

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

WELCOME! A warm welcome is extended to all.

Christian Family Sunday

"For me, Christian Family Sunday is about what it means to care for the "kin" of God, our siblings in the faith community, and "kin" of God in other faith traditions, and about our relationship to all of God's created world not just the human members.

For me, it's not about idealizing family in a specific form. It's about naming what makes this faith community family. At it's best, no matter the particular gender or age make up, family is about a place where we are known by name, accepted with all of our warts and wrinkles, (though these can often be pretty annoying), encouraged to grow into the fullest version of ourselves. A place where we are safe but not a place to hide out from engaging in life. A place that grounds us in values and morality and faith, I hope! A place that empowers us to risk, to celebrate, to rejoice and to grieve. A place we can always come back to, to be fed, body, mind and spirit."

The Rev. Jackie Harper,
Recently retired United Church Minister



*The bulletin is dedicated in Loving Memory of
Husband, Jim and Daughter, Penny
by Peggy, Grame and Pam*

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

May 12	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
May 13	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Rehearsal – Beausejour Choir (Sanctuary)
May 13	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	M&P Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
May 13	Mon.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
May 14	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	CD Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
May 15	Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Rehearsal – Beausejour Choir (Sanctuary)
May 15	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (date & location change) (weekly-Norman Sinclair Room)
May 16	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Concert – Beausejour Choir (Sanctuary)
May 17	Fri.		Deadline to apply for Scholarships (see note)
May 17	Fri.	12:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 17	Fri.	6:30 p.m.	Facility rental (Sanctuary)
May 18	Sat.	3:30 p.m.	Facility rental (Sanctuary)
May 19	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School
May 20	Mon.		Church Office closed – Victoria Day
May 21	Tues.	5:30 p.m. Meal at 6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Group - last event of the season will be a potluck supper - location to be announced next week. Everyone is welcome to come; just let us know in advance so we can set a place for you. Contact Mary at 387-7775 or eampbmab@nbnet.nb.ca .
May 24	Fri.	2:00 p.m.	Set up for Rummage Sale (Social Hall)
May 25	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	Rummage Sale (see note) (Social Hall)
May 26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Grocery Sunday (see note)

OFFERING FROM May 5, 2019

Local	\$2,164.00 (48)	Facility Revenue	\$100.00
Mission & Service	\$233.00 (13)	Housing (from Trustees)	1,166.67
Easter	\$40.00	Karing Kitchen (rent)	\$550.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00	Parking Revenue	\$375.00
Sunday School	\$7.00	Grocery Cards	\$375.00
Plate Loose	\$55.10		

To date - as of March 31: Revenue \$55,481.86 Expenses \$73,890.41 Deficit \$18,408.55

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: \$6,825.00

Profit: \$273.00

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

Givings to date: \$7,581.34 (33%)

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SCHOLARSHIPS are available to students who have been active, and are currently participating, within the congregational life of St. John's: Applications, with details on eligibility and how to apply, are available on the table located outside the church office and online at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca. **Application deadline is May 17, 2019.**

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St. John's Church Basement/Social Hall
Saturday, May 25 ~ 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
You'll find **Clothing, Books, Toys, Linens, Household Goods, Electronics** 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 during the few days before the sale, but **no later than noon on Friday, May 24**. If you can help setup for the sale, please come to the Social Hall on Friday, **May 24** at 2:00 p.m.

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GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN (May 26; last Sunday of each month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: crackers, can milk, corn starch and sugar. *White baskets will be at our two main entrances for your donations.* Thank you.



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The **Pastoral Care & Membership Committee** is seeking names of those who will be **GRADUATING** from universities and local high schools this academic year. The Committee wishes to recognize these graduates at our church service at Camp Centennial on Sunday, **June 9, 2019**. Please submit the names to Roberta Bunker (382-6270), Lois Weatherby (856-8899), or the church office **prior to June 2**. Thank you.

CHURCH PICNIC

Fun for All Ages

Sunday, June 9

Worship – 11:00 a.m. followed by Picnic – 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Rotary Lodge - Centennial Park

(Dress casual and bring a lawn chair.)

Games for Kids & Adults.

Lunch provided: Barbequed Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Drinks & Ice Cream

A free-will offering will be collected for lunch.

(Suggested donation is \$3.50-4.00/person.)

If you will attend, **sign-up before June 2** on the sheet
at our main entrances or email the church office at: sjuc@nb.aibn.com.

Signed-up, but found you can't be there?

Please contact the Church Office to have your name removed from the list.
We need to have an accurate count of people to prepare for, so food isn't wasted.

STEWARDSHIP SECOND – Christians refuse to let a culture of entitlement and high expectations silence them as they join the chorus of faithful praise over the ages.

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CHURCH FACT – September 29, 1868 – “A committee purchase four lamps for the body of the church from Miss I.H. Harris and a committee to attend to purchase the coals and wood, ordering stove pipes from N.V. Record.” (excerpt from the past)

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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 the Rev. Aaron Billard at 858-8289 or sjucrev@gmail.com

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Announcements from other United Churches, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters 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

PRELUDE ON "BROTHER JAMES'S AIR"
SHEEP MAY SAFELY GRAZE

S. Wright
Bach

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator, parent of the human family,

we gather to worship you.

In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

we gather to worship you.

Friends, neighbours, siblings in faith,

we gather to worship in song, in prayer,

in readings from your story/our story,

in thoughts and reflections. Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God, creator of us all, we gather to worship you.

We come as individuals, we come in family units,

we come as neighbours and friends.

We come here where we are known by name,

welcomed with all our fragilities and strengths.

We gather with kindred spirits

who long to live faithful to your calling.

Guide us, inspire us, challenge us, comfort us,

and nurture us in this time of worship

so that we might be enabled to return to our daily lives

ready to engage fully with all of your creation.

We pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our nuclear family and within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, we sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or ... whatever it is that keeps us from loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others.

(time of silence to offer personal thoughts and concerns)

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

Through all the joys and all the struggles of living in relationship, one truth is offered to each and every one of us:

God has loved us, is loving us and will always love us.

Thanks be to God for this unending gift of love.

SOLO – PIANO

*MARCHING
RAINBOW FISH*
Kira Petersen

Dmitri Kabalevsky (1904-1987)

Catherine Rollin (b. 1952)

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 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.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God of story, in the beginning you created humankind.

The Bible contains your story of love and encouragement and challenge, to your creation, to your children, and to us.

Today, may our hearts and minds be open to hear what your Spirit is saying to us.

We pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 23 (VU p. 749)

God is my shepherd.

Revelation 7:9–17

The saints of God will never hunger or thirst again.

John 10:22–30

My sheep listen to my voice.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN # 710

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

(HANSON PLACE)

SERMON

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has blessed our lives with relationships—joy inspiring and challenging.
In response to God’s blessings in our lives,
we are now invited to share our offerings.

OFFERING / ANTHEM

KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

J.N. Beck

OFFERTORY

LET TRUMPETS SOUND

(OLD 100TH)

*Let trumpets sound and voices sing!
Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath.*

PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

**Creator God, you have blessed our lives with relationships
that both inspire and challenge.**

**We offer these gifts so that we might continue to build
relationships with one another and with your whole creation.**

**Bless these gifts that they may bring wholeness
and life abundance to all your people.**

We pray. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN # 713

I SEE A NEW HEAVEN

(I SEE A NEW HEAVEN)

COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION

In baptism you name us your beloved children, kin to one another.
As we go from this place,
May we know your love that found expression
in the most vulnerable of human form:
guide us, sustain us, and empower us to love.

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA IN SEVEN

J. Rutter

We thank Kira Petersen for adding to our Worship by playing the piano.

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

Today's Team

Greeters & Ushers:

South Door – Alma St.

Greet: Carol Davidson

Offering: Valerie Roy, Carol Davidson

Scripture Reader: Bob MacQuarrie

Elevator: Pat Arsenault

Grocery Card Sales: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

North Door – Victoria St.

Greet: Carol O'Hanley Price

Offering: Kevin & Sheri Gould

Tellers: Sheri Gould, Valerie Roy

Sound Board: Don Sage

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