

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Sept. 22, 2019

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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<i>Proverbs 8:22-31</i> <i>Psalm 148</i> <i>Colossians 1:15-20</i> <i>John 6:41-51</i>	<i>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15</i> <i>Psalm 146</i> <i>I Timothy 6:6-19</i> <i>Luke 16:19-31</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

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – “For Beauty of Prairies” – VU #303
 (tune St Denio # 223 VU)

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)
 ...get properly fixed and fit together in wondrous harmony.
Thanks be to God.

***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** “Praise Our Maker” VU #316

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 148 & Colossians 1:15-20	<i>Chesley Eddy</i>
Proverbs 8:22-31 [paraphrased]	<i>Helen Knowles</i>

HYMN “When We Seek Language” MV # 49

When we seek language to praise you, O God,
 All we can utter seems stale, tame, or odd.
 Tongue-tied and word-lost, we struggle to find
 Phrases that slight neither heart, soul, nor mind:

Refrain:
Infinite intimate unbounded friend,
Cosmic companion who loves without end,
Nearer than heart-beat, more subtle than breath,
Keener than insight, and stronger than death.

Steadfastly loving, you gave us your Word,
 Living among us on earth, seen and heard,
 Teacher and healer whose promise came true,
 Dying and rising to make all things new:

Refrain:

To be our guardian, supporter, and guide,
 You sent your Spirit to stay by our side,
 Source of community, well-spring of prayer,
 Power to strengthen, and courage to dare:

Refrain:

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “Seek Ye First”

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

*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)

**All that exists, Holy One, is yours.
And now, we give a portion
to help continue the work
so very much needed in the world.
Take these gifts, Holy One,
and use them where they're needed most.
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

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “I Heard the Voice of Jesus” – VU #626

***BLESSING** (responsively)

...And take them with you as you go out into the world.

Amen.

***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

*Do nothing
from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility
regard others as better than yourselves.
Let each of you look
not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.
Philippians 2:3-4 NRSV*

Church News

This Week at First United –Sept. 23 - 29, 2019

Monday	9am	Ways and Means – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beaver Scouts Rms 1, 2& 3
Tuesday	4:00pm	Pastoral Council – Eddy Rm
	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	6:30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday		Beef BBQ

The bulletin today has been placed
in loving memory Bill McCallum
by Dorothy Ann and family

The potted mums in the sanctuary today are
in loving memory of Edythe and Wilmot Hatheway
by Hayden & Mildred, Ann and families.

in memory our loving husband and father,
Roger Fulton
by Ann and family

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **619**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect
20-21 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.

Thanksgiving Oct. 13, 2019

Anyone wishing to contribute items to decorate the church are
encouraged to bring them in by 4pm Wednesday Oct. 9th

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



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*

Elections Canada will be holding advanced polls in the Donald
Eddy Memorial Hall on Oct. 11,12,13 &14. The Hall is also being
used as a polling station on Oct. 21, 2019.

Sound System Survey:

Thank you for participating in the survey for the sound system. It is now officially over and the results are being looked at. There are copies of the surveys still available in the Narthex. If you find a change in sound from the last 4 Sundays you are invited to fill one out and submit it to the office.

Thank You The Property Team wishes to advise then congregation of 3 major jobs which were completed in July and August.

A sincere thanks is extended to Gary Branch and Peter Gammon for scraping and painting the utility shed in July.

Also in July the main kitchen in the Donald Eddy Hall was painted. Thanks to Dave Brewster, Peter Gammon, Shirley Allain and Don Nelson for their help. Thanks also to the UCW for donating the paint.

In August rooms 2 and 3 had new tiles installed, walls and the cupboards painted. Thanks to Gordie Sullivan, Steve MacLean, Gary Branch, Percy Branch, Peter Gammon and Dave Brewster for undertaking this project. Thank you to Steve White for stripping and waxing the floors. Ace Leasing donated the use of the tile removal equipment.

Deward Wood is thanked for donating his time to complete electrical repairs in various room of the Donald Eddy Memorial Hall.

Community Events

"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".

1st Annual Anglican Parish of New Bandon Apple Pie and Apple Crisp Sale

Home made apple pies (8") or Apple Crisp (8" x 8" pan)- uncooked. Ready to cook or put in the freezer. \$8.00/pie

Made fresh the morning of Saturday, October 5th, 2018 and ready for pick up any time between 12:00 and 2:00 PM the same day. Great dessert for Thanksgiving Dinner.

All pies/crisps will be sold in advance. Contact Mitzi Whelton 546-4969 or e-mail mitzi.whelton@gmail.com, Nancy Hodnett 545-5623, Lorna Veneau 546-2948, Kay Addison 350-0960 or Norma Ellis 546-9638.

Scottish Chapter BBQ and Annual Meeting The Chalmers Wing of Bathurst High School, 155 Munro St., is the location for the BBQ and Annual Meeting of Bathurst Chapter, New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association, to be held on Saturday, October 5. Members are asked to arrive at the front entrance at noon for a BBQ lunch, at no cost, complete with salad and dessert. The AGM will follow the meal. Nominations for the 2019-2020 executive will be received.

*Successful people are always looking
for opportunities to help others.
Unsuccessful people are always asking
"What's in it for me?"
~Brian Tracy~*

*Apple-tree, apple-tree, crowned with delight,
Give me your fruit for a pie if you will; –
Crusty I'll make it, and juicy and light! –
Give me your treasure to mate with my skill!
~Louise Bennett Weaver and Helen Cowles LeCron*

Psalm 148 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Psalm 148

Praise for God's Universal Glory

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. ^[a]

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

Colossians 1:15-20 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

¹⁶ for in ^[a] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in ^[b] him all things hold together.

¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.