore, and the general public enjoyed a fun-filled day near the wharf and the Villa Madonna Retreat centre. We had raised about \$3000 to pay for free pony rides, bouncy castles, face painting and balloon animals. There were various exhibits and demonstrations. We had a church booth offering free coffee and prayer. Many thanks to those who volunteered to help out on the committee or the booth. This year is going to be even bigger with a major sponsor joining us and the Lions club providing the fix'ins for a Big BBQ and Dance with loads of live music. I believe that we touched on a real community need here and we look forward to how we can continue to serve the people of the area.

Eric Phinney

Renforth Seniors Health, Wellness and Safety

After another prayer walk we began a new ministry that supports Seniors in our area. We have conducted 4 seminars so far and are getting geared up for a Wellness Fair in the Spring. It was worth noting that the day we decided to initiate this there was a report from Stats Canada that said there were now more people over 65 than under 15. The baby boomers have crossed over. There is a new opportunity to bring christian service to a growing community. We encourage you to consider joining our committee to help out. This has a lot of potential.

Eric Phinney

Outflow Supper Program

Starting in June 2015, St. James the Less has been partnering with Outflow Saint John's Supper Program. Volunteers, community groups and Churches prepare and serve hot meals at various locations in the city five days a week, Sunday – Thursday, at a different location each day. Anyone is welcome. Since June 4th, 2015, St. James the Less has been providing a hot meal for approximately 50 people on the first Thursday of each month at Grace Presbyterian Church. The Missions Committee has provided \$200.00 per month towards this outreach and to date we have provided approximately 500 hot meals and provide \$350.00 worth of food and household supplies for distribution to those in need through a pantry that Outflow stocks at Grace Presbyterian Church.

On the first Thursday of the month, a small group of volunteers from St. James the Less meet at the church at 1:00pm to prepare the meal, which typically consists of a large pot of hearty turkey vegetable soup (approximately 75 servings), 72 grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, 72 buttered rolls, approximately 50 apples or bananas, hot and cold beverages and a variety of homemade squares, cookies and cake for dessert. Then I deliver the meal to Grace Presbyterian where volunteers set up, assemble and serve the meal and clean up. Folks have really begun to look forward to the first Thursday of the month and their eyes light up when they see the trays of homemade desserts.

I personally have found it fun and rewarding to get to know my co-workers and some of the "guests" that we serve. I am confident that I speak for all those who have given their time and energy to this outreach when I affirm there is a clear sense of God's pleasure as we serve Him by serving the "least of these" (Matt. 25:34-40).

If you are interested in finding out more about the work of Outflow and other opportunities to serve check them out at <http://www.outflowsj.com/>.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jerry Jamer
February 6, 2016

Kennebecasis Food Basket

Located in the parking area of the Quispamsis Arena the Kennebecasis Food Basket serves as many a 40 families on a regular basis. On Mondays bulk item shopping is done and then volunteers bag up smaller portions. At Christmas special hampers are prepared with seasonal goods. Mother's day also finds volunteers busy putting together something for moms. We maintain a basket at the back of the church which is delivered regularly to the Food Basket. Please be assured that anything you put in here is going to feed hungry people who have fallen on unfortunate circumstances. Thank you for your generosity.

Respectfully Submitted

Judith Senior

Lakewood Headstart

For many years we have had a brown box near the doors to the fellowship hall. You may bring household items and clothing and put them in this box. These are distributed to families in need in the eastern part of greater Saint John by Lakewood Headstart.

Art Community Gathering 2015

In 2015, St James the Less continued to be a gathering place for local artists biweekly on Fridays. We received anywhere from 5-15 individuals who came to do some 'social' painting or drawing. It is known to be a warm and inviting atmosphere where friendships grow, mutual admiration and praise is natural and our brunch counter is a special highlight and enjoyed by all. This year we had newcomers learn to paint, informally learning English along the way. While others came to just be with the group, walk about and observe. Still others were focused artists looking for helpful tips and pointers and to have a break from the lonely life of an artist. Our opening meditation has been a time of centering ourselves on the Lord, His love, and the gift of creativity. We often explored how this gift can be used by Him to impact the world around us. It has been so encouraging to feel His presence and to hear His heart for us. "That's just what I needed to hear today!" was not an uncommon sentiment. We are thankful for His faithfulness and love, bringing us encouragement as we gather as a creative community. It was interesting who the Spirit brought into our midst this year. There were many opportunities to minister His love and compassion as the participants shared the ups and downs of their lives. As the popular song goes...He's a good, good Father, that's who He is...And we are loved by Him, that's who we are. ☺

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Cudmore and Ada Onuora

Art Community Gathering Outreach

'Art With Friends' at Kings Way Care Center

During the winter, spring and early summer of 2015 interested artists from the Art Community Gatherings met at Kings Way Care Center every second Friday to paint with residents and build friendships. We were blessed with a donation from the members of SJTL via the Mission Committee to buy supplies for this outreach. Many friendships and special moments marked our time at KWCC. (James 1:27...Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress...)

The fall of 2015 brought on a change as a few of us felt to step back temporarily from leading this initiative for a variety of reasons. Interestingly a volunteer from KWCC was interested in carrying on in our footsteps, so we were appreciative of the multiplication of this concept of ministry to the elders at the care center and remain in touch with the home in the event we were to return. A few of us have assisted the new Art With Friends leader but our ministry as a team remains on hold pending the leading of His spirit in resuming this initiative.

Respectfully Submitted

Cynthia Cudmore and Ada Onuora

Alpha

One Alpha course was conducted by Eric in the Winter of 2015. Eric and Val traveled to England to attend the Alpha Leadership Conference at Royal Albert Hall in May. Val cooked for an Alpha Course put on by the uptown Churches last Fall. Eric is presently developing "Alpha for Seafarers" which will be deployed through Seafarers Chaplains around the world. Alpha is the most effective way of sharing the Christian faith. If you would be interested in taking a course or helping to run one please talk with Eric.

Loch Lomond Villa Outreach

Several years ago the small group which was formed to take the Rick Warren courses decided, after taking "Purpose driven Church", to offer the ministry that continues to this day – The Mission to Loch Lomond Villa. The result was that on the last Sunday of a five week month, the group would lead a service at The Villa. We had no idea what we would actually "do" when we started out! In all truth The Lord led us to a time of worship (songs from the Villa hymn book), Reading the lessons of the day, including the gospel, followed by a short sermon. During the service we used well known hymns. At the end we offered individual prayer. All this was so successful, that we just kept on doing it! We are now a regular feature of the Villa worship time, and we love them, and they love us! The group has changed over the years, but six of us are regulars (David and Susan Henderson, David and Sharon Kierstead, and Judith and Rodney Senior.) We invite any members of our church community to join us in this rewarding ministry. It really is a joyful time. Come along and see and sing!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rodney Senior

Regular Building Use by the Community

Our building is used for the greater good of the community on a regular basis by the following groups. It is also used occasionally by individuals or organizations that request a one time use of the building. We consider it good stewardship when the building is being used.

The Presbyterian Korean Church Congregation - weekly Sunday, Friday, Saturday approx 8 hours/week

50 plus Women who Care - tri monthly 2 hours

Art Group - weekly 3 hours

Michael Butler Art Class- Weekly 6 hours

Zumba - twice weekly 4 hours

Fundy Gardeners - monthly 3 hours

Prostate Cancer group - monthly 2 hours

A free will offering is received from each group except the Art Group since that is lead by our own people

Rectors other Missional Activity

I have continued to serve as the Chairman of the Board of directors of Alpha Ministries Canada. Alpha Canada is responsible for providing the Alpha Course to this nation as well as innovating and developing products for worldwide use.

After serving three years on the Board of Directors of Wycliffe Bible translators I have been elected as Vice Chair and also as Chair of the Policy Review Committee and Bylaws Committee. Wycliffe Canada works with other Wycliffe organizations around the world to translate the bible into the heart language of minority language groups. This past year I also attended a global consultation on prayer and the Mission of God

I also serve as the Chaplain to the Port of Saint John through the Saint John Seafarers mission. I visit ships and watch for the welfare needs of sailors as well as bringing them prayer and christian materials. I have opportunities to represent Christ at social gatherings among the various industries that make up the operation of the port from time to time. I am currently working with a couple of international groups to deploy "Alpha for Seafarers" aboard ships.

While not strictly Missional I am also the Commodore of the Renforth Boat Club which helps keep me grounded and in touch with real people and their lives. There are times when individuals turn to me because of my vocational calling.

I meet with and talk with leaders in the city and town on a variety of matters on a regular basis.

Tell us more...

At the end of this report you will find a page of lined paper. Please remove this and add in the things that you do or that you know are being done to impact the community with the loving actions of Christ or to proclaim his Word. We will count this as part of our total Missional Footprint, a copy of which will be sent to Fredericton. It is more important than ever to be measuring the right things. In the case of the christian community the thing we need to be measuring and celebrating is the impact that we are collectively having in the places that God has put us. So do some thinking and remembering and let us know what you have been up to in the months of 2015 and what you might be planning for 2016.

Other Ministries

These are the maintenance ministries that I have noted above. They are extremely important to our health and internal growth but do not directly impact the community around us.

Sunday and other worship Services

Our regular services take place at 8:30 and 10:30 each Sunday. The “Early Service” as it is called is a “by the book service of Holy Communion from the Prayer Book. We usually sing three hymns accompanied and lead skilfully by Linda Hazen. We are a small congregation of between 12 and 20. This is an important service for me personally as it helps me hear and respond to the word of God and engage prayerfully through Holy Communion. Because it is so traditional I find it a comfort and food for my soul. I bring the same message at this service as I do the 10:30.

Our regular family Service takes place at 10:30 each Sunday and is preceded by Bagels usually at the end of the month. It is a much freer form of service that consists of worship through music for about 20 minutes, the collect of the day, the reading of the day, Preaching, announcements, prayers and communion. There is flexibility built into the service to utilize different modes of teaching, prayer and ministry as the Spirit leads. Once a month we engage in “Messy Church” a model of family worship developed in the UK. See below.

During the Church year we engage in several special services. Christmas Eve is always a delight as many people come from away to join family and friends. We usually hold this service at 5:30pm so that all ages can easily be part of it and be home for supper and other activities. Our next event is our Ash Wednesday Service. We usually finish the Lent season with a Seder Meal as we prepare for the celebrations of Easter. We have always had a Good Friday Service of our own but this year (2016) we will be joining other Anglican Churches in the area at St. Paul’s in Rothesay. I have been invited to preach and choristers have been invited to join in a community choir.

Other Services are held as required including Baptisms, Funerals and Marriages. It should be noted that none of these are private functions but open to the public as part of our corporate witness to the work of Christ in our midst.

Home visitation and communion

Some of our members are not able to get out to the church building and are ministered to by the church family in the place that they reside. Regular home communions are carried out by those desiring this ministry. I am very pleased to have the able help of Rodney Senior to assist with this.

Kids/Youth and Intergenerational Ministry

At the close of July last year, I stepped down from coordinating the programming for kids as we knew it. We hoped that the Lord would lead us in a new way to teach the children. We had hoped for a new coordinator and new teachers but this did not happen.

The next step seemed to be, that the children would remain in the service and be provided with word searches and colouring at the table in the sanctuary, based on the readings for the day. So the children stayed in the service and became a part of it, even playing instruments along with the worship band.

Then we began bringing in aspects of the Messy Church concepts, where inter- generational groups worked on projects and crafts together during the service in the sanctuary. This worked to a point but still didn't seem to be the complete answer.

Then it seemed good that the Messy Church should move into the gym, and the sanctuary be reserved for prayer, meditation, and teaching. This meant that people could move from the sanctuary and do activities with the children and return to the quiet area, for more prayer and meditation time (or vice versa).

We have not found the best way to do Messy Church yet. Some people do not want to miss a service with worship, prayer and preaching. Children need an interactive time (to be taught the Word by hearing and doing creative things) WITH the older generation to share the wisdom from both.

What is the answer? Better still, what is God's answer?

Please pray that God will reveal to us all, how to satisfy the needs of the whole congregation and provide the best teaching of His Word for the old and young alike. He is such a Creative and Wise God, so let's pray for His Best answer for us.

We are on an Adventure of Discovery and it is exciting! May we follow His leading step by step!

Sincerely,
Sue Henderson

(with thanks to Karen Kelly and Sharon Kierstead for Kids' Church)

(with thanks to Sharon Kierstead, Se-youn Moon, Val Phinney, Linda Pike, Lynda Smith and Mary Splane for Messy Church)

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Henderson

Altar Guild

I'm so grateful to the following members for their dedicated service and cooperation: Jill Atkins, Jennifer Blackwood, Dorothey Buckley, Anne Cummings, Joan Goucher, Charlotte Hope, Bonnie Jones, Sharon Kierstead, Alice McLeod, Dorothy MacPhee and Mary Splane. Serving with these ladies is a real pleasure.

As time passes, some of us may have to withdraw from service. We welcome new members and ask you to prayerfully consider this as a ministry.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Ephesians 2:10

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Ross
Convener

Prayer Chain

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of the Chain for their steadfastness and commitment to prayer. We have five members; Joan Goucher, Sharon Kierstead, Ada Onuora, Judith Senior and myself; Anne Ross.

If you feel called, you are welcome to be part of our ministry. We are thankful that we have been able to continue and that God is faithful. He has shown His hand in the lives of many for whom we have prayed. We give Him all the praise and glory.

We meet periodically to update our prayer list and fellowship together. We aim to meet once a month but sometimes that is not possible, especially during the winter months.

“He will call upon me, and I will answer him.” Psalm 91:15

Respectfully submitted

Anne Ross
Prayer Link

Small Groups/bible Studies

Three years ago a small group was started as a result of several people expressing a desire to meet sometime between Sunday services to study God's Word. The group has continued and meet 7pm every Thursday at the home of Joan and Colin Blackwood. We have studied several books of the bible and have grown spiritually in our knowledge and application of God's Word. In addition deep friendships have developed between the members as we have shared life experiences together many times. We have experienced the arms of Aaron and Hur in each other as by times one or another experienced life events that proved challenging. I would recommend a small group to anyone who has a desire to grow in the things of God while at the same time developing deep and lasting relationships. It is both a blessing and a privilege.

Sharon Kierstead

We started meeting during Lent last year, using the “Present Future” by Reggie McNiel DVD's from Eric. Six of us from the church and two other friends. It is all ladies. Then we watched some video series of Andy Stanley that had discussion questions. Furthermore, we had discussions on prayer and the Lord's prayer, among others. We meet every Thursday afternoon through we broke off in August and Christmas-New Years holiday, as well. In this month we have watched and discussed the “Indescribable” and “How Great is our God” DVD's by Louie Giglio. We usually start off with a snack time and then move on to the event of the day. We ask for prayer requests and have a time of prayer.

Ada Onuora

Small Groups this year

At our last Missions committee meeting David Parsons presented a type of Small Group for us all to be involved in particularly through Lent. A number of people have been approached already but the invitation is open to all. Here is the outline and you are welcome to Talk with Davey regarding this.

Welcome – As people come into the home they are welcomed in, given a cup of coffee/tea/juice...

Warm Up – As the group starts there is a simple discussion topic/question for everyone to break the ice and have a chance to talk about.

Nothing complicated just something simple for people to be able to talk about without any pressure. This isn't meant to be lengthy just something simple.

Word – Here we discuss what the Word (scripture) was shared on the previous Sunday. The Scripture that was taught about on the previous Sunday can be read to trigger people's memory. Everyone has an opportunity to go around once and share, if there was something that they took away, if God spoke to them etc.... Once everyone has had an opportunity to share once, go around the group a second time to see if what people said may have triggered any other thoughts.

Work – People now have an opportunity to share the work that they are doing in their lives. This is a chance for everyone to have an opportunity to share what they have going on in their lives. In their careers, personal life, ministries that they are called to etc... This will allow each other to know what people have going on so that we are then able to pray for each other later on.

Worship – Time for worship. Groups can sing a song or two, sing along to a recorded song etc... Following the singing this leads into a time for prayer. Everyone is given the opportunity to pray if they wish.

Wallup – Not sure where the word comes from but it means **eat** (not a lot of detail needed). This doesn't need to be a main meal but it should be something that the group is able to share together, even a small snack would work. Community so often is built around food.

Some practical details

The groups need to run for two hours, **(NO LONGER)**. It will be important that group times start on time and end on time. We often tend to have meeting creep. It will be important for the person who is leading the group to kick off discussions and end the night within the 2 hour allotted time. The meeting times should also be set so that people are able to make it a routine that they schedule in each week. These groups need to be open to everyone. The whole purpose of this is that all groups function the same way, and they are intended to grow. Once cell groups have been identified the intention is to have them accessible to whoever is wanting. There is a size cap simply to be functional. Once the groups get much bigger than 12-15 the group needs to be able to split (the goal is for growth as we are called to grow and make other Christians).

Layreaders

We have a small group of very dedicated Lay Readers, comprising David and Susan Henderson, Sharon Kierstead, and Judith and Rodney Senior. Usually one Lay Reader assists at the 10:30 am service, by reading the Lessons for the day, and assisting Eric administer Communion. All of us can lead services when Eric is absent. The duty is on a regular rotation, so currently every five weeks. At Eric's discretion, Diocesan Lay Readers may take services at other churches, and communion to shut in's from time to time. It is always a blessing when someone steps up and asks to be a part of this important ministry. There is some training, given by Eric, but the main requirements are a love of The Lord, regular church attendance, and an ability to read well. There is also a new program of training being set up by the diocese that will be required for future lay readers.

Respectfully Submitted

Rodney Senior.

Worship/Music

I have coordinated the musical worship for the last several years. I am very thankful for the gifts of music that we have present in our congregation and how people have used them for the greater glory of God and for reaching out into our community in various ways. Linda Hazen serves as our regular organist at the 8:30 services and often makes an appearance at Christmas and Easter and other special times. Linda accompaniment is always a pleasure to sing to. She carefully choose the right song for the season.

In our main service we enjoy the leadership of John, Cynthia, Josh, Deja and Val on a regular basis. From time to time we have the occasional guest appearance from friends of St. James the Less. We were treated at Christmas to the Adult Choir of the Korean Congregation. On the rare occasion that no one is available we have had to fall back to "Youtube" videos, which are always a good alternative when no live musicians are available.

Chris and Mike have dutifully manned the sound desk and Isaac has provide the expertise on the projection system. Thanks also to Steve Kincade who has sorted out technical issues for us on several occasions.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Phinney

Feasts and Festivals

A few times a year we gather for special times of community. Over the years we have done a number of things including; Sunday School picnics, Corn boils, Bagel Sunday's, Thanksgiving suppers, Special Christmas services, Shrove Tuesday Suppers, Seder Suppers and Act's 2:42 Suppers. All of these have contributed to the overall life of the community as we would get to know each other over a meal. They are important and we must give some serious thought to reestablishing the ones that we need to be doing on a regular basis.

