

*The United Church of Canada*  
*Bathurst Pastoral Charge*  
**First United Church, Bathurst**  
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**May 12, 2019**

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Neal Palmer	<b>Organist</b>	Martha Vickers
<b>Office Adm.</b>	Isabel Clouston	<b>Greeters</b>	Edie & Peter Gammon
<b>Custodian</b>	Steve White		

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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Acts 9:1-20</i> <i>Psalm 30</i> <i>Revelation 5:11-14</i> <i>John 21:1-19</i>	<i>Acts 9:36-43</i> <i>Psalm 23</i> <i>Revelation 7:9-17</i> <i>John 10:22-30</i>

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

*GATHERING*

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**\*CHORAL OPENING** – “This Is the Day” – MV #122  
***This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad!***  
***This is the day that God has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad!***  
***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu!***  
***We will rejoice and be glad!***  
***Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu!***  
***We will rejoice and be glad!***

**WELCOME** (including our friends worshipping by CD)

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

Do we know who we are?

**We are those who are supposed to resist fear,  
courageously walking in the valley of darkness,  
knowing we’re never alone.**

Do we know who we are?

**We are those who are supposed to resist  
all manner of violence,  
trusting in the way of the Christ.**

Do we know who we are?

**We are those who are supposed to resist  
conforming to the demands and norms of injustice,  
putting our trust in the One who says,  
“My sheep hear my voice. I know them,  
and they follow me.”**

Do we know who we are?

**We are those who’ve been given  
a new identity in the resurrected Christ  
and are known through the love we share.**

**GATHERING PRAYER** (based on Psalm 23)

**\*GATHERING HYMN** – “Are You a Shepherd?” – MV #126

Are you a shepherd, good shepherd who leads us  
Safely through danger, while calming our fears?  
Are you a father who shelters and feeds us,  
Shares in our laughter and wipes away tears?

**Refrain:**

Yes, you are shepherd, parent and teacher,  
But you are greater than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with us wherever we go.

Are you a mother, good mother who bears us,  
Comforts, protects us and helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher who daily prepares us,  
Challenging students to offer their best?

**Refrain:**

Great, gentle shepherd, forever beside us,  
Lead all your children in paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent, wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you and bring you delight.

**Refrain:**

**PRAYER OF HUMILITY** (responsively)

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to be forgiving of those who've harmed us, but forgiveness can appear to many as weakness, and so—sometimes—we nurture our bitterness.

**Holy One, it is our intention and desire  
to be generous and sharing,  
but we are told resources are limited,  
there is never enough, and so—sometimes—we hold back.**

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to speak up for those whose voices are silenced by injustice, but then—sometimes—we become convinced of what we might lose and hold our tongues.

**Holy One, it is our intention and desire  
to live with confidence  
in our own fundamental value and worth,  
but then—sometimes—we capitulate  
to those constant messages  
telling us our value and worth  
is solely measured by our success.**

Holy One, you come to us with the promise that in you we can rise up to a new way of life.

**Help us to know your offer,  
so we can claim once again,  
the identity of your love.  
Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** – “How Deep the Peace” – MV #95

***How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose hearts are healed.***

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE** (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**SHARING A STORY** (with children of all ages)

**\*SINGING A SONG** – “Jesus’ Hand Were Kind Hands” – VU #570

*CELEBRATING BAPTISM*

**\*BAPTISMAL HYMN** –

“Out of Deep, Unordered Water” – VU #453

*[Parents and children gather near baptismal font during hymn.]*

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

*(Brenda Parrott – Chair of Christian Development Team)*

Dylan Edward Gammon—

son of Robyn Aimee Gammon and Josh Philip Gammon.

Noah James Milton—

son of Kerri Lynn Milton and Jeffery Neal Milton.

**PROFESSION OF FAITH AND PROMISES**

**COMMITMENT OF PARENTS**

**COMMITMENT OF GODPARENTS**

**[NOAH JAMES MILTON, ONLY]**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT** (responsively)

As the congregation of First United Church, do you commit yourselves to support and nurture these persons within a community which worships God, loves and serves others, seeks justice, and resists evil?

**We do, by the grace of God.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE POURING OF WATER**

(responsively)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is good to give thanks and praise.**

...Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do here, that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ.

**Amen.**

**THE ACT OF BAPTISM** (responsively)

Dylan Edward Gammon,  
I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** (responsively)

Dylan, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS** (responsively)

Dylan, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work within you, all the days of your life.

**Amen.**

**PLACEMENT OF BANNER SHEEP**

**LIGHTING OF A CANDLE** (responsively)

*[Baptismal Candle lit from Christ Candle, signifying the light of Christ, and as a reminder of the link between baptism and Easter.]*

Dylan, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works, and give glory to God.

**Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE**

**BAPTISMAL STOLE** (responsively)

Dylan, you have put on Christ. In Christ—you have been baptized.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

*[The congregation is invited to applaud and Dylan is then welcomed by being carried into the midst of the congregation.]*

**CHORAL RESPONSE –**

“A Little Child the Saviour Came” – VU #445

**BLESSING** (responsively)

Dylan, the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you.

**Amen.**

**THE ACT OF BAPTISM** (responsively)

Noah James Milton,  
I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**MARKING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS** (responsively)

Noah, child of God, from this day forward, you bear the sign of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS** (responsively)

Noah, may the Holy Spirit, Love's power, guide you, inspire you, and work WITHIN you, all the days of your life.

**Amen.**

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**Amen.**

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**BAPTISMAL STOLE** (responsively)

Noah, you have put on Christ. In Christ—you have been baptized.

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME**

*[The congregation is invited to applaud and Noah is then welcomed by being carried into the midst of the congregation.]*

**CHORAL RESPONSE –**

“A Little Child the Saviour Came” – VU #445

**BLESSING** (responsively)

Noah, the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, the Holy Spirit keep you.

**Amen.**

*[Participants return to their pews]*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

*(Brenda Parrott – Chair of Christian Development Team)*

Gary LeRoux [Warden United Church, Glace Bay, NS]

Virginia Palmer [Mill Woods United Church, Edmonton, AB]

Edith Power [Knox United Church, Lower Sackville, NS]

Robert Power [Knox United Church, Lower Sackville, NS]

**COMMITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT** (responsively)

Dear friends in Christ,

let us pledge to Gary, Virginia, Edith & Robert our support and care.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.**

**We pledge to you our love and our support.**

**With God's help, we will live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church together.**

**\*A NEW CREED** (in unison)

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**WELCOME** (in unison)

**Gary, Virginia, Edith & Robert,**

**we welcome you,**

**to the privileges and responsibilities of membership  
in this congregation.**

**We give you thanks for your witness among us.**

**PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**BLESSING**

*[The congregation is invited to applaud.]*

*[Participants return to their pews.]*

*ENGAGING*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Helen Knowles*

**Gospel:** John 10:22-30

**Epistle:** Acts 9:36-43

**REFLECTION**

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**Solo-** "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Emma Vickers

*RESPONDING*

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERING IS GATHERED**

(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE –**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" – VU #541  
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

**Holy One,  
may the gifts we bring this day  
be a mark of the work we'd do  
in giving testimony to your love for all.  
May Tabitha and all those whose example  
is one of generosity and compassion  
inspire us and motivate us  
toward the joy in living in faithfulness to our calling.  
Amen.**

**SHARING OUR CONCERNS –**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” – VU #400

***Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us power, send us grace!***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (responsively)

Holy One,  
many voices are telling us who we are, who we should be.

**Help us listen to the voice  
that unites us with your eternal love.**

We have many examples of how we should live.

**Help us follow the examples of generosity and caring.**

Many people feel they must hide their true identity if they're to be fully accepted and welcome.

**Help us be a community that welcomes people  
from every nation, tribe, and language  
without exception.**

There are many times when we're tempted to equate peace with power over others.

**Help us rise up to a way of living  
where peace comes through our capacity to care.**

Renew us in our commitment and dedication to following the way of compassion.

**May our lives and our living  
testify to the truth of your love and grace.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – VU #921 (in unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN –**

“Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” – VU #556

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL SENDING FORTH –**

“As We Go into the Future” [Tune *Promise VU #703*]  
***As we go into the future,  
As we tell of the Good News,  
We will show our love for others,  
Just as Christ has told us to.  
We will tell the wondrous story,  
Of a love that's made for you,  
And it's all because of Easter –  
Sing a joyous Hal-le-lu!***

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

# Church News

**This Week at First United – May 13 – May 18**

Monday	9-11am	Badminton
	6:00pm	Work Night – First United
	6:15pm	Beavers – Rms 1,2 &3
Tuesday	6pm	Work Night – Rain Date
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9-11am	Badminton
	9-noon	TAB
	3pm	Office Closed
	3:30pm	Youth Group - DEMH
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	7pm	Christian Dev. Team - RMR
	6:30	Work Night- West Ba. Cem.

The mums on the communion table today are  
**in loving memory of our mother and brothers,  
 Violet, Kenneth and Art Gosnell**  
 by the Family

## **Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre**

Commitment December 31, 2019      **900**  
 Total Collected                              **325**  
 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.



**Cemetery “Clean Up”** – The West Bathurst Cemetery Committee has a spring “Clean Up” of the West Bathurst Cemetery planned for Thursday evening, May 16, starting at 6:30 and one for St. Luke’s “Old Scottish” Cemetery for Tuesday evening, May 21, starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**First United Work Night:** The Property Management Team has scheduled a work night to clean up the church yard on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Rain date of May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your rakes and shovels. All Welcome.



## **Gospel Hymn Sing**

Sunday, June 2, 2019, 2pm  
 An afternoon of favorite gospel music, hymn sing selections and special music by First United Choir and Friends with Special Guests  
 Emma Vickers, Kurt Hadley, Alysa Collins,  
 John & Isabel Clouston  
 Take Note and The Treble Makers ~  
 Tickets Adults \$10 Youth 5\$  
 Available at the church office (546-3532) and from choir members.

**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.

## **Chicken Salad Takeout**

Friday, May 31, 2019  
 Donald Eddy Memorial Hall  
 Adults \$12 - Children (12 & under) \$6  
 Pick-up times  
 11:30am-1pm & 4-5:30pm  
 For tickets call 546-3532  
 Prepared by: Friends of First  
 Sponsored by Colin Brewster  
 of Assante Wealth Management



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

# Community Events

## **Formal Evening**

### **Black & White Event**

3 Course Meal

Danny`s Inn and Conference Center

Saturday, May 18 2019

Doors open at 5:30 / Evening starts at 6:00

Small testimony by Albert Cyr, Psychologist

Dance to follow with Highway 11 Band

All profits to go to the Mental Health Association

Come and enjoy a beautiful evening with us

For tickets \$49 / each

Julie Spence – 547-2949 / Joanne Wiseman – 546-3690

**Central United Clifton.** The fundraising committee will be having a plant sale on Saturday June 8 from 9-1 in the Central United church hall in Clifton. Plant donations can be brought to the hall on Friday the 7th at 6pm. If you have any questions please contact Pat Scott @ [546-3819](tel:546-3819)

**RSVP Ministries** invites you to our “Be Healthy” Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Marie-France Losier, Registered Dietitian with Sobeys will present “The New Canadian Food Guide”, Karen & Jim Chamberlain and Alvin Pitre will entertain us with their musical selections, and Pat Donkin, retired court reporter with the Nova Scotia Justice System will tell us about being “All Dressed Up and Going Nowhere”.

**Reservations and cancellations are necessary.** Please contact Joanne at 542-1118 or [ejgodin@bellaliant.net](mailto:ejgodin@bellaliant.net) or contact Connie at 546-2127. Note: for those who have dietary restrictions, please contact Joanne for the alternate meal.

**The Anglican Parish of New Bandon** will be holding their annual Lobster Supper on Saturday June 1, 2019. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children 12 and under. Sittings are at 4:30 pm and 6 pm, takeouts also available. Only 400 tickets will be sold- 200 eat in and 200 take out For tickets, or for more information, please contact Norma Ellis 546-9638, Elaine Good 546-2970, Kay Addison 350-0960 , Lorna Veneau 546-2948 or Mitzi Whelton 546-4969. Thank you

**Highland View Cemetery:** There are a number of headstone saddles that have been blown from the memorial stones and are now next to the utility shed. Please check to see if yours is there. The Highland View Committee request that , going forward, the name of the deceased is noted on the memorial flowers and they will do their best to put them back on the proper headstone if they blow off.

**Country & Gospel Music Night** May 25, 2019 Saturday 7:00pm  
Christ Church Hall, Clifton  
Featuring; The Country Capers, Bill McLean, John & Isabel Clouston, Giles Murty, Mary Ann Riordon-Barry, Denver Daley & Brad Legacy, Tommy Jagoe & Raymond Legère. Free will offering for Camp-on-the-Road by the Anglican Parish of New Bandon.  
Contact; Allen Miller )(506) 544-5625

Our Most Sincere Congratulations  
to a Very Special Gentleman  
on His Very Special Day!!  
In honour of the 100th Birthday Celebration of  
Bertram Demmings,  
his gift from the Pastoral Care Team has been donated,  
at his request,  
to the First United Church choir  
in appreciation for their musical contributions in our church.  
Such A Thoughtful Gesture!

## John 10:22-30 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,

<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

<sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,<sup>[a]</sup> tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me;

<sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

<sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one."

## Acts 9:36-43 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### Peter in Lydda and Joppa

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas.<sup>[a]</sup> She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

<sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

<sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay."

<sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up.

<sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

<sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

<sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Mother's Day Flowers  
have been donated*



*In Loving Memory of*

**Frankie Branch** from the Branch Girls

**Laura Parrott** from Brenda and Dave

**Emily Wiseman & Dot Clouston** by Isabel & John

**Margaret (Mum Scott), Gladys Branch &  
Aunt Wanda Glendenning** from Lela , Percy and  
family

Mothers, **Edythe Hatheway & Alice Williamson**  
from Hayden, Mildred & family

**Geraldine Hatheway** from Hayden & Mildred

Our Mothers, **Ella Lewis and Sarah Moore** from Blair & Ruth Lewis

Our Mothers, **Vera Cameron & Betty Gammon** from Peter & Edie

**Fran Daley & Hilda Rogers** from Joyce & Glen

Our Mother's, **Mary Hare & Stella Norton**  
from Helen & Harvey Norton

**Fran Barbery & Wynne Sullivan** from Bob & Beth

**Rita (Walsh) Murray** by Linda Knowles-MacPherson

**Agnes Fowlie & Vera Godfrey** by Archie & Jean Fowlie

**Our Mothers,** from Linda & Arthur Lee

**Marion Fallon & Ellen Cooper** by the family

Our Mothers **Dorothy Stegmayer & Helen Brewster**  
from Dave & Cheryl

**Vivian Howatt** by her family

Our Mothers, **Florence & Edith** by Francis & Peggy

Mother, **Edrie Hornibrook** by Helen Knowles & family

Our Mothers, **Edith Payne & Florence Scott** by Peggy & Francis  
My Mother, **Velma Daley** by Ina

**Sarah McLean & Cecile LaPoint** & from Donald & Alice

**Evelyn Russell & Dora Carroll** from Wayne, Clara & Melissa

**Fern Wiseman** from John & Joanne

**Gladys Knowles Scott,** by Daughter, Barbara Hinton

**Isalee Dempsey** from the Dempsey Family

**Ruth Daley** by Shirley Sealy

Mother's, **Phyllis Wiseman & Lillian Murphy**  
from Cheryl & Gordon Murphy

Our Mothers, **Winifred Hierlihy & Emma Mullin**  
from Blake & Kathy

My Mom, **Maude Hierlihy** from Dorothy Ann

Our Mothers, **Eva MacLeod & Ruth Moffitt** for Evan & Lynne

**Mary Lindsay** from her daughter, Joyce

**Gladys Moore** from Gladys and the Family

**Gerry Hatheway** from Mike, Jane & Marilyn

**Beatrice Jardine** from George

**Lois Gammon & Agnes Murphy** from Brian & Bev

*In Honour of*

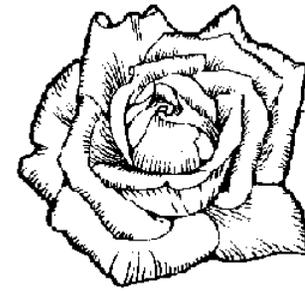
**Dot Bond** by Cora and Helen

**Rita Brown** from the family

**The Back Row Gals**

**Aunt Peggy** from Isabel

Our wonderful mothers **Sue Palmer & Margaret Watt**  
by Neal & Jini Palmer



*How God Created Mother*

*God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of quiet sea,*

*The beauty of a twilight hour,  
The soul of a starry night  
The laughter of the rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight,*

*Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when His masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply....MOTHER.*

*Legga Nthizzs*