

BATHURST PASTORAL CHARGE
First United Church - South Tetagouche United Church
Summer Newsletter

Highlights – Bathurst Pastoral Council
May 29, 2007

- The third council meeting of 2007 was presided over by Hugh Ellis, Council Chair. Sixteen of the eighteen members were present.
- As Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Team, George Robertson was named as the fourth member of the council executive along with the Chair; Vice-chair, Jack Mackay and Secretary, Judy Losier.
- The Executive Team reported there are no restrictions on the use of the new Eddy Room other than no meal preparation. The Chalmers Room (former library) will be ready for meetings in the fall.
- Judy Losier volunteered to attend the follow-up workshop on Ministry in Changing Times held here June 17, 2007. Others in attendance were Keith Adams as our minister and Jack MacKay in the absence of Hugh Ellis. Six pastoral charges were represented. Isabel MacLaggan attended as a note taker.
- Emma MacKay, president of the United Church Women, reported that many members attended the annual meeting of Miramichi Presbyterial in Tabusintac when the 45th anniversary of the founding of UCW was celebrated. At its May meeting the local UCW decided to transfer \$4,000 into the general operational fund of the church. Cathy McLaughlin expressed thanks on behalf of the Financial Management Team.
- As submitted by Nominations Chair, Shirley Sealy, Hugh Currie was appointed to the Financial Management Team.
- All employees of the Bathurst Pastoral Charge will receive wages on a bi-weekly schedule through the United Church of Canada's central payroll system. The pastoral charge will continue to determine salaries, allowances and other pay related items.
- The Worship Team, with Nora McLean as chair, has asked the office staff to instruct persons placing flowers in the sanctuary to make non-scented or low-scented choices. Other Worship Team decisions included the approval of ten requests for Covenant Services of Marriage from June to October, 2007.
- On motion, Council agreed to receive nine individuals into the United Church of Canada as full members of First United Church, Bathurst. Following a weekend of instruction they were received through public profession of faith at the May 13 church service.
- Acting on the observations of the church organist, Martha Vickers and on team recommendations, Council approved necessary repairs to the pipe organ. The estimated minimum cost of \$1,000, received verbally, is to be covered by the Repair Fund. Any additional expenses will be discussed at the time of servicing. The last regular maintenance was carried out in 2002.

- Hospitality and Friendship Chair, Shirley Gammon, said the usual food and fellowship time follows the Sunday service each week. Volunteers are always being sought, especially for July.
- The Pastoral Care Team, chaired by Brenda Parrott, reported the freewill offering at the Service of Hope amounted to almost \$900. A Team recommendation receiving Council approval was the purchase of six hand-sanitizing dispensers for use in the Church and Donald Eddy Memorial Hall as part of the Team's Pandemic Planning.
- Shari Smith-Ellis, Chair of the Community Outreach Sub-Team, reported the donation of Shopper's Drug Mart points will be used to purchase baby food and supplies for the Bathurst Volunteer Centre. The Team also reported on plans to deliver soup and sandwiches to the Centre for *a meal-of-the-month* in June.
- The Education and Program Team received positive feedback on recent intergenerational services. There is a need for Church School teachers for the fall as well as additional members on the Team. Interested persons should contact Margaret Demmings, Team Chair at 546-4685. The summer nursery will be relocated to the Ruth Morrison Fellowship Room adjacent to the sanctuary. There will be curriculum changes in the Church School as reported by the current co-ordinator, Pamela Hamilton.
- Financial Management Chair, Cathy McLaughlin reported all teams appeared to be within their budgets. The chairperson, Haines Scott, and members of the Ways and Means Sub-Team have been extremely active. The Mission and Service Fund, handled by Lillian Jagoe, showed an increase in contributions over the same period last year.
- Don Nelson expressed appreciation to Jack MacKay for compiling a comprehensive inventory of the Church and Hall for insurance appraisal purposes. The Board of Trustees, chaired by John Moerman, is in the process of providing for adequate property and liability coverage.
- The Property Management Team, which Don Nelson chairs, reported on 13 ongoing and new improvement projects of an interior and exterior nature.
- Nancy McKay, Chair of Policy and Planning, presented at least 15 policies, procedures, sample letters and forms for Council consideration. Some of these submissions were approved and others were deferred for further investigation.
- Nancy said she would be meeting with Church Treasurer, Alberta Buttmer, to clarify the financial status of the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall Restoration Fund. Garden tours, a silent auction and a *used jewellery* sale are upcoming fundraising projects. The *Quilt Show and Tea* in May was a success.

- During the two-month period, March to May, Keith Adams conducted ten regular services of worship and nine special services, celebrated the sacraments twice, attended seventeen scheduled Team-Sub-Team meetings, conducted five programs/interviews, completed twenty-one pastoral visits and attended seven additional meetings.

The next regular meeting of the Pastoral Council is Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

Calendar of Events

21 July	Garden Party and Silent Auction
12 August 10:00 a.m.	Service of Word and Table Summer Communion Service
9 September	Fall Family Outing
27 September	Beef Barbecue
7 October 10:00 a.m.	Service of Word and Table Thanksgiving Weekend
13 October	Spaghetti Supper

Garden Tours and a Silent Auction

Visit beautiful gardens at the homes of Judy & Bob Losier, Marie & Ron Melanson, Brenda & Richard Toth and Edith & Norman Young **Saturday, July 21, 2007** between the hours of **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Then proceed to the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall from **2-4 p.m.** to bid on some artistic items and enjoy a light snack and refreshments. The cost for the event is **\$8.00** and tickets may be purchased prior to the event at the Church office or from Margaret Demmings (546-4685), Emma MacKay (546-5519), or Shirley Sealy (546-5425). Rain date is set for Sunday, July 22, 2007.

Donald Eddy Memorial Hall Fundraising

- Do you have jewellery you have not worn for many years, jewellery of which you have become tired or jewels with which you do not have any use? **Do we have an Idea for you!!!**
- The *Friends of the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall* are still fundraising. Because costume jewellery is a fashion these days, we are organizing a second-hand sale. We will be collecting '*fine*' jewels over the next few months, clean (if applicable), preparing for a September display and sale.
- Items can be left with Emma MacKay (546-5519), Shirley Sealy (546-5425) or Margaret Demmings (546-4685). We will let you know when the event occurs as you may want to do some shopping!

CONGRATULATIONS!

• The N. B. Pharmacists' Association

Our faith community extends congratulations to Elaine Godin, as recipient of the *2007 Wyeth Bowl of Hygeia Award*. The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the profession of pharmacy today. Elaine was recognized for leadership in her profession and service to her community during the 2007 NB Pharmacy Conference, held at the Saint John Hilton Hotel on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

• The Nurses Association of New Brunswick

During the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick, held on May 30th in Fredericton, Martha Vickers was elected to the position of president-elect. On September 1, 2009 she will assume the position of president of the Association for a two-year term ending August 31, 2011. Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Martha as she embarks upon this new endeavour.

• New Brunswick Council of Scouts Canada

The *Commemorative Centennial Medal* was created by Scouts Canada to commemorate the past one hundred years and to celebrate the beginning of the next century of scouting in Canada. Recipients of this medal were recognized recently for their significant contributions to our scouting programs in New Brunswick. The ceremony was held on Sunday, June 10th in the Legislative Assembly, Fredericton with our Lieutenant Governor, The Hon Hermenegilde Chiasson, presiding. A reception followed at Old Government House, Old Woodstock Road. Congratulations are extended to all 125 recipients, including those from our faith community – Mae Branch, Gary Branch, Lela Branch, Helen Knowles and Gail McLellan.

• Paul Harris Fellowship

Don MacKay was one of the three local persons awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Bathurst. The ceremony, held May 29, recognized the recipients for exemplifying Rotary's motto of '*Serve Above Self.*' Among Don's pursuits is the spearheading a long-range plan for Coronation Park in downtown Bathurst. The modern playground equipment, already in place, comprises part of Phase 1 of the overall plan.

• It's Up To You!

Submissions for future newsletters or for our two bulletin boards would be gratefully received by our Communications Sub-Team. Although space is always a consideration, every effort would be made to use such items. No doubt there are others in our congregation who have been honoured in some way or who should be recognized for notable accomplishments. Perhaps there are other topics, serious or lighthearted, that would add to our quarterly newsletter effort or that would make our bulletin boards more interesting.

Isabel MacLaggan

Reducing the Spread of Infection

Preventing the spread of respiratory illness is always preferable to addressing the outcome of an infection. When soap and water are not convenient, an alcohol-based sanitizer is recommended. Therefore, hand sanitizers have been strategically placed within the First United Church and Donald Eddy Memorial Hall for the convenience and protection of all.

The following are key factors to breaking the chain of infection.

A. Proper Hand Hygiene

Keeping our hands clean with *soap and water* or a *hand sanitizer* is the first line of defense in good health.

Hand-washing

1. Wet hands.
2. Dispense soap into palm of hand.
3. Lather hands for at least twenty (20) seconds ~ between fingers, around the thumbs and up the wrists.
4. Circle fingertips in the palm of each hand to clean well under the nails.
5. Rinse hands.
6. Dry hands, preferably with paper towels.
7. Use paper towel to turn off taps.
8. Discard towels in wastebasket.

Hand-sanitizing

When soap and water are not convenient, an alcohol-based sanitizer is recommended. However, the alcohol content must be between 60% and 90% to be effective. Using a hand cream before or after applying the sanitizer reduces the effectiveness of the product.

1. Dispense sanitizer into palm of hand.
2. Swirl fingertips in the sanitizer.
3. Scrub hands with sanitizer, between fingers, around the thumbs and on the backs of hands.
4. Allow to air dry.

B. Sneeze/Cough Etiquette

Covering a cough/sneeze with one's hand or cloth handkerchief has been the traditional approach to preventing the spread of airborne bacteria or viruses. However, each day, our hands touch literally thousands of surfaces ~readily transmitting disease! Hence, current approaches, now favour the use of one's arm or a disposable tissue to block the spread of respiratory infection.

1. Cough or sneeze into the upper arm or the crook of the arm.
2. If used, discard a tissue immediately after one use.
3. Then wash or sanitize hands.

Lost Cell Phone

When a customer left his cell phone in my store, I scrolled through his saved numbers, stopped at "Mom" and pushed "send". His mother answered and I told her what happened.

"Don't worry," she said, "I'll take care of it."

A few minutes later the cell phone rang. It was "Mom."

"Martin," she said, "you left your cell phone at the convenience store."

Reason to Keep Quiet in Church

A mother was giving instructions to her three children as she sent them into Sunday school, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" Her son quickly responded, "Because people are sleeping!"

Letters to Minister from Children

Dear Mr. Minister: I know God loves everybody; but perhaps He never met my sister.

Yours sincerely, Arnold

Dear Mr. Minister: I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.
Loreen

Dear Mr. Minister: I liked your sermon on Sunday, especially when it was finished.

Ralph

Pastoral Charge Website

With heartfelt thanks to Josh Gammon and Jane Murphy, the new Pastoral Charge Website is now *live to the public* at www.firstunited-bathurst.ca.

The website will be administered day-to-day by Wilma Dempsey, Pastoral Charge Secretary.

Anyone wishing to contribute to our online photo gallery is encouraged to forward their photos to the church office at secretary.first@nb.aibn.com However, all photo submissions must comply with the following governance policy.

The photo gallery shall include images from public spaces and public events. Individual prior consent will not be obtained from persons whose images may appear in these photos. However, written permission is required from persons attending closed events (*i.e. events requiring registration*). In any event, a photo will be removed immediately from the site, upon request from any individual whose image appears therein. Moreover, any caption shall not include names of persons, unless specific written approval is obtained in advance. If desired by the photographer, credit will be provided for any photo posted.

Financial Update

Year to date net income (loss) at May 31, 2007
\$(346)

	<u>Year to date</u>		<u>Budget</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
	21 Sundays	22 Sundays	21 Sundays
Local givings	\$ 56,696	\$ 56,157	\$ 59,340
All other revenues	37,812	25,415	33,613
Total revenues	94,508	81,572	92,953
Total expenses	(97,859)	(101,634)	(96,977)
	(3,350)	(20,062)	(4,023)
Income from Endowment Fund	3,005	4,175	3,000
Net income (loss) for the period	\$ (346)	\$ (15,887)	\$ (1,023)

Impressions of Maritime Conference – May 31-June 3 in Sackville, N. B.

• Cindy Doucet

I appreciated the theme, 'Making Connections' – an interesting topic. For many years the theme was more specific. This year the theme was very general and applicable to our own personal connections – connections through our church, our country and our world.

I really enjoy the small table groups where one can meet so many nice people. I enjoy the energy displayed at Conference, while meeting old friends.

Installed as president on June 3, 2007 was *Barbara Rafuse* of Pleasantville, Nova Scotia. *Rev. Valerie Kingsbury* of Fall River, Nova Scotia was chosen as president-elect. She will take office as president in 2008.

• Isabel MacLaggan

There was a lot of music at Conference this year led by Ron Klusmeier and others. Many of our new hymns were written by Ron so it was thrilling to see him in person and to hear more than 500 people singing together.

I was really pleased to hear Nora Sanders, the new general secretary of our national church. She seems *so* warm, *so* down to earth, *so* capable with her experience in the church and her training as a lawyer and all.

Also, through yoga breaks we were led to reconnect with God through physical, spiritual and emotional energy.

• Madison Doucet

I was one of 100 young people of high school age and older who took part in the Youth Forum. The music was great and meeting new friends was fun. We always sat together for meals in the cafeteria as well.

• Gregory Doucet

I was part of the seventy 'Intermediates at Conference' program. My sister and I attended Maritime Conference for the first time. We had lots of fun as we got ready to present our skits and songs to all the delegates.