

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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February 10, 2019

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)</i> <i>Psalm 138</i> <i>I Corinthians 15:1-11</i> <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	<i>Jeremiah 17:5-10</i> <i>Psalm 1</i> <i>I Corinthians 15:12-20</i> <i>Luke 6:17-26</i>

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where the congregation is invited to stand as able.*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Musical Prelude:

Choral Opening: 'Arise, Your Light Is Come' **#79 VU vs. 1**
Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God,
Which shines on you today.

Welcoming:

⁴ Blessed are those you choose and bring near to worship you.
 You bring us into the courtyards of your holy temple.
 There in your house we are filled with all kinds of good things.
(Psalm 65)

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: By lighting this candle
 we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord:
 "I am the Light of the World."

All: Blessed Lord,
accept this burning candle
as a sign of our faith and love for you.
Like this candle,
we are ready to be used in your service,
We wish to stand in your presence
to be consumed in the light
and warmth of your love.
But above all make us loyal and faithful to you
in all circumstances of our life. Amen.

Call to Worship:

One: We have come to worship the living God,
All: who calls us to witness God's goodness.
One: We have come to praise the almighty God,
All: who answers the forces of hatred and pain
with the power of healing.
One: We have come to worship God, the all-gracious,
All: who calls us to follow.

Prayer of Approach: (in unison)

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise
and hear your word.
Speak to us now,
that we may be wise enough
to perceive your call.
Strengthen us now,
that we may be brave enough
to answer when you call.
Guide us now,
that we may follow
where you would have us go. Amen.

*Opening Hymn:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty'

#315 VU

Children of all ages:

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding: (in unison)
God of wisdom,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
open our ears to the call of your voice
and our eyes to the dawning of a new day.
Stir in our hearts and minds
and let us learn the truth of your good news. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Chesley Eddy
New Testament Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Responsive Psalm: Psalm 138 (p 860 VU)
Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

*Hymn: 'Fairest Lord Jesus' #341 VU

Message: "They left everything and followed him"

Anthem: 'Three Things I Promise'

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Invitation to the offering:

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response:
*Praise God with songs that never cease,
Praise God who fills the earth with peace.
Praise God for love and joy within,
The Holy Child is born again*

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)
Increase the strength of these gifts,
and the strength of our ministries, O God.
Expand the nets of our love,
that we may reach deeply and share abundantly.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen
(Psalm 138, Luke 5)

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)
Master, we have worked all day and night,
for many months and years.
We yearn for a heavy catch,
a full church, an abundant feast.
Forgive us God,
when we are too tired to cast our nets one time;
when we are too stubborn
to do things a little differently.
Have mercy on us,
when we are too afraid
to dive into deep waters and take a risk.
Grant us grace, that we may proclaim your word,
work for your kingdom, and trust your promises. Amen.
(Luke 5)

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.*

Assurance of Pardon:
Do not be afraid! Christ has called.
Christ has redeemed us.
Christ will save us all.
(Luke 5)

Silent Prayer:

Reflecive Music:

Pastoral Prayer: (in unison)
Almighty and loving God,
we call on you and you answer us in your grace
and in ways that are wise and redeeming.
Increase our faith
and strengthen our bodies and wills
so we might serve you in the world
for which we now pray.

You formed the earth and called it good
 and we thank and praise you
 for all the blessings we receive from your creation;
 for food that feeds our bodies,
 beauty that nourishes our souls,
 the arts that give pleasure,
 and the evening darkness when we can rest.
 Where the earth is desolate bring new life
 and stir us to be good and careful stewards
 of all you have made.
 We thank you for your church
 and the fellowship we enjoy,
 the good news we learn,
 the vision for a new world you cast,
 and the call to follow you.
 And now in one voice we pray together
 the prayer Jesus taught.
 Our Father...

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 'Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart' #629 VU
 (Tune Winscott VU 676)

Words from Council: Sandra Boone

Benediction:
 Listen for God's word. Answer Christ's call.
 Go into the deep and love courageously.
 Rejoice in the harvest of grace!
Amen

*Choral Closing: 'I Am Walking a Path of Peace' #221MV
I am walking a path with heart
I am walking a path with heart
I am walking a path with heart
lead me home, lead me home.

Organ Postlude:

Church News

This Week at First United –Feb. 11 – Feb. 16

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:15	Beavers Rms 1,2 & 3
Tuesday	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-12am	TAB
	9:30	Community Outreach - RMR
	6:30	Choir Practice
Thursday	1:30pm	Pastoral Care - RMR
	3:00pm	Office Closed

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of Gordon and Ethel Vance
 from the family.

The potted plant in the church today is placed
in loving memory of Art Gosnell
 by his half-brother John Valley and family.
 We miss you.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
 Total Collected **75**
 To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
 17-18 jars of peanut butter per week.
 The Volunteer Center supplies, on average,
 500 households monthly.



The Upper Room for March and April 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.

Thank you: The Ways and Means Team would like to thank all who donated their "Time, Talents and Treasures" to make the Roast Pork Supper a success. A net profit of \$4730.00 was realized. The next Ways & Means event is the Sunrise Breakfast to be held on Feb.24 2019. A special thank you to our sponsor for this supper, Kent and White Insurance.

Community Events



Sunrise Breakfast

(pancakes, sausages, baked beans, scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea)

Sunday, February 24, 2019

8:30 a.m. to noon

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

\$10.00 adults - \$3.00 children

Sponsored by
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Sunday School will be starting next week, Feb. 17th, and will be continuing until Easter. All are welcome.

Gratitude is the memory of the heart.

~Jean Baptiste Massieu~

Highlights – Bathurst Pastoral Council

January 29, 2019

The first council meeting of the new year was held in the Eddy Room with Sandra Boone presiding. Also present were Brenda Parrott, vice-chair; Judy Losier, secretary; Anne Brooks, Wayne Lord, Pat Brown, Isabel MacLaggan, Dave Morison and Rev. Jean Herman who offered the opening prayer.

As church treasurer, Dave reported that total revenue for 2018 amounted to \$245,462 while total operating expenses were \$234,625 for a net income of \$10,837. He explained that the expenses were \$28,219 under budget due, for the most part, to the retirement of the minister and custodian on October 1. Also payment of disability claims was received from the insurance company.

Local givings for the year were \$2,033 less than what was budgetted and the \$4,000 from UCW was \$2,500 more than what was expected. The Ways and Means meals including sponsorship realized more than \$4,300 above budget. Mission and Service receipts missed the \$18,000 objective by \$1,518.

The annual meeting was set for Sunday, March 17 following the morning service. The snow date is the following Sunday.

Our new minister, Rev. Neal Palmer, will begin his ministerial duties on Sunday, February 17. Rev. Herman was thanked for his interim ministry duties over the past several months. He is continuing with the required courses leading up to his expected ordination in the United Church of Canada in 2020.

Wayne Lord said Cindy Doucet will replace Nancy McKay on the Ministry and Personnel Team.

The Christian Development Team, with Brenda Parrott as chair, reported a good attendance at both White Gift and Christmas Eve afternoon services. There was a smaller attendance at the evening service on December 24. The Christmas Musical event on December 12 raised almost \$2,200 as reported by the organist, Martha Vickers.

Pending consultation with teachers by Chelsey MacLaggan, it is expected that Sunday School classes will be held on nine Sundays leading up to Easter. There would be no classes on the two Sundays of March school break.

The Pastoral Care Team reported on regular visits, the delivery of Christmas goodie bags to shut-ins, as well as the many greeting, sympathy and `thinking of you` cards sent out since its last meeting. Suggestions in this regard should be directed to Dorothy Ann McCallum or to the team chair, Pat Brown.

The minister's office has been refurbished including painting of the walls. Plowing at the church continues to be carried out by Gammon Farms. A chair is still needed for the Property Management Team.

A letter from the Church's General Council Nominations Committee stated that Rev. Blair Lewis has been appointed as a member of the Credentialing Committee of the Board of Vocation.

This new national committee deals with persons seeking ordination in the United Church of Canada, not only those within Canada, but also those from other countries and denominations. Also included are standards and discipline relating to ministers. Rev. Lewis has already attended training sessions in Toronto.

Updated reports were submitted also by Ann Brooks, UCW; Ruth Lewis, Hospitality and Friendship; and Lynne Moffit, Community Outreach.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on March 12.

Isabel MacLaggan
Communications Sub-team

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.

² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas,^[b] and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Luke 5:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

5 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,^[a] the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God.

² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets.

³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken,

¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.