

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

WELCOME! A warm welcome is extended to all.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Luke 14: 1

"If I'm an advocate for anything, it's to move. As far as you can, as much as you can. Across the ocean, or simply across the river. The extent to which you can walk in someone else's shoes or at least eat their food, it's a plus for everybody."

Anthony Bourdain



The bulletin is dedicated in Loving Memory of
Wife, Sharon Blakney
by Richard & Family

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Check our website at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca for bulletin, calendar, and more.

Sept. 1	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - Baptism
Sept. 2	Mon.		Church Office closed – Labour Day
Sept. 5	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Fellowship Room/Choir Loft)
Sept. 8	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP (note time change)
Sept. 15	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
Sept. 16	Mon.		Deadline for submissions in the Fall Newsletter. Email your news/updates/reports to the Church Office.
Sept. 17	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Council (Owen Fraser Hall)
Sept. 22	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
Sept. 24	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	CD Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
Sept. 25	Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Tidewater Area Council, Girl Guides (Owen Fraser Hall)
Sept. 27	Fri.	12:00 p.m.	Finance & Property Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)

OFFERING FROM AUGUST 25, 2019

Local	\$1,085.00 (24)	Memorials	\$180.00
Mission & Service	\$66.00 (5)	Vacation Bible School	\$181.66
Plate Loose	\$51.00	Grocery Gift Cards	\$600.00
<i>To date - as of July 31: Revenue \$136,766.02 Expenses \$154,242.26 Deficit \$17,476.24</i>			
Thank you for your generous and continued support!			

SOBEYS & SUPERSTORE GIFT CARDS are sold each Sunday at the sales table in the Owen Fraser Hall after Worship during fellowship and coffee time or at the Church Office on weekdays during office hours.



We make 4% on every card sold. ~ Your support is needed & appreciated.

Year-to-date sales: \$11,275.00 Profit: \$451.00

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DIME BLITZ - Don't spend a dime this summer - save them for the UCW summer fundraiser. Plastic pill bottles have been placed at the Church entrances for your convenience. Deposit in the offering plate in the fall. Thank you for your continued support of UCW projects.

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M&S UPDATE: Goal: \$23,000.00

Givings to date: \$13,139.18 (57%)

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DID YOU KNOW? The church offers a hearing loop system for anyone who would like to enhance their listening experience during the Sunday morning service. Please feel free to speak to one of the volunteers on the sound board on Sunday morning

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AUDIO RECORDING OF SUNDAY WORSHIP - We offer audio recording of our Sunday Church Service on-line. If you find yourself missing our Sunday Worship, just check it out on our Church website - www.stjohnsmoncton.ca. Recordings will be posted each week after the morning service. If those of you without a computer, a CD copy of the service can be obtained from the Church Office.

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MAKING A MEMORIAL DONATION? Did you know that when you make a memorial donation you can select where your giving will be directed? You can direct it to our Church i.e. Local Offering, Organ Maintenance, Piano Maintenance, etc or to the United Church Mission and Service fund, or any other on-going fund within the United Church. For additional details please contact the Church Office.

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HEALTH & SAFETY - We have a wheelchair here at St. John's and it is located on a permanent basis in the unused entrance way at the back of the Sanctuary (corner of Alma and Victoria Streets). We also have an AED - automated external defibrillator. It is wall mounted and located right outside the Church Office

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SPIRIT OF MUSIC SENIORS OUTREACH is a new project led by Christine MacLeod with Visions, St. John's and St. Paul's United Churches participating -- Songs Through Time Performances. We work together to offer musical-spiritual events within the home of isolated seniors who can no longer attend their weekly workshop and church events. If you would like would like participate in the project, contact Rev. Aaron Billard or the church office.

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BULLETINS are available on our website and by email; check the bulletin online at: www.StJohnsMoncton.ca. If you would like to receive a copy of the bulletin by email prior to Sunday Worship (Fridays), please email your request to church office at sjuc@nb.aibn.com.

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SERMONS - Printed copies of the sermons are available by email and at our main entrances. Please contact the church office if you want to be added to the email list.

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS - We invite you to share news of special events, memories, newspaper clippings of our church family for all to enjoy. You may leave your "clippings" in the box on the table below the bulletin board in the Owen Fraser Hall. Your participation is appreciated. Thank you.

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SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT - We encourage all people to help us maintain a scent-free environment by not wearing perfumes, aftershaves, and other scented products when attending services and meetings at the church. Many people are extra sensitive to these scents and suffer allergic reactions as a result of being near them. *Thank you for making this a healthy place for others to meet and worship.*

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LIBRARY – Did you know that we have a library of books for you to enjoy? They are located in the hutch cabinet in the Fellowship Room. There is no sign-out for these; they are loaned to you on the honour system that you'll return the books when you've finished reading them.

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BROADVIEW (formerly *The Observer*) MAGAZINE - copies of the most recent issues can be found on a table in the Owen Fraser Hall. These are there for your enjoyment, but please don't remove them from the premises so that others can enjoy them as well. There are also copies of previous issues available in our Library in the Fellowship Hall. These can be borrowed to take home and read.

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STEWARDSHIP SECOND – In a hungry generation, we rejoice that Jesus is the bread of life.

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ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH CARES... To notify the Minister of personal concerns, anxieties, illnesses, hospitalizations or deaths, to pass along a prayer request, or to arrange homebound communion, contact Rev. Aaron Billard at 858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com

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Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region and the Community are located on the bulletin boards located at the Alma St. entrance and outside the Church Office.

WORSHIP

*(The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**)*

Children are asked to remain with their parents throughout the service.

The Nursery is available for parental use.

Sunday School and Nursery Care resume on September 15.

PRELUDE

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

arr. W.G. Fischer

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 81)

Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

God, our Host, welcomes us.

God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

a feast for all--

freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven,

and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.

Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet

where the last may be first,

and the humble and the mighty trade places.

Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;

let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!

Send your Spirit now

so that we may find a place at your table

and welcome others with radical hospitality.

In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Jeremiah 2)

Dear God, we have known you since the time
you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom.
We have found no fault in your promise.
Yet we wander from the path that you have set and
put our faith in other “gods”
which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality.
We forsake your blessing.

Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance.

Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst.

God is merciful and slow to anger.
God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.
God welcomes us when we turn to God.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

BAPTISMAL HYMN # 443

GOD, WE PRAY AT THIS BEGINNING

(ABBOT'S LEIGH)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Everleigh Rose Vibert, daughter of Sonja Webster & Ryan Vibert
Godparents: Bethany & Patrick Webster

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 81:10–16 (VU p. 797 Part Two)

God will feed you wheat and honey.

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

A list of instructions on living mutual love.

Luke 14:1, 7–14

Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 684

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

(CHANNEL OF PEACE)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING and DEDICATION

As God has welcomed us,
let us extend God's blessings by sharing our tithes and offerings
in support of Christ's ministry today.

**Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table
and you have called us to share
without expectation of being repaid.**

**You have called us to make a place for the poor,
the outcast and the oppressed.**

**So we ask that you bless these resources
so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice
until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY #161 MV *I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME*

(KELLY)

*I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 670

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

(PRECIOUS LORD)

BENEDICTION

As you have feasted at the table at God's invitation,
go into the world renewed and restored.
Go into the world to share to Good News
that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table.
Go into the world to share God's bounty. Amen.

POSTLUDE

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

arr. A. Messiter

Service Prayers for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost, was written by the Rev. Christopher Ney,
Pastor of Central Congregational Church, UCC, of Newburyport, MA.

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

MEMORIALS

*Donations have been made to St. John's United Church
in Memory of:*

Dr. Cedric Allaby

*by Kimberley Buck de Jesus, Stephanie Hubbard,
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