

## Report of the Priest In Charge, 2020

*“Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”*

Matthew 12:50

*“I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.”*

John 15:15

Dear friends and family members of Jesus,

God’s Spirit continues to move in powerful ways at amazing Grace and St Peter’s Church. Thanks to all of you for being the bearers of that Spirit, for serving one another, serving the greater community and serving God in myriad ways over the past year. You are amazing and I hope you know and own that!

Particular manifestations of the Spirit's presence among us have included, not in any particular order and certainly not limited to:

- The ongoing success of our Dinner for a Dollar, Abraham’s Tent, Warming Center, Older and Wiser, Faith Study, Chapel on the Green, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Miller Senior Center and International Student ministries. Thanks to everyone involved!
- The arrival of the Swords to Plowshares ministry among us. This ministry has greatly increased our public profile and has brought many into our midst, including the Bishop of Mozambique who stopped by for forging and lunch in November.
- Our Lenten course, during which Aldon encouraged us to think about ways that we can more fully serve the needs of the greater community and help to undo systemic injustice that exists there and in which we almost inevitably participate.
- Our Caring for Creation Advent discussion series—during which we had the honor of hosting Anne and Bishop Rowthorn and made real commitments to improving our individual and communal environmental stewardship—and our Earth Day Sunday service in April. And, at the heart of those events, Peter’s efforts to educate us and encourage us to be better caretakers of the natural world.
- Our ongoing collaboration with St John’s, North Haven and a second delightful eucharist and picnic at Killam’s Point. Special thanks to Helen for making that happen.
- Another Christmas Pageant extravaganza and a royal Three Kings celebration.
- The start of fifth Sunday meals and monthly singing sessions at Columbus House.
- Allison’s Game Changer award from United Way (with thanks to all those who support her in her ministries).
- Sue Paulsen’s Advent retreat of prayer and song. Thanks to all who attended and helped to lead this much appreciated event.
- The Girls’ Friendly Society’s soda can tab drive to raise money for Ronald McDonald House
- The creation, by Gretchen, of a superb new Grace and St Peter’s website.
- And for all this amazing activity—and more—an impressive amount of media coverage.

Sadly, Kevin Mack moved on from Grace and St Peter's after almost eight years of faithful service. We miss Kevin, but are delighted that our Sunday morning music is now in the very capable hands of Laura Richling and Hollie Schrader. Our Korean tenants also moved on—Reverend Han will be taking up a new ministry in South Korea—and we wish them every blessing on their journey.

Thank you to all those who keep our parish running in its amazing, graceful way. You are too numerous to name without the risk of unwanted omissions, so let me just say that I hope you know who you are and how grateful we are!

Building upon our inspired and inspiring past and present, Grace and St Peter's future looks bright. We still have many important questions to address regarding our finances and our long-term sustainability. But, if we face those questions faithfully, prayerfully, creatively and courageously, I am confident we will find ourselves traveling precisely the path that God intends for us.

Yours in Christ,  
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