

St. John's Tribune, Christmas 2017

Recent Events & Activities



Mike Day's Farewell Service, Sept. 24, 2017



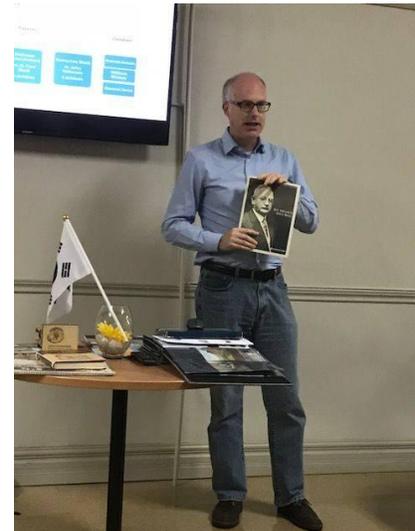
Remembrance Event, Nov. 8, 2017



VBS Thank you to Volunteers, Oct. 15, 2017



UCW Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, Nov. 4, 2017



Dr. Nancy Black & John Patterson - family trip to Korea where Nancy's great-grandfather was honoured, November 21, 2017





**Covenanting of Music Director,
Branden Olsen, November 26, 2017**



Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017

New for January 2018

Starting next year we would like to **try** something a little new with the distribution of our congregational newsletters. The Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas newsletters will be sent via email as opposed to distribution in the church or via Canada Post. We are doing this for two reasons: one to cut down on the use and cost of paper and printing in our environment and two, to save postage.

For those using church envelopes, your Easter, Thanksgiving, Anniversary and Christmas “special” envelopes will now be found tucked into your regular envelope box in the appropriate spot. Those on PAR will be able to pick up their “special” envelopes at the same time as those using church envelopes.

YOU CAN HELP – If you are **NOT** currently receiving e-mail correspondence from the church office, could you drop us a line with your email address ... so that we might add you to our distribution list. In addition, should you change your email address in the future, could you drop us a line to let us know of your new address? Our email address is **sjuc@nb.aibn.com**

For those without an email address, you can continue to pick up your newsletter in the usual fashion.

If you have any questions concerning this new method of communication, please let us know by speaking with one of the Church council members or the church office

Thanks so very much for doing your part for the environment and the church coffers!

Church Council

St. John’s United Church Annual Meeting

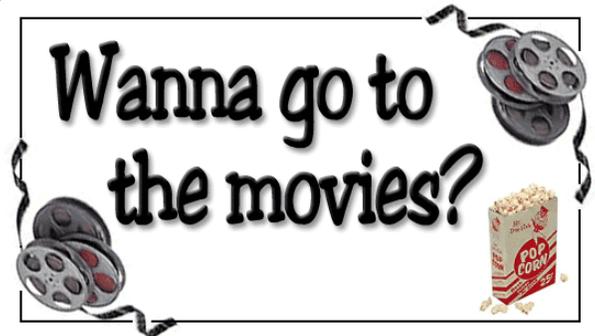
Join us in **February 25, 2018** for this important yearly meeting of the congregation.

Deadline for reports from Committees and Groups is **January 15, 2018**. If you wish an item or issue to be on the agenda, email the Church Office by **February 12, 2018**. The Annual Report will be distributed the Sunday before the AGM.

Christian Development Committee

The CD Committee will be offering an Inter-generational Movie event at the Church on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. (following coffee time).

Stay tuned for more details after Christmas!



Advent Bible Study

LET THE ONE WHO HEARS – HEAR

Do the parables as recorded in the Gospels have meaning in today’s world? Are they stories with a heavenly meaning with no relevance to our day and age? Do they lead into a deeper understanding of God in our lives, in the life of the world? Such questions will be discussed as the

CD Committee of SJUC, invites you to participate in this year's Advent Bible Study led by Minister Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Doug MacEachern. The four-week study began on Wednesday, November 22, 12 noon – 1:00 p.m. You are asked to bring a Bible and bag lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. To register and for parking please contact Karen at the Church Office 858-8289 or e-mail sjuc@nb.aibn.com or Rev Doug at dougjune@nb.sympatico.ca. Everyone is welcome!

St. Bernard's Church has graciously offered us parking in their parking lot, which is a short walk from St. John's. If you would like to park there, please let us know so that we can give you a parking pass.

Finance Committee

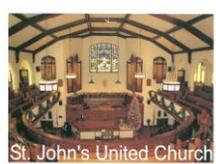
The Finance committee would like to thank each and every one of you for your generous donations this past year.

As of October 31st, this year's financial story is one of relative stability with donations approaching 78% of the 2017 budget. Income is up slightly over budget, primarily due to larger than expected memorial donations. Our expenses were \$11,126.61 over budget, due to the pending replacement of 17 windows in the building and a \$10,000 down payment on the installation work.

Entering the Advent and Christmas season, many of us have additional expenses. The church too is likely entering a challenging period over the winter and would ask you to keep us in mind if are able to do so. Many of us have not updated our giving's by even \$2 a week for many, many years. Perhaps this year, you might be able to do so. For those of you on a Pre-authorized Payment Plan (PAR) perhaps you could review your giving's and increase your monthly contribution in some small manner. Even the smallest of contributions can help maintain our St. John's community for years to come.

Once again, thank you for your financial generosity!

Christmas Cards with a picture of our Sanctuary decorated for Christmas are now available at the grocery card sale table in the Great Hall on Sundays or the Church Office. Price: minimum \$5:00 for 10 cards and envelopes.



Sobeys & Superstore Gift Cards



Gift cards are sold each Sunday at the sales table in the Great Hall after Worship during fellowship & coffee time and through the Church Office.

Purchase cards for yourself and use them to purchase your groceries. The cards also make great gifts. *We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.*

Are you thinking of **donating** money to the **Karing Kitchen**? Why not purchase a \$25, \$50 or \$100 Grocery Card either from the Church Office or after Worship during coffee hour. Your purchase will provide a 4% profit to our Grocery Card sales, will provide the Karing Kitchen with much needed options for either Sobeys or Superstore groceries and will provide you with a year-end tax receipt for your donation. A win-win-win all around!!!

Outreach Committee

Groceries for the Karing Kitchen Sunday is the last Sunday of each month. The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: sugar, canned milk, canned goods, juice crystals, crackers, summer savory and corn starch.



White Baskets are at our two main Church entrances for your donations. Thank you.

Let's Do Lunch! This year, instead of Christmas gifts to family and/or friends, please consider sharing your blessings with those less fortunate by donating a number of dinners to the **Karing Kitchen** at \$1 a serving. Cards, with donation instructions, are located at the Church bulletin boards.



Pastoral Care & Membership Comm.

Presently there are 34 shut -ins who will be visited and remembered with a poinsettia at Christmas. Arnold Dunn has moved to Monarch Hall, Riverview, NB and Evie Black and Phyllis Fownes both celebrated their 90th birthdays.

A Visitors' Workshop was conducted by the Rev. Aaron Billard on September 24, 2017.

The rotating prayers for other area churches have been implemented, and are documented in the weekly church bulletin.

Church service with communion was held at Royal Court on October 27, 2017 with

approximately 20 present. Rev. Dr. Douglas MacEachern conducted the service, and Alvin Edgett was our pianist. The next service at Royal Court will be held Friday, December 22, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

A Remembrance Event was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in the Owen Fraser Hall. Ruth Aiken, David Morris and Charlie Trueman spoke on their experiences during the war years. Sixty guests enjoyed a video presentation, music by Milton Ingalls and Garth Steeves, as well as a wartime sing-a-long. Twenty-five memorabilia exhibits from WWI and WWII, and refreshments completed the program. Thank you to all those who made this event possible.

On Anniversary Sunday, November 26, 2017 we received by Transfer of Membership: Sheri and Kevin Gould from Zion United Church, McKees Mills and Bernie and Alice Gracie from Visions United, Stilesville, NB. Joanne Cormier and Kevan Robertson were received by Profession of Faith.

St. Johns United Church Cares... To notify the Minister of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, or to arrange homebound communion, please contact the Rev. Aaron Billard at 858-8289, or email sjucrev@gmail.com

Property Committee

Activities as of Nov. 27, 2017:

- Windows should be installed the week of Nov.27-2017 upstairs and outside with storm windows facing Victoria Street.

- We are planning to have a Roofing Commercial contractor evaluate some leaks that affects the inside walls. That contractor should be going in the week of Nov.-27-17.

- We haven't taken any decision so far for the Security system Fire Alarm/Smoke Detector for the church...still reviewing.

- The resurfacing of the landing for entrance on Alma has been put on hold until spring 2018...when weather cooperates. The wooden platform has been installed.



Church Snow Storm Policy

In the event of a snow storm on a Sunday morning, the decision to cancel will be made by **9:00 a.m.** by the Minister, the Chair of Worship & Music, and the Council Chair.



Check the following places to see if the church is closed:

1. Church office telephone – listen to the message
2. Church Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/16465565858>
3. Local radio stations
4. CBC storm centre at <http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/nb/cancellations-moncton.html> or search “Moncton Cancellations”

Worship Committee

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Worship

Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m. – 1st Sunday of Advent–Hope

Dec. 10, 11:00 a.m. – 2nd Sun. of Advent–Peace

Dec. 17, 11:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Joy

Dec. 24, 11:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Advent–Love

Christmas Eve Children's Christmas

Pageant. This family service is tailored towards children and young families.

Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Worship**

Traditional Christmas Eve Service with lessons, carols and candle lighting

Dec. 31, 11:00 a.m. – First Sunday after Christmas Worship

Jan. 7, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – Epiphany Sunday

For all the happenings at SJUC, check the bulletin online at www.StJohnsMoncton.ca - found under *Sunday Bulletin & Announcements*.



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