

## *Message from Joan Chapple Chair of Zion Council*

*Christmas Greetings!*

*This year has been a busy one in and around Zion. We have worked in teams in a joyful, cooperative manner and found the benefits of working together, sharing good fellowship, laughter and the satisfaction of jobs well done.*

*Our fund raising events have helped enormously to ease the financial strain. Not expected, but cherished, we have learned a lot about each other-our strengths, our concerns, our interests, our desire to help each other and the community. Congratulations everyone-Team Zion works.*

*One important part of our goals for this year has been to reach out into the surrounding community and let it be known we are a vital part of this area. We have held events that have drawn in people from outside our church community-to both help with preparations and enjoy the friendship offered.*

*We have a healthy church school-it happens to meet on Tuesday after school.*

*We welcome Outloud Womyn's Voices to meet weekly at Zion.*

*We recently welcomed the area's weaving group to make use of our facilities.*

*We raised enough money to drill a well for H.A.V.E. through an evening of musical entertainment.*

*We filled the service road beside the Church with a community crowd enjoying good food and the toe tapping music of Gord Kidd and his group.*

*We supported the new Haliburton Farmer's Market, and the Minden Food Bank.*

*We had our first (very successful) Studio Tour lunch-opening our doors to many new faces.*

*We worked at 3 bees to spruce up the church buildings and gardens.*

*The list goes on and on, but we are a busy, productive, group of people.*

*We have moved on to add on yet another goal-to reach our people and make sure they know they are cared for, missed when not present, a vital individual part of our church family. We need your help to do this-by letting Wilma Heggart, Rev. Max or myself know about fellow members needing our prayers, visits, support. Please help us to not only be the caring church we are, but to make sure that our love and concern is felt by everyone.*

*Plans for events in the future are being formulated. There will be lots of activity and opportunity for fun and fellowship in the coming months.*

*Don't forget-Christmas in Carnarvon-Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>; the choir's Christmas gift of music to the congregation on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. service; the Christmas Eve service on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m.*

*In the love of Christmas  
May you find joy  
In the beauty of Christmas  
May you find hope  
In the wonder of Christmas  
May you find peace.*

*Written by Joan Chapple*

