

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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<u>Lectionary for today</u>	<u>Lectionary for next Sunday</u>
<i>Acts 2:1-21</i> <i>Psalm 104</i> <i>I Corinthians 12:3b-13</i> <i>John 20:19-23</i>	<i>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</i> <i>Psalm 8</i> <i>II Corinthians 13:11-13</i> <i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

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

Organ Prelude:

Choral Opening: 'Praise to the Lord' # 835 VU vs1

***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!***

Welcoming:

God, forgive us when we don't hear
the music of the universe,
or see the harmony of life you intend.
Open us to your hymns and music in life,
and place a song in our hearts.

Welcoming Friends Worshipping by CD:

Announcements:

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

One: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.
All: We come to celebrate God's presence,
One: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.
All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,
One: and the life we are called to live.
All: We come as a pilgrim people
searching for ways to live out our faith.
One: We come to celebrate as we begin the summer season.
All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us!

Call to Worship: (in unison)

**O Most Blessed One,
as we enter into the life of your Spirit,
teach our hearts to be psalms,
singing forth your praise;
teach our minds to be proverbs,
shining forth your wisdom;
and teach our lives to be parables,
showing forth your glory
in every gesture and deed.**

Prayer of Approach:

One: Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth,
may your peace and love fall upon us,
bringing growth and life.
**All: Soak into our innermost being.
Quiet all that makes us anxious.
Help us to linger in your presence,
and send us out refreshed,
to carry your peace to others.**

***Opening Hymn:**

'Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness' #375 VU vs. 1&3

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Understanding:

O God as we read the Bible
we pray that we will find you speaking to us.
We pray that we will be able to read carefully
and through our reflection
we may be able to understand the significance
of your word for our lives.
We pray that all who walk through the doors of the church
will have the opportunity to think, to ask questions,
and to pray in the name of Jesus,
who shows us the way. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Joanne Wiseman

Old Testament Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30

Responsive Psalm: Psalm #104 **#827 VU** (part 2)

Gospel Lesson: John 20:19-23

Hymn: *'Teach Me, God, to Wonder'* **#299 VU**

Message:

Anthem: *'Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart'*

THE COMMUNITY RESPONDS

Presentation of Gifts and Self to God:

Choral Response:

*We bring our gifts to share,
and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care,
Our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow*

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

**God of the hungry,
make us hunger and thirst for the right,
till our thirst for justice has been satisfied,
and hunger has gone from the earth. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

One: Jesus taught us not to be anxious
about our lives or about tomorrow.
Are there anxieties that cause us to feel separated
from the peace which Christ promises?
Let us turn to God in prayer.

All: Forgive them all, O Lord:
our sins of omission and our sins of commission;
the sins of our youth and the sins of our riper years;
the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies;
our secret and our more open sins;
our sins of ignorance and surprise;
and our more deliberate and presumptuous sins;
the sins we have done to please ourselves;
and the sins we have done to please others;
the sins we know and remember;
and the sins we have forgotten;
the sins we have striven to hide from others;
and the sins by which we have made others offend;
forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for his sake,
who died for our sins and rose for our justification,
and now stands at your right hand
to make intercession for us,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

John Wesley 1703-1791

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 sets us free to love others.
Thanks be to God.

Reflective Music:

Silent Prayer:

Pastoral Prayer:

One: O God, lover of the world,
you hold all that you have created
within your compassionate embrace.

**All: As you hold our lives torn by pain,
sorrow or hatred within your aching heart,
we cry out for wholeness—
for ourselves, for those we love,
and for our world.**

One: May your healing presence gently transform
the places of our lives where we hold pain.
May your loving presence be a comforting reality
for all those who find themselves
in despair, lost or alone.

**All: May your transforming presence
create generosity in place of greed,
harmony in place of hatred,
and everlasting justice where evil now reigns.**

One: O God, lover of the world,
from the silence of our own hearts,
we bring before you
these people and places that need
your healing, loving, transforming presence.

(Silence)

**All: O God, lover of the world,
this is your world, our home Canada is your country,
may our city of Bathurst be a community
open to the transforming power of your love.
We reach out to you
to claim the gift of your love and your presence.
May the power of your love
show us the way to better tomorrows.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

THE COMMUNITY GOES FORTH

***Closing Hymn: 'I Feel the Winds of God' #625 VU**

Commissioning: (in unison)

**O God,
as we go to our homes and our work this coming week,
we ask you to send the Holy Spirit into our lives.
Open our ears—
that we may hear what you are saying to us
in the things that happen to us
and in the people we meet.
Open our eyes—
that we may see the needs of people around us.
Open our hands—
that we may do our work well,
and help when help is needed.
Open our lips—
that we may tell the Good News of Jesus
and bring comfort, happiness, and laughter to others.
Open our minds—
that we may discover new truth about you and the
world.
Open our hearts—
that we may love you and others as you have loved us.**

Blessing:

Light of God to give us hope
Power of God to protect us
Light of God to give us joy
Peace of God to calm us
Light of God to give us faith
Grace of God to save us
This day and forevermore.

*** Choral Closing: 'I am Walking a Path of Peace' (#221 MV)**
***I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
I am walking a path of peace
lead me home, lead me home.***

Organ Postlude:

Bathurst Pastoral Council
May 30, 2017

Council met in the Eddy Room at 4 p.m. with Sandra Boone presiding. Also in attendance were Brenda Parrott, vice-chair; Judy Losier, secretary; Wayne Lord, Linda Newell, Don Nelson, Ian Oliver, Rick Watling, Anne Brooks, Isabel MacLaggan and Rev. Blair Lewis who opened with prayer.

Rev. Lewis reported on his attendance at the Maritime Conference annual meeting in Sackville last week. He said one of the special speakers was Rev. John Young, originally of Douglaston in our Presbytery and Conference. He joined the General Council staff in Toronto last year.

Miramichi Presbytery has given its approval for roof replacement at First United, such approval being necessary since the project exceeds a \$5,000 expenditure.

On the same subject, Don Nelson of the Property Management Team said two quotes for new roof shingles have been received and a few others are expected. The \$20,000 in the reserve Repair Fund will be used and donations towards this major project will be sought, it was decided at Monday's Finance meeting.

As the Financial Management Chair, Ian Oliver reported finances as of May 31 on budget. The figures show that without the recent \$2,000 from the UCW, the resulting amount would have been under budget.

Mission and Service givings stand at \$7,004 as of May 31 about \$500 below budget. The Ways and Means projects netted about \$800 over what was budgeted for the five month period while the Memorial Hymn Sing (\$5524) and other fundraising (\$2515) realized slightly more than projected.

Anne Brooks, who attended as the UCW representative on Council for the first time, said Margaret Demmings has succeeded Elna Scott as UCW president. Wilma Dempsey is the treasure and Anne is the secretary. Tribute was paid to Lillian Jagoe at the April UCW meeting. She was the treasurer for many years prior to her recent death.

The Board of Trustees reported that insurance coverage on the church properties for 2017-2018 will cost \$8,669, exactly the same as last year.

Wayne Lord said about 70 people attended the thank-you luncheon hosted by the Ways and Means Committee on Sunday, May 21 not counting the 12 committee members.

Brenda Parrott reported the Chicken Take-Out on May 26 was a success. What was left was taken to a care home on St. Anne Street.

The Christian Development Team is happy with the two 6-week Sunday School sessions held prior to Christmas and Easter. Jennifer Oliver-Lavigne will not be available as Sunday School superintendent in the fall, it was reported.

Nominations Chair Rick Watling is seeking a chairperson of the Hospitality and Friendship Team. Also he said volunteers for the after-service hospitality time would be most welcome even for a one-Sunday stint during the summer.

The Pastoral Care Team sent 21 greeting and sympathy cards during the past month. Mention was made that both Bert Demmings and Dorothy Bond are celebrating 98th birthdays this spring.

Reporting for the Communications Sub-Team, Isabel MacLaggan mentioned the Easter Newsletter, the two bulletin boards, and highlights of the Pastoral Council and Miramichi Presbytery meetings which were included in church bulletins and posted on the bulletin boards.

It was reported that the art work project for the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall is underway. Marie Oliver and Adrienne Hazen offered to create wall panels which would incorporate the history and past activities. They will be placed on the west wall.

It was agreed that the church office will be closed all day Friday during June, July and August rather than on Monday as was the arrangement last year. This change was requested by Isabel Clouston and Alan Wilcox who are involved and who wish to be compensated for their overtime hours in this way, it was stated.

The next Council meeting was set for Tuesday September 26.

Isabel MacLaggan

Church News

This Week at First United –June 5– June 10

Monday	12pm	UCW Luncheon- Danny's
Wednesday	6:30	Choir Practice
Friday	Office Closed	Summer Hours

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated
in loving memory of Clinton CL Gammon
by Bev & Brian Murphy.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2017 **900**

Total to Date **513**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
13-14 jars of peanut butter per week.

The Volunteer Center supplies, on average,
500 households monthly.



Ever wondered who was greeting you at the door on Sunday morning? You recognized their face, but were not aware of their name? Starting in April, our greeters may be sporting a name tag. If you are soon to be one of our Greeters, please note your name tags will be available in the Narthex. Let's Get to Know Each Other!

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

Calling all Graduates: If you are a potential graduate of the class of 2017 for either BHS or ESN please advise the church office by June 13. The First United Church service honoring our graduates will be held on June 18, 2017.

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 to Margaret Payne-Chénard & Beth Sullivan for being the counters and Edie & Peter Gammon for being the greeters for the month of May.

The Nominations Team is looking for a volunteer to host the Sunday morning coffee hour for the month of July. They are also looking for a volunteer to be the chairperson of the Hospitality and Friendship team. For more information call Rick Watling at 548-9361 or contact the church office.

Summer Hours: Starting June 2 until the end of August the church office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 8-4. Closed 12-1.

Thank You The Friends of First Team would like to thank all who helped in any way with the Chicken Salad Take-Out. Approximately \$1400.00 was raised.

There have been a number of clothing items left in the church over the past few months. They can be found in the Narthex. If you are missing something it might be here.

Community Events

John Sands Concert On Monday, June 12th, 2017 a John Sands Concert will be held at Bethel United Church, 23249 Route 134, Nash Creek, NB at 7 pm. John Sands is a master of the key boards. His style shows hints of contemporary, classical, Latin, and original rhythms. His expertise and distinctive styling allow him to create moods in music that have delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic. For more information go to www.johnsandsmusic.com. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and No Charge for students. Information and tickets are available from Ruth at 237-2362, Chuck at 684-0178 or at the door. Concert sponsored by Chaleur United Church Congregation.

Quilt Tea Central United Church will be having a Quilt Tea on Saturday, July 8th, 2 – 4 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and included admission to the quilt display and the sit down tea (dessert & refreshments). Raffle tickets are also available for a quilt made by the late Avis Scott, the winning ticket will be drawn at the tea, winner does not have to be present. Raffle tickets are 2\$ each or 3 for 5\$. Tickets for the tea and/or the quilt raffle are available from: Debbie Hachey 546-2926, Shirley Scott 546-8285, & Elan Dempsey 548-9160

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, June 10, 2017 8:00 – 10:30 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Job Opportunities

The Anglican Parish of New Bandon parish has also been approved by the Provincial SEED Program. as an acceptable employer for four students entering post secondary education. The applicant will have previously registered with the SEED Program and have received their work voucher. Only post secondary students with SEED Vouchers are accepted for the positions. The program has an established protocol by which they issue work vouchers, if the student holds a voucher then they are eligible for hire. Duties weekly mowing, weed eating and cleaning of cemeteries, church and rectory yards, assisting with public functions and events held by the parish, some evening work may be required. Please submit your resume by email to Laura McNulty mcnulty@nb.sympatico.ca. Closing date for applications June 16, 2017.

The Ladies Auxiliary to Herman J. Good VC Branch 18,

Royal Canadian Legion Roast Beef Supper: Includes coffee, tea, and dessert Sunday, June 11, 2017 Served from: 5:00pm-6:00pm Cost: \$14.00 Tickets are on sale at the Legion.

Numbers 11:24-30 New International Version (NIV)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.

²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹ But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

³⁰ Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

John 20:19-23 New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."