



Growing Roots in God's Love

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

Ephesians 3:17

Our NCD Survey of November 20, 2012 shows our quality characteristics have improved. We continue strong in fellowship and service but characteristics involving faith do not come as naturally to us.

For this year our theme is “*Growing Roots in God’s Love*”. By developing and participating in activities which encourage intentional faith development we will enhance our personal relationship with God.

After prayerfully reflecting upon various scripture passages we were inspired to use *Ephesians 3:17* as our guide. As Paul encouraged the Ephesian church to grow roots in God’s love, we aspire to strengthen our Christian community through the following Action Plan.

Parish of Kente Action Plan

Growing Roots in God’s Love through Worship

- We will focus our efforts to enrich worship through feedback from the congregation.
- We will offer sermons on how daily prayer, reading of Scripture, and sharing one’s faith are channels of God’s love for us and others.
- We will include a sermon series on Holy Scripture in our liturgy and on The Rule of Life as found in the BCP
- We will have teaching opportunities that explain the richness and meaning of our worship; eg. “trivia” in bulletin, overhead slides, instructed eucharist, children’s story

- We will invite parishioners to share with us their favourite hymn or song of praise and why it means so much to them
- We will support and develop our choir through preparation and practice.
- We will seek to enlarge our choir.
- We will support the congregation in learning new music and will seek to sing music that speaks to the needs of our congregation.
- We will explore using different instruments and various styles of music.

Growing Roots in God's Love through Reading the Bible

- We will have an Adult Sunday School
- We will organize a one day workshop on reading the Bible (possibly with a guest speaker) that will address barriers people have in reading Scripture and will inspire us to read.
- We will continue and develop new study Groups
- We will use the bulletin as a tool to include creative teaching opportunities about the Bible such as having an insert with reflection questions; Bible info/trivia
- We will have a Book Fair (Bible, Biblical resources, prayer, fiction...)

Growing Roots in God's Love through Prayer

- We will develop a weekly Prayer Group
- We will do the *Unbinding the Gospel* study series (TBA - Fall 2013)

Growing Roots in God's Love in the Community

- We will organize a workshop that will feature community resources for seniors (eg. hospice, palliative care)
 - TBA – fall 2013
 - We will invite a Key note speaker and have display areas with people and resources for seniors
 - We will explore using the Wellington on the Lake community centre as a location for workshops
- We will explore the possibility of a Parish Nurse