



St. John's United Church of The United Church of Canada

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Office Hours: M-F, 9am–1pm

A warm welcome is extended to all.

Nursery service for infants and toddlers is available in the nursery on the second floor.

If you are a parent or caregiver, there is a kitchen and washrooms on the main and upstairs levels, as well as a diaper changing area upstairs.

Please feel free to return to the service at any time.

*The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**. Stand as you are able.)*

PRELUDE

SONATA DA CHIESA

(Music: Gordon Young)

DOXOLOGY (541 VU)

(OLD 100TH) (Thomas Ken, Genevan Psalter)

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - ALL SAINTS DAY (Hebrews 12:1)

We remember, O God...

The countless saints of history

who have blazed a trail of courage through time.

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

**The gentle strength of grandparents,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The divine and human love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place
the saints of God who have shown us the Lord.

**Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses... let us worship God with joy!**

HYMN 315 VU *HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY*

(NICAEA) (Words: Reginald Heber / Music: John Bacchus Dykes)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**You are our God and we are Your people, and
we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own.
You have set us in the company of saints past and
present, among those who have made bold witness
to Your goodness and Your truth.**

**Your Word opens up new futures
where we see no way forward.**

**You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid
afraid of a future we cannot control;
afraid of losing health and independence
afraid for the well-being of our children
afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future**

**Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts
so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears.
Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust
and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that
you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace.**

**We ask in Jesus' name, whose outstretched arms
welcome us and hold us securely in your grace, as we**

pray with the words Jesus taught us, saying “Our Father...Amen.” (960 VU) (A laminated handheld version of The Lord’s Prayer can be found in the hymnbook holder in the pew.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, forgive us for the paths we seek that steer us away from you.

We confess that we have embraced animosity over understanding, self-righteousness over grace, hopelessness over empowered action.

Demonstrate the power of love to us anew.

Help us to be loving agents of your kingdom for your glory and the restoration of the world. Amen.

(moment of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

WORDS OF GRACE

Beloved, know that your path evolves, and the Creator cuts through the wilderness to make the rough ways smooth.

The Holy One is Companion and Guide, gently and firmly encouraging us to the path of righteous love, justice, and peace.

OFFERING

Offering boxes are located inside the Sanctuary at the two main entrances.

OFFERTORY (537 VU) **YOUR WORK, O GOD, NEEDS MANY HANDS**
(KILMARNOCK) (Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer / Music: Neil Dougall)

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus’ sake.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Holy One, we offer these gifts because we want to know you better and be closer to you. Please bless all of our giving with your presence. Amen.

HYMN 345 VU

COME, CHILDREN, JOIN TO SING

(MADRID) (Words: Christian Henry Bateman / Music: anon.)

Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!
Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!
Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: "Hallelujah!"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children up to age 12 yrs. are now invited to go to our Sunday School program time. If you are a child here for the first time, please feel welcome to join the children's group upstairs, or remain here for the rest of the service.

LITURGY FOR ALL SAINTS

At this time the Minister will read the names of those listed in the church's burial register since this time last year as well as the names of loved ones submitted by members of the congregation. A moment of silence shall follow each name as the organist plays, "For All the Saints." This is a solemn time and we request that there be no speaking during the reading of the names.

Donna Barnett
Gordon Belyea
Carol Ann Bryant
William Budd
Gerry David Burke
Jack Cameron
Catherine Carter
Jeannine Elhatton
Diana Gillespie
Shirley Howatt
Frederick Jensen
John MacDonald
Alberta Maclellan

Dale Battiste
Gordon Bernard
Evelyn Brown
Brenda Burgess
Dale Cale
Jean Cameron
Gerald Coates
Mary Lou Florian
Mark Gillespie
Joan Hudson
Joan LeBlanc
Noreen MacFarlane
Velma (Stewart) MacMillan

David MacNevin
Richard Mahoney
Stephen Merrill
Dr. Robert Murray
Norma Pippey
Marjorie Richardson
Dennis Spicer
Theresa Strachan

Robert MacQuarrie
Chris Mannion
Doris Murray
Phillipe André Francois Naubert
Marlene Price
Ann Smith
Douglas Steeves
Lois Weatherby

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Linda Leighton

Ephesians 1:11–23

The hope to which you are called.

Psalms 149, p. 873 VU

Sing to God a new song.

R2: All children of Zion, rejoice and give praise.

Sing to God a new song;

give praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in its Maker;

let the children of Zion exult in their Sovereign!

Let them praise God's name with dancing;

let them sing God's praise with tambourine and harp! R

For you, O God, take delight in your people;

you crown the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in their glory;

let them sing for joy as they feast. R

Let God's praise be on their lips,

the two-edged sword in their hands,

to bring the nations to justice,

and call to account the peoples,

to bind their rulers with fetters,

their great ones with bonds of iron,

to execute on them the sentence decreed.

This is the glory of all God's saints! R

Luke 6:20–31

Blessings and woes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 713 VU

I SEE A NEW HEAVEN

(I SEE A NEW HEAVEN) (Words: Carolyn McDade / Music: Carolyn McDade)

*I see a new heaven, I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free,
yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will be. *R*

There, there where death dies and our lives are born again,
body and soul, struggling but whole
like flowers after the rain. *R*

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love. *R*

There, there where we work with the love of healing hands.
Labour we must, true to our trust
to build a promised new land. *R*

SERMON

ANTHEM

KNOW MY HEART

(Words: adapt. Psalm 139 / Music: Benjamin Harlan)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(We pray for Bedeque Pastoral Charge)

HYMN 705 VU

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

(SINE NOMINE) (Words: William Walsham How / Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams)

For all the saints, who from their labours rest.
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors come their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
as God to glory call the all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Hallelujah, hallelujah!

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG POSTLUDE

GO NOW IN PEACE

(Words: Don Besig, Nancy Price / Music: Don Besig)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*(This is great opportunity to welcome new members
to our church and get to know one another.)*

POSTLUDE

BUT NOW I SEE

(Music: Richard A. Williamson)

During the postlude the congregation is welcome to depart.



***You are invited to join us in the Owen Fraser Hall
for a time of fellowship and refreshments.***



*The bulletin and pastoral letter are dedicated
in Loving Memory of
my Loved Ones
by Marilyn Hill*

MEMORIAL

*Donations have been made to
St. John's United Church in loving memory of
my dear friend, Darilyn Hill
by Carolyn Beers
Larry McLaughlin
by Carolyn Beers*

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca
for **Sunday online Worship links**, calendar, and more.

Oct. 26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.  All Saints Sunday	WORSHIP and Sunday School - All Saints Sunday - Grocery Sunday (see note) 
Oct. 26	Sun.	1:30 p.m.	3:30pm Choir Louisbourg Concert
Oct. 27	Mon.	2:00 p.m.	UCW (monthly-Fellowship Room)
Oct. 27	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Al-Anon (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 28	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Church Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 29	Wed.	6:15 p.m.	Sparks, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Owen Fraser Hall)
Oct. 30	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Choir Loft/Fellowship Room)
Oct. 30	Thur.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)

Oct. 31	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Indoor Yard Sale	
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Nov. 1	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Fall Indoor Yard Sale (see note) (Social Hall)	
Nov. 1	Sat.	12:30 p.m.	Singing with the Saints at Aberdeen Park (see note)	
Nov. 2	Sun.	2:00 a.m.	 Turn your clocks back on Saturday night.	
Nov. 2	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School	
Nov. 9	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Remembrance Sunday - A donation box and poppies will be available at our main entrances.	
Nov. 11	Tues.		church / office closed – Remembrance Day	
Nov. 11	Tues.	2:00 p.m.	Friendship Group (monthly-Fellowship Room)	
Nov. 12	Wed.		Deadline to order baked beans and brown bread (see note/order form)	
Nov. 14	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	Worship with the Rev. Aaron Billard at Royal Court Chapel , 6 th 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.	
Nov. 14	Fri.	1:00 p.m.	Set up for Bazaar & Coffee Party If you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane (Social Hall)	
Nov. 15	Sat.	9:30 a.m.	Christmas Bazaar and Coffee Party (see note) (Social Hall)	

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 to let us know you are worshipping with us.



DELIVERERS NEEDED

We need help to drop off envelopes to shut-in on a weekly/bi-weekly basis. The addresses are: Moncton Residence and Hennessey Rd. If you can help, contact the church office.



Saturday, November 1

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

You'll find clothing, books, toys, linens, household goods, and many more items for sale.

You Don't Want To Miss It!

We welcome your donations of ‘slightly used’ clothing, books, household items, etc., in good, saleable condition, for this UCW fundraiser. Please bring your donations to the Church before the sale (Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm), but no later than noon on Thursday, Oct. 30. If you can help set up for the sale, please come to the Social Hall on Friday, **Oct. 31** at 1:00 pm. We also need volunteers to pack up on Sunday after church on **Nov. 2** and on Monday morning, **Nov. 3** at 9:30 a.m.

GROCERY SUNDAY FOR KARING KITCHEN

(Oct. 26 – last Sunday of the month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: cornstarch, can milk, alfredo sauce and honey-garlic sauce. *White baskets will be at the main entrance for your donations.* Thank you.



Come sing with the Saints at Aberdeen Park in Moncton on All Saints' Day, **November 1st** from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

This free, ecumenical, Christian gathering is open to everyone. We will gather outdoors, together, for an old-fashioned hymn sing; so dress warm! If you wish, bring a lawn chair, and don't forget your singing voice! A children's focus is set for 1:30 pm with children's songs and a simple craft. Looking forward to seeing you there!

IT'S BEANS AND BROWN BREAD TIME AGAIN!

Use the form in your pastoral letter or blue form located at church main entrances. Place the form in the offering plate or give to one of the UCW ladies or contact: Brenda McFarlane 506-852-3550, Phyllis Perry 506-852-4761 or Church Office 506-858-8289 / stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com.



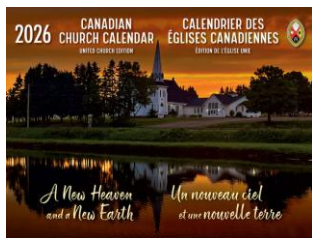
Prices are: ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12.

Pick up is Sat., Nov. 15 between 9:30am-12 noon.

If you are able to help us by making a pot of beans, please contact Brenda McFarlane or Phyllis Perry.



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”).

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and COFFEE PARTY on Saturday, November 15, 9:30 a.m. -12 noon featuring our bake table including fudge, pickles, jams and jellies, along with the beans and brown bread and the ever popular “new to you” treasures.



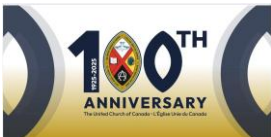
(Social Hall – use Karing Kitchen entrance)

If you have donations, please drop them at the Church.

Pick up your beans and brown bread orders and plan to attend the **Coffee Party** with tea, coffee and muffins. Freewill offering.

We will need lots of **help on Bazaar day**, so if you are available to help, please advise Brenda McFarlane.

100th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL FUNDRAISER



As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of The United Church of Canada, we invite you to take part in a special fundraiser — a meaningful opportunity to honour or remember someone who has shaped your faith journey. Special recognition will be held on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**, to celebrate these lives. Forms are located at the Church main entrances and in our Facebook files.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP, PROFESSION OF FAITH AND CONFIRMATION

The Pastoral Care & Membership Committee, as part of their mandate, is to seek those congregants who wish to transfer their church membership or become a member of to St. John's. This requires a phone call or email to Karen at the Church Office (506-858-8289 or stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com). In case of transfer, we will contact your former church. We will receive new members on **Anniversary Sunday, Nov. 23**.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – Remember that people of faith have been the key to some of the most incredible changes in our society. How does your faith call you to be a changemaker?

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

<u>Greeters & Offering</u>	
<i>South Door – Alma St</i> Elsa & Don Sage	<i>North Door – Victoria St.</i> Brenda McFarlane



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Pat Arsenault, *Custodian*

Church Council

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Finance & Property Management: Marlene Godfrey

Fundy-St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region reps.: Rev. Aaron Billard,
Kimberley Buck de Jesus and Karen Geldart

Ministry & Personnel: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

Pastoral Care & Membership: Valerie Roy

UCW: Brenda McFarlane

Worship & Music: Sheri Brooks



ALL
SAINTS'
SUNDAY

Supper's Ready
Homemade
BAKED BEANS & BROWN
BREAD

Prices are:

½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Place your order by one of these methods:

- a) Return the form below in the offering plate
- b) Give it to one of the UCW ladies
- c) Call: Brenda McFarlane at 506-852-3550
or Phyllis Perry at 506-852-4761
or the Church Office at 506-858-8289 or
stjohnsmoncton@gmail.com

Deadline for orders is Wed., Nov. 12

Your order must be **picked up** at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., **Nov. 15**
between 9:30am-12 noon at 75 Alma St.

HOMEMADE
BAKED BEANS & BREAD

Please prepare for me:

___ (qty) ½ litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$7.00

___ (qty) 1 litre Beans + 1 loaf Bread = \$10.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I will pick my order up at the
UCW Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 15
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