

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Sept. 1, 2019

Minister	Rev. Neal Palmer	Organist	Martha Vickers
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Custodian	Steve White		

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Job 38:1-18</i> <i>Psalm 104:1-9,24-26</i> <i>Ephesians 1:3-10</i> <i>Luke 5:1-11</i>	<i>Job 39:1-8, 26-30</i> <i>Psalm 104:14-23</i> <i>I Corinthians 1:10-23</i> <i>Luke 12:22-31</i>

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

We welcome Helen Knowles and thank her for leading our service this morning.

GATHERING

Musical Prelude

***Choral Opening** – “Praise to the Lord” – VU #835 (Verse 1)
Praise to the Lord, all of you, God’s servants.
Blessed be the name of our God now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun—may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

Welcome (including our friends worshipping by CD)

Lighting the Christ Candle & Call to Worship: (responsively)
 The Christ Candle symbolizes the presence of Christ,
 the Light of the world.
Alive, in our midst, this day and every day.

May the Light of Christ be with you,
and also with you.
 God said “Six days you shall labour and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord”.
 Jesus said “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden
And I will give you rest”.
 And so we come, resting from our labours.
Let us worship God.

Gathering Prayer

*** Gathering Hymn:** “God of the Bible” MV #28

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
 Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
 You are our centre, daylight or darkness,
 Freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain:

***Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful, You do not change,
 Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
 God always faithful, you do not change.***

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
 Suffering with us, taking our part,
 Still you empow’r us, mothering Spirit
 Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

Refrain:

Those without status, those who are nothing,
 You have made royal, gifted with rights,
 Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
 Birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

Refrain:

Not by your finger, not by your anger
Will our world order change in a day.
But by your people, fearless and faithful,
Small paper lanterns, lighting the way.

Refrain:

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
Through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
Bonding us gladly one to the other,
Till our world changes facing the Cross.

Refrain:

Prayer of Humility: (in unison)

**We are workers, God, but we admit
that sometimes the work of our hands
is not always done in a matter,
that affirms others.**

**On other occasions, we have blindly bought goods,
made by people who are paid too little
or work in unsafe conditions.**

**Many workers have jobs,
that provide good wages and benefits,
while others have jobs, that don't.**

**Help us this Labour Day, to work for justice,
to build a new world,
where all share in the abundance you have given us.
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 folks of all ages)
The Importance of Work

***Singing a Song:** “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” **VU #570**

ENGAGING

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Reading: Cheryl Brewster
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 35-40

**Reflection: “We Are All One Family under the Same
Sky”** Gary Branch

Solo: “The Prayer” Kurt Hadley
with Linda Knowles-MacPherson on piano

RESPONDING

Minute for Mission Bev Murphy

Invitation to the Offering:

The Offering is Gathered:
(in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

Choral Response–

“Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands” – VU #537

***Your work, O God,
needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.
Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be please to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus’ sake***

***Offering Prayer:** (in unison)
**Generous God, we thank You for the opportunity,
 to not only receive Your gifts,
 but also for the privilege of being Your gifts
 to each other and the world.
 Receive our offerings, we pray.
 Through them and through us,
 bless your world.
 Amen.**

Sharing Our Concerns

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
*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!*

VU #400

Prayers of the People:

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

Announcements:

***Closing Hymn:** “May the God of Hope Go with Us” **VU #424**

Blessing:

***Choral Closing – “When You Walk from Here”** **VU #298**
*When you walk from here,
 when you walk from here,
 walk with justice, walk with mercy,
 and with God’s humble care.*

Organ Postlude

Church News

This Week at First United –Sept. 2 – 7, 2019

Monday	Office Closed	Labour Day
Tuesday	3:30	Office Closed
Tuesday	9:30	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
Friday	9 – 12	TAB

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
 Total Collected **550**

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.



For Pastoral Care Emergencies during Rev. Palmer’s vacation please contact the church office and you will be directed to the replacing personnel.

The Upper Room for September and October 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.

Broadview (Observer)

Would you like to receive Broadview, a United Church of Canada publication? For a new subscription, please contact the church office at 546-3532 before Monday, Oct 7, 2019. The annual subscription rate is \$25 (Tax included) Renewals are also payable at the office.

Thank you to Anne & Earnest Brooks and David Cumming for being the counters and to Anne Brooks and Chesley Eddy for being our greeters for the month of August.

Sound System Survey:

Located in the Narthex and available from the greeters is a survey available to be taken over the next four Sundays. Please take one and return when completed to the greeters or drop it into the offering plate. If you notice differences in sound on different Sundays please feel free to complete a survey on more than one Sunday indicating the date the survey is for. The information compiled from the surveys completed will enable us to better understand any issues we may be having with the Sound System.



Beef BBQ

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall

309 St. Patrick Street

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Takeout's available 4:00 - 5:30 pm

\$15. Adults \$6. Children (under 12)

All tickets sold in advance.

*Tickets available at the office 546-3532
or from Ways and Means team members.*

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Community Events

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, September 14, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

The Point Church is hosting a concert by former guitarist for the Newsboys, **Paul Colman, on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM.**

Tickets: Cost is \$10 per person from our building. Available online also at <https://paulcolman.eventbrite.com> (there is a small service fee). If there are tickets left, we will make them available at the door. If you have a group of 10 or more, contact Kurt R. Parks Bathurst Site Pastor 546.4184 and he will work out a deal for you.

"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 2020 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) will be taking orders for these calendars until October 15, 2019. 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".

Salmon Supper

Saturday, September 21, 2019, Christ Church Hall Clifton

Sittings at 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm, takeouts available

\$20 adults, \$10 children under 12

Tickets available by contacting Norma Ellis 546-9638; Kay Addison 350-0960, Elaine Good 546-2970, Mitzi Whelton 546-4969 or Lorna Veneau 546-2948

Matthew 25:35-40 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Central United Church, Clifton, will be holding its Annual Fall Fair (baked goods, produce, preserves, crafts) Saturday September 14 from 0930 am to 1230 (noon).

The take out meal is brown bread & beans.

Come and enjoy!

RSVP Ministries invites you to our "Dazzling Sounds" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Karen and Jim Chamberlain, talented musical duo, will present us with a musical adventure, and Sue Ferguson will tell us how "Nothing worked in her happily ever after, until she discovered WHO makes that dream come true".

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

Can you please say:

Save the date.....Helen A. Knowles (Bob) is turning 90 on Saturday, September 14th!! Please join family and friends at the New Bandon Salmon Beach Fire Department Recreation Centre to help celebrate this milestone. Best Wishes only.

³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ^[a] you did it to me.'