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OUR PURPOSE

- *To unite women in a fellowship of worship, study, and offering which will deepen and strengthen their own spiritual lives, and lead them into Christian service in parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.*
- *To work for and sustain an informed interest in the mission of the Church.*



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SAVE THE DATE!

ACW

Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 8

Fredericton

Watch for more information coming soon

Launching Out is posted on the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton website (anglican.nb.ca.) Members, please post or circulate this newsletter in your ACW branches as you are able to do safely.

Kingston and the Kennebecasis deanery news

The 68th annual meeting of the Kingston and the Kennebecasis Deanery ACW was held Sept. 19 at St. Luke's Church, Gondola Point.

The service of Holy Eucharist was celebrated by the Rev. Rob Montgomery.

The ACW deanery banner was transferred to St. Luke's from the Church of the Ascension, Apo-haqui.

A lovely memorial service was conducted by our Book of Remembrance custodian, Jean MacDon-ald.

The offering of \$140 was donat-

ed to Bishop McAllister College.

After a lovely lunch we heard from Maryann Clark, coordina-tor with Nursing Homes Without Walls. This program connects seniors and their caregivers with services that enable safe and com-fortable living at home.

Our second guest speaker was Canon Paul Jefferies, rector at Bish-op McAllister College.

He told us he has been at BMC for 29 years and the college has gone from 35 students to 800 students in that time. Paul showed many slides of the college and the

students.

The school is in the process the process of building a music de-partment and is teaching practical skills, such as tailoring and entre-preneurship.

The officers for the coming year: President - Lydia Janes; Secretary - Treasurer - Joy Knox; member - Rosemarie Kingston; member - Cathy Dykeman.

The 2025 Deanery Annual will be hosted by Trinity Church, Sussex.

Respectively submitted by Joy Knox

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Book of Remembrance - Roll of Honour -

Our Book of Remembrance/Roll of Honour custodian is Maureen Gill. Please notify Maureen and your Deanery representative with the names of those who should be entered into the Book of Remembrance. If you would like to put a

member on the Roll of Honour, please contact Maureen at 506-386-3011; email: gill.jones@bellaliant.net



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Happy winter!

Happy winter to all ACW members. I know we all want to hibernate during these cold months of January, February and March.

I have been busy making cards for the Farraline Home while watching old movies. Last December I had a few projects I wanted to do for Christmas. The most successful was the advent calendar. It was fun to do. (See pictures)

The next was to make a chocolate yule log. I took out my mom's recipe and the first thing I noticed was it had raw eggs in it. I had eaten many of these no bake logs in my childhood, but I could not bring myself to make it.

I made rum balls instead. They were a little strong. They are all gone so someone in the family enjoyed them.

I tried to make gingerbread people. What a disaster! They could have been used for hockey pucks. Dunking them in tea did not help.

I tried to use a darning needle to put a hole in their heads to make tree ornaments, but they broke into crumbs.

So happy my husband can cook or I would starve.

I pray you all have a healthy, happy 2025. I am looking forward seeing you all in May.

Blessing to all, Peggy Boucher



Christmas outreach

St. Margaret's ACW got together in December and filled 13 Christmas gift bags for some folks in our parish who find it hard to get out. On Saturday during a snowstorm we went caroling and delivered some of these gift bags. The response was overwhelming, so many hugs, thank-yous and even a few tears. It was such a small jester, yet so appreciated. The photo shows the volunteers behind the project: from left, Peggy Boucher, Martika Boucher, Carolyn Pellow, Nancy Wiggins, Dawna O'Hara, and Wendy Chase.



Branch Treasurer's Report Form

Please read information carefully before completing the form.



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Church: _____ Place: _____

Divinity Scholarship Fund _____

Administration Fund - \$50 per Branch _____

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Extra-Cent-A-Day Fund..... _____

Our Fair Share..... _____

Farraline Home..... _____

Farraline Home (NEW- carpet fund) _____

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Diocesan Treasurer's Report - Winter 2025

As I am writing this report, we are going through a cold spell. We have actually had a pretty nice winter, not much snow with reasonable temperatures. We are now in the heart of winter and I hope you are all keeping cozy and warm in your homes.

As you know, our postal strike interrupted not only our Christmas mailing, but also our ACW branch mailing.

I was very impressed at how dedicated those branches that had funds to send were wanting to get the funds to me any way they could.

I explained to them that I wouldn't be able to close my books for 2024 until the strike was over and they could just wait until then. I still had a few branches bring their funds to Fredericton themselves. This was such a nice gesture.

Well, the workers were forced back to work before Christmas and life was slowly getting back to normal. With all the branches that contributed, we had 31 that sent contributions. We are holding our own.

Unfortunately, we have lost another branch. St. John's Anglican church from Oromocto has closed down their branch. The ACW Ex-



Cathy Lutes

ecutive would like to thank president Donna Mulholland for holding the 2024 AGM and the Fredericton/York Deanery Annual.

Donna has been a dedicated ACW member for many years and we all wish her many more years as a dedicated layreader and Anglican parishioner.

As a reminder, if your branch decides to close, a formal letter from the branch president needs to be sent to the Executive with a cheque of the remaining balance of the branch account stating where the money is to go.

Also included with this report is the Branch Treasurer's Report Form. Every branch is responsible to send \$50 for the Administration Fund and \$25 for the Social Action Fund.

These two funds are your first priority before you divide your money to other organizations. We have suggested that your branch can send more than the \$50 and \$25 to these Funds, but that is up to your branch.

You will notice a new item to the list. The Executive has passed a motion to include the Carpet Fund for Farraline Place. The home needs new carpeting in all the hallways, sitting rooms and stairways on all three floors.

They have been quoted a total of \$10,000 for all 3 floors. This not only will bring comfort for the residents, but it will improve the look of the Home.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in May!

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Your sister in Christ,

Cathy J. Lutes,

Diocesan ACW Treasurer



Reminders from Launching Out

- The deadline for submissions is always the 22nd of the month before publication: Aug. 22 for September; Oct. 22 for November; Jan. 22 for February and March 22 for April.
- Launching Out needs your news! Please consider sharing your news so it can be included in the next publication of Launching Out. Don't hide it under a bushel — let it shine! Send to: gmcknight@diofton.ca



Grand Manan tea

The ACW hosted a Christmas tea at St. Paul's in the Parish of Grand Manan on Dec. 11. We were joined by a community choir who sang carols with us. Delicious home baked goodies were on the menu and enjoyed by all.

Parish of Westmorland tea



The Parish of Westmorland ACW held their Christmas tea and sale on Nov. 16 at the parish hall in Mount Whatley. It was a huge success with support from the community and the Parish of Sackville. Events like this require all hands on deck.



Jesus (Jonathan Roumie) and Nicodemus (Erick Avari) in episode 7 of *The Chosen*, season one.

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Hooked on a scripture passage

“No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” (John 3:3)

I’ve been mulling over John chapter three for a long time now. You could say it’s my default Bible passage when all the lectionary and assigned daily readings have been dealt with and I’m looking for more to think about.

Have you ever felt that way? You go through your devotional routine, but it isn’t quite enough? That’s when John three kicks in.

I think it’s because I’ve still not exhausted all its possible interpretations. Mind you, I could say that about all of Scripture!

Nicodemus can “see” the King-

dom of God in the ministry of Jesus. When he questions him, he admits as much. “No one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” (vs 2b)

Jesus can see that Nicodemus — and perhaps those he represents. The mysterious “we” he refers to is close. He has in fact, already been “born anew” because he can see God’s presence in Jesus.

But he is still on the outside looking in. He has not entered completely into the Kingdom because he has not yet been born of water and the Spirit.

It’s a fascinating conversation. Nicodemus has the spiritual insight to recognize God at work, but he is not completely committed.

I ponder this passage a lot. I think there are a lot of people who see God at work, who may even admire what they see, but still sit on the sidelines observing.

There are probably several reasons for this. The Church can come across as an exclusive “club” that you can’t enter without the right password.

I know there are many who don’t believe they’re good enough, or holy enough. Perhaps they’re afraid of not measuring up, or letting others down.

Some Christian ministries can be pretty intimidating. I think the biggest fear is that of being rejected — that God can forgive anyone but them.

Nicodemus was a teacher of Israel, yet Jesus was astounded that he had no knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

A person can have all the education in the world and still be ignorant. And because the work of the Holy Spirit is not something we can measure or examine — it’s like the wind — we falter as Nicodemus did.

The Spirit was at work in his life, and he had no idea! Only by the power of the Holy Spirit could he and his friends have recognized Jesus as sent from God.

The Holy Spirit was at work in their lives like the wind, and they couldn’t understand what was happening. This was not something they could research in the Tanakh (the Hebrew Bible of Jesus’ day).

Nicodemus was a teacher, not a mystic.

You can see why this passage has continued to fascinate me.

What about you? Are there any passages of Scripture that have hooked you over the years? Is there one particular chapter that has baffled you?

Don’t give up on it. Dig deeper. I believe that’s what our Lord would like us to do.

There’s a reason why the Bible remains the best-selling book of all time — it’s endlessly fascinating.

Blessings, Eva



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Support for youth

Do you know of a young adult from your local (church) community who is undertaking a post-secondary program somewhere in the diocese?
 Or perhaps someone who has recently joined the workforce and is struggling to stay connected with other young persons of faith?

If so, please feel free to put them in contact with **KURT SCHMIDT**, the diocesan Director of Young Adult Formation. Just as good, you could let Kurt know about them so that he can reach out to them himself.

Kurt's role and responsibilities are to provide support and formation for the young adults of the diocese – in whatever contexts of work and/or study that they find themselves. A combination of online and in-person structures of support are available and ongoing. And plans for another young adult pilgrimage may even be afoot!

Contact Kurt: 506.259.3711 (mobile) or kschmidt@diofnton.ca

Book of Remembrance; Roll of Honour

Got a name you want to submit? Dont wait! Each year names are left off because they were submitted too late to be included.

Deadline is April 17.
 Send to Maureen Gill at 506-386-3011 or gill.jones@bellaliant.net

Link to the diocesan ACW Facebook page -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/793249682752061>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 24

Friends of Camp Medley, come celebrate 80 years!




Join former staff and campers for a day of fun, featuring a church service, live music, memorabilia, food, and so much more!
 The event will raise money for the camp's much needed new pool.

Do you have a favourite memory, camp story or photo you'd like to share as part of the celebrations? Send them to: friends@campmedley.ca

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Woodstock deanery news

St. Luke's / Parish of Woodstock ACW fall summary:

In September we visited Farraline Home and enjoyed a sing-song with one of the residents playing piano. Our member, Nancy Robinson, gave a devotional; then we enjoyed the sweets we took down and chatting with residents.

In October we hosted the Deanery meeting. Rev. Maria Shepherdson did a presentation on her work in Gaza.

In November we made a donation to Our Daily Bread and agreed to recommence our Visitation Log (members' visits to shut-ins).

On Dec. 1st., ACW ladies held a Sunday School party, doing Christmas crafts, decorating cookies and making mini pizzas.

Our bake sale was held Dec. 14. Our Christmas luncheon was

held Dec. 10, with Rosalie Brown hosting. We invited 'retired' members to join us.

We also donated to help cover and protect one of the beautiful stained glass windows.

We continue to sponsor a student at Bishop MacAllister College.

Jill Craig, President

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen, Florenceville-Bristol summary:

The September meeting held the tone for a busy October.

In October the ACW hosted the Parish Annual Harvest Supper. Fifty members of the congregation attended.

Members attended the Deanery ACW Annual Meeting held at St. Luke's Church, Parish of Woodstock.

On Oct. 19, the ACW held their annual Fall Clothing Giveaway.

Members of the parish donate winter clothing to the ACW and we then hold a day when people may come and pick out winter clothes at no charge. Coffee and muffins are served.

On Oct. 23 the ACW hosted the Deanery Greater Chapter Meeting.

Members of the ACW helped decorate the church for Advent.

On Dec. 6 the ACW held its annual Christmas supper.

We will be sponsoring a family at Christmas along with shut-ins and those at the Manor.

Member of the ACW will help decorate the church for Christmas.

We continue to sponsor our student at Bishop MacAllister College. We also sponsor PWRDF World of Gifts, and the Pennies and Sparrows mission in Saint John.

Wilma Inman, president; Respectfully submitted, Clara Pirie, president, Deanery Of Woodstock

Christmas fun!



LEFT: The ACW of St. Luke's, in the Parish of Woodstock, held a successful Christmas sale on Dec. 14, raising over \$1,000. This revenue will pay the Bishop McAllister College tuition fee for our sponsored student.

BELOW: St. Luke's ACW also organized an Advent/Christmas craft party Dec. 1. The combined Sunday schools from Woodstock and Richmond parishes had a fabulous morning learning about Advent, making Christmas crafts and designing and making their own pizzas, cookies and 'punch'. It ran from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the children, parents, grandparents, and Sunday school teachers all ate together afterwards. It was a wonderful start to Advent. Photos show their beautiful work. Thanks goes to the ACW team and Sunday school leaders.

