

Woolastook United Churches: Making a Difference “Outside the Walls” in Local and Global Communities

Category: Collaborating with Community Helping Organizations

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Gibson Memorial	Lion’s Club Activity	Providing space/leadership from some congregation members for Lion’s community work	Lion’s Club leaders/members	This is Outreach to the community at large	Church Office
Gibson Memorial	Over-Eaters Anonymous	Provide Space and facility for meetings	Over Eaters Anonymous local organization	(Feedback/learning is within group)	Church Office
Chipman	The Daisy Ministry	A circle of support for people who are wanting to change their lives. Group is associated with Faith in Action/Stewardship. Benefits individuals in the wider community Openness/acceptance, ability to support, resourcefulness needed.	Interaction with Community Care	Learning that lack of knowledge can lead to gossip which is not beneficial. Presbytery cd hold day long workshop on Training for Transformation/leading and learning skills/process in community development.	Rev. Kathy Zwicker 339-6626
Keswick Ridge United	Financial Support to Grace house	Financial support provided by UCW to Fredericton Emergency Shelter for Women – plus individual donations of personal care and clothing items. Verbal & written appreciation is received.	Grace House	Grace House is not subsidized by any level of government. Could encourage support of all congregations in Presbytery is needed, e.g., letters to MLA’s.	Joyce Lawrence UCW Pres. 363 2083
Nashwaaksis United	Sally Ann Kettles	Attend to Sally Ann Kettles collecting donations in public venues	Salvation Army Church	Use of skills in friendly public approach	Lola Crawford 472 6704
Nashwaaksis United	Addiction Education event	Provide location and lunch for group concerned with addictions running educational events/seminars	Drug and Alcohol Concerns		Church Office 458 9457
Nashwaaksis United	Habitat for Humanity house-building	Financial Support, congregational awareness, education from Outreach cttee and time and skills of individuals providing labour for house build	Habitat for Humanity	Through speakers learned more about H fr H. Also learned about circumstances of family receiving housing.	Nashwaaksis United
Nashwaaksis United	Stamps for Leprosy	Collecting used stamps for sale by Leprosy organization as fund raiser	Leprosy of Canada	Receive feedback via monthly newsletters. Learning that even used stamps have a purpose! Publicize as exercise any senior could participate in.	Winnie Bates (506) 472 7452

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Nashwaaksis United	Support for Fredericton shelters	UCW provides monetary support and donations in kind to shelters.	Transition House, Samaria House, Grace House, Men`s Shelter, Chrysalis House	Often have speakers from each to explain programs and needs. Church learns of the great need for support for shelters various needs. Presbytery could publicize church activities and the need.	Winnies Bates (506) 472 7452
St Andrews Harvey Station	Ecumenical Community events	Harvey Lakeside Summer Service, End of Summer at high school, Christmas Cantata, and local common charity “Christmas Mommies”.	Most churches in the area are represented. St. A’s music team arranges for the Cantata		Harvey MacDonald (506) 366 3340
St Andrews Harvey Station	Terry Fox Run	Members of the Congregation run and collect pledges – to fund a Cure for Cancer	Terry Fox org. and other members of the community	Participants are recognized – St Andrews received trophy for most participants	Harvey MacDonald (506) 366 3340
St James United Woodstock	Mitten Tree	Knitting of mittens, hats, scarves, socks by members of congregation for distribution through area schools for those in need or forgetting their own.	Area Schools/This year – Yellowknife schools received via Rev. Bev Brazier	Thank you note received from Schools	Joan Hall (506) 328 6114
St James United Woodstock	Sally Ann Christmas Kettle drive	Members of the congregation help attend kettle drive, using their people skills.	Salvation Army – is very small and requested volunteers		Joan Hall (506) 328 6114
St James United Woodstock	Soup Saturday	Free soup lunch for the community, including people on low income or lonely. UCW takes turns providing rolls or desert.	A joint community project spear-headed by Catholic Women’s League at St Gertrudes Catholic Church	Feedback is usually by word of mouth, verbal thanks, etc. Our learning is that there is a need for one-on-one contact with the majority of the people using this service. Any person going to lunch could help ease some loneliness of clients.	Joan Hall: (506) 328 6114

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St James United Woodstock	Birthday Party Sunday	Children of the Sunday School and some adults bring everything for a birthday party – invitations, cake mixes, frosting, candles etc. and package them for a boy or girl.	Packages are delivered to the Food Bank and Fresh Beginning (counselling program for low income families)	Agencies express thanks. The church gains awareness that even a small birthday remembrance is beyond the means of some families.	Joan Hall (506) 328 6114
Wilmot United	Financial Assistance to Social Justice Groups	Allocating money from Outreach budget and from funds raised by Outreach, to yearly or ad hoc requests from various groups in city, maritimes or nationally.	Doone Street lunch?, Fredericton Peace coalition,???	Outreach Committee gains awareness of needs in community and speakers coming to Fredericton on various social justice issues	Judy Coates 506 454 5631
YOUTH					
Gibson Memorial	Girl Guides	Provide Space	Girl Guides organization	Supporting youth in the community	Church Office 457 1951
Gibson Memorial	Scouting Groups	Scouts are sponsored by Gibson. Financial support, space and leadership provided.	Scouting Organization	Having youth involved in activity. Leadership from Scouts with a Service for the congregation	Brent Porter or Church Office
Nashwaaksis United	Support for Boy’s and Girl’s Club	UCW provides clothing and toys for young people in the community through response to the ‘Mitten Tree’ at Christmas, based on feedback i.e., comments and needs awareness. Also some drop offs during year.	Works in partnership with other service clubs.	This is an important outreach to our community.	Winnie Bates (506)472 7452
St James United	Youth Bowling	Bowling event for youth ages 5-16, last Friday of each month, open to all denominations in Woodstock and outlying areas.	Other Christian denominations	The youth are having fun meeting others in a friendly Christian environment. They are learning to accept others, seeing differences and similarities – leaning towards ‘we are one’ concept	Joan Hall (506) 328 6114

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Category: Christmas Gifting and Support

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Nashwaaksis United	Christmas Treat Bags	A small gift of cookies and candies prepared and delivered by volunteers to shut-ins and new families in the area	Within the church – Outreach, Pastoral Care and UCW	Recipients are appreciative, shut-ins enjoy the visitors, who also benefit. Skills: baking, driving, organizational and listening & being friendly	Nashwaaksis United Church 458 9452
Keswick Ridge United	Christmas families - support	Financial contributions to provide items for families needing support at Christmas - confidential info on children’s age, size and item needed.	UCW and individuals in church contribute to the fund.	“It is more blessed to give than to receive”.	Joyce Lawrence UCW President 363 2083
St. Andrews United - Harvey	The Advent Giving Tree -	UCW leads & congregation participates – Tree is displayed in Sanctuary for Homeless Shelter & Transition House. Announcement in Bulletin invites contributions of clothing, toiletries, hygiene products and indicates items not appropriate	Shelter/Transition House	A letter of thanks is received and we the learn that there is a great need and many less fortunate than we.	Gail MacDonald 366 3340
St James United Woodstock	Christmas Families	Providing Christmas for entire small or large low income families (9 in 2009) from single parent to 2 parent w 7 children. Done by UCW, Sunday School, Youth groups, individuals. Families are asked if they will participate – they do <u>not</u> request help.	Carleton-Victoria Early Childhood Intervention. Counsellors regularly observe true-life struggles in homes – special needs child/ job loss/ minimum wage earners. Provide list of needs/clothing size etc.	Thanks are received confidentially-no names. We learn that some in our area are without the basics – bedding, clothing cookware, chairs, as well as food	Joan Hall (506) 328 6114
St James United	Snowman tree	67 snowmen on tree contain age, sex, need of low income child - so members of congregation can select one to buy gift	Early Intervention supplies ‘snowmen’ lisitn the individual needs.	Young families especially use this as a teaching tool for their children – a family shop ping trip focused on needs not wants. The tree is an awesome sight as gifts arrive.	Joan Hall (506) 328 6114

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Category: Christmas Gifting and Support(Cont’d)

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
St James United	White Gift Sunday	Gifts collected (134 items in Advent 2009) – books, shampoo, non-perishable food stuff, which the youth unwrap and sort for distribution through Sanctuary House, Food Bank.	Sanctuary House/Food Bank		Joan Hall (506) 328 6114
Wilmot United	Christmas Hampers/Mitten tree posting of gifts/age/gender/size	Christmas Hampers for 35-38 refugee families arriving in Fredericton in past year with groceries for the holiday season, a present for each family member, toys for children. Wilmot Members select ‘mitten’ posting of gift to purchase. Outreach collects, wraps and delivers.	Outreach Cttee works closely w Multi-cultural Association, determine items needed.	Feedback on appreciation expressed is received. Our learning is some understanding of the immigrant community. Requires good organization and team.	Elaine Kenyon 455 7954

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Category: Extra Mural Worship/Music

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Boiestown United	Men’s Choir	Ecumenical Choir – open to anyone who likes to sing.	Anglican church in Boiestown	Learning that it is possible to work with other denominations	Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley
Keswick Ridge United	Music by Combined Choirs	Choral singing for the community at large. Christmas cantata performed at both churches and performance at the Firemen’s Appreciation music night.	Mactaquac United Baptist church Choir. (2 Churches began 12 yrs ago – now 36 voices from various churches.)	Learning that bringing the choirs together for special events involves community and benefits everyone now and in future.	Ralph Stevenson 363 2115
Nashwaaksis United	Ministry of Visitation	Carried out by the congregation and one retired minister – requires use of a car.			Church Office 458 9452
St. Andrews, Harvey	Hymn Sings	Monthly hymn sings at Swanhaven Special Care home by members of the choir.		Learning that singing with and for seniors is always rewarding. Requires only time and ability to sing.	Harvey MacDonald 366 3340
St James United Woodstock	Mid Week worship	Monthly mid-week worship at Women’s Institute home by Rev. Debra Baker and volunteers for 26-29 residents. Music, worship and occasionally communion, with very alert ladies requesting special hymns. Also for residents of Riverside Court – mostly house-bound	Co-ordinated w Matron of the home.	This is probably one of those things we do that the congregation knows nothing about. A member who delivers bulletins says “they are waiting at the door for him each Sunday”.	Joan Hall 506 328 6114
St James United Woodstock	Sunday Afternoon Service	Service at Carleton Manor every few months for the senior residents. Choir, piano, occasionally communion.	Rotated with other churches through Pastoral Care committee of Manor	Learning that “just an hour every few months brings joy to our seniors.	Joan Hall 506 328 6114
Many other churches	Service to Seniors homes/nursing homes	Many Woolastook churches perform this service in their community on a rotating basis	Rotation among area denominations.		

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Category: Practical Compassionate Support

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Boiestown	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Knitting a shawl and distributing to someone who is sick or going through a difficult time – including some now living across the country. .	Initiated by a church member but others in community knit, quilt, crochet & sew shawls.	“This is the most rewarding work and it brings members of the community together”.	Lorna Burke 369 2283
Nashwaaksis United	Prayer Shawls	Shawls are knitted, crocheted and sewn for people who are sick or shut-in	(Would like to see more congregations involved)	Receiving notes of thanks and comments we learn how beneficial it is to anyone experiencing health issues	Winnie Bates (506) 472 7452
Nashwaaksis United	Receptions	Provide receptions for funerals and celebrations for congregation and other families in community – usually receive honorarium – no charge.		Social aspect is for the whole community – we feel that we provide an important support to families in our community.	Winnie Bates 472 7452
St James United Woodstock	Funeral Receptions	Several per year provided by UCW. This year sandwiches and sweets for reception for 5000 at highschool for funeral Sgt Mark Gallagher	E.g., other churches, RCMP, high school. \$1000 received from RCMP – covered supplies & balance to UC Haiti Relief	We are finding that activities like this draw area churches much closer together.	Joan Hall 506 328 6114
St James United Woodstock	Grief Workshop	Church provides space for 6 week program held in spring and fall – given by Heidi Christian & Joan Hall for those in Woodstock /Nackawick grieving loss of a loved one.	Non-denominational program available to all	Evaluations are proved to the leaders at the end. Program brings together those with this common concern.	Joan Hall 506 328 6114

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Category: Food Aid

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Keswick Ridge United	Preparing/delivering soup	Anyone in church or community at large can participate by preparing and delivering soup to seniors and shut-ins. Small group working with donations from congregation delivers 40 litres of soup monthly Nov. To April.	Church and community	Delivery volunteers receive expressions of how much the recipients enjoy receiving it, and that they are glad someone is thinking of them – good feeling for volunteers.	Gail Stephenson 363 2115
Nashwaaksis United	Children’s lunch	Purchase and deliver groceries for noontime lunch for children in low-income housing area. Started by Outreach, expanded to other committees in church.	Neville Hawkins Centre lunch program.	Majority of congregation is probably unaware that a portion of Benevolent fund is used in this manner.	Nashwaaksis United Church
Nashwaaksis United	Community Kitchen	Assist the Community Kitchen through food donations co-ordinated by Outreach. Individual volunteers do food prep, cleaning and serving in the Kitchen, for homeless/low income folks.	Fredericton Community Kitchen	What is learned is the need in our city for this service. Also networking with other congregations volunteering.	Lola Crawford. 472 6704
Nashwaaksis United	Food Bank	UCW provides supplies based on needs	Fredericton FoodBank (as well as Kitchen) makes them aware of needs	We learn of the needs in our community that should not be ignored. Presbytery could add awareness– other needs.	Winnie Bates (506) 472 7452
St Andrews United Harvey	Food Bank	Collecting congregational contributions of items for the McAdam Food Bank by arranging awareness, signage and baskets for collecting at entrance.			St Andrews United
Saint James United Woodstock	Food Bank Sunday	Congregation contributes items for Food Bank serving community in Woodstock and outlying area, once a month.	Woodstock Food bank	Learning is that one person giving one item makes a difference.	Joan Hall 506 328 6114
Wilmot	Community Kitchen	Rotary of volunteers to work at Kitchen 1 Sunday/month.	Community Kitchen	Our presence gives church a human ‘face’.	Nancy Gilbert 455 8627
Wilmot United	Grocery Sunday	One Sunday per month congregation brings grocery items which are then delivered to Salvation Army& Food bank	Salvation Army and Foodbank (alternate months.)	Items are welcomed and much needed.	Ed Topolski 452 0171

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Category: Fundraising & related Social Interactions

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Boiestown United	Fashion Show and Desserts	Fundraiser event carried out by Vision team and people from community.	People from larger community	Skill needed “ willingness to work”	Judy Ross 369 8900
Boiestown United	Supper and Auction	Members of the church cook, organize and work hard to present for benefit of everyone attending.		Learning that it is “a great way to connect with the community.	Jean Hunter 369 8880
Boiestown United	Beverly Hillbillies Play	Members of congregation put on play for benefit of everyone attending. Also presented in Blackville and Bathurst.		Willingness to act is required. “A great way to interact with several communities.	Judy Ross 369 8900
Gibson Memorial	Church Suppers	Suppers prepared by church members and volunteers for the benefit of the Congregation and larger community.		Leadership skills required. “A wonderful social interaction with all who attend.”	Gibson Church Office
New Maryland	Quilter’s Group	Group quilts large and small quilts. Money raised goes to New Maryland UCW which supplies frames/thread/etc.	Quilters welcome anyone in surrounding community.	Sharing an afternoon at quilt frames & having cup of tea gives all support & friendship	Loraine Ward 506 455 8208
New Maryland	Local and International financial support	UCW fund-raises by bridge luncheon, bake sale and bring-and-buy to support Transition House, hospital,etc. & sponsorships to Woolastook camp and ‘Women Who Worship ‘ conference.	Food Bank provides monthly feedback on what is needed. Men’s club shares food prep for some events.	(Same fundraisers support international causes – see “Acting Globally”.)	Dorothy Webster 457 9795
St Andrews United Harvey	Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund	Monetary donations are made by UCW to the fund.			GailMacDonald 366 3340
St James United Woodstock	Soup Sunday	Last Sunday of the month Stewardship committee provides soup to congregation – supported by ‘donation only.’	Support s Food Bank, SanctuaryHouse, Youth Camp, Haiti relief, Camp Woolastook.	Cooking skills required. Provides a great time of fellowship while donating to good causes.	Joan Hall 328 6114
St James United	Toonie Tins	Whole congregation invited to contribute a toonie a week into coffee tins. Adds up to \$200 to \$300/month for various causes.	Food bank, etc., plus Military Resource Centre for families of soldiers in Afghanistan		Joan Hall 328 6114
Wilmot	Soup Lunch	Outreach provides soup/rolls lunch for donation, 6 Sundays/year. Some w a speaker/slide show on a topic of interest	\$ support community non-profit groups and Wilmot Drop-in Centre	Required skills: shopping & cooking. Valuable fellowship time/ special occasions.	Chris Colwell 455 1782

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Category: Education on Social Issues/Community Action

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Keswick Ridge	Maritime Conference “Youth Forum”	Keswick Ridge UCW provides financial support for youth attending Forum.	Christian Education Committee also provides financial support	Verbal report by attendees to morning worship, shares their learnings from Youth Forum	Joyce Lawrence UCW Pres. 363 2083
Keswick Ridge	“Open Channel”	A quarterly Newsletter, published continuously for 25+ years . Uses skills of 2 co-editors,1 Children’s editor, secretary, 2 distribution persons. Reports of committees and news of families.		Draws on writing and editorial skills. An excellent way to keep membership informed of upcoming and past events in the life of the church and of members w’in the congregation.	Marilyn Bubar 363 2553
Nashwaaksis United	Special Speakers	UCW arranges for the speakers for benefit of all congregants.	Speakers requested from various organizations	Learning from feedback how important it is to be involved in community and community issues. Our commitments go far beyond church walls.	Winnie Bates (506) 472 7452
New Maryland	Speaker at evening fundraiser for Outreach	Example – At chili supper- fundraiser informative evening and discussion w recent returnee from Afghanistan. Also guest speakers explain their organization’s needs.	Collaboration UCW + Men’s Club. Speakers from other support organizations, e.g. Food bank	Learn of needs and how we can help other organizations.	Dorothy Webster 457 9795
St James Woodstock	Woodstock & Area Suicide Prevention Committee	Lead by Joan Hall, CE Co-ordinator, to provide congregational and community awareness. Monthly meetings, yearly display at Mall and Hospital and assistance w program.	Connects w Schools, police, clergy, Mental Health, CHIMO	This year reported suicide rate in rural areas was very high among seniors. Hospital locations less accessible, not as much visiting clergy for this group unless having specific problem. Expressed concern to all congregations at Ministerial Association.	Joan Hall 328 6114

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Category: Education on Social Issues/Community Action/Christianity-History & Interpretation

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Wilmot Fredericton	Educational Sessions/Activities	Outreach sub committees with others plan educational events. E.g., Social Work students on ‘Social Action’ placement researched and prepared an educational day/evening event on ‘Food Security’. For fundraising we intentionally build in educational component. Usually for all church members, some for specific groups or public. e.g. brief worship 15 minutes followed by break-out sessions with topics/format for all ages. Also desert & dialogue in evening series on Peace issues w film/local speakers. Other topic speakers at Soup Lunch Sundays are set up in separate room for pictures/ presentation.	Other Wilmot committees and community groups e.g., Fredericton Peace Coalition, Conserver House etc., St Thomas U., KAIROS	Outreach is committed to allowing congregation to explore issues and develop understanding, knowledge and appropriate action. The struggle is getting people to attend. Educational activities during traditional worship reaches greatest number. Dessert/dialogue has drawn 10-12 Wilmot and community members. film/speakers learning/ sharing. We need to connect to skills/knowledge and work of Presbytery.	Judy Coates (506) 454 5631
Wilmot Fredericton	Spring Seminar Weekends	Most years, end of April – weekend of talks and workshops on with national/international speakers – Bishop John Spong, Biblical historian John Dominic Crossan, environmentalist David Suzuki, AIDS activist/humanitarian Stephen Lewis	Clergy, Stewards and other committees of Wilmot work w speaker’s staff. Public event draws local and distant community.	Insights into interpretation of Christian’s role/place in society and in the natural world.	Special Ad hoc Committees (Church Office 458 1066)

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Category: Acting Globally

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Boiestown Pastoral Charge	Fair trade Sale	Sales of Fair-Trade items to congregation and community by the Vision Team.	In collaboration with ‘Cultures’, the YM/YWCA retail outlet	Vocal feedback is received on the benefit.	Juanita Paul
Keswick Ridge Pastoral Charge	Breaking the Silence Just Us Coffee	Several of congregation, and of the community, plus church groups make Fair Trade Guatemalan coffee blend plus tea, chocolate etc., available for sale to church groups and members. Some small profit can be used in Outreach work.	No direct partner but coffee is served to community groups meeting in church.	Requires skills in simple bookkeeping & purchase, display and dispensing. Provides good product, & helps small farms/producers struggling in Guatemala & other countries. Presbytery should promote info on purchase and making carry bags w packets.	Merrill Slipp 363 5594
Keswick Ridge United Church	Sponsorship of Child	UCW have sponsored one overseas child – Zandile Sibarda. They receive regular letters via World Vision and personal ‘thank you’ messages and photos from the child as to her health and education.	World Vision	Through sponsorship, we are helping transform lives of people in Inkosikazi area development plan in Zimbabwe.	Joyce Lawrence 363 2083
New Maryland	Grandmothers Helping Grand-Mothers (AIDS in Africa), orphanage in India and M&S	See also ‘Fundraising’. UCW raises funds for financial support of international organizations.	Stephen Lewis Foundation. United Church General Council M&S contacts.		Dorothy Webster 457 9795
St Andrews United Harvey	Living Water Project	Project for funding to finance a well was initiated by the Bible Study group with expected support from total congregation. This is to benefit people in under-privileged areas which don’t have clean water.	Began w Christmas eve offering.		Rev. Kay Clowater 366 3220
St Andrews United Harvey	Sleeping Children Around the World	UCW making monetary donations for sleeping kits.			Gail MacDonald 366 3340

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St James United Woodstock	Operation Christmas Child	Youth Project with the Whole Congregation gifts for children in 3 rd world countries.	Boxes and instructions provided by Samaritan`s Purse. Partnered with other area churches, esp Richmond Corner Anglican which co- ordinates.	Videos from Samaritan`s purse highlight gift distribution. Such small gifts make a difference in a child`s life. Youth come away w more of a sense that they are truly blessed to be Canadian.	Joan Hall 328 6114
Wilmot United Fredericton	Twinning Relationship w Protestant theological seminary in Matanzas Cuba	Participants are seniors, youth and others. This benefits both the church in Cuba and in Canada. It requires cultural sensitivity, curiosity and a variety of technical skills e.g., language skills	Co-operates w other organizations and individuals who have an interest in Cuba. When Canadians and Cubans visit back and forth they evaluate activities and brainstorm new ones.	Learning that when you offer youth an opportunity for adventure, they want to get involved. Presbytery could communicate to other congregations, the opportunity to get involved. It allows you to act globally.	Greg Black 454 5546
Wilmot United Fredericton	Fair Trade Sales	Several Sundays per month 2 responsible young people have a booth for sales of fair trade products: Just Us Coffee, including `Breaking the Silence` blend from Guatemala, chocolate, Guatemalan crafts and Zaatoun Palestinian Olive oil.	Co-operation with source organizations. Breaking The Silence at Tatamagouche Centre facilitates yearly visits of Guatemalan farmers & activists to Canadian cities.	Learning the true value of coffee when harvested under fair trade conditions of return to famers. Films inform of economic & land struggles of farmers. Young people use marketing and accounting skills.	Gail MacDonald 454 1646

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Category: Services to the Community

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Keswick Ridge	Men’s Breakfast	Monthly breakfast by men of Keswick Ridge U.C., open to all men in the community: fellowship, food and invited special speakers where possible. Have had 15-29 men at our breakfasts.		Feedback is on how much they enjoy the breakfasts and fellowship! Also an opportunity to invite men from surrounding areas.	Ralph Stephenson 363 2115
Nashwaaksis United	Maintenance and financial support of Woolastook Camp	Individuals in congregation respond to yearly request from Presbytery to do cleaning, carpentry etc. on an assigned cabin.	Other United churches in the Presbytery.	Feedback comes from camp users through Counsellors and Woolastook Camp Committee.	Nashwaaksis United
Nashwaaksis United	Nail Care at York Manor	Visits to individual residents of York Manor to provide manicure/nail care. No special skills required, just a pleasant manner.		There is a great need for one-on-one relationships.	Winnie Bates 472 7452
Wilmot United Fredericton	Free Legal Advice Clinic	A free legal advice clinic is hosted at Wilmot twice/month, by law students and pro bono lawyers (N.B. Bar) for people who cannot afford professional legal advice or access legal aid. Wilmot provides receptionist services and space.	Informal partnerships with individual pro bono lawyers.	We learn that this need can be met with minimal effort and cost if lawyers are prepared to assist.	Darrell Mesheau 455 2702
Wilmot United, Fredericton	Saturday Night Drop –in centre	Drop-in provides snacks, activities, conversation for people without sufficient means, looking for entertainment. Wilmot volunteers ensure a friendly, safe place for people.	A committee of co-ordinators meet to share responsibilities and plan. Periodically receive a grant from Public Safety for equipment.	We learn that there is a need for inexpensive entertainment and that people can work together in spite of economic differences.	Norman Lavery 455 3349

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Category: Recycling Useful items

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Nashwaaksis United	Eye glass recycle	UCW collects used eyeglasses for use in third world countries.	Lions club has partners who receive and distribute eye glasses,	We’ve learned about the importance of this service. Presbytery could help by publicizing the service.	Winnie Bates 472 7452
St Andrews United, Harvey	Used Clothing	UCW collects good used clothing for needy people in the area.	Distributed through Saint John Mission and Lakeland Resources McAdam.		St Andrews United
St James United Woodstock	Used Coat Sale	UCW organizes congregational donation of good used coats, scarves, boots and mittens which they sell at a nominal fee to low income families.	Remainder are donated to Food Bank		Joan Hall 328 6114
St James United Woodstock	Drop Off Depot	Church staff provide drop off centre for donations for Sanctuary House centre for women and children in abusive situations.	Sanctuary House sometimes call with a special request and are thankful for our help.	We gain public awareness from this activity.	Joan Hall 328 6114

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Category: Prayer

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Nashwaaksis United	Prayer breakfast	Short devotional followed by Prayer on Monday mornings. Loonie collection taken for local/global causes. Fellowship toast and tea follows. Uses bibles and devotional books.	Have given donations to Bikers and Drs. w/o Borders, Habitat for Humanity, Kosivar family, shelters, Food Bank, Community. Kitch, Hurricane K. Etc.	This one hour prayer and social time is a great way to begin our week – sharing in laughter, tears, singing, praying, plus toast and tea!	Winnie Bates 472 7452

Category: Vacation Bible School

Congregation	Activity	Description	Collaboration	Learnings/Feedback	Contact
Grace United Gagetown	Vacation bible School	Volunteer co-operates with other churches, led by Baptist church, in providing free Vacation Bible School program for 50-60 teens and children, organizational skills, crafts, fundraising skills. Requires a lot of planning and many volunteers. Grace church’s main ‘outreach’.	All Baptist and other churches in area donate time and money.	Children show enthusiasm to learn every day of the program & adults provide support. This has developed into a weekly youth group lead by Rev. M Todd and Arlene Johnson. Financial support of all churches in the area would help.	Arlene Johnson 488 – Or Greta Palmer 488 8906

Category: Aboriginal Relationship

Wilmot, Keswick Ridge Grand Lake Hampton United	“Moving Forward Together”	Moving Forward together after the experience of Residential Schools – ongoing liason and relationship development. Interested individuals can participate to benefit both native and non-native people.	Partnered with Roman Catholic participants and follows traditional religions.	Feedback is gained through a talking circle. We have learned of the difficulties in the Indian Act and the multiple layers of effect of the residential schools. Presbytery can help in supporting events.	Norm Laverty Merrill Slipp
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