

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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Lectionary for today	Lectionary for next Sunday
<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>	<i>Lamentations 1:1-16</i> <i>Psalm 137</i> <i>II Timothy 1:1-14</i> <i>Luke 17:5-10</i>

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

We welcome the Men's choir today and thank them for leading our music.

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 (responsively)
...We're called to bring light into all the shadowed places of living.
We light the Christ Candle,
remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)
We have come today in hope and expectation.
We await God's word.

Listen as Jeremiah buys land in a war zone.
Jeremiah speaks God's word of hope.
Listen as Paul advises Timothy
to trust in God and not in worldly wealth.
Paul's advice is to focus on things that last.
Listen as Jesus tells people to truly pay attention.
Jesus wants people
to truly notice the needs around them
and to act in love and generosity.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "For the Fruit of All Creation" – VU #227

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** – "Praise Our Maker" – VU #316

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31

Helen Knowles

***HYMN** – “I Saw the Rich Ones” – MV #127

I saw the rich ones I saw what they gave
the widow who offered two pennies she'd saved
and I saw she was smiling I knew she was glad
and I wondered because she gave all that she had

Refrain

*But with God the world is turned upside down
the poor are embraced and the lost they are found
Let's work for a world where all people are free
where it's good to feel good about God loving you and me.*

I saw Zacheus, a sinner they said
but to his house I saw Jesus go to break bread
and I knew something special had happened that day
when Zacheus gave half of his riches away

Refrain

The men in the vineyards were grumbling one day
I knew they weren't happy with what they'd been paid
for the ones who came later were paid just the same
as the workers who greeted the dawn when they came

Refrain

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM – “The Beautiful Garden of Prayer”

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)

**We turn our thoughts to you, Holy One,
praying that in our offerings
the resources will be found to finance the work
so desperately needing to be done:
providing and inspiring compassion
for those who are sick and lonely,
support for the exiled and the refugee,
and a genuine zeal for truth and justice.
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 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN –

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” – VU #684

*BLESSING (responsively)

...and unafraid to live in God's reality.

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

*I love autumn,
the one season of the year
that God seemed to have put there
just for the beauty of it.
~Lee Maynard~*

This Week at First United –Sept. 30 – Oct. 5

Monday	9am	Ways & Means – Eddy Rm
	6:15	Beaver Scouts Rms 1,2 &3
	7pm	Property Management - RMR 3
Tuesday	6:30	Cub Scouts - DEMH Gym
Wednesday	9 – 11:30	TAB
	6:30pm	Choir Practice

Peanut Butter for Volunteer Centre

Commitment December 31, 2019 **900**

Total Collected **661**

To meet our obligation, we will need to collect 18-19 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.

Church News Continued

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

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.

Fall Newsletters are in the Narthex this morning. Please insure you pick up yours. To help with postage costs, if there are some there that you are able to deliver the Communications team would appreciate it. Special envelopes for Thanksgiving contributions can be found in the Narthex.

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".

The Saint George's Guild Coffee Party and Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 19th from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Saint George's Church Hall

Home baking, jams, jellies, pickles, handcrafts, etc. will be on sale

Tickets are \$ 10.00 available from Guild Members, Church Office (546-3225) or at the door

Family & Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 12, 2019 8:00 – 10:00 am

Saint George's Church Hall 432 King Avenue

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.

The Phantom Jazz Band and The Bathurst Community Concert Band

are hosting a Band Fest Weekend in which musicians from other parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will come together. You are invited to attend: The Bathurst Band Fest finale concert. At Bathurst High School Theater 1:30 Sunday, September 29, 2019 Free Admission

RSVP Ministries

invites you to our "Be Ready" Luncheon at House of Lee – Grand Buffet, 315 Main Street, Bathurst on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, cost \$18.50, from 11:15am - 1:00pm, doors open at 11:00am. Ian Hatheway, representing the "Hatheway Auto Group" will discuss "Getting your vehicle ready for winter", John Boulay with Karen and Hazen McCrae, will "Jazz it up", and Cecille Ruddock, retired community college instructor from Saint Stephen, NB will speak to us on "Does Your Anchor Hold?".

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.

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

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment;

⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that^[a] we can take nothing out of it;

⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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^[b] 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 16:19-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried.

²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b]

²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’

²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.’

²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷ He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—

²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹ Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"