

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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WELCOME! A warm welcome is extended to all.
Your presence enriches both us and this time of celebration together.

"You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24: 48

Easter is not just about the past, way back then and long ago; it is all about the future. Literally, I say to you, your best days are ahead of you. "Old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new."

What you do with this good news is up to you.

Peter J. Gomes,
Strength for the Journey: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| Apr. 15 | Sun. | 11:00 a.m. | WORSHIP and <i>Sunday School</i> - Installation of Church Council officers |
| Apr. 16 | Mon. | 7:15 p.m. | Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall) |
| Apr. 17 | Tues. | 7:00 p.m. | Fellowship Group with James Upham from Resurgo Place as guest speaker. James has a wealth of knowledge of things "Moncton-related" and is a most enjoyable speaker to boot. ALL are welcome. (Fellowship Room) |
| Apr. 19 | Thur. | 7:00 p.m. | Choir (weekly-Sanctuary/Fellowship Room) |
| Apr. 20 | Fri. | 6:30 p.m. | Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada |
| Apr. 21 | Sat. | 9:00 a.m. | Men's Rally (Trinity St. Stephen UC, Amherst, NS) |
| Apr. 22 | Sun. | 11:00 a.m. | WORSHIP and <i>Sunday School</i> - Celebrating Volunteers |
| Apr. 22 | Sun. | 2:00 p.m. | Trefoil Guild, Girl Guides of Canada (Owen Fraser Hall) |
| Apr. 24 | Tues. | 7:00 p.m. | Church Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall) |
| Apr. 25 | Wed. | 12:30 p.m. | Finance Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall) |
| Apr. 25 | Wed. | | Deadline to order take-out dinners (see note) |
| Apr. 27 | Fri. | 10:30 a.m. | Worship at Royal Court , 6 th Floor, Riverview, with the Rev. Aaron Billard |
| Apr. 28 | Sat. | 9:00 a.m. | Men's Club (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall) |
| Apr. 28 | Sat. | | UCW Take-Out Supper (see note) |
| Apr. 29 | Sun. | 11:00 a.m. | WORSHIP and <i>Sunday School</i> - Grocery Sunday |
| May 12 | Sat. | 5:00 p.m. | Congregational Potluck Supper (note date change) |

OFFERING FROM April 8, 2018

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| Local | \$1,393.00 (52) | Easter | \$168.00 (11) |
| Mission & Service | \$137.00 (13) | Memorial | \$25.00 |
| Plate Loose | \$37.00 | M&S Memorial | \$20.00 |
| Sunday School | \$5.55 | Grocery Gift Card | \$7500.00 |
| Parking | \$525.00 | Karing Kitchen | \$10.00 (1) |

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: \$6,975.00

Profit: \$279.00



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M&S UPDATE: Goal: \$23,500.00

Givings to date: \$5,676.88 (24%)

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN! UCW needs some help with the upcoming Take Out Supper on April 28. We need carrot cakes, drivers to deliver, and ladies to help in the kitchen Friday night with the preparation, chopping vegetables, etc. as well as help on Saturday morning and early afternoon with the scoop line. If you are able to lend a hand with any of these tasks, please see Brenda McFarlane in the Owen Fraser Hall following Worship or phone 852-3550. Thank you.

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CHICKEN SALAD TAKE-OUT SUPPER

Saturday, April 28

Chicken & Potato Salads, Coleslaw, Roll, & Dessert

PRICE: \$10.00 each - COD orders accepted

Pick up between 1:30-3:00 p.m. (use Karing Kitchen entrance)

Delivery in Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe areas from 2:00-5:00 p.m.



Order your supper before April 25 from:

Any UCW member; Brenda McFarlane: 852-3550; Church Office: 858-8289 or email sjuc@nb.aibn.com; Phyllis Perry: 852-4761

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GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN (Apr. 29, last Sunday of each month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: ranch, catalina & french dressings, flakes of ham, canned milk, and cornstarch. *White Baskets will be at our two main entrances for your donations.* Thank you.



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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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SCHOLARSHIPS - The following scholarships are available to students who have been active, and are currently participating, within the congregational life of St. John's: Henrietta Potter Scholarship is available to students currently in high school and pursuing first-year studies at a post-secondary educational institution in the upcoming year.



Robb Scholarship is awarded to students (children included) to further his/her studies in music. He/she is to be actively participating in music programs or music performances (i.e. choirs) at St. John's UC.

Charles E. Woodrow Memorial Music Scholarship is available to students currently in high school and pursuing first-year music studies at a post-secondary educational institution in the upcoming year.

Application forms, with details on eligibility and how to apply, are available on the Church bulletin boards, and online at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca

Application deadline is Sunday, May 13, 2018.

Return your application to the church office (75 Alma St., Moncton, NB, E1C 4Y3) or, you may leave it in the "Office" mail slot located just outside the Church Office.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ENVELOPES - Did you know that your child can use offering envelopes for their weekly Sunday School offering? It's very easy... Drop by the Church Office and ask for a few blank offering envelopes, record your family envelope number on the envelope and make note that the offering is for "Sunday School" in the "Other" section. Then, have your child give their offering in the usual manner during Sunday School.

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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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STEWARDSHIP MINUTE – How are our stewardship practises affected when we consider that we are all God's children?

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This week, as part of our ecumenical prayers, **WE PRAY for the congregation of the Jones Lake Baptist Church**, their pastors, and their ministry.

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Announcements from other United Churches, Chignecto Presbytery, Maritime Conference 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**)*

PRELUDE

WE GATHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

we come hoping for unexpected appearances of God's love.

We come with our questions and doubts,
and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

"Peace be with you."

"Touch me and see who I am" says Jesus:

We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests,
and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there,
offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering transformation.

We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus!

Come, let us worship!

HYMN # 84 MV

IN YOU THERE IS A REFUGE

(IN YOU THERE IS A REFUGE)

In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace.

When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.

In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear.

When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.

If you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.

When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.

In you there is a future, in you we find our way.

When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

GATHERING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your spirit will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, for we pray through Jesus our Christ (who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”)

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**O Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small.
We confess that like the disciples
we are easily scared by the unknown.
We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment,
our children, and the world as a whole.
In our most vulnerable moments
we demand that you answer us when we call to you.
But often we do not listen for you
or seek your unexpected, grace filled presence in our trouble.
Forgive us for our demands.
Be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers.**

Silence

**Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life.
Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God.
Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts
--more plentiful than grain and wine—
And let us live out of that glad confidence.
In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace.**

ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

Easter People, whose light is found in Jesus our risen Christ,
may the light of God's face shine upon you
in all that you say, do, think, feel, and love.
You have the light of God within you this day and always!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

WE REFLECT UPON OUR COMMON STORY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 4 (VU p. 727)

Answer me, when I call, O God.

Acts 3:12-19

Peter preaches in Solomon's Portico.

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus invites the disciples to touch his hands and feet.

God's story is for all people.

It is ours to receive and share.

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. If you are a parent or caregiver, there are 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.

HYMN # 177

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

(VRUECHTEN)

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Beloved family in Christ,
we should be called children of God because of God's love for us
which is as creative as a mother and generous as a father.
Let us offer our gifts in order to care for God's family
in this church and throughout the world.

OFFERING / ANTHEM

ALL IN THE APRIL EVENING

Hugh Robertson

OFFERTORY # 115 MV *BEHOLD, BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW* (BEHOLD)

Behold, behold, I make all things new, beginning with you and starting today.

Behold, behold, I make all things new, my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

**Life-Giving God, may you bless our gifts
and let them go forth from us to benefit all of your children
with wisdom, compassion, and imagination. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN # 373

AS COMES THE BREATH OF SPRING

(DENBY)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***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:

Ralph Johnston (brother of Lois MacDonald)

by Nelson & Marlene Price

A donation has been made to the Mission & Service Fund in Memory of:

Ralph Johnston (brother of Lois MacDonald)

by Lois Weatherby

Today's Team

Greeters & Ushers:

South Door – Alma St.

Greet: Joan Leblanc

Offering: Coleen Whitford, Sonja Buck

Scripture Reader: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

Elevator: Colleen Whitford (prior to service)

Art Buck (after service)

North Door – Victoria St.

Greet: Linda Rice

Offering: Gail Fraser, Darren Fraser

Tellers: Coleen Whitford, Joan Leblanc

Sound Board: Bob Hebert

Grocery Card Sales: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

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