



**\*Opening Hymn:**  
*'Praise with Joy the World's Creator'* #312 VU

**Children of all ages:**

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Prayer for Understanding:**

O God,  
we pray that the gospel of your Son will come to us,  
not in words alone, but in power.  
Let your Holy Spirit teach us,  
so that we may receive with understanding  
what you have revealed to us.  
May we eagerly follow your direction  
as we live our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Scripture Readings:** Chesley Eddy  
**First Gospel Lesson:** John 1:1-14  
**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm #124, Page 848 VU  
**Second Gospel lesson:** Mark 12:28-34

**\*Hymn:** *'Praise Our Maker'* #316 VU

**Message:** "Maintenance and Mission"

**Anthem:** *'Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love'*

### THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

**Minute for Mission:** Bev Murphy

**Invitation to the offering:**

**Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:**

**Choral Response:**

*Praise God whose joy within us flows.  
Praise to the One whose blessings flow.  
Lift up your voice in songs of praise.  
Let grateful thanks shape all your days.*

**Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)  
**God of all peoples and God of all places,  
we present these offerings,  
that they may be used to extend your liberating reign.  
With them, we offer our varied ministries,  
that each of us may be part of your answer  
to the cries of the world. Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:** (in unison)  
**God of unity,  
we live in a world where our lives move  
between inclusivity and exclusivity.  
We often move toward the latter,  
trying to oust from our circles  
those who do not think like us,  
act like us, or look like us.  
Forgive our need to reject  
and to be always on the lookout  
for those things that make us different.  
May we be guided by the insights of Jesus,  
who knows unconditional love and compassion  
and sees us all as one,  
for it is in his name that we pray. Amen.**

**Choral Response:** *'How Deep the Peace'* #95 MV  
*How deep the peace, the confidence,  
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence  
Of those whose hearts are healed.*

**Words of Assurance:**

This is the Good News in Jesus Christ:  
God loves us more than we love ourselves;  
God set us free to love others.  
Thanks be to God.

**Silent Prayer and Reflection:**

**Reflective Music:**

**Pastoral Prayer:**

One: O God, we pray for our church family, the world,  
and all of our needs, saying:

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: We offer thanks to you, for all that sustains life.

We thank you –

for good soil and clean-air...

For the waters of the earth

and especially this morning

we thank you for the rivers of our land...

For the Bay of Chaleur, the Gulf of St. Lawrence,

the Northumberland Strait and the Atlantic Ocean.

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: For fish and mammals, birds and insects,

for trees and plants of every kind...

For all the varieties of people you have made

and the richness of our many cultures...

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: For responsible leaders and citizens,

healthy nations, schools, and plenteous food...

For shelter, clothing, medical care and art...

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: For all those things we name now in gratitude,

silently or aloud.

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: Almighty and gracious God,

we call on your help in the face of all

that we do not know how to change.

We pray for people of faith everywhere...

For the healing of the earth wherever there are scars...

For all nations consumed by conflict and war...

For peacemakers, diplomats, and inventors...

For families lacking the necessities of life...

For people who are suffering in any way...

For all whose needs we lift before you

now silently or out loud...

**All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

One: O God, by your love,

may we be enabled to be agents of your reconciling love

this day and in all of our days. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH**

**\*Closing Hymn:** 'Teach Me, God, To Wonder' #299 VU

**Commissioning:** (in unison)

**Living God, we put our trust in you:**

**risking disappointment, risking failure,**

**working and waiting expectantly.**

**Grant us the grace**

**to be part of your answer in the world.**

**Blessing:**

**\*Choral Closing:** 'Take Up His Song' #213 MV

***Take up his song of hope***

***And go into the world***

***Take up his song of hope***

***in every moment.***

***In every moment of the journey,***

***We're laying down our lives;***

***Lay them down in peace,***

***Lay them down,***

***And take up his song***

**Organ Postlude:**

*The other day*

*a man asked me what I thought*

*was the best time of life.*

*"Why,"*

*I answered without a thought,*

*"now."*

*– David Grayson*

# Church News

## **This Week at First United –Oct. 1– Oct. 7**

Monday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	9-11am	Badminton
	1:30 pm	UCW
	6:15 pm	Beavers – Rooms 1,2,& 3
Wednesday	9am – 12pm	TAB - Rooms 1,2 & 3
	9-11am	Badminton
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30pm	Pastoral Care - RMR

The bulletin today has been placed  
***in loving memory of John M. Daley***  
by Helen and family.

The flowers in our sanctuary today are  
in honor of Lorne Stymiest's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
and in loving memory  
of his wife, Diane,  
placed by their family.

### **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2018      **900**  
Total to Date      **492**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect  
30-31 jars of peanut butter per week.  
The Volunteer Center supplies, on average,  
500 households monthly.



**The Upper Room** for Sept. and Oct. are in the Narthex. Please  
feel free to take one. A container for donations is located with the  
publication.

**Notice from the Property Management Team** For security  
reasons, all doors to the sanctuary will be kept locked except the  
one closest to the office. To enter the church during business  
hours, please use the St. Patrick Street entrance.

### **Thanksgiving Service Decorations :**

Anyone wishing to contribute items to decorate the church are  
encouraged to bring them in by 4pm Wednesday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Employment opportunity** Due to the upcoming retirement of  
Alan Wilcox, the Property Management Committee is seeking an  
individual for the position of Custodian starting October 1, 2018.  
Your resume may be dropped off at the church office addressed to  
the Ministry and Personnel.

### **Observer**

Would you like to receive the Observer, a United Church of Canada  
publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church office  
at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 1, 2018. The annual subscription  
rate is \$25 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable at the office.

**Badminton** will be starting on October 1st. For more information  
call Joyce Daley at 546-3764.

**Fall Newsletters** are in the Narthex this morning. Please insure you  
pick up yours. To help with postage costs, if there are some there  
that you are able to deliver the Communications team would  
appreciate it. Special envelopes for Thanksgiving contributions can be  
found in the Narthex.

*Retirement.  
That's when you return  
from work one day and say,  
"Hi, Honey, I'm home  
— forever."  
~Gene Perret~*

## Community Events

### **"Help Lesotho" Calendars**

The Anglophone School District – North has been sponsoring "Help Lesotho" since 2006 as part of its global awareness initiative. As a fund raiser where all of the money raised goes to help finance its work with orphans, vulnerable children, and grandmothers in Lesotho, Africa; "Help Lesotho" has 2019 calendars for sale at a cost of fifteen dollars. You are invited to support this initiative with your donation. Gary Branch (546-9208) ([egbranch@rogers.com](mailto:egbranch@rogers.com)) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 9, 2018. Payment can be made in advance by cash or cheque or when the calendars are delivered. Cheques are to be made payable to "Help Lesotho".

**Wellness Invitation:** Are you interested in wellness within your own household or within your community? Do you have suggestions and concerns you would like to share? Do you have something to contribute to your community? We want to hear what you have to say!!! Come and join us at a Wellness Forum on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in Belledune in English, at Danny`s on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, bilingual and/or on the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the evening in Allardville in French. More information located on bulletin board.

**Open House** The family of **David & Vera Wood** will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with an "**Open House**" on Saturday, October 6, 2018 | 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 4321 Cape Road, Salmon Beach, NB (their home) Best Wishes Only!

### **Dinner Theatre 2018 – Politically Incorrect**

Mark your calendar for another great adventure at St. Georges Church! We are back! November 21, 23 at 6pm with a full turkey dinner and November 24 at 12 noon featuring a sandwich luncheon. The evening performances are \$30.00 each and the Saturday show is \$20.00. Tickets go on sale in the church Hall on Tuesday, October 16.

**The Point Church** – Bathurst Site would like to invite you to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dessert Auction to be held on Friday, October 19 at 7:00pm at 780 O'Neil avenue. The purpose of this auction is to raise funds to build a house for a family in the Dominican Republic. The mission team is going to the Dominican in February of 2019 and all proceeds of this fundraiser will go toward the purchase of needed supplies.

### **Family & Community Breakfast**

Saturday, October 13, 2018 8:00 – 10:00 am  
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

**St. Lukes Presbyterian Church** The final used book sale and yard sale for the season at St. Lukes Presbyterian Church will be Saturday October 6 at St. Lukes, 395 Murray Avenue. All proceeds to support the work of the Atlantic Mission Society.

### **The 2018 New Brunswick Country Music Hall of Fame**

concert will be held at Bathurst High School's Gwendolyn Kent Auditorium on Saturday, October 13 at 8pm. Members of the Hall will be performing including Alyssa (Daley) Collins of Bathurst, one of this year's five new inductees. Advance tickets at \$20.00 can be purchased by calling Kay Morrison at 546-6012. Otherwise the cost is \$25 at the door.

### **Saint George's Guild Coffee Party & Bazaar**

Saturday, October 20, 2018 10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue  
Tickets are \$ 10.00 each available from Guild Members, Church Office or at the door

### **Spaghetti Supper in support of Cuba Mission 2018**

Saturday, October 27, 2018 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue  
Tickets are \$ 10.00 for Adults and \$ 5.00 for children under 12.  
Take-outs are available  
Contact Don Goodspeed at 546-5387 or Church Office at 546-3225 for tickets or more info.

### *Irish Retirement Blessing*

*May you always have work  
for your hands to do.  
May your pockets hold always  
a coin or two.*

*May the sun shine bright  
on your windowpane.  
May the rainbow be certain  
to follow each rain.*

*May the hand of a friend  
always be near you.  
And may God fill your heart  
with gladness to cheer you.*

## John 1:1-14 New International Version (NIV)

### The Word Became Flesh

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup> Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome<sup>[a]</sup> it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John.

<sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.

<sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

<sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.

<sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

<sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Mark 12:28-34 New International Version (NIV)

### The Greatest Commandment

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

<sup>29</sup> "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>[c]</sup> There is no commandment greater than these."

<sup>32</sup> "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

<sup>33</sup> To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

<sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.