



ST. JOHN'S UNITED.

St. John's United Church
Kemptville, ON
Annual Report
2014

Mission Statement

We are a Christian Family of Faith
committed to following Jesus Christ,
caring for God's Creation and
worshipping and serving as the Holy Spirit guides us.

Our mission is:

To provide a welcoming Church Home
for all who enter our doors.

To provide opportunities for spiritual growth,
through Worship, Prayer, Bible Study,
Music, Fellowship, and Support.

To provide a Church School for our children
which facilitates teaching of the Bible of our Faith.

To encourage participation and leadership
in worship and other activities
by all other groups.

To provide Pastoral Care and Support
for one another and especially for
the sick, the elderly and the bereaved.

To support the Mission and Service of the
United Church of Canada both financially and in action
through Outreach in our community.

To respond to the needs in our world.

To support the community needs through
sharing of our resources.

To go confidently into the future seeking
to serve as disciples of Christ,
with dedication and passion.

IN MEMORIAM

Agnes Adams
Gloria Bennett
Helen Maude Coates
Lloyd Donald Crowder*
Kenneth Donald Ficko*
John Keith Forbes*
Gordon Bruce Garrow
Carol Harris
Ferne Lois Hulbert
Robert Garfield Hulbert
Kayla Madison Ivanovick
Mary "Ethel" Jackson*
Ellen "Ella" Marion Levick*
Robin Sandra Sceley Nickel
Frank Claude Pelley
James Bruce Snedden
Ursula Stefani*



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted"

Matthew 5: 4

* Member/Adherent

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 8, 2015

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Reading of "In Memoriam"

Approval of the Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting

Minister's Remarks

Chair of the Board

Commission Reports:

- Christian Education
- Congregational Social Life
- Congregational Worship
- Ministry & Personnel
- Outreach
- Property
- Finance

Other Reports:

- Nominating Committee
- U.C.W.
- Trustees
- Presbytery

Finance Commission Report

- Appointment of Auditors for 2014 financial books
- Budget for 2015

New Business

Courtesies

Adjournment

2014 Annual Congregational Meeting

The 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting of St. John's United Church was held in the Church Hall on Sunday, February 2, 2014 with 51 people in attendance.

Chairman David Pelletier called the meeting to order at 1134 hrs. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He then requested Rev. Lynda Harrison to lead us in an opening prayer.

Rev. Harrison read the names on the "In Memoriam" and those persons were recognized and remembered.

Chairman David Pelletier accepted a motion by Cathy Little and seconded by Ron Patterson to "extend voting privileges to all adherents attending the meeting".

Motion Carried

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Congregational Meeting were passed following a motion by Doug Hughes and seconded by Cathy Little.

MINISTER'S REMARKS

Rev. Lynda spoke of our contributions to the community through support, togetherness, inclusion, gathering and friendship. We give thanks for this upholding as we look for ways to lift each other up, not only at St. John's but in our daily living.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman David Pelletier thanked Rev. Lynda for her guidance and many hours spent in supporting and assisting in the work being done by our many commissions.

It was moved by David Pelletier and seconded by Barbara Lackie that the chairman's report be accepted.

Motion Carried

COMMISSION REPORTS

Sherri Welch, chairperson of **Christian Education** reported that it had been a busy year, and that there is still a need for more teachers. They have had two Messy Church meetings and plan to continue this at Easter. Sherri thanked everyone for their support. Sherri Welch moved that the report be accepted, which was seconded by Barbara Lackie.

Motion Carried

Joyce Lamont chair of **Congregational Social Life** thanked her commission and noted that it was a pleasure to work in the kitchen.

Joyce Lamont moved the acceptance of the **Congregational Social Life** report. This was seconded by Jane Pelletier.

Motion Carried

Cathy Little chair of the **Worship Commission** presented her report and advised that she had omitted in error the name of Elaine Prebble.

Cathy Little moved the acceptance of her **Worship Commission** report, which was seconded by Nancy Breitenstein.

Motion Carried

Ron Patterson Chair of the **Ministry & Personnel Commission** moved the acceptance of his report, which was seconded by Joyce Lamont.

Motion Carried

The report of the **Outreach Commission** as printed was accepted on a motion by Nancy Breitenstein and seconded by Barbara Lackie.

Motion Carried

Al Lockwood chair of the **Property Commission** advised that \$21,000 had been paid back to the Building Fund, so just over half the cost of renovating the kitchen has been donated back.

Al moved the acceptance of his report which was seconded by Barbara Rousseau.

Motion Carried

Don Gilchrist thanked Al Lockwood for all his hard work and contributions to the property commission over the last number of years.

The report of the **Finance Commission** was introduced by David Watson who moved its acceptance. The motion was seconded by Ron Patterson.

Motion Carried

OTHER REPORTS

It was moved by Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and seconded by Joyce Lamont that the report of the **Nominating Committee** be accepted.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Leita Foster and seconded by Flo Burnett to accept the report of the **UCW**.

Motion Carried

The report of the **Trustees** was recommended by Ron Patterson. It was moved by Rev. Lynda and seconded by Barbara Lackie to accept the report.

Motion Carried

Chris Morgan spoke on the **Presbytery** report and noted that changes were coming. He emphasized that every Church should have an up to date Joint National Assessment on record. On 13 Feb 2014 Presbytery would be meeting at St. John's. Church membership is showing a decline of about 5% every year. Churches are coming together but staying open with a couple of services each month. St. John's is fortunate to have a larger supportive congregation.

The report of **Presbytery** was passed on a motion by Chris Morgan and seconded by Nancy McIntyre.

Motion Carried

It was moved by Jane Pelletier and seconded by Joyce Lamont to appoint **WGP Professional Corporation** to review the St. John's 2013 financial records.

Motion Carried

David Watson introduced and led discussion on the **2014 Budget**.

It was moved by David Watson, and seconded by Doug Hughes to accept the **2014 Budget**.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Anniversary Dinner 26 Apr 2014

Chris Morgan advised he would like to have entertainment for the Anniversary Dinner centered on John Denver music.

COURTESIES

Presented by Jane Pelletier as Patty Patterson was ill.

It is only when asked to give the courtesies that one realizes how many different people are involved in keeping all aspects of St. John's functioning so efficiently.

First and foremost the congregation extends sincere gratitude to Reverend Lynda for her spiritual leadership and for encouraging us all to "go from this place" and care for others in whatever manner best suits our strengths. You are an inspiration to us all.

There are so many individuals "within this place" who must be recognized and thanked. Larry and the choir enhance the services with their beautiful music which truly touches the soul.

Nan keeps things organized with her efficient running of the office and Alain does his work so that all who enter our church are welcomed by cleanliness and good order. Thank you both.

The congregation is grateful to the Official Board and its' Chair, for ably guiding the business of the church.

The many commissions and their chairs must be thanked for the tremendous amount of work that they have done behind the scenes. These include the Worship, Property, Ministry and Personnel, Outreach, Finance, Christian Education, and Stewardship Commissions. Thank you for your time and dedication to your tasks. Thanks also to Cindy Murphy for continuing to keep our web page up to date.

Not so much "behind the scenes" is the Social Commission whose volunteer hours cannot be counted. Dinners, lunches, bazaars, Messy Church, and pie and tourtiere making were among the many activities of this industrious group of women and men. Thank you so much for all of your hours and for providing opportunities for members of the Kemptville community to enter and enjoy the warmth and friendship of St. John's.

Thanks go to the people who tend the gardens and donate time and goods to the very successful Food Grains initiative.

Groups such as Bible study, United Church Women, and Men's breakfast are integral parts of our church's life. Thank you to those who plan and attend these groups.

St. John's is truly blessed with the time and talents offered by all of the church family. In the words of our mission statement may we all continue to "go confidently into the future seeking to serve, as Disciples of Christ, with dedication and passion."

There being no further business before the meeting, Chairman David Pelletier adjourned the meeting at -----1224 hrs.

Howard Hammond
Recording Clerk

Minister's Report

Greetings Friends,

Epiphany speaks to us of the Magi being guided by the light of a star in their search for Jesus and how they shared their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh with the Christ Child. We have been given the great blessing of having God's light shine in our lives and hearts guiding us on our faith journeys.

This Annual Report highlights the many ways this congregation gave expression to faith and love through acts of caring and service to others in 2014. Let us give thanks for the many ways people have worked together over this past year to share God's light in community. Let us pause and give thanks for the many ways people are present to others during the joyous times as well as times of worry and sorrow. I pause and offer thanks for the multitude of ways you shared your gifts of time, talent, and treasure in building and sustaining community at St. John's. Thank you for the gifts shared with others through worship, Sunday School, choir, fellowship, UCW, Men's Breakfast, outreach, pastoral care, and your participation on the Official Board and within the commissions and committees.

We have the wonderful blessing of God's light illuminating our pathways and our hearts. May we continue to be light for each other and for our community.

I offer you thanks and gratitude for the blessing of being in ministry at St. John's United Church. Thank you for sharing your love, your care, and your faith. I look forward to ministry together in 2015.

The following prayer was included in the Epiphany material in the Seasons of the Spirit resource. May this prayer speak to our hearts as we journey into the future seeking to reflect God's light and love as a congregation.

With thanks, O God, for the light we know in Christ Jesus, may your light shine in us.

Wherever there is darkness, may your light shine in us.

Wherever we can shed the light of justice and peace, may your light shine in us.

Wherever we can shed the light of hope and love, may your light shine in us.

May your light spread throughout creation as it shines out in others and each one of us. Let your light shine as we speak and serve as Jesus did, in whose name we live and pray. Amen.

Blessings,
Lynda

Chair of the Official Board

While I sit here watching the snow fall I imagine each snowflake as a member or friend of St. John's. No two are alike, just like us, and yet all are beautiful. It's the accumulation of the snowflakes which make the scenery, the accumulation of people that make St. John's United Church, Kemptville a place of worship and friendship. Think of a child's snow fort – how each block is shaped by a child's hand and yet they work together to make the fort – each individual of St. John's does their part to make the church what it is - doors wide open and all welcome. I think of the times of laughter, especially in the kitchen, times of shared sorrow with the loss of church friends and church family, times of support during illness and personal hardships; all reflections of a strong and active sense of community and love. This is what makes St. John's so special to so many people and I'm honoured to be a part of this family.

I wish to extend a specific appreciation to the staff of St. John's: to Nan in the office with her positive attitude and friendly nature, to Alain in the caretaking area who quietly tries to keep us neat and tidy and to Larry our choir director who somehow out does himself time and again providing music complimentary to the service at hand. To Rev. Lynda I especially extend continued gratitude for your service to the congregation of St. John's and for your ongoing outreach into the community at large.

As the first year of my term is coming to a close, I would be remiss if I didn't thank everyone who answered my questions, gave me historical St. John's background information and kept protocol for the four required meetings. It takes many hands to make work light and St. John's people follow that old saying. From winter snow, Lent activities, spring gardening, summer maintenance, fall harvest and Advent preparations, the "ask" for help is never unanswered. To be a greeter, a counter, a communion server, a choir member, a Sunday school leader, the list goes on and there seems to always be someone with a smile ready to do the task. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many wonderful snowflakes!

Barbara Rousseau

Christian Education Commission

Sunday school this year is full of energy. Many of the students attend church with their extended family. The children seem to be enjoying the One Room School House program which provides a variety of options including kinaesthetic activities. In addition to the regular program the children participated in two extra activities. The first was raising funds for the House of Lazarus Adopt a Family. The children made crafts and raised \$160 and in the process of making crafts they learned about giving. The Christmas Eve service was the second activity in which the children participated. The children seem to enjoy themselves and a good job was done by all.

Finding Sunday School Teachers continues to be a struggle. If you are able to help out in any way please let us know. The smallest commitment is a huge help. Big thanks to the people who have given their time, talent and energy to our children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherri Welch, Chair

Property Commission

In June 2014 we received approval from Seaway Valley Presbytery to undertake masonry repairs on the stone work and several areas of the brick envelop of St. John's.

The summer and fall of 2014 saw the completion of this task. The stonework was completely repaired and repointed. The areas of brick that had developed cracks and lost grout were repaired.

A demolition permit was obtained from the municipality of North Grenville to remove the top portion of the unused chimney to just above the roof line. The remaining chimney is in satisfactory condition and did not require repairs.

Our thanks to Arlene Pratt for tending to our flower beds. Also thanks to David Watson, Don Gilchrist and Don Bulwalda for looking after various projects.

I would like to thank all the members of the congregation who continue to contribute to our building fund. Your contributions of \$13,485.00 in 2014 will replenish the building fund.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Lockwood, Property Chair

Congregational Social Life Commission

The Social Commission continues to organize fundraising events to support the work and life of St. John's United Church by holding a number of social events throughout the year. Below are a few of the events :

February: Presbyterial Lunch

March: Brunch

March & April: Chocolates

April: Messy Church, Anniversary Dinner, Hospice Dinner

May: Bowling Banquet, Brunch

August: Antique Car Club Dinner

September: Golf Tournament, Scrapbooking Lunch and Dinner

October: Oktoberfest Dinner

November: Holly Tea and Bazaar

September thru November saw the team getting ready and making pies. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Easter chocolates were a great hit. A lot of work, fellowship and laughter went into these. We will be offering them for sale again this year. Order forms are available if you haven't received one.

Meals to Go has been quite successful. We try to do a variety of dishes. Feedback has been very positive and those people that order the meals seem quite satisfied.

Total funds raised by the Social Commission is \$18,909.47.

A big thank you goes to all members of the Social Commission. Thank you to the many people who volunteer their time to make all of our endeavours a success. The pies, desserts and other foods donated for the many functions helps reduce our costs which means more profit for the church. Thank you for these donations.

Social Commission members are: Jane Pelletier, Donna Ross, Jean Hammond, Anita Maloney and Joyce Lamont.

Respectfully Submitted.

Joyce Lamont, Chair

Congregational Worship Commission

The Worship Commission continues to be supported by a dedicated membership, fulfilling the responsibilities that include organization of Communion, ushers and scripture readers, as well as scheduling and coordination of other church functions.

During the past year, there have been 7 Baptisms, 1 wedding and 17 funerals.

Once again, the congregation attended and enjoyed our Church Service and Picnic at Rideau Hill Camp in June. Last June, this special event included our United Church neighbours from South Mountain Pastoral Charge. We look forward to continuing this tradition in 2015.

We began the past Christmas season on November 28 with our evening of tree and sanctuary decorating. Those in attendance enjoyed fellowship and a potluck dinner. Christmas services began with the first Sunday of Advent on November 30th, through Christmas Eve services at 7pm and 10pm. A very special thank you to Larry and the Choir for the beautiful music at the Cantata and throughout the entire year. We are truly blessed to have such talent and devotion from the Choir and its members.

A special thank you to the Elliott family for the beautiful choir gowns that were dedicated in memory of Donna Elliott on November 23, 2014.

On Sunday, December 28th, members of the Worship Commission delivered the service while Rev. Lynda had a well deserved break. We were treated to a fine music performance by soloist Harold Hellam. Harold's musical delivery was indeed inspirational.

A list of Fellowship dates will be available at the Annual meeting to confirm Commissions and groups for hosting.

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank all members for their support and dedicated service to Worship at St. John's. Thank you to Diane McLaughlin for her years of service to our Commission.

We would like to express our gratitude to Brian Reid. Brian has been arranging for ushers each Sunday. This is a very important task, and we so appreciate his assistance.

We are all fortunate to have the support of Nan in the office administration position. She makes a great effort to accommodate the needs of the congregation at St. John's United Church.

Finally, we would like to recognize our wonderful leader, Rev. Lynda. Her enthusiastic and thoughtful leadership, as well as her sense of humour and compassion, are truly appreciated. We are blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Little (Chair), Ron Patterson, Judy Levere, Jim Prebble, Elaine Prebble
Bill McElrea, Rob Turnbull and Diane McLaughlin

Outreach Commission

House of Lazarus

The St. John's church family continues to support the House of Lazarus mission with regular monthly donations of food as well as monetary donations. The groceries are presented for a blessing at our service of worship the last Sunday of each month, whereupon Joyce Lamont delivers the groceries to the House of Lazarus. These tangible food gifts go a long way in making a difference to so many people in our community.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

The folks involved with the market garden for Canadian Foodgrains this past summer/early fall, were again instrumental in hosting a very successful Saturday morning market. The garden produce, as well as the gift of baked items, helped us arrive at a sizeable donation for Canadian Foodgrains. Thank you to all who support this yearly event.

The United Church Observer

We presently have 20 subscribers to the United Church's award winning magazine, "The Observer". A copy of this magazine is made available in the racks at the Prescott St. church entrance. If you wish to keep abreast of what is happening in the wider church nationally or internationally and wish to subscribe to this magazine, please see Nan in the church office or any one of the Outreach Commission members for details.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer Shawls continue to be a part of outreach at St. John's. Rev. Lynda makes use of these tangible gifts as a means of providing comfort to those who may need our prayer support.

Beth Donovan Hospice Respite Care

A little corner of our church hall has been set aside for the Beth Donovan Hospice "Day Away" program. This space is a welcoming, homey place providing respite to those experiencing a life limiting illness. Family can use this space as a respite from caregiving or those experiencing illness can come for diversion from their daily routine. A registered nurse is on site at all times and volunteers provide a variety of support mechanisms such as music, massage therapy, playing cards, light meals, etc.. I'm sure you would agree this is a worthwhile use of our space.

Christmas Giving – Angel Tree & Adopt a Family

This past Christmas season was again a busy one at St. John's. The angel tree saw a very generous congregation provide 61 gifts to the House of Lazarus in support of children who otherwise wouldn't have a happy Christmas. As well, our church family supplied a full Christmas (Christmas dinner and gifts) for an adult senior and a mom and dad with a little baby through the "Adopt a Family Program" at House of Lazarus. The folks at St. John's know how to share. Thank you to all who supported these projects.

Friday Community Lunch

Every fifth Friday throughout the year, (excepting the summer months), approximately 12 volunteers from our congregation gather at Leslie Hall to provide an appetizing lunch for the Kemptville community. St. John's is one of five churches who support this venture and it is well attended by community members seeking a time of fellowship and a good meal. Jane Pelletier spearheads this project and would welcome any one looking to volunteer setting up tables, kitchen duties and or serving lunch.

Victoria Quilts – Kemptville Branch

The ladies of Victoria Quilts continue to make use of our church hall. Once a month these quilters gather to make quilts for folks whose lives have been touched by cancer. In 2014, 70 quilts were created and delivered in and around the Kemptville community by the Kemptville chapter of V.Q. and over 100 quilts were sent to the Ottawa Branch who arrange for delivery of quilts all across Canada. If you wish further details about Victoria Quilts, please see Elaine McNaughton.

St. John's Newsletters

The outreach commission puts out church newsletters in order to keep folks informed of happenings in and around St. John's. This past year we have focused on some of our more senior members who have a story to tell from their life experiences. We will continue the Newsletters in 2015 and, due to the cost of postage, are mailing very few. The newsletters can be picked up at church or via email. Please provide your email to Nan at the church office in order that your newsletter can be directed in that format. Please let Barbara Rousseau or Nancy Breitenstein know if you have any ideas for future newsletters.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Breitenstein, Chair

Ministry and Personnel Commission

The Ministry and Personnel Commission members for 2014 were Alf Campbell, Jennifer Gow, Jean Jacques Rousseau and Jane Pelletier. This commission oversees the roles and functions of St. John's employees, acting as both a consultative and supportive team as necessary.

We met quarterly with Rev. Lynda Harrison to discuss her personal goals, any concerns that she may have had and the needs of the congregation. These are informal meetings without any agenda and provide an opportunity for open conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

Informally and on an individual basis we met and spoke with our other employees to "check in" to ensure that there were no concerns or issues that needed to be dealt with. Nan Trott, our administrative assistant, is a part time, salaried employee. Larry Wesley, our music and choir director and Alain Tremblay, our custodian, are both contract workers.

All employees are encouraged to approach M&P members with ideas for improvements or observations of concern. The commission also urges members of the congregation to do the same.

In the fall we met with each employee to review their performance. A set of printed questions was given to them to consider and then the commission met to discuss the answers with the employee. Based on the United Church of Canada's annual guidelines for minimum salary increase and the employee's performance over the year, salary recommendations were presented to the Finance Commission and the Board of Directors at the meeting on December 3, 2014.

Following the Pastoral and Oversight visit from Presbytery in February, the commission ensured that a current Vulnerable Sector Check was been completed, reviewed and the information stored in each employee's file.

The job descriptions have been reviewed and at the time of this report are still pending. The custodian's duties and a trackable report are being considered to condense the current document.

The new compensation model for ministers in the United Church was presented at a workshop in Chesterville in September. In essence what is being proposed is that the current housing allowance be replaced with a predetermined territorial cost of living amount. The expectation is that all charges will have transitioned to this model by July 1, 2018. St. John's seems to be on track with the "numbers" and as such does not anticipate any difficulties.

St. John's is blessed with talented and competent staff members. Each seems to complement the other in ensuring that all who enter our church are welcomed in a friendly, thoughtful manner, whether in person or through their duties within.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Pelletier
Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Commission

2014 Financial Report

The comparative statement and balance sheet for 2014 reflect the combined receipts and expenses of both the general operating bank account (CIBC) and the memorial/building fund bank account (BNS). Listed as well on the balance sheet is the value of the long term investments of the memorial fund. Our appreciation is extended to the trustees who oversee these funds and ensure the instructions of the donors are respected.

St. John's largest expenditure of 2014 was the masonry work done on the sanctuary. With the agreement of Seaway Valley Presbytery, this was funded by the memorial/building fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 plus applicable taxes. This expense plus our previous (2013) renovation of the kitchen has required an active effort to replenish the coffers, so to speak, of the building fund. Our building, while dear to so many, is vintage and requires a watchful eye to stay ahead of repairs and avoid expensive surprises. To this we say thank you to the Al Lockwood and his Property Commission team of volunteers for their diligence.

We continue to encourage everyone to consider making their contributions through the PAR program. Pre Authorized Remittance allows you to set your contribution value as a monthly withdrawal from your bank account. For many of us this simplifies life on Sunday mornings when we are hurrying to get ready. Please contact the office for more details.

We would be remiss to not thank the foursome who takes care of Sunday morning after service offering counts. To Anne Gilchrist, Gertie Flay, Lori Reason and Mildred Williams who share the task, our appreciation for your devotion to St. John's.

To Nan and to Rev. Lynda thank you for your patience and guidance, sometimes both at the same time, as we work together for the betterment of St. John's United.

St. John's United Church

Comparative Statement of 2013/2014 Revenue and Expenses—2015 Budget

	Actual 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2014 Budget	Actual 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2015 Budget
REVENUE				
General Church Offerings/Donations				
Hogben Fire Fund	3,098.50	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fumerton Fire Fund	9,288.50	n/a	n/a	n/a
Minister's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	83.00	250.00
Donations Bequests	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations In Memory	6,141.00	0.00	885.00	0.00
Donations - United Church Women ¹	499.50	500.00	209.00	500.00
Donations - Loose	3,583.11	3,500.00	3,259.50	3,600.00
Donations - General	105,924.90	115,000.00	124,715.60	127,400.00
Donations - M & S	16,529.75	17,000.00	15,964.85	16,000.00
Donations - Building Fund	21,880.71	10,000.00	13,485.00	14,000.00
Donations - Visitors	7,417.00	7,000.00	8,685.00	8,900.00
Donation - Envelope Costs	305.00	325.00	376.00	375.00
Donations - Sunday School	88.62	75.00	210.21	200.00
Gen'l Church Offerings/Donations	<u>177,756.59</u>	<u>153,400.00</u>	<u>167,873.16</u>	<u>171,225.00</u>
Other Revenue				
Revenue - Rental	11,185.00	12,000.00	11,565.00	12,000.00
Revenue - Coffee Order ²	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenue - Sundry	568.20	600.00	599.40	600.00
Canadian Foodgrains	3,168.01	3,000.00	2,961.20	3,000.00
UCC Syrian Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	100.00	1,000.00
House of Lazarus	555.00	500.00	220.00	1,500.00
Revenue Interest Income	7,325.27	6,000.00	5,256.77	5,000.00
Fundraising - Social	14,472.71	15,500.00	18,909.47	16,000.00
Christian Education revenue	0.00	0.00	388.25	0.00
Revenue - Misc.	89.81	75.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	<u>37,364.00</u>	<u>37,675.00</u>	<u>40,000.09</u>	<u>39,100.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>215,120.59</u>	<u>191,075.00</u>	<u>207,873.25</u>	<u>210,125.00</u>

	Actual 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2014 Budget	Actual 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2015 Budget
EXPENSE				
Commissions				
Commissions - Cong. Worship	2,425.33	2,000.00	3,745.13	1,000.00
Commission - Social	1,910.58	1,000.00	4,338.24	4,000.00
Commission - Outreach	0.00	0.00	122.25	125.00
Commission - Christian Education	187.20	100.00	305.34	350.00
Presbytery Assessment	4,465.80	4,867.80	4,689.33	4,800.00
House of Lazarus Expense	525.83	500.00	1,078.49	1,500.00
Other Registered Charities	<u>1,544.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,219.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Commissions Expense	<u>11,058.74</u>	<u>10,067.80</u>	<u>15,497.78</u>	<u>12,775.00</u>
Fundraising Expenses				
Canadian Foodgrains	3,143.01	3,000.00	2,961.20	3,000.00
Syrian Refuge Family	n/a	n/a	100.00	1,000.00
UCW Expense	283.00	0.00	50.00	0.00
Sundry Income Expensed	<u>340.86</u>	<u>200.00</u>	<u>373.98</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Fundraising Expenses	<u>3,766.87</u>	<u>3,200.00</u>	<u>3,485.18</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Other Disbursements				
Mission and Service Expense	16,529.75	17,000.00	15,964.85	16,000.00
Fumerton Fire Fund	9,288.50	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hogben Fire Fund	<u>3,098.50</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Total Other Disbursements	<u>28,916.75</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>15,964.85</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
Payroll Expenses				
Salaries - Minister	44,964.00	45,863.28	45,863.28	46,650.00
Wages - Administrative Assistant	11,438.54	12,000.00	12,543.65	12,800.00
Housing Allowance	15,000.00	15,300.00	15,300.00	15,300.00
Travel/Book/Lifelong	2,381.14	1,500.00	1,330.16	1,800.00
EI Expense	1,552.28	1,600.00	1,535.70	1,775.00
CPP Expense	2,468.00	2,500.00	2,527.41	2,900.00
WSIB Expense	589.56	600.00	588.34	590.00
Employee Benefits Ins/Pension	<u>12,336.73</u>	<u>13,200.00</u>	<u>12,449.55</u>	<u>11,850.00</u>
Total Payroll Expense	<u>90,730.25</u>	<u>92,563.28</u>	<u>92,138.09</u>	<u>93,665.00</u>

	Actual 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013	2014 Budget	Actual 01/01/2014 to 31/12/2014	2015 Budget
Premise Expense				
Repairs - Bldg/Equipment/Maint	54,976.68	14,000.00	24,792.39	12,000.00
Fuel	5,116.10	5,500.00	6,108.90	6,200.00
Hydro	1,831.75	2,000.00	2,008.87	2,500.00
Water - Sewer	1,031.56	1,100.00	1,057.07	1,200.00
Telephone	2,292.67	2,300.00	2,111.79	2,200.00
Insurance	<u>5,813.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,371.40</u>	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Premises Expenses	<u>71,061.76</u>	<u>30,900.00</u>	<u>42,450.42</u>	<u>31,100.00</u>
 General & Administrative Expenses				
Accounting & Legal	1,383.00	600.00	726.50	750.00
Advertising	55.00	60.00	70.00	100.00
Caretaking Services	17,123.84	17,500.00	17,616.97	18,200.00
Courier & Postage	550.34	400.00	162.28	175.00
Currency Exchange & Rounding	5.04	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Bank Charges	506.89	525.00	428.17	425.00
HST Expense for the year ³	3,007.21	2,200.00	1,750.88	2,000.00
Church Stewardship Cost of Envelope	333.55	350.00	295.11	300.00
Office Expense	5,139.75	5,000.00	5,266.80	5,300.00
Music Director Services	10,550.57	11,000.00	10,810.56	11,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	510.48	200.00	129.29	0.00
Realized Exchange Gain/Loss	0.00	0.00	4.29	0.00
Supply Minister	240.00	250.00	500.00	500.00
Defibrillator	<u>1,623.13</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>41,028.80</u>	<u>38,085.00</u>	<u>37,760.85</u>	<u>38,750.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>246,563.17</u>	<u>191,816.00</u>	<u>207,297.17</u>	<u>195,290.00</u>
 SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u><u>(-31,442.58)</u></u>	<u><u>(-741.08)</u></u>	<u><u>576.08</u></u>	<u><u>14,835.00</u></u>

¹ UCW Donations: \$500.00 to St. John's
\$100 to Kitchen Fund

² Coffee order proceeds transferred to M & S

³ Amount paid less anticipated refund

St. John's United Church

Balance Sheet As at 31/12/2014

ASSET

Current Assets

Cash and checks to be deposited	1,897.47	
Petty Cash	25.56	
BNS Memorial Bank Account	24,983.19	
CIBC Chequing Bank Account ¹	<u>17,236.02</u>	
Total Cash		44,142.24
Scotiabank Group Investments Cash	4,686.10	
Scotiabank Group Investments GIC	311,100.04	
CIBC GIC –Credit Card Security	<u>6,400.00</u>	
Total Investments		322,186.14
Accounts Receivable	135.00	
GST/PST rebate receivable	<u>4,050.94</u>	
Total Receivable		<u>4,185.94</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>370,514.32</u>

Capital Assets

Estimated Market Value of Land		80,000.00
Church Building and Contents		<u>2,844,493.00</u>
Total Capital Assets		<u>2,924,493.00</u>

TOTAL ASSET **3,295,007.32**

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

PST Paid on Purchases	12.88	
GST Paid on Purchases	<u>8.05</u>	
Total Owing (Refund)		<u>20.93</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>20.93</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY **20.93**

EQUITY

Church Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year		3,294,410.31
Current Earnings		<u>576.08</u>
Total Church Equity		<u>3,294,986.39</u>

TOTAL EQUITY **3,294,986.39**

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **3,295,007.32**

¹ CIBC Chequing account reflects balance after all outstanding checks have cleared.

*A portion of this amount represents a Donor Restricted Endowment Fund for which we retain the principle and use the interest "for such purposes as the church wardens may determine". The donor of the principle is the Robert A and Hazel J McConnell Estate in the amount of \$170,085.78.

**A portion of this amount represents a Donor Restricted Endowment Fund for which we retain the principle and use the yearly interest for general operating expenses. The donor of the principle are the Ross Estate in the amount of \$5,000.00 and the Waterson Estate in the amount of \$20,000.00.

St. John's United Church
Operating Account Statement
Fiscal Year Ending December 31 2014

Opening Balance, January 1, 2014	17,684.84
Receipts	210,678.87
Disbursements	211,067.69
Closing Balance, December 31, 2014	39,406.53

St. John's United Church
Memorial Account Statement
Fiscal Year Ending December 31,2014

Opening Balance January 1, 2014	26,467.36
Receipts: Donations, Interest, Bequests	15,485.39
Disbursements	16,969.19
Closing Balance, December 31, 2014	24,983.19

Fundraising Schedule A

St. John's UCW Financial Statement

	Actual 2013	Actual 2014	Proposed Budget 2015
<u>Receipts</u>			
Carried Forward	\$150.71	\$0..00	\$209.00
UCW Offerings	\$632.50	\$809.00	\$500.00
Other Donations	\$200		\$200.00
Total	\$983.21	\$809.00	\$909.00
<u>Expenses/</u>			
<u>Donations</u>			
St. John's United Church	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fumerton Fire Fund	\$150.00	0.00	
Ryan's Well		\$50.00	
Kitchen Renovation Fund	\$200.00	\$100.00	
Other Donations			\$200.00
Balance Returned to UCW	\$133.00		
Balance 31/12/2012	\$0.21	209.00	

Respectfully submitted
by

Lorna Wilson UCW
Treasurer

United Church Women

The UCW hosted Fellowship following church on January 12th.

President Leita Foster opened the January 13th meeting with a reading on the New Year. The UCW Purpose was repeated in unison. The participation of the UCW in the Friendship Luncheons at Leslie Hall was discussed. It was decided that after 7 years of service, we would fulfill our commitment to the end of the season, and then call it quits. It was with mixed feelings that we did this, but it was time. Special thanks to Leita for her leadership and commitment to this project.

Friendship Luncheons were served Jan 24th, Feb 28th, April 4th, Easter Luncheon and May 30th.

Leita gave thanks to everyone for their support during her 3 years as President.

Rev. Lynda Harrison installed the new Executive for 2014; opening with a prayer read in unison and ending with a blessing.

President: Flo Burnett

Vice-President: Norma Wiggins

Past President: Leita Foster

Treasurer: Lorna Wilson

Recording Secretary: Heather Nesbitt

Stewardship: Pat Reid

Friendship Secretary: Joan Gummesson

Nominations: Leita Foster & Flo Burnett.

Leita presented the incoming Executive with little gifts. President Flo thanked Leita for her past 3 years as President.

On Feb 3rd, Leita Foster and Elsie Larone led us in worship with a reading, "A neighbour on the Fence". A reminder to help others, based on Acts 2: 41-47. Elsie provided valentine decorations and read the hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds". Dessert and tea followed.

March 3rd we were treated to a monologue by Lorna Suffel, "Jonah and the Whale." A wonderful performance enjoyed by all. A delicious lunch was provided by Doris Bailey, and a time of fellowship followed.

March 9th several ladies attended the World Day of Prayer at the Presbyterian Church.

April 7th Josie Dunn introduced our guest speaker Sharon Weuppelman. Sharon showed us her Pysanky eggs and shared the customs and symbolism of these exquisite eggs. A time of fellowship followed as we enjoyed a cup of tea and goodies and Ukrainian cheesecake made by Josie.

April 8th at the Seaway Valley Presbyterial Gathering at St. Paul's in Cornwall the speaker was Shawna Strathy. Sharon presented "Days for Girls", an initiative "giving girls back days of education, dignity and health".

May 5th The meeting opened with the reading of the 23 Psalm. The worship program was presented by Donna Ross and Lorna Wilson. The Lord's Prayer was acted out by one praying and the other one taking the role of God. It gave food for thought as some of us quickly say the words without thought. Fellowship followed with tea and sweets.

Seventeen ladies gathered at the church at noon on Monday, June 20th, for a Pot Luck Luncheon. President Flo welcomed everyone and Rev. Lynda said grace. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. It concluded with funny stories by Lorna Suffel and Clara Davidson.

Leita & Flo attended Summer Event in Cornwall in July 26th and 27th with the theme "How Can I Keep from Singing". On Sunday, church was held at Knox-St Paul's United. It was a great time of fellowship, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

At our September 8th meeting Joan Gummeson introduced a video titled "Hurry On Down", the story of Zacchaeus, a musical presented by the choirs of St. John's United Church, in the 80's. Many on the video were recognized by those present including: Jim Vandermeer who introduced it, Earl Gummeson as Zacchaeus and Alf Campbell as Jesus. Also taking part were Beth Vander Meer on piano, Kay Purvis on violin, Barb Vander Meer on flute and singer Pam Brown among many others. Merlin Wilson had made the tree. The video was very much enjoyed by all. A lovely luncheon was provided by Norma Wiggins and Joan Gummeson.

At the October 6th meeting, Heather Nesbitt celebrated Thanksgiving in worship. Heather introduced Elizabeth Rubli, Education Coordinator for Ryan's Well Foundation. Elizabeth spoke to us about Ryan's Well. Videos were shown of a very young Ryan Hreljac of Kemptville as he saved his money to buy the first well. (clips of the progress he has made with the help of many others) Fellowship followed with many questions to be answered. It was a great afternoon.

On November 3rd Louise Shaw presented a program on Creating Community and Pastoral Care, reminding us that it is the responsibility of us all. Beth Vander Meer played the piano for two hymns and accompanied Louise as she sang a beautiful song titled "Reach Out and Touch". She commented that "We cannot be the church in isolation". Leita thanked Louise and Beth. The meeting closed with a lovely teatime.

On December 3rd we had our Annual Christmas Turkey Luncheon pot luck style. We had approximately 35 members and guests in attendance. Beth and Derrick entertained us before and after lunch with a melody of favourite carols. The dinner was delicious. Thanks to everyone who came and to everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. A special thanks to Rev. Lynda, Beth and Derrick, and Joyce.

Lorna Wilson presented the financial report for 2014 as follows: dues to Presbyterial, and two memorial donations to St. John's. Our budget was met with pledges to St. John's and the miscellaneous donations went to the Kitchen Reno and Ryan's Well Foundation. The budget for 2015 was accepted and passed.

In 2014, Joan Gummeson, the Friendship Secretary reported 70 cards sent, including phone calls and visits. 15 Christmas cards were sent to Bayfield Manor and 6 Christmas cards to St. John's shut-ins.

Trustees

The Trustees at St. John's United Church for 2014 were:

Jim Atchison
Alf Campbell
Marion Devries
Don Gilchrist
Doug Hughes
Don Van Allen

The Trustees have responsibility for the ongoing oversight of the property and investments of the congregation. The Trustees also review insurance coverages maintained on the church property.

Thank you to Allan Lockwood and the Property Commission for organizing and overseeing the masonry work done on the church in 2014. Thank you to the individuals who have made contributions to replenish the funds expended for this project.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Lynda Harrison

Outreach Commission

Chair: Nancy Breitenstein

Members:

Barbara Rousseau

*Lorna Carley

Donna Turnbull

Pastoral Care Team:

Don Van Allen

Judy Levere

*Patty Paterson

Barb Lajoie (Team Lead)

Sheila Van Allen

*Louise Shaw

Property Commission

Chair: Allan Lockwood

Members:

Glen Blackburn

Don Gilchrist

Don Buwalda

Honorary Members

Dave Elliott

Phyllis Williams

Don Gilchrist

Leita Foster

*Winston Kinnaird

United Church Women

President: Flo Burnett

Trustees:

Jim Atchison

Marian DeVries

Doug Hughes

Alf Campbell

Don Van Allen

Presbytery Representatives

Allan Lockwood

Chris Morgan

Stewardship Committee

Chair: *Louise Shaw

Commission Members:

Nancy Breitenstein

Howard Hammond

Two-year term

* Denotes new member

Seaway Valley Presbytery

A number of changes took place within the Seaway Valley Presbytery in 2014. Three covenanting services were held. Pastor Debbie Pourier at Christ Church in Chesterville, Rev. Myra Gavin at St. Paul's in Prescott and Rev. Gwen Herman at Moose Creek-Maxville, Apple Hill, and Zion United. The Rural United Ministry Pastoral Charges consisting of Algonquin, Bishop Mills, Easton Corners, Manhard, North Augusta and Oxford Mills entered the second year of a trial transformation. In June, Linda Suddaby, of North Augusta, became the new Chair of Presbytery.

Workshops were held to discuss the New Compensation Salary Model. The housing allowance is being replaced by the establishment of a cost of living group within the conferences and Presbytery. Although larger full time ministries such as St. John's will see little change, smaller, part-time pastoral charges will be affected.

A workshop titled "The Role of Faith Leaders in Suicide Prevention" was held in September at Knox, St. Paul in Cornwell.

Seaway Valley Presbytery has applied to sponsor a Syrian refugee family of four. The mother is an English teacher and the father has worked in construction. Their children are ages 3 and 6. They are currently in a refugee camp in Lebanon. Williamsburg United has agreed to take care of funds for this project. Information concerning donations is available from the church office.

The Comprehensive Review Task Group which has been meeting for two years, is expected to produce a final report in the first part of 2015. We are expecting an update from the Review Committee on the church structure in March. It looks like it will involve a proposal to eliminate one of the present courts of the United Church. As well they are looking at establishing a College of Ministers that would uphold denominational standards for ministers. The final report and the time-line to direct our responses will be available later from the planning committee for the 42nd General Council.

The Council will meet in August, 2015 in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland.

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Lockwood and Chris Morgan

Statistics For 2014

St. John's United Church has recorded the following Statistics for 2014:

Baptisms:	7
Marriages:	1
Funerals:	17
New Members by Confirmation:	0
New Members by Affirmation of Faith:	0
New Members by Transfer In:	0
Transfers Out:	0
Total Confirmed Membership:	306
Adherents:	150
No. of Financially Supporting Households:	181

MINI DIRECTORY FOR 2015

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Chairperson, Official Board:	Barbara Rousseau	613-258-4526
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Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Fridays
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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