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Proclaiming Jesus Christ, Making Disciples, Growing Healthy Churches

News from Emmanuel Congregational Church in Middleton:

On November 20th Emmanuel Congregational Church celebrated their 22nd anniversary. This day also marked the end of a series of messages on our mission and vision with a challenge to continue to 'strain toward what is ahead' (Phil 3:13). At the end of the service people had opportunity to commit to the mission and vision by signing two panels that are now posted below our motto of 'Know, Grow & Show Christ'.

Personally, one thing I have come to enjoy and value is connecting with other pastors in the Atlantic Region. We meet online in small clusters for coffee, sharing and prayer! The process has challenged me and has been of great encouragement. See Picture below:



Robert Legair reports on his Chaplaincy:

Rev. Robert Legair successfully completed his month long basic military officer qualifications training in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC. As the Reservist Unit Chaplain for the Governor General Horse Guards, he conducted his first Memorial Day Service with the regiment on November 6th at the Cathedral of St. James in Toronto and participated in the Remembrance Day ceremony at York Cemetery in North York on November 11th. In the photo below Robert is in Camo and ready to go in the Farnham Military Base in QC. In the second photo Robert is with his daughter, Zara, in front of St. James Cathedral prior to the Memorial Day Service.



Pastor Paul Bunz from Rocanville, SK. writes:

I am sitting in my office this morning awaiting a snowfall of anywhere up to 20 cm to make this part of

Saskatchewan a winter wonderland for the Christmas season.

As we enter the Advent and Christmas season, we at Hope Congregational are planning all the usual activities; a men's Christmas breakfast on Dec. 3, we are joining the Pentecostal Local Assembly for a Christmas supper on the 18th of December, our movie night is on the 16th and we will join together to celebrate the birth of our Saviour on Christmas Eve.

Any one who has pastored in a small church ministry, especially in rural areas, knows at times it can be very discouraging and the question is often asked—is anything being accomplished? (just being truthful) I was so encouraged last week by accolades Hope received from the community.

- A gentlemen came in and wanted to thank Hope Congregational for allowing them to use the church for a meeting place on November 11 prior to the community service at the cenotaph.
- Another person thanked us for allowing them to store some remembrance day materials in the church for a week.
- The town thanked us for allowing them to use our power for the community Christmas tree for the months of November and December.

These few kindnesses help us serve our community in a very practical way.

Our mandate and purpose at Hope is to **H**onour God through worship, **O**ffer the love of Jesus to one another, **P**racticing hospitality to the community, and **E**quip the church for ministry.

We can have all the evangelism courses we want and they are very important, we can pray all we want for revival and we should, but if we do not take what we learned along with our prayers into the community and serve people and show the love of God in very practical ways, all our evangelism techniques are not going to go to far.

Our goal at Hope for 2017 is to fulfill our mandate of equipping the church for ministry by practicing hospitality to the community and bringing the love of

God and the gospel message of salvation to our community.

To all our brothers and sisters in the 4C's fellowship a very blessed and God filled Christmas.