

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>
Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:1-12 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
<i>The bulletins have been placed in loving memory of Sarah (Sadie) Shirley by Isabel MacLaggan</i>	

The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where you are invited to present yourselves, body, mind, and spirit, as is comfortable for you today...

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

***WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *(in unison)*

...As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original peoples, the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and in friendship with its people.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle remembering the Holy One created light, that Christ loved light, and that the Spirit offers fire to stir us from complacency.

The Christ Candle is lit.

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP - "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!***

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** – "Worship the Lord" – VU #401

Refrain

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one.*

Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing,
and with our lips our togetherness voicing,
giving ourselves to a life of creativeness,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Called to be partners with God in creation,
honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation,
we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice,
worship and work must be one!

Refrain

*Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
praise the Creator, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one.*

Bringing the bread and the wine to the table,
asking that we may be led and enabled,
truly united to build new communities,
worship and work must be one! **R**

Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one! **R**

PRAYER OF HUMILITY

CHORAL RESPONSE – “Listen, God is Calling” – MV #97

(Listen)

*Listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort and joy.*

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** *(responsively)*

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY *(with those of all ages)*

Our United Church Women (UCW)

***SINGING A SONG** – “Sacred Stories” *(Tune Beach Spring 8787D)*

Sacred stories, shared with others,
form a faith that’s strong and true
Sacred places, etched with meaning,
bringing hope and joy anew.
Sacred memories, sacred future,
sacred present, here and now.
Sacred knowing, sacred being,
sacred living be our vow.

Sacred stories, shared with strangers
sacred stories, shared with friends.
Sacred stories, bind us closely
shaped by ties that will not end.
Sacred waters of baptism,
sacred bread and sacred wine
Sacred humans, sacred living,
with God's purpose we still shine.

*Words: Rev. Catherine MacDonald.
Introduced at Maritime Conference May 25, 2018*

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Anne Brooks

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC – “I Have Called You by Your Name”

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION/YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Anne Wilson

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD

***OFFERING HYMN** – “These Gifts We Bring”

*These gifts we bring with grateful hearts,
to reconcile, make new.*

*Gather us in grace, show us the way,
to live our lives in Truth
to share Your love in all we do.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

**Holy One,
in the movement of waves, the beauty of the creatures,
the starkness of the sky, and the beating of our hearts,
we’ve been given so many things.
May this small token be a gift that can be used
to even *better* creation around us.
Amen**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kindom 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 kindom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – “How Firm a Foundation” – VU #660

How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God’s excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not – I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I’ll never – no, never – no, never forsake!”

***BLESSING** (*Based on 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*)

***CHORAL SENDING FORTH** – “I Wish You the Blessing”

*I wish you the blessing of faith to sustain you,
friends to support you, challenge to stir you,
songs to empower you, peace to refresh you,
tears to release you, laughter to heal you,
love to nurture your soul.*

The Christ Candle is extinguished.

POSTLUDE

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated
in loving memory of
Clinton CL Gammon, a D-Day Veteran
by Bev & Brian Murphy

Church News

Church office hours – Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Summer hours begin June 5th – The office will be closed on Fridays until the Labour Day Weekend.

2023 High School Graduates will be honoured with a special service on Sunday, June 18, 2023. Please come and celebrate with us!

Cake Pans – The Ways & Means Team would like to remind anyone who has baked cakes for the suppers that there are still several pans upstairs in the kitchen. Please drop by and pick them up during the church office hours.

Peanut Butter – Our pledge this year to the Bathurst Volunteer Center is **900 jars**. As of June 1st **373** jars have been donated.

We are looking for volunteers to be Counters for June, August and September. If you don't feel you can commit for the whole month, then 2 weeks would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret at the church office (506-546-3532) to arrange dates you would be available. Thank you in advance for your consideration of coverage of these duties.

Community News

The family of the late *Brian Knowles* will be hosting a **Celebration of Life** for him on ***Saturday, July 1, 2023***, which would have been Brian's 80th birthday. The "open house" celebration will be at the New Bandon Salmon Beach Fire Department hall on Route 340, from 2 PM until 4PM. All are welcome to join us to share some memories of Brian.

Central United Church, Clifton will be holding a Plant Sale & Take-out Baked Beans with Brown Bread Rolls on ***Saturday, June 10th from 9 AM to 12 Noon*** - 2 helpings of baked beans with 4 rolls for \$15. Come and enjoy a coffee while shopping!

St. George's Anglican Church, 432 King Avenue, will be holding ***"A Family and Community Breakfast"*** on Saturday, June 10th from 8 AM to 10 AM. Come and enjoy fellowship and great food. Free-will offering at the door.



UCW PURPOSE

*To unite women of the congregation for
the total mission of the Church and to
provide a medium through which we may
express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus
Christ in Christian witness, study,
fellowship and service*

UCW MISSION

*The UCW's mission is to love God; foster
Christian commitment, faithfulness, and
spirituality; and promote respect and love
for all God's creation.*

Any woman "willing to contribute her prayers, gifts, and services for the work of the Church" may join the United Church Women (UCW). Along with providing important networking and social bonding opportunities, the UCW has led discussions on, for example, feminism and restorative justice.

*Indeed, says former Moderator
Jordan Cantwell, United Church Women
are the "hands and feet" of the church*

A Brief History

In 1962 the UCW (United Church Women) was created as the successor to the Woman's Missionary Society (WMS), a world mission-oriented service and study group that supported almost 100 active missionaries around the world. The Woman's Association (WA) at that time focused on work in the local church and community. Guilds and Ladies' Aids were the WA's forerunners; in the early years, these units went unrecorded, just doing what needed to be done, spiritually, financially, and socially.

Today, that spirit of generosity continues in active UCWs in Communities of Faith and regions from coast to coast to coast, united in expressing their devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service.

Individual Membership Form

If you wish to become an individual member of the **Maritime Region UCW** you may do so by filling in the information requested below:

District you live in: _____

Region: ___ Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters (14) ___ Region 15

Name:

Mailing Address:

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Email Address:

Phone Number:

Please make \$4 cheque payable to Maritime UCW, and indicate Individual membership on memo line of the cheque. Contact Ruth Kennedy at ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com or call (902) 963-3108 if you have any questions.

Mail Individual Membership form and cheque to:
Ruth Kennedy, PO Box 293, North Rustico PEI C0A 1X0

Past Presidents of Miramichi Presbyterial UCW

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| Ida Doucet | Rutilla McLaughlin |
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| Florence Young | Annie Stewart |
| Catherine Gremley | Barbara Stewart |
| Bertie MacLean | Marion Court |
| Christine Oliver | Doreen Allison |
| Patricia Suddard | Norma Ellis |
| Lenore Harris | Dorothy Stewart |
| Beth Sullivan | Shirley Routledge |

UCW Units - Bathurst Pastoral Charge

- Friends & Neighbours
- Nepisiquit
- Friendly Circle (*closed January 1984*)
- Study Unit
- Bicentennial
- Birch Hill (*closed December 1982*)
- Youghall (*closed December 1981*)

Information taken from ledger starting in 1978

This & That

The first meeting of the Provisional Committee was held on Thursday, October 26, 1961. The members of the committee consisted of representatives from all existing women's organizations with the congregation and women who were not members of any organization.

The Provisional Committee of United Church Women ("UCW") is to unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the Church and to provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service. The new organization of the women is to become effective in January 1962.

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On Sunday, January 14, 1962 the Inaugural Service for the United Church Women was held in the First United Church, Bathurst NB with an excellent attendance. Communion was served to all at the close of the service.

Mrs. Wilbert Hatheway was in charge of the Service. Rev. H. Woodside gave the address.

**SCRIPTURE READING** *(New Revised Standard Version)*

**GENESIS 1:1—2:4A**

Six Days of Creation and the Sabbath

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth,

2 the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

4 And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

6 And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

7 So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.

8 God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

9 And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.

10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so.

12 The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

13 And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,

15 and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.

16 God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.

17 God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,

18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

19 And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky."

21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so.

25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

27 So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

29 God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

31 God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## Chapter 2

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.

2 On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

3 So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*May God bless to our understanding this significant part of our Christian story...*