

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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May 26, 2019

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

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>I Timothy 6:11-19</i> <i>Luke 10:25-37</i>	<i>Acts 16:16-34</i> <i>Psalm 97</i> <i>Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21</i> <i>John 17:20-26</i>

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

We welcome Helen Knowles, Linda Knowles-MacPherson and the Men's Choir today and thank them for leading our Worship Service.

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!

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Singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu, singing hal-le-lu!

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Welcome: (including our friends worshipping by CD)

Lighting of the Christ Candle and 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.

We have gathered to worship,

To learn, to understand and celebrate.

With the simplest of gifts, we are assured of God's abundance and,
in our need, we are assured of God's love.

Let us worship our loving and generous God.

Gathering Prayer:

***Gathering Hymn:**

“God, We Praise You for the Morning” - VU #415

Prayer of Humility: (responsively)

God, you know that we love you
and we know what you ask us to do.

**But there are times when we have been too busy,
when we have been judgemental
and when we have been lukewarm.**

God, you know our good intentions and we know your will.

**Yet, sometimes we have lived within our limits
and mistrusted your vision.**

We bring before you those elements in our lives in need of your
transforming love

**that which we misuse or neglect
and that which we most reluctantly let go of.**

God, of the turning tide, change us,

**So, that the energy of your love,
flows into bold and joyful action.**

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)

Horton and the Good Samaritan

* **Singing a Song:** “Jesus, Friend of Little Children” - VU #340

ENGAGING

Prayer for Illumination:

Scripture Readings:

Kurt Hadley

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6: 11-19

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Reflection: Who is My Neighbour?

Solo:

Kurt Hadley

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:**

“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)

God, you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts.

Accept ours, we pray, and nurture in us a deeper gratitude
for your blessings and a growing generosity,
as we learn to truly share. 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:

The Lord’s Prayer: - VU #921 (in unison)

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

Announcements:

***Closing Hymn:** “Jesu, Jesu Fill Us with Your Love” - VU #593

***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 26 – June 1

Tuesday	3:00	Office Closed
	6:15	Cubs & Scouts – DEMH Gym
	6:30	Highland View – Work Night
Wednesday	9-noon	TAB
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday		Chicken Salad Take-out

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory of
Parents and Husband
by Margaret Payne- Chénard

You are invited to join the family of
Dot Bond
in celebrating her 100th birthday,
on Saturday, June 1st., from two to four,
in the UCT room at the Foyer Notre- Dame.
Best wishes only.

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**
Total Collected **376**
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” for St. Luke’s “Old Scottish” Cemetery for Tuesday evening, May 21, starting at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Greeting Cards...At this time of the year we often receive packets of greeting cards in the mail or find some as we do spring cleaning. If one does not have use for all of them, the Pastoral Care Team is willing to accept donations of cards as we send out a fair number of all occasion cards to members of our church family during the year. The church office can be notified at 546-3532 and they will be picked up or they can be dropped off at the office. Thank You.

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.



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.
Reception will follow the Hymn Sing.

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



Highland View Cemetery Work Night, There is a work night scheduled for Tuesday May 28th at 6:30 for the Highland View Cemetery. Bring your rakes and shovels. All Welcome.

*Want to get ahead?
Make life easier for those around you.
~Dan Rockwell~*

Community Events

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)

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

"Spring Cleaning with Meaning" Clothing Drive – Parkwood Height Elementary School is working with the New Brunswick Association for Community Living to help bring awareness of the support provided by this agency for people with intellectual disabilities in our region. As a result, Parkwood Heights Elementary School will collect garbage bags of used clothing and other goods (linens, blankets, shoes, boots, curtains, and coats), and NBACL will provide a monetary contribution for each bag collected. The money received will be donated to "Help Lesotho" in support of ASD-N's "Lesotho Initiative". Items can be dropped off at the school on 1125 Highland Avenue between 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. on school days until June 7, 2019. For more information contact Gary Branch at 546-9208.

Holy Family Council CWL will be holding a "Spring Tea" on Saturday, June 1 at 12:00 noon. Tables of 6 or more and tickets can be reserved by calling Betty Bouma at 783-2345 or Joan Arseneault at 548-2742. The cost is \$10.00. Come and join us for tea, coffee, sandwiches and sweets. There will also be door prizes and bake sale.

*God has not called us to see through each other,
but to see each other through.*

~Author Unknown

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, June 8, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

Anglican Parish of New Bandon Canada Summer Job Applicant

(a) is between 15 and 30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;
(b) is a Canadian Citizen, permanent resident, or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act*; and
(c) is legally entitled to work according to the relevant provincial / territorial legislation and regulations.

*International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or permanent residents.

Duties

Light Janitorial, Grounds keeping (mowing, weed eating, light landscaping), painting, Assisting with social functions and Camp on the Road.

Commencing Monday July 8, 2019. 40 hours per week @11.50 per hour for a period of 7 weeks.

Please send resume to Laura McNulty @ mcnulty@nb.sympatico.ca.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church On April 16, the Keshishian family was welcomed to Bathurst as refugees from Syria. It was the dream of the father, Haroutyoun, to bring his family to safety in Canada and he achieved that dream. However, tragedy struck on May 16 when Haroutyoun Keshishian suffered a heart attack and passed away. The family is devastated and is faced with the unexpected expense of a funeral. The family are devout Armenian Christians and Mr. Keshishian will be buried according to Armenian Christian tradition. The family is without an income, so a fund has been established to help with funeral expenses. Donations will be gratefully received and can be made to St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, re Keshishian memorial.

*Service to others
is the rent you pay
for your room here on earth.*

~Mohammed Ali~

I expect to pass through life but once.

*If therefore,
there be any kindness I can show,
or any good thing I can do
to any fellow being,
let me do it now,
and not defer or neglect it,
as I shall not pass this way again.*

~William Penn~

1 Timothy 6:11-19 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Good Fight of Faith

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made^[a] the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you

¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 10:25-37 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus.^[a] “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?”

²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii,^[b] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”