

The Parish of Quispamsis

St. Augustine's Anglican Church

Annual Report for the year 2013



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**Agenda – Parish of Quispamsis
Annual General Meeting**

**Chair: Archdeacon David Barrett
Date: February 16th, 2014**

Call to Order with Opening Prayer

Agenda Review – Motion to approve the Agenda

Previous Minutes – Motion to approve the 2013 minutes

Business Arising

Reports

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Elections

- Election of Wardens**
- Motion as to the number to be elected to Vestry**
- Election of Vestry members**
- Election of Synod delegates and alternates**

Appointments

Auditors

Envelope/E-Offering administrator

Parish Sexton

Signing Officers for the Parish of Quispamsis

Any two (2) of the Rector, Wardens and Treasurer

New Business

Rev. Barrett

Rev. Barrett

Adjournment

Rev. Barrett

**Parish of Quispamsis
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
February 24, 2013**

Archdeacon Stuart Allan called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. following the Holy Eucharist service. There were 44 persons in attendance. The meeting opened with a prayer.

Father Allan led a prayer for those departed: Ron Smith, Irma Gallant, Norman Hall, Frank Merryweather (omission in 2012 AGM), David McColgan, and Muriel Cole; and a prayer for the newly baptized: Benjamin Douglas Kramer and Blair Ashley Jean Savoy.

Approval of Doreen Hounsell as Vestry Clerk for the 2012 AGM moved by Brian Bawn, seconded by Lorraine Scott. Carried.

Approval of minutes of 2012 AGM moved by Lew Hounsell, seconded by Paula Adams. Carried.

Parish Year in Review: Steve Clarke noted the omission of the Men's Breakfast on November 4.

Approval to accept the Wardens' Report moved by Bob Moir, seconded by Bill Dunlop. Carried. Brian thanked the congregation who helped in many ways to make the year successful.

Father Allan welcomed discussion on each of the following committee reports: Worship, Layreaders, Altar Guild, A.C.W., Sunday School, Mission, Youth, and Fellowship/Outreach/ Fundraising. The only comment was from Father Allan. As a member of the Board of ICYM, he assured the meeting that employees and volunteers are all subject to our Risk Management Policy including police checks.

Approval to accept committee reports as circulated in the annual report moved by Lorraine Scott, seconded by Bill Dunlop. Carried.

Approval to elect no fewer than 6 and up to 12 vestry members not including the wardens and vestry clerk moved by Nancy Littlewood, seconded by Bob Moir. Carried.

Approval to accept Nancy Littlewood and Brian Bawn as wardens moved by Kevin Tupper, seconded by Bob Moir. Carried.

Approval to accept vestry members by acclamation moved by Lew Hounsell, seconded by Kevin Tupper. Carried. Members: Stan Brown, Paula Adams, Kevin Tupper, Bob Moir, Art Scott, Sandra Boles, Jeanette Wood, Bill Dunlop, and Cathy Chopin.

Approval of Synod Delegates (Synod year, one-day meeting sometime in November) moved by Kevin Tupper, seconded by Paula Adams. Carried. Synod delegates: Brian Bawn, Bob Moir, Nancy Littlewood. Alternates: Sandra Boles, Paula Adams, Bill Dunlop.

Approval of PWRDF representative: Bob Moir.

Approval of Auditors: Duane McAfee and Ray Littlewood.

Vestry Clerk: Brian asked for a volunteer to fill the vacant position of Vestry Clerk. Duties are to record and distribute minutes to vestry. If anyone is interested, please contact Nancy or Brian.

Approval of Proposed Budget 2013 moved by Kevin Tupper, seconded by Lew Hounsell. Carried. Kevin noted highlights of 2012 as follows: Vestry had approved financial statements for 2012. Total chequing and savings as of December 31, 2012, were \$97,269.14. This was due to a \$75,000 bequest from the Ron Smith Estate. Total tithe was below budget. Church and rectory expenses were on track with budget. Employee costs were lower due to absence of full-time priest for four months.

In discussing the budget for 2013, Kevin stressed the importance of maintaining our giving at present level, even though we will be in shared ministry with Holy Trinity. Until we begin shared ministry on April 15, we will have to pay 100 percent of all expenses; thereafter, we will pay 58 percent of certain expenses. Nancy thanked Stan Brown for his financial work during the year.

New Business

Service Times.

Nancy advised that when we share ministry with Holy Trinity, we will have a different service time because Archdeacon Barrett has requested a two-hour interim between services. For example, one will likely be at 9 and the other at 11 a.m. Nancy then asked for a show of hands as to time preference; 19 preferred 9 a.m., 22 preferred 11 a.m.

Proposed Youth Worker. Brian reported on a request from St. Paul's about our interest in joining with them to hire a dedicated, full-time youth worker. St. Paul's will pay 50 percent of the salary, and the parishes of St. Augustine's, St. Luke's, and Holy Trinity will share the remaining 50 percent. The parishes will continue discussion on February 27, 2013.

Office Administrator. Nancy announced that Archdeacon Barrett has requested an office administrator to assist him four days per week, four hours per day. Both parishes have agreed, and they are presently advertising this position with a closing date of March 1, 2013.

Archdeaconry Commission. Nancy invited parishioners to forward any comments they have to her or Brian so they can be forwarded for the next report.

Thanks. Brian expressed sincere thanks to Archdeacon David Edwards and Father Allan for filling in until the arrival of Archdeacon David Barrett. Father Allan stated that he has enjoyed his time with us and is looking forward to returning to the pew as a parishioner.

The meeting ended at 12:25 p.m. with a prayer and a grace before the luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Hounsell

Parish of Quispamsis – A Profile

Our Vision

To build the Parish to be a vibrant community of God while growing in spirituality and in strength.

Our Mission

We will worship God for what He is and what He has done.
We will reach out and care about and for one another.

We are a multi-generational congregation who, through our worship services, parish suppers and other activities, ensure we meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of each Parishioner.

We are community minded – there are youth and adult groups who meet in our facility; we join with another local church to provide meals for needy families at Christmas, we support the KV Food Basket, we give five white gifts to the Seafarers Mission and send funds to World Vision. We support Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, we work together when planning, preparing and service – parish suppers, men's breakfasts, parish picnics, etc. We are willing volunteers who want our parish to operate well and be welcoming to newcomers. Volunteers run parish events, maintain the church building and rectory, teach Sunday School, greet and read on Sunday mornings.

We will have a shared Ministry for which we will all be responsible.

We will worship God through personal and community fellowship.

We will be guided by preaching and teaching of the word of God through our worship services and other Parish activities.

We will worship God in music and prayer through a balance of traditional and contemporary services.

We will support mission projects at home and abroad.

Adapted from the Parish Profile, September 2012

The Anglican Parish of Quispamsis

St. Augustine's Church

Statistics for the Year 2013

Every year, each parish in our Diocese reports various numerical data about that year to the Synod Office in Fredericton. The data is also stored at the Provincial Archives, on the campus of UNB in Fredericton. Here is a “numerical wrap-up” of the past year for our parish.

Section 1 - Population Summary

Congregation:	
Number of Congregations :	1
Households:	
Families :	78
Individuals :	52
Membership:	
Children :	37
Adults :	242
Other:	
Confirmed Persons :	228
Communicants :	111
Identifiable Givers :	83

Section 2 - Parish Groups and

Roles Summary:

Layreaders::	
Parochial :	10
Diocesan :	0
Episcopal :	0
Church School Information:	
Schools :	1
Teachers :	8
Students :	20
Attendance :	8
Parish Groups:	
Men's Groups - # Groups :	0
Total Membership :	0
Women's Groups - # Groups :	1
Total Membership :	10
Youth Groups - # Groups :	1
Total Membership :	8
Choirs - # Groups :	1
Total Membership :	7
Study Groups - # Groups :	1
Total Membership :	8
Other Groups - # Groups :	2
Total Membership :	22

Section 3 - Worship Services Summary

Celebrations of Holy Eucharist / Holy Communion:	
Inside Church :	52
Outside Church :	0
On Sundays :	45
On Weekdays :	4
Administration of Reserved Sacrament:	
Reserved Sacrament Services :	23
Other Services:	
Matins :	9
Evensong :	1
Lessons & Carols :	1
Funerals :	2
Baptism :	4
Marriage :	1
onfirmation :	0
Reaffirmation :	0
Reception :	0
Holy Unction :	0
Other :	2
Total Services:	
On Sundays	52
On Weekdays	14

Section 4 - Number of Individuals

Making:	
Easter Communion:	97
Communion by Reserved Sacrament :	8
Other Yearly Totals:	
Normal attendance on Sundays (estimate) :	62
Attendance at Easter worship	100
Attendance at Pentecost worship	85
Attendance on Second Sunday in September	44
Attendance at Christmas worship	8
Number Buried :	2
Number Baptized :	4
Number of Marriages :	1
Number of First Communions :	0
Number of Confirmations :	0
Number of Reaffirmations :	0
Number Received from other Communions :	0
Yearly grand total (attendance):	
On Sundays :	3147
On Weekdays :	192

2013 Year in Review –

Parish of Quispamsis

We have had an extremely busy year at St, Augustine's. Thanks to all members who so actively participated. The following list of events occurred in addition to KidSing on Mondays, KV3C and KidSing on Tuesdays, Scouts on Wednesdays, and the TOPS and KidSing on Thursdays:

January

16th – Vestry Meeting
31st – Seniors Lunch

February –

11th – Ash Wednesday
12th – Pancake Supper
14th – Seniors' Lunch
17th – Visit by Canon Paul Jefferies
20th – Vestry Meeting
24th – Annual General Meeting

March

20th – Vestry Meeting
28th – Seniors' Luncheon
28th – Maundy Thursday
29th – Good Friday
31st – Easter Sunday

April

7th - Final service with Father Allan. Turkey dinner served
8th – Archdeacon David Barrett, Rector and Barbara Ferguson, new parish administrator, welcomed
14th - Holy Communion with Archdeacon David Barrett and welcome reception
17th – Vestry Meeting
18th – Seniors' Luncheon
25th – Seniors' Luncheon

May

11th – Salmon Supper
15th - Vestry Meeting
25th – Community Yard Sale and Breakfast
26th – Induction Service – The Ven. David Barrett

June

9th – Men’s Breakfast and Sunday School closing picnic
19th – Vestry Meeting

July

28th – Morning Prayer

August

6th – 9th – Vacation Bible School
25th – Morning Prayer

September

1st – Alyssa Hayter began her position as Youth Coordinator
18th – Vestry Meeting
21st – Chicken BBQ
29th – Back to Church Sunday

October

16th – Vestry Meeting
27th – Men’s Braekfast

November

16th – Craft Sale
20th – Vestry Meeting
30th – Pork Dinner

December

1st – Seafarers’ Mission White Gift Sunday
8th – Family Service
24th – Christmas Eve Service’s held at 4:30 (cancelled due to ice storm) and 9:00 pm at St. Augustine’s
25th – Combined Christmas Service held at Holy Trinity
29th – Service of Carols and Lessons

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Ferguson
Parish Administrator/Vestry Clerk

REPORTS

Rector's Report – Archdeacon David Barrett

I have been Rector of the Parish of Quispamsis for 10 months now. Without a doubt, this has been a period of transition for me and my family – and for the congregation. There are lots of new faces with different ways of doing things. We have a fairly active congregation. While small, the ACW meets faithfully and enjoys their time together. The woodworking group meets almost daily and they enjoy the time they spend together as they produce crafts, pickles and jams for sale. The time they spend together in friendship is as important as the work they do, and others are always welcome to join.

We are very blessed to have Barbara Ferguson in the office. Barb and I started the same day and she is incredibly efficient and helpful.

I am a part-time Rector, being shared with the Parish of Hammond River. This keeps me quite busy as I minister to two parishes. We share our Parish Administrator and our Youth Worker, Alyssa Hayter, along with the Parishes of Gondola Point and Rothesay. This is a wonderful new initiative in the Kennebecasis Valley and will only work with the support of parents in getting their children to youth events. I attend youth group every third week. I held a Bible Study at Holy Trinity Church and a DVD program here at St. Augustine's. While neither were large groups, they were enthusiastic with lots of discussion. We were pleased to have Ann Fairweather with us in the summer, a second year theological student at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. She organized a Vacation Bible School, assisted with services and did home visits.

We have been doing some shared ministry with the Parish of Hammond River. All activities are published in both parishes' bulletins, and it is up to us to support each parish if we want shared ministry to grow and prosper. On March 16th, St. Augustine's will be hosting a joint Confirmation with a shared meal following. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services will be held at Holy Trinity Church and Good Friday service will be at St. Augustine's Church. In July we will be having a joint Sunday service at 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine's and in August the service will be at Holy Trinity. Offering envelopes will be returned to the issuing parish. Holy Trinity's organists have filled in at St. Augustine's several times, and Holy Trinity provided an Excel spreadsheet created by Cleo Cyr which we used for our parish statistics.

Finances are always an issue. We will be approving a deficit budget. We do a lot of fundraising at St. Augustine's and we really cannot expect our volunteers to do any more. The shortfall must be made up through the offerings of the faithful. Perhaps each one of us could increase our offering by just a little bit as we work towards the Diocesan standard of giving which is the biblical tithe, that is 10% of our income. Please pray about this.

The Seniors' Lunches held January to April were a highlight in the parish. They were well attended and appreciated by those who came. Thank you to our volunteers for their hard work. While I still do not fully understand the workings of the relationship between the parish and the Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries and the ministry at the Bishop McAllister College in Uganda, this is an amazing ministry which needs to be more widely advertised and celebrated. I am also very proud of the support we have given to the Safe Harbour Youth Transition House in Saint John.

A new Rector brings new ideas and practises. As you have probably noticed by now, I am a “rule person” and being an Archdeacon, one of my duties is to see that rules and regulations are followed in our Archdeaconry. As a Diocese, we have Canons (laws) that we are to follow as a church. We do not hold raffles; we make our full shared ministry assessment on time; we report statistics to the Diocese in a timely matter; we do what our Bishop asks of us.

We say good-bye to Bill Dunlop who has left Vestry after many years of service as well as to Wardens Nancy Littlewood and Brian Bawn who are not reoffering as Wardens, but Brian has agreed to stay on Vestry – their service is very much appreciated.

It has been a pleasure getting to know you all over the past ten months. I pray that the Lord will bless our ministry together as we work to build up God’s Kingdom here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
The Ven. David J. Barrett,
Rector

Wardens' Report **Annual Report 2013**

Significant Events...

Unquestionably 2013 has been a year of change at St. Augustine's! First and foremost, in mid-April, we welcomed Reverend David Barrett as our priest and rector on a shared basis with the Parish of Hammond River. David and Alexandra and their three daughters had the challenge of packing nineteen years of living in a large house in Sussex and moving into our rectory and becoming acquainted with Quispamsis. We are glad to have them with us.

Also in April, Barb Ferguson joined us as parish office administrator. Barb has amazing skills and commitment to her job and it is wonderful to have her as our administrator.

In the spring, St. Paul's Church in Rothesay invited the three Anglican churches in Quispamsis to share in the hiring of a youth worker to serve the KV area churches and their youth. This was a wonderful opportunity to work together with the other churches and to jointly develop our youth programs. Alyssa Hayter started in this position in September is warmly welcomed by all members of our church.

With David's arrival our service time changed to 11am. Attendance at services remained steady, and grew throughout October and November to the point that around 80 – 85 people were attending services. The month of December, and Christmas in particular, was a time many of us will remember with storm after storm – three storms on Sundays during Advent, resulting in one cancelled service and low attendance at two others. Our 4:30pm Christmas Eve service was cancelled due to a power outage and only a handful made it to the 9pm service.

Financial and Other Matters...

Headed into December, our financial picture was positive, with the year-end figures down somewhat due to the stormy Advent and Christmas season. However, we have met normal operating expenses and at this point the Smith bequest continues to be held in trust by the diocese. Salaries and expenses related to our priest and administrator are shared 58/42 with Holy Trinity Church. St. Augustine's contributes 1/6 of our youth worker's salary. We have continued to provide monthly financial support to the KV Food Basket and were also able to donate \$1000 toward the operating costs of Safe Harbour, the new shelter for homeless young people in Saint John as well as provide \$500 to the Parish of Bright in Zealand to assist with the costs of an oil spill clean-up.

Several updates were made to the rectory in 2013, most notably a water softener, new kitchen appliances and other kitchen upgrades. A baby barn was built at the church to house the lawn mowers and BBQ, a new sound system was installed in December and the septic system was cleaned in the spring. Other routine maintenance was carried out on both buildings.

Financial challenges are likely to increase in 2014 with a required increase in support to the diocese, the full year impact of salaries and increased building expenses.

Outreach...

Our church facility saw significant use in the past year and we have continued to have success in growing our visibility in the community. In partnership with other Quispamsis churches, community lunches for seniors were offered three times monthly throughout the winter. TOPS, KV3C, Sparks, Scouts, Sky Athletics, Kidding, Rotary Club and KV Camera Club have all used the church for regular meetings or events. Ministry student Ann Fairweather joined us for the summer and ran a Vacation Bible School in August, the first in many years. We hosted our annual Pancake Supper, Salmon Supper, Chicken Barbecue and Pork Dinner as well as taking part in the Town's annual yard sale in May and hosting a craft sale in November. We continue to support Bishop McAllister College in Uganda by being the vehicle through which funds are received from supporters throughout North America and transferred to Canon Paul Jeffries at the school. As in past years, Advent mission activities were directed toward supporting Seafarers' Mission, World Vision and local Christmas families.

Our Church Community...

Within our own church community, several groups continue to be active. ACW meets twice weekly. Youth Group has undergone some change with the hiring of the KV Youth Coordinator and now meets on Friday evenings. Sunday School children meet during the church service. Confirmation classes and a weekly discussion group were held in the fall and Bible study took place at Holy Trinity. Our coffee time following the service is popular. Several vestry members attended a one-day Synod in November. Fellowship is also flourishing in the form of an active woodworking group which has made snowmen, nativity scenes, birdhouses and angels. Sales of these items also provide income. Aside from our community dinners, a number of congregation-based dinners, lunches and men's breakfasts took place throughout the year. Three newsletters were mailed to all members of the congregation and monthly notices of church services were printed in the Valley Viewer.

In September a parish survey was undertaken to determine how the church might better serve its membership as we move forward. Most parishioners feel we are doing well as a church. Suggested areas for improvement included having more contemporary music and services on occasion, involving more people in the many aspects of church life, and ensuring that programs such as Sunday school and youth groups are maintained and improved in order to attract and keep families.

Thanks to....

Reverend David Barrett, our new priest and rector
Reverend Stuart Allan for filling in as interim priest
Vestry members (Sandra Boles, Worship; Jeanette Wood, ACW; Stan Brown and Kevin Tupper, Treasurers; Art Scott, Fellowship/Fundraising; Bill Dunlop, Building; Kathy Chopin, Communications; Paula Adams; and Bob Moir)
Mary Clarke and Choir members for their music leadership
Layreaders and Servers
Sunday School teachers
Youth Leaders Rob Moir, Colin Scott and Alyssa Hayter
Lee Bishop, Envelope Secretary
Greeters
Readers

Altar Guild members

Those who take care of the church building and rectory

Those who plan, contribute toward, and work at our dinners

Those who plan and implement fundraising and fellowship activities

Those who decorate the church for special occasions

Those who support mission and outreach activities

Those who provide our coffee time after the service.

Moving forward...

We suggest that, keeping in mind our stated mission, with David's leadership and actively involving our entire parish family, we build on our strengths to develop ministry which first responds to the needs of our own congregation and then reaches out to have impact in the greater community. We also suggest that renovations and maintenance of the church building be given priority as we move forward.

Brian Bawn

Nancy Littlewood

Wardens

2013 Worship Committee Report

Another year has come and gone. We have welcomed a new Rector, Archdeacon David Barrett and Family, to our Parish.

The main duty of the committee duty is to arrange Readers and Greeters for the services. I want to thank all those that have signed up in the past year for their willingness to participate. We would like to see some new names on the Sign-up sheets located at the back of the church.

Thank you to Al Gallop for arranging the Lay Readers schedule. Also thanks to our organists, Alter Guild, and ACW. They are an important part of our Church.

Respectfully submitted by

Sandra Boles

Layreaders

We would like to take this opportunity to thank al the Layreaders for their dedication and flexibility this past year. On behalf of all of us, we would also like to thank The Venerable David Barrett, the Warden's and Vestry for their guidance, their trust and faith in us to fulfill the duties that have been entrusted to us.

We have dealt quite well with the changes in leadership in the last several months. It has been interesting and educational in having to adapt to the different ways our spiritual leaders conduct the services.

Respectfully submitted by

Sandra Boles for G. Allison Gallop

Altar Guild

St. Augustine's Altar Guild has a membership of 10 dedicated women. These women prepare the Alter each week for our Sunday Worship Service as well as any special services as required. New members would be gratefully welcomed to help fulfill this worthwhile role.

Respectfully submitted by
Rita Johnson

A.C.W. Annual Report - 2013

It was a busy year, completing 6 large quilts, 5 tied baby quilts, 2 machine stitched quilts. We prepared 15 Christmas bags for the Seamen and 5 Children's boxes. We purchased the food for one Christmas family and sold 23 church calendars. Donations of money were made to our church, the memorial fund and to Sophia Recovery Centre.

Submitted by Jeanette Wood

Sunday School and Youth

Sunday School classes continued to be held during the regular service throughout 2013. Attendance fluctuated each Sunday but typically 6 – 8 children attended. We continued our use of the Sparks curriculum which is flexible and easy for teachers for planning purposes. Beginning in September, youth worker Alyssa Hayter attended every third Sunday. She delivered the children's talk and taught Sunday School on that day. On December 8 a special youth-led service was held.

Thank you very much to all of our Sunday School teachers who have stepped up to share their faith through this ministry.

Youth group was held on Sunday nights during the first half of the year, with 5 to 8 young people attending the meetings and taking part in activities. With the goal of providing more services to young people and families, St. Augustine's collaborated with the other Anglican churches in the KV area to hire a youth worker and Alyssa Hayter started work in September. A combined youth group was initiated and met on Fridays throughout the fall and undertook several special activities as well.

Thank you to Colin Scott, Rob Moir and Alyssa for their commitment and work with our young people.

Respectfully submitted by
Nancy Littlewood

Youth Group Report

Starting Date – 3 September, 2013

I've spent six Sundays at each of the four parishes thus far (St. Augustine's, Holy Trinity, St. Paul's, St. Luke's).

Sunday morning duties have included:

St. Paul's: Children's Talk and help with Sunday School downstairs

St. Luke's: Remembrance Day Sermon, children's talk, help with Sunday school

Holy Trinity: Christian Education for youth grades 6-12 downstairs during service

St. Augustine's: Children's talk and full Sunday School during service

I have also been present during the Confirmation classes at St. Paul's (9 classes) and St. Augustine's (11 classes so far, St. Augustine's confirmation will be early March)

One of three leaders in Holy Trinity's After School Sunday School program started September 26th and every Thursday since - with Cleo Cyr, and Betty Anne Waugh. We have been teaching eight 4-8 year-olds music, bible stories, making crafts, etc. from 4-5pm on Thursday afternoons.

Kick off youth event: Sept. 29th – Cornboil following icebreakers outdoors, around 20 youth in attendance, very well received.

1st youth group: Oct. 11th 13 meetings since. An average of 10 youth attend semi-regularly, but occasionally we have as high as 18 youth. We still have newcomers every week.

Leaf Raking: Oct. 26th with spaghetti supper after (four youth + 2 youth leaders + myself) A great time had by all, even though the attendance wasn't very high

St. Paul's Benefit Concert: Oct. 27th – youth helped at reception from 3-4pm (2 youth + myself)

Godspell: Nov. 2nd – Musical on the book of Matthew at the Imperial Theatre. 24 attended total (families with their youth) Received well by all.

St. Paul's Harvest Supper: Nov. 3rd – 7 youth helped serve and clear tables total (both sittings)

St. Luke's Roast Beef Dinner: Nov. 9th – 1 youth + I helped serve and clean up

St. Paul's After School Program: Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, and 19th – Christmas lessons (four lessons once a week) on the nativity scene, and I closed each lesson playing guitar, singing Away in a Manger with them. Very well received by the kids

Woodworking at St. Augustine's: Dec. 7th and 13th – two session woodworking project (13 youth total + 2 youth leaders + myself)

Anticipated events early 2014:

Millrats Basketball game, for youth and adults with St. Augustine's church – Jan. 19th

St. Paul's After School Program – Weekly lessons (with music) for the children, beginning with the Creation Story. Starting January 24th.

Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing Day: At Elmhurst Outdoors (21 people signed up for this event: families with their youth) – Feb. 1st

Beulah Camp: Youth Retreat February 14-16, joining with other Anglican parishes

College and Career group: Youth leaders, and other young adults meeting regularly for a bible study. Details still being discussed.

Respectfully submitted by
Alyssa Hayter
Youth Ministry Co-Ordinator

Fellowship and Outreach/Fundraising

The Woodworking Group is for any of our parishioners interested in working with wood, cutting, assembling or painting items to sell as a fund raiser for church expenses. We meet in the morning once or twice a week whenever convenient.

2013 was our 5th year and this year we made:

55 tall snowmen
26 small snowmen
36 churches
16 Indoor Angels (12 sold)
7 outdoor Angels
15 Nativity Scenes
25 big snowman stakes (driveway markers)
20 small snowman stakes
4 reindeer

After expenses for wood, etc, we contributed approximately \$4000 to church expenses.

Respectfully submitted,
Marg Landry
Art Scott

Most church members have been involved in one way or another in fellowship and outreach efforts throughout the year. Many thanks to those who have taken leadership in organizing our community dinners: The Pancake Supper, Salmon Supper, Chicken Barbecue and Pork Dinner as well as the Community Breakfast/Yard Sale. These are very popular events that bring many people into the Church and also raise money toward our operating costs.

This year we held our first Christmas Craft sale. The sale was very successful and a special thanks goes to Dawn O'Keefe for all her hard work.

We are planning the following events for this year:

Pancake Supper – March 4th
Salmon/Chicken Supper – May 10th
Turkey Dinner – September 20th
Pork Tenderloin – November 15th or November 29th
Craft Sale – November 27th

We are looking for any feedback for the above events. In order for our fundraising events to be successful, we need the support of our congregation and all suggestions to improve our fundraising events are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by
Art Scott

Mission

At St. Augustine's we have continued our commitment to give of our time, energy and resources to help others both at home and in other parts of the world. Thank you to all members of our church family who reach out to care for our neighbours in this community and abroad.

During January through April last year St. Augustine's hosted three community dinners for seniors each month, one of these in partnership with the Baptist church. This was a new ministry for us and was considered highly successful with over fifty people at most dinners. There was no charge for the dinners although a free-will offering was accepted.

In response to an appeal from Safe Harbour, the new shelter for homeless youth in Saint John, \$1000 of the proceeds from the pork dinner in November was directed toward operating costs of the shelter. In addition, the church provided \$500 to the Parish of Bright to assist with the costs of cleaning up an oil spill.

We are very proud of our youth group who collectively raised \$515 by seeking sponsorship for their 30 Hour Famine. The money raised was sent to PWRDF for purchase of goats, seeds, and vitamin supplements and to provide support for victims of HIV/Aids.

We continued our support of the KV Food Basket, providing a \$1200 cash donation and designating KV Food Basket Sunday as the first Sunday of each month. A list of suggested items for each month was published to make giving easier.

Our longstanding tradition of “White Gift Sunday” continued. About 25 gifts for the Seafarers’ Mission were collected and delivered to the Mission for delivery to the sailors in December and January. Thanks especially to the ACW for their support in this area.

At Christmas we again joined St. Mark’s Church to provide groceries to local families. Members of our church filled grocery lists for 21 families in the Valley who could use some neighbourly help at Christmas.

Remembering our Angels campaign during Advent honoured the memory of loved ones while helping those abroad. Through the “purchase” of angels for our Seafarers’ Mission tree, \$470 was collected and sent to World Vision, enough to stock five medical clinics in areas of need around the world.

St. Augustine’s has long supported the work of Reverend Paul Jeffries and the Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. On behalf of a number of sponsors in Canada and the U.S., a group of parishioners from St. Augustine’s and St. Luke’s collects, manages and transfers funds overseas and keeps us in contact with the school and students. A number of members of our congregation sponsor students by paying their tuition. Thank you to this committee for their continued work in this area.

Submitted by
Nancy Littlewood
Mission

The Treasurers Report, Auditors Report and Certification

To be presented by Kevin Tupper. All financial documents have been included at the back of the Annual General Meeting report.