

Addendums to the March 2015 Newsletter:

Caring for our Faith Community

In our cluster, we share aspects of ministry related to the Care of our Immanuel Community with many people. We are the three Elders who strive to support the individuals and committees involved, initiate, respond to requests, keeping in mind the Mission of the Church.

We divide the responsibilities named in our cluster but work together as necessary. We meet regularly and consult with one another frequently. We consult about issues/concerns beyond our scope of responsibilities or knowledge, to the Council Elders.

The following is a list of the basic responsibilities of this cluster and the assignments:

Eileen Metcalfe: Immanuel Players; Communication.

Jim Ross: Property; Caretaking ; Fowl Supper.

Muriel Kenyon: Pastoral Care; Affirm Congregation.

I will attempt to say what we've been up to in the past two months. Need we say what Eileen has been busy at recently! With play practise three times a week amid other responsibilities related to the play, she keeps the Events chart located on the Downstairs Lounge outer wall up-to-date with regular programming and occasional events.

Jim has spent many, many hours applying for a Grant from Community Places to help pay for kitchen flooring. We qualify because so many community groups meet in our building. We should hear if we've been accepted in late April. We'll keep you posted. He has also been involved with requests that have come in from outside sources for occasional rentals. Some day to day concerns come up as well. The Property Committee, although a very small group, continue to do or oversee many jobs.

Muriel works with the Committee (Joan Macdonald; Sharon Barbour; Nancy Sanders) that has responsibility for Pastoral Care; Funerals and Memorial Services; Retirees Luncheons; and other responsibilities under Pastoral Care. This group rely heavily on each of you to keep us posted of people who would benefit from a visit, or a call.

There are many people involved in this Ministry. We feel privileged to involved with such committed people. We give THANKS for COMMUNITY.

Eileen Metcalfe, Jim Ross, Muriel Kenyon.

Addition to the Faith Formation & Lifelong Learning

Twice, with extra help gratefully received, the children have made flatbread and prepared it for communion for the congregation. They have shared their learnings in worship and have led the congregation in a blessing/commissioning.

We give thanks to the people who have offered leadership in various ways.- artwork, story-telling, craft and activity helpers, occasional teaching, supervising the cooking of the communion bread, being recruited mid-service to help with a presentation... You can offer your own testimony to the Spirit at work in and through the children of the Immanuel Sunday School.

We hope to share the work of the cluster more fully with the congregation in a yet to be revealed form in the near future.

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Guiding Elders