

Wentworth Service January 1



During a special church service featuring carols, Rev. Brian DeLong and his wife, Debbi DeLong, both sang with other members of the Wentworth Community Choir. (Hope Bridgewater Photo)

By Hope Bridgewater

At the Wentworth United Church, Rev. Brian DeLong and Betty Curry, choir director, arranged a January church service at the Wentworth United Church, because as Rev. DeLong says, “the spirit of Christmas does not end on December 25.” Also, in recognition that the Armenian Apostolic Church, for instance, celebrates Christmas Day on January 7 is a fact as well.

The service began at 3 pm featuring sessions of Christmas carols with pauses between for the narrative of the Nativity to be told by Rev. Brian DeLong. The Community Choir members, singing under the direction of pianist/organist Betty Curry, were Faye Henderson, Debbi DeLong, Jean Wood, Florence Harnish, Rev. Brian DeLong, Barry Patriquin, Joe Patriquin, Aubrey Giffin, Bob Smith, and Bob Hyslop. The carols at this special service were researched for being less

known and popular, but still beautiful in their own right. The carols sung were “There Is Room for Me,” “I Hear the Angels Singing,” “Lord, Give Us Mothers like Mary,” “Knell at the Manger,” and “Mary Had a Baby Boy.” Next, Rev DeLong invited the congregation to suggest carols for everyone to sing from the hymn book Voices United, and well known carols were selected and enjoyed. The choir then chose to sing two more carols for the end of the service: “Violet In the Snow,” and “When a Child Is Born.”

The choir and congregation were invited downstairs to the church hall for a social time and to enjoy a lunch of sandwiches, sweets and tea or coffee. At the closing of this time together, everyone was invited to attend the Westchester Baptist Church where the Community Choir would sing the carols again and Pastor Darryl Dykens would narrate the Nativity story.

Woman’s Institute of NS MEMBERS MEET AT GLOOSCAP RESTAURANT

By Sheila Richards

The Women’s Institutes of Nova Scotia (WINS) has a voluntary system whereby one branch can be twinned with another for a period of three years, West Brook/Halfway River are twinned with Gore, Hants County. Recently, Gore was invited to join members from West Brook/Halfway River for lunch at Glooscap Restaurant & Lounge in Parrsboro. This was followed by an invitation for desserts, prepared by WI ladies, at the home of Ritta Gilbert and to view Ritta’s extensive collection of salt and pepper shakers numbering in the thousands.

West Brook/Halfway River branch made a donation to Christmas Daddies and to the IWK Children’s Hospital.

After lots of indulging over the holiday season, North River members were all in need of some exercise and fortunate enough to have some instruction in lawn bowling as our monthly program. Cobequid Lawn Bowls Club is newly formed and during

MacCaull Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

George Cook and friends were here on December 21st for an evening of entertainment, which was enjoyed by all. Many of the residents spent Christmas with family. Shirley Ryan was at Tammy and Dannie Graham’s, Litt Dyke; Bernice Kaulback was with her family at a big family reunion at ehDouble “C” Truckstop and Merton Eagles spent Christmas with his mother in Five Islands.

Ruth Thompson spent Christmaas with her daughter and family in Dartmouth. Sharon Roode visited several days with friends in New Brunswick arriving home on Christmas Eve. Then her son came for her to spend Christmas with the family in Bible Hill.

I was at my son, Robert and Betty’s for Christmas Eve dinner, and Christmas Day was spent with Margaret and Roddie Dennis and girls, where we enjoyed a beautiful brunch. Everyone here was treated very well at Christmas. Faith Baptist Church folds delivered a beautiful box of food, fruit, baked goods, jams and pickles following a tradition which started several years ago by the late Myrtle Kregor taking baskets to the shut-ins. It was always special at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our thanks and

CCRSB Seeking Nominations FOR PROVINCIAL EDUCATION WEEK AWARDS

The Chignecto-Central Regional School Board is seeking nominations for educators who go above and beyond to focus on their students’ mental, physical, and social well-being. The CCRSB regional Education Week Committee, consisting of NSTU Local representatives, elected Board members and CCRSB central office staff, will consider all nominations.

One name will be selected from each of the three NSTU locals within the Board, and

those individuals are recommended to the Provincial Education Week Committee to receive provincial recognition during Provincial Education Week. The provincial awards ceremony will be held on Monday, April 23, 2012.

The Provincial Education Week Awards nomination form is available on the CCRSB website at: www.ccrsb.ca. The nomination deadline is Friday, February 17, 2012.

Lower Onslow Community Centre a Busy Place

By Ann Fiddes

January is nearly gone, winter weather has mostly escaped us, what will February bring? At the Lower Onslow Community Centre we are continuing with our usual programming, finding the hall busy most days.

The Card Parties on Monday night have an average of six tables, lots of laughter and friendly rivalry, and the usual good lunch provided by ladies of the community. There is always room for more players, join us at 7 on Monday for a fun evening.

The Open Mic nights on Thursday continue to draw great entertainment and appreciative crowds. Wayne Elliott does a fine job as MC on these nights, keeping the music going for the enjoyment of the people. Our thanks to Wayne and to all the musicians who show up week after week.

Yoga continues on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, there is always room for more participants in these groups.

Our new shed has arrived and is set up, and the work of transferring articles from the centre to the shed has begun. Work on the back room is under way, thanks to Laurie Canning and his great skills, we will have a more useful area. Our next plan is to upgrade the electrical system, install new windows and doors. Any profits earned this winter will go towards this project.

As always, if you have any ideas of uses for the centre, please let us know, we are always open to new ideas, and looking for more volunteers to help us realize these plans. Check out our Facebook page for any info on the centre, any cancellations due to weather or other reasons will be posted on this page.

the winter months meets at the Agridome in Bible Hill. Ten members and two guests received instruction from Bill Dickson and President Ted Lohnes, we learned something, enjoyed the gentle exercise and had fun. The club is raising money for an outdoor bowling green and hopes it will be ready for the summer months.

The next meeting of North River WI is February 8th and will be held at the NSCC, Truro Campus in the McCarthy Gallery and Library where Truro Art Society members will have their show. A member from the Truro Art Society will speak to those present, the show is open to the general public.

The WINS executive are in the process of trying to arrange information sessions across the province, if you would like to learn more about Women’s Institutes, please contact Lindsay at WI Office, 893-6520.

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appreciation to those folks.

Lydia Fisher spend Christmas Day with George, Betty Hudson and family. We wish a happy birthday to Bernice Kaulback this month.

Our sympathy to the family of Lorraine (Pagtriquin) Perry. Lorrie grew up in Great Village and is well known here. Also to the family of David Cock, who also grew up in Great Village. I have received word of the passing of Edna Hill on January 6th in Nelson, BC. Edna was the widow of the late Donald Hill, formerly of Great Village.

I would like to thank some nice folks for their visits during the Christmas season - Glenda Campbell, Gertrude Miller, Valerie Austin, plus Debbie and Darrell Cock. Thanks you for the visits, card and the lovely goodies you brought to me. Also to the home support folks, VON nurses for their kindness and help throughout the year.

Refundable Proceeds Going To New Roof

By Chris Urquhart

A Refundable Drive was held recently here in Masstown with the proceeds going to the Masstown United Church building fund. Funds are being raised to replace the Church roof. The Masstown Management Committee (formally the Board of Stewards) would like to thank everyone who helped out in any way with

this bottle drive. A special thank you to John Ross & Son’s who provided the truck to haul the refundables in town to the depot.

An account has been set up at the refundable depot, so that any time you have refundables on hand you can drop them off, just tell them it is for the Masstown United Church. They will keep track of all the donations.

Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting February 14th

By Chris Urquhart

Truro Presbyterial UCW Annual Meeting will be held on February 14th at St. David’s United Church in Bible Hill. Registration is from 9:30am to 10am.

The theme for the day is: “Loving & Caring”. Bring a bag lunch and “lug a mug”. Program includes Earth Angel’s, a Memorial service for past UCW members, installation of officers and a busi-

ness meeting. You will receive a copy of the Annual Report which lists all the UCW Presidents in Truro Presbyterial.

The report will include a list of the executive; area vice presidents as well as all the committee reports. A new President will be installed at this meeting. There will also be a book display and coffee etc. when you arrive. See you there.

Upper Londonderry Charge Searching for Minister

By Chris Urquhart

The Upper Londonderry Pastoral Charge is searching for a full time minister. The search committee is busy with this work. In the meantime supply ministers are being used. For the month of February services will be: Feb. 5th - Annual Meeting Sunday will be in Debert starting at 10am with pastoral charge supervisor, Harvey Gullen leading the worship service. Lunch will be served at noon. Feb. 12 - 10am in Glenholme

with Rev’s Allan and Betty Darby leading the worship; Feb. 19 - 10am in Masstown with DLM Leland MacLean leading the worship service; Feb. 26 - 10am in Debert - (storm date for the Annual Meeting) with DLM Leland MacLean again leading the worship.

Except for Sunday Feb. 5th, there will be Sunday School during Church each Sunday. We ask you to join us in worship and want you to know you will be most welcome.

Bass River Area Notes

By Joyce Starratt

Hello everybody. Missed getting my notes in on time last month. I’m working earlier to meet the deadline for this month.

The Christmas events in our churches were enjoyed by everyone who attended including the Carol sing in Five Islands, the old fashioned Christmas concert in Economy, Christmas Eve service in Bass River and the UCW Christmas party in Bass River.

Barb Hood, Three Mile Plains spend Christmas week in Brian and Linda MacDonald and family. Doug Hiltz and Andrew MacDonald, Dartmouth spent a couple of days before Christmas at the Carriage House. They and friend Dr. greig Roy are in Barbados just now.

So sorry about Holly Grue’s serious accident. She is improving. Our good wishes and prayers are with her. A benefit jamboree was held at the Bass River Fire Hall on Sunday, January 15th and was very, very successful raising over \$16,000.00.

I want to say something about the thoughtfulness of people around here. When I’m at the store and have a heavy parcel the clerk, or a customer will take it out to the car. I don’t ask them, they just do it. At church choir members will watch to see if I need help on the steps. People help me put my coat on and all kinds of small ways they can help. It’s not just me, others are assisted as needed. their thoughtfulness is appreciated by everyone.

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