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## **PASTORAL LETTER**

Nov. 28, 2025



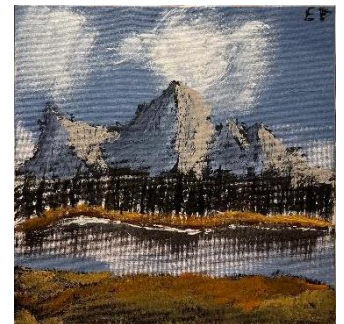
Last Friday, I arrived at Royal Court for the chapel service. I was early, so I visited with the puppy behind the welcome desk, who has grown so much! He was very curious about me, and I made a big deal about him. The staff are so good there.

When I walked in, I noticed that the residents had completely changed the setup of the chapel, which surprised me. Someone said, “You should have seen the look on your face!” Ordinarily, I am against change, and I commented on the new

“Anglican style” pulpit. A person asked me what I meant by that, to which I replied, “United Church pulpits are higher.”

Later that afternoon, I had that feeling that I was getting sick. I had things to do, so I powered through, and by the evening, I was on the couch feeling like I had the flu. I finally went to bed, and by the next morning, I felt like I had the plague. By Sunday morning, I started feeling a bit of relief, so I heavily medicated myself, masked up, and went to church, avoiding as many people as I could. That afternoon, I went back to bed.

Eli was working on a painting for school. He was modelling it after the painter Bob Ross who many of you remember from his show on PBS years ago. Bob is the guy who talks about lonely little trees and painting one beside it so they'll have a friend. Eli had his headphones on, watching Bob Ross talk about painting on YouTube, and we laughed when we heard Eli say, “Ok, Bob. Let's see how these happy little accidents turn out!” I was shocked when he showed me the painting a few days later! Eli's grandmother, Shirley, is a painter, and she was giving him lots of little tips. It was nice to see.



Through the week, I had an unusual amount of calls and requests for visits. I was feeling better, though I still sounded sick. There were meetings, including parent-teacher. Sadly, I had a call from Frenette's Funeral Home that Denis Cool had died. Denis was Pat Haye's husband, and I'd gotten to know him over the years. He wasn't very old, which added to the sadness. I'd also received word that Peter Avard died, the nephew of Hugh Donald.

I went to visit with Peter's wife, Peggy, who was lovely. She's a retired ER nurse who knows many people in our church. When I walked into her living room, I was greeted by her cat, Cujo, who is a Maine Coon. Years ago, we had a Maine Coon named Lady Petunia. I told this to Peggy, and within a few minutes, we realized that our cats were from the same breeder and had the same father, who was named Merlin. So, I was very happy to see him, since I miss our cat so much.



The next day, I had a coffee with a colleague, many of you know, named Rev. Mary MacPherson, who used to be the minister at Mountain View. Lori-Ann and I have always liked Mary, so it was good to

catch up with her. Mary has started a spiritual substack where she shares her writings, and as I told her, she is an excellent writer. I still remember a Good Friday sermon that Mary preached many years ago.

The next day, I went to visit Pat, whom many of us know and love. Her daughter was there too. She used to come to church with her daughter, who is now in high school. As we were talking, Pat's daughter said, "You look exactly like my father did." I looked at Pat with my eyebrow raised, and she smiled and said, "You do look a lot like him." Pat's first husband died from a stroke when he was fifty years old. As we kept talking, her daughter said to me, "It's haunting how much you look like him." I smiled and said, "Well, I'm about his age now, so maybe that's part of it?" They showed me an old black and white photo of him. We made arrangements for the service. It was to be short. Denis' mother used to be a Senator, Rose-Marie Losier-Cool said she was happy that I was doing it.

That afternoon, my friend Rev. Jeff Doucette interviewed me on Skype for an Advent project for his church that he wanted to share with his congregation, where we talked about hope through the lens of social media and my ministry called "Unvirtuous Abbey." Jeff's a big fan of it, and he's so joyful. Some of you may remember him when he was Father Jeff, a Roman Catholic priest in Riverview. He's now married and living in Ontario with his farm animals and congregation.

Another friend had reached out to talk, the Rev. Alan Rudnick, who is a Baptist pastor in Syracuse, New York. Alan and I met through social media years ago. He has a business kind of mind, only a Baptist can have about how you measure ministry and deliverables. He likes how I make his mother laugh online.

On Friday morning, I was asked to go pray with a family whose wife and mother had died. I walked in, met everyone and had a prayer. A guy came over to me and asked, "Are you an Anglican?" I said that I am sometimes accused of that, and he told me that he and his wife were strong Anglicans in Ontario until the day that their priest wouldn't marry their daughter, who was engaged to a man who had been divorced, so they had to go to the United Church. When it came time for their baby to be baptized, the priest refused for whatever reason. He said, "So now we don't go to church at all." After talking for a bit, we realized that we had a friend in common from the Air Traffic Controller world, so I took a selfie and sent it to the person.



On Saturday, I had the service for Denis. I walked in, and there was a big crowd. I gave Pat a hug, and went to see Denis' mother. I knelt before her and offered my sincerest condolences. She is a wonderful person. I met with the people taking part, including retired Judge Mike McKee, who, as many of you know, is a prince of a man. As I knelt to talk to him, he was seated in the chapel holding his cane. He looked regal to me, even though he was smartly dressed in a suit. Denis' family are French Roman Catholics, so they asked Mike to take part since he used to be a Roman Catholic priest before he married his wife, Winnie. He was so generous with his praise of me, and I was a bit humbled by it all. "You have such a good name in our city, Aaron." I thanked him and quickly moved on to his role in the service. A friend gave a bilingual eulogy.

When it came time to begin, I welcomed everyone there. Earlier that morning, I had asked a friend of mine (who is a lawyer in Saint John) to help me translate some words into French, as I believe it's important to speak to people in their first language. This is what I said:

« Je viens de Cap Breton, alors je peux sacrer en gaélique, mais malheureusement mon français n'est pas trop fort. Je veux quand même souhaiter la bienvenue aux amis et à la famille de Denis dans leur langue. L'Évangile sera lue aujourd'hui par Juge Mike McKee, qui dira aussi une prière. »

Basically, it says, "I don't know a lot of French, but I can swear in Gaelic."

Afterwards, I was talking with Judge McKee, who said he hadn't forgotten about our promise to have a coffee someday. A man approached him and started speaking to him in French, so I touched Mike's

arm, nodded, and walked away. Mike said, "Aaron, this man would like to meet you." The man said to me, "My friend Denis has given me a great gift. For the first time in my life, I saw Catholics and Protestants lead a funeral, in French and English, and I never thought that I'd live to see the day. Thank you." I was deeply moved by that. What he said to me was so beautiful that I teared up a bit, shook his hand and thanked him for his kindness.

I walked back over to the church and went over all my notes for the next day, which was to be our church's 187th anniversary. There was a lot going on, and I was trying to keep it all together. I had received a few messages that morning about things that had been forgotten in the bulletin, so I had to make a few phone calls.

When I arrived on Sunday morning, there was a nice energy in the building as the choir rehearsed, people were bringing in food, and there seemed to be kids everywhere. Our Pastoral Care and Membership Chair, Valerie Roy, came to my office and signed certificates. Then, our Worship and Music Chair, Sheri Brooks, came and signed certificates. I signed them all.



I walked out of my office and met a photographer who asked me where he should stand. I told him to get the photos he needed because it was a special time for Robins (that is the correct spelling) and Sharon, whose daughter Deborah was being baptized. Robins and Sharon are originally from India, now living in Moncton. Family from home would be watching online, too.

I remember when I first met Robins and Sharon in church. They were so kind. They are Mona Miller's neighbours. They asked if they could meet me in my office to discuss Deborah's "Dedication", as they called it. I wasn't sure what their original religion was (I only knew it likely wasn't the United Church of Canada). So as we talked, I asked, "What is your religious background in India?" Robins said, "Oh! I was a Catholic and Sharon was a Protestant. I had to convert to marry her as people of different religions aren't permitted to get married." Well, paint me green and call me a pickle. That wasn't the answer I was expecting! I told them that I would be very happy to baptize Deborah, who was at home with her grandmother.

We were also giving Bibles that day to the nine-year-olds in our church (and those who'd previously didn't get one), so they were stacked on the piano. The membership packages were stacked on the pulpit. The baptismal font was front and centre. Two pink chairs were placed at the front for the conversation I would have with Debby Warren in place of a sermon. Each time I walked into the sanctuary, I saw more and more people. It almost felt like Christmas Eve, there were so many.

Debby came into my office when she got to church. Kimberley walked us through how the microphones would work. Some people who knew Debby came to say hello. It was exciting. I told Debby that the wooden table in my office used to be in my grandmother's living room for decades, so now I consider it like her living room with the old chairs. Debby told me that her great-grandmother and her grandmother used to bring her to the Baptist Church in Sunny Brae, and she remembers falling asleep on their laps in church. Such a warm memory. And such a spiritual inheritance to have received our grandmother's faith.

The service was fantastic. The choir sounded beautiful in person. The church was packed. The kids received their Bibles. Baby Deborah was baptized. A young girl named Anna was baptized, too. She came up to the front by herself as her parents and grandmother watched from the pew. This was all her decision, and







they supported her 100 percent, as I did, too. It's quite something to look at a young person in the eyes as they make their baptismal vows and pour water on their head. Afterwards, Chris MacQueen said to me, "It must be the best feeling to baptize a baby." I smiled and said Indeed, it is. Debby told heartbreaking yet hopeful stories, and there were lots of tears in the congregation, including my own, after she told the story of Luke, who died in front of City Hall a few years ago due to homelessness and addiction.

Everyone gathered for the Loaves and Fishes potluck, which was delightfully chaotic. There was indeed enough food for everyone. There was such joy in the room. One person commented that it had been forever since she'd been to a good old church potluck, and she had forgotten how wonderful they were. Dr. Nancy Vogan was there, and we had a nice talk. She said, "I was thinking this morning that I've been coming to this church since I was baptized as a baby." Likely, it was the same font. I asked her who baptized her, and she said, "Dr. Archibald." I replied, "Of course, let's go get a picture with him!"



I had to make my way to Riverview for a wedding. A couple had called me months before and asked if I would marry them in their living room. They couldn't find anyone to do it. They had friends who mentioned me. I said, "I'd be happy to do your wedding." They'd been together for 18 years, two kids, two cats, and they met while working at Rogers. When I arrived, their townhouse was full of friends and family. And cats! We went into the kitchen, where there was food on the counters, and I went over the paperwork and the ceremony. "We just want to get married!" they said in response to what they wanted. So I did the ceremony and pronounced them husband and wife right there in the kitchen. When I said those words, the bride burst into tears and the groom's smile couldn't have been bigger as he hugged her. I took a picture right away to capture the moment. They thanked me, I played with the cats, and then I went visiting.



After I got home from the hospital that night, I said to my wife, "We'll never have a better day in church than that one."



On Tuesday, our Sanctuary was decorated for Christmas by our Custodian Pat Arsenault, Barb McLaughlin and Sharon Alward.

Yesterday, we held the funeral service for Peter Avard at St. John's. It was beautiful. The choir led the singing, and as we sang *In the Bulb There is a Flower* the front row was in tears. Hugh Donald and his son Andrew delivered a fine eulogy. Peter's wife's cousin

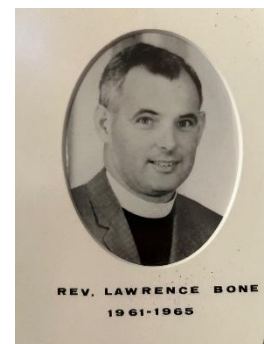


is an Anglican priest, and she read the scripture. The Rev. Marian Conrad was my friend's supervisor at the Atlantic School of Theology, and I remembered her well. We had a nice talk about church. What a wonderful person and a faithful priest of Christ's church. People were so complimentary of the service at the reception. I think that's because they aren't used to funerals that are so personal, which we do well at St. John's.

Afterwards, I walked down to the Capital Theatre to get tickets for the Men of the Deepes. My birth father, Joe, gave them to us as a birthday present. His brother, Kevin MacSween, sings with the Men of the Deepes, so it's exciting to be able to see them. They used to perform here at St. John's in Moncton. We had a quiet birthday for me this year.

When I was out visiting yesterday morning, I was in an elevator of a condo building with a woman holding four Tim Horton's coffees in a tray. I said to her, "I'm a minister, and whenever I see people like you, I say, 'Blessed are the coffee bringers.'" She laughed and asked me what church I was at. "St. John's, downtown." She said, "Oh! I've heard you speak! You know my aunt and uncle, Phyllis and Gordon Hicks!" Indeed, I do! We had a nice chat and I made my way down the hall, thankful for the church.

I hope you all have a good weekend, and thank you all for your support of my ministry and our ministry together. This morning, I will preside at the funeral for Wally Bone, a friend to many in our church. Wally's brother, the Rev. Bud Bone, used to be an Associate Minister here at St. John's. When I was a student in Halifax at United Memorial Church, where Bud attended, he invited me to lunch and gave me his black robe. I still have it. When the funeral home called me to tell me that Wally had died, they had written in their notes that Bud wanted "the young minister from St. John's" to do his service. He must have pre-planned that a long time ago because I certainly don't feel young anymore!



Happy Anniversary, St. John's! 52 years old isn't so bad for me, and 187 years looks good on you.

*The Rev. Aaron Billard*  
Minister



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated in Loving Memory of*  
***Bob & Loretta Gourley***  
*by Dianne Logan*













### **MEMORIAL**

*Donations have been made to St. John's United Church in loving memory of*  
***Denis Cool*** (husband of Pat Hayes)  
*by Kimberley & Luiz de Jesus*  
***David MacNevin*** (husband of Claire MacNevin)  
*by Claire, Lori and Ryan*

## **NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Check our website at [www.stjohnsmoncton.ca](http://www.stjohnsmoncton.ca)  
for **Sunday online Worship links**, calendar, and more.

Nov. 30	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP and Sunday School</b> - 1st Sunday in Advent - Grocery Sunday (see note)	
Nov. 30	Sun.	12:30 p.m.	<b>Advent Gathering</b> (see note) (Sunday School room)	
Dec. 1	Mon.		<b>Deadline to submit Christmas Memorials</b> - form at church entrances	
Dec. 1	Mon	7:00 p.m.	AI-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Dec. 2	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b> (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Dec. 3	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)	
Dec. 4	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir</b> (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)	

Dec. 4	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
Dec. 7	Sun.	 11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP and Sunday School</b> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Peace - Christmas Memorials in bulletin - 2026 offering envelopes and PAR packets ready for pick up - Deadline to participate in “Come..to the Stable” – form at entrances 
Dec. 7	Sun.	12:30 p.m.	<b>Advent Gathering</b> (see note) (Sunday School room) 
Dec. 9	Tues.	 4:00 p.m.	<b>Friendship Group</b> gathering followed by a <b>pot luck supper</b> . Why not bring along a food item to donate to the Karing Kitchen? Congregation may contact Kathy Isaac for details. All are welcome. (monthly-Fellowship Room)
Dec. 12	Fri.	9-1pm	Bring in Nativity Scenes for “Come..to the Stable” 
Dec. 12	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	<b>Worship</b> with the Rev. Aaron Billard at <b>Royal Court Chapel</b> , 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Coverdale Rd., Riverview If you are a resident there, we ask you to help us spread the word to members of the congregation who live there.
Dec. 13	Sat.	9-12pm	Bring in and set up Nativity Scenes for “Come..to the Stable” 
Dec. 14	Sun.	 11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP and Sunday School</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Joy - <b>Nativity Scenes display</b> “Come..to the Stable” in the Fellowship Room 
Dec. 14	Sun.		<b>Deadline to donate to Crossroads for Women</b> (see note)
Dec. 14	Sun.	12:30 p.m.	<b>Advent Gathering</b> (see note) (Sunday School room) 
Dec. 15	Mon.	9-12pm	Pick up your Nativity Scenes from “Come..to the Stable” 
Dec. 16	Tues.	7:00 p.m. 	<b>A Quiet Christmas Communion Service</b> - Come take a holy pause in the December darkness as we look for the light of Christmas in the busyness of the season. You are invited to this service of Holy Communion in which we will sing carols and share sacred stories from scripture. We are offering this worship opportunity as a way to find ourselves in the story of Christmas as we remember the reason for the season. (Sanctuary)
Dec. 19	Fri.		<b>Pageant Rehearsal</b>
Dec. 20	Sat.	4-6pm	Concert, 4:30pm – Do-Re-Mi Music School (Sanctuary)
Dec. 22	Sun.	 11:00 a.m.	<b>Christmas Pageant</b> – in-person only & NOT online - 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Love - This family service is tailored towards children and young families. - Poinsettia deliveries organized by the Pastoral Care Committee



Dec. 24	Wed.	 7:00 p.m.	<b>Christmas Eve Worship</b> - Traditional Christmas Eve service with lessons & carols and candle lighting.	
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Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region 14 and the community are shown on the TV in the Owen Fraser Hall and also located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

**SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS** are sold each Sunday in the Sanctuary before and after Worship and at the Church Office M-F, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

*We make 4% on every card sold. Your support is needed and appreciated.*



## WELCOME!

We would like to warmly welcome any new faces to our church family today! Please feel free to introduce yourself to a fellow member or reach out to our minister if you have any questions. We invite you to stay after the service for fellowship. Fill in the "welcome" envelope located on the table at our two main entrances and place in the offering box (no money required) or email the church office at [stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) to let us know you are worshipping with us.



## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thank you to the men who helped set up the trees. Also, thank you to the Sharon Alward and Barb McLaughlin who helped decorate: the sanctuary. *Pat Arsenault*

## 2026 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of preparing box offering envelopes for those who presently use them. Please advise the church office at [stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) or 506-858-8289, for any of the below scenarios:

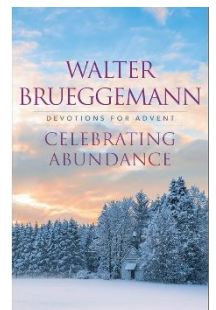
- you presently use box offering envelopes but would like to give in another way (i.e. PAR, e-transfer)
- you use your box offering envelopes very infrequently and can give in another way
- you would like to start using box offering envelopes

You may donate to the church in a variety of ways:

- PAR (pre-authorized remittance) – form available on our website – pamphlet located at church entrances and outside church office; PAR cards are available to put in the offering box on Sundays
- e-transfer (use [stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) - no password needed)
- box offering envelopes – contact church office
- Canada Helps - online
- cash or cheque - identified with giver's name/address (for income tax purposes).

## ADVENT GATHERING: CELEBRATING ABUNDANCE

On **November 30, December 7, and December 14**, you are invited to meet upstairs after church for Advent with Aaron as we explore the thoughts and writings of the late Walter Brueggemann, who was a well-loved speaker, Biblical researcher, and scholar. Each session will be based on scripture, with a story time and opportunity to reflect together as the people of Jesus in this time and place. We will be reading from Walter Brueggemann's devotions for Advent. All are welcome, even if you can't make it to all of the sessions. Bring a lunch!



## GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(Nov. 30 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: cream of celery soup, honey garlic sauce flakes of ham and hot dogs. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



**POINSETTIAS** – Again this Christmas season, poinsettia plants will be placed in the Sanctuary during Advent. If you wish to help us with our plant order, you may make a memorial in memory of a loved one. All memorials will be listed in the pastoral letter on Dec. 5 and the bulletin on **Dec. 7**.

Cost is \$15.00 each. The deadline to have your memorial form/payment to the Church Office is Monday, December 1. Order forms are located at the Church main entrances.



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!!!

## COME... VISIT THE STABLE

This is a St. John's Church Council event to display the variety of Nativity scenes from our congregation and community.

We need... Nativity Scenes to display for viewing on Sunday, **December 14** after our morning worship service.

Would you be willing to share your scene and its special story with your church community, or help out with this event? If so, please fill out the form (available at our main entrances) and put it in the offering plate or in the Church office mail slot or email the church office.



We would like to know by Sunday, **Dec. 7** if you plan to share your Nativity Scene in our display.

Nativity Scenes can be dropped off at the church on or before Friday, **Dec. 12** during office hours, or on Saturday morning, **Dec. 13** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If you wish to personally unpack and set-up your scene, please come on Saturday morning. Please plan to come and pack-up your nativity scene after the display on Sunday afternoon or on Monday morning, **Dec. 15**.



We will be supporting **CROSSROADS FOR WOMEN** here in Moncton again this year. Each Sunday **until Dec. 14** you are invited to bring a personal care item to place in a white basket as you come into the church. We will be dropping off these items in support of the work of Crossroads, which is also supported by the St. John's UCW. Items suggested: toilet paper, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotions (for dry months), canned goods like soups and pasta. Thank you in advance for your support of this important program.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES** are located at the Church main entrances. If you use SJUC box offering envelopes, a Christmas envelope is in your box. If you use PAR, your Christmas envelope is in your PAR packet. The Church thanks you for your support.



## 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR: A New Heaven and a New Earth

Celebrate United Churches across Canada! Focusing on the theme of A New Heaven and a New Earth this bilingual calendar features colourful photos from



communities of faith across the country plus all the special days, church seasons, and lectionary dates. The Church Office is taking orders for this calendar. Cost is \$9.50 (tax included). If you are interested in ordering one or more, sign the order sheet located at the main entrances or contact the Church Office. Payment may be made by mail (mail slot on door), e-transfer or included in your offering envelope (on bottom line titled, "Other" - note "2026 Calendar").

### **DONATION – Cut-off Dates**

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to remind you of the cut-off dates for making 2025 tax receiptable donations to the Church:

- cash and cheque donations – received at the church by 1pm on December 31
- cheque donations made via Canada Post - must be received by or envelope post-marked Dec. 31
- e-transfers – to [sjuc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sjuc@nb.aibn.com) – by MIDNIGHT December 31
- Canada Helps donations – by MIDNIGHT December 31

If you are uncertain as to how much you have donated already to the Church, please email or telephone the Church office. Karen will provide your donation information to date. Keep in mind, records may be a week or so behind, and UCW donations are only posted as of December 31.

Official tax receipts will follow in late January or early February.

Once again, thank you for your generous givings this past year!

### **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"



**STEWARDSHIP SECOND** – As you consider your Christmas giving this year, how can you give in order to bring hope?

**ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES...** To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, or to pass along a prayer request, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 506-858-8289 or [sjucrev@gmail.com](mailto:sjucrev@gmail.com)





## *Christmas Memorial Flowers*

### **MEMORIAL DEDICATION FORM**

Poinsettia plants will be placed in the Sanctuary during Advent. If you wish to help us with our plant order, you may make a memorial in memory of a loved one; below are ways to reach us:

- complete this form with payment and place in the offering box
- complete this form with payment and drop off in the mail slot on the Victoria St. church entrance
- complete this form with payment and mail to the church at 75 Alma St., Moncton, NB E1C 4Y3
- complete this form or provide the same details in an email to the office at [stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com) and pay by either an e-transfer, mail a cheque or drop off a cheque/cash in the church mail slot on the Victoria St. door

The cost is \$15.00 each. The deadline to have your memorial form/payment to the Church Office is Monday, **December 1.**

All memorials will be listed in the pastoral letter on December 5 and bulletin on December 7.

The plants will decorate the Sanctuary during Advent and will then be delivered to our shut-ins (those on our church pastoral care shut-in list) after the service on December 21.

(Any extra proceeds go to the Chancel Fund  
to help cover costs associated with the Sanctuary.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated by: \_\_\_\_\_

(use back of form for additional dedications)



## ***“Come... Visit the Stable”***

This is a St. John's Worship & Membership Committee event to display the variety of Nativity scenes from our congregation and community.

These will be on display for you to view on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> after our morning worship service.

### **We need... Nativity Scenes to display!**

Do you, or someone you know, have a Nativity Scene that graces your home during the Christmas Season? Do you have one that is unique? Does your scene have a history? Did someone make it? Has it been handed down for generations? Is it non-traditional? Is it a picture, a wall-hanging, or a tree ornament? Is it small, or is it large? Is it an outside display?

**Would you be willing to share your scene and its special story with your church community, or help out with this event?**

**If so, please read the reverse side of this sheet for more details.**

***“Come... Visit the Stable”***



We would like to know by Sunday, **Dec. 7** if you plan to share your Nativity Scene in our display.

Nativity Scenes can be dropped off at the church on or before Friday **Dec. 12** during office hours, or on Saturday morning, **Dec. 13** from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. If you wish to personally unpack and set-up your scene, please come on Saturday morning. Please plan to come and pack-up your nativity scene after the display on Sunday afternoon or on Monday morning, **Dec. 15**.

*If you are interested or have questions, please tear off the bottom part of this page, check off the boxes that relate to you, and put this in the offering plate or in the church office mail slot (on wall outside the office) or email the church office at [stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com).*

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- ☐ I would like to have more information
  - ☐ I will share my Nativity Scene for this event
  - ☐ Yes, I would like to help with this event.

My area of Interest is:

- ☐ Requesting and collecting Nativity Scenes
- ☐ Host or hostess of the display
- ☐ Help set-up and take-down the display (Sat. am & Sun. pm)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_