

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Sept. 8, 2019

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Custodian	Steve White		

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<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>	<i>Job 28:20-27</i> <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>1 Corinthians 1:21-31</i> <i>Luke 8:22-25</i>

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

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 Spirit, maker of plants and animals and all things,
 invites us to this place.
We are happy to be here.

The Spirit, who has created all things for our benefit,
 invites us to this place.
We are happy to be here.
 The Spirit, who has called us to care for the Earth and all its
 inhabitants, invites us to this place.
We are happy to be here.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN: “Called by Earth and Sky”MV # 135**

Chorus
Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas,
 deep ocean’s dream, waters of healing,
 rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
 wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
 blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Chorus

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
 vast fragile land. Seeds of our waking,
 rooted and strong, Creation’s faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,
 bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
 sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Chorus

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

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:** “Will You Come and Follow Me”
VU #567

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Anne Brooks

Job 39:1-8, 26-30

[Based on] Psalm 104:14-23

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM “Spirit of Life”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Bev Murphy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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THE OFFERING IS GATHERED (in support of the ministry and mission of the church)

***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.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** (in unison)

Holy One,
as first **YOU** gave, **WE** now give.
Take our gifts and use them to support, maintain,
and bring about the harmony so greatly needed in the
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

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

GOING OUT (as God’s people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” **VU #578**

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Church News

*BLESSING (responsively)

...God has made us, and all the plants and animals,

and calls us to care for one another.

...Let's go out into the world in peace,

and seek ways to get along with others.

...We're not alone. That God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

will sustain us always.

Amen.

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*CHORAL CLOSING – *"Take Up His Song* MV 213

Take up his song of peace and go into the world.

Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment.

In ev'ry moment of the journey,

we're laying down our lives;

Lay them down, in peace,

lay them down, and take up his song

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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This Week at First United –Sept. 8 - 14, 2019

Monday	3:30	Office Closed
Monday	1:30	UCW –Eddy Room
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
Thursday	7 pm	Christian Development RMR

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **579**

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.



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.

The Hospitality and Friendship Committee is looking for a chairperson and also people to help with coffee time after Sunday's services. If you are able to help in either of these positions please contact Rick Watling at 548-9361

Community Events

The **Fall Rally of the Miramichi Presbyterial UCW** will be held on September 21st at First United Church, Bathurst.

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.*

*Sponsored by
Hatheway Auto Group*

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

Central United Church, Clifton, will be holding its Annual Fall Fair (baked goods, produce, preserves, crafts) Saturday September 14 from 09:30 am to 12:30 (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 from 2 to 4 pm to help celebrate this milestone. Best Wishes only.

Job 39:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- 39 "Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
2 Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
3 when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.
- 5 "Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
6 to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?
7 It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
8 It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

Job 39:26-30 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- 26 "Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings toward the south?
27 Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
28 It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.
29 From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
30 Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is."

Psalms 104:14-23 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- 14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,^[a]
to bring forth food from the earth,
15 and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen the human heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly,
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
17 In them the birds build their nests;
the stork has its home in the fir trees.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
the rocks are a refuge for the conies.
19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.
20 You make darkness, and it is night,
when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
21 The young lions roar for their prey,
seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they withdraw
and lie down in their dens.
23 People go out to their work
and to their labor until the evening.