

# ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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Office Hours: M-F, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**WELCOME!** A warm welcome is extended to all.

Your presence enriches both us and this time of celebration together.

“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them.”

John 17:18 (NRSV)

God of love, help us to remember  
that Christ has no body now on earth but ours,  
no hands but ours, no feet but ours.  
Ours are the eyes to see the needs of the world.  
Ours are the hands with which to bless everyone  
now.  
Ours are the feet with which he is to go about  
doing good.

Teresa of Avila  
1515–1582



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

## NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 13	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> and <b>Sunday School</b>
May 13	Sun.		<b>Deadline to apply for Scholarships</b> (see bulletin board)
May 14	Mon.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
May 15	Tues.	5:30 p.m.	<b>Fellowship Group</b> - May is our last month of the 'season' and we will be having a potluck supper at the home of Kay McCartney. Those attending should let Mary or Rev. Dr. Doug know by Sunday, <b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b> .
May 16	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Maple District, Girl Guides of Canada (Social Hall)
May 17	Thur.	12:00 p.m.	<b>M&amp;P Committee</b>
May 17	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Choir</b> (weekly-Sanctuary/Fellowship Room)
May 18	Fri.	12:30 p.m.	<b>Finance Committee</b> (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 20	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> - the Rev. Dr. Douglas MacEachern will lead Worship - No Sunday School
May 21	Mon.		Church Office Closed – Victoria Day
May 22	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b> (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 23	Wed.		Rehearsal - Young Acadian Singers (Sanctuary)
May 24	Thur.		Concert – Young Acadian Singers (Sanctuary)
May 24-27	Thur.-Sun.		Maritime Conference AGM, Sackville, NS
May 26	Sat.	8:30 a.m.	<b>Rummage Sale</b> (see note) (Social Hall)
May 26	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	<b>Men's Club</b> (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 27	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	<b>WORSHIP</b> and <b>Sunday School</b> - Grocery Sunday (see note)

### **OFFERING FROM May 6, 2018**

Local	\$2,185.00 (58)	Easter	\$250.00
Mission & Service	\$348.00 (19)	Sunday School	\$14.45
Plate Loose	\$113.00	Grocery Gift Card	\$350.00
Housing (fr. Trustees)	\$1,000.00	Karing Kitchen	\$10.00
Karing Kitchen Rent	\$525.00	Parking Revenue	\$525.00

**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: \$8,975.00**

**Profit: \$359.00**



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

**Givings to date:** \$7,484.34 (32%)

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St. John's Church Basement/Social Hall  
**Saturday, May 26 ~ 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 25** If you can help set up for the sale, please come to the Social Hall on Friday, **May 25** at 2:00 pm.

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**COOKIE SALE** - Many of you enjoyed the cookies made available before Christmas last year, and the UCW is doing it again.

The cost of the cookies is \$4.50 per dozen, and **need to be pre-ordered no later than Sunday, May 27** for **pick-up on Sunday, June 3** after the morning service.



There's a good assortment of cookies to choose from, and can be ordered by the full or half-dozen. Choose from: Double Chocolate (new choice this year), Chocolate Chip, Peanut Butter, Gumdrop, Spice, Oatmeal Raisin, Oat Cakes, Molasses and/or Coconut Crisps.

Contact Brenda McFarlane 852-3550 or Lois Weatherby 856-8899 with your order.

*A few extra cookies may be on hand June 3, but to avoid disappointment, please order beforehand.*

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**GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN** (May 27, 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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**KAY McCARTNEY**, of our congregation, is **celebrating 50 years of painting** during the month of May 2018. Her art work will be on display at The Moncton Public Library. Main Street. Moncton, NB. Everyone is welcome to view her art during the month.

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**A NOTE FROM YOUR MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of *The Manual* of The United Church of Canada. The Committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the congregation with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church, including ministry personnel and lay employees. The Committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the congregation.

If members of the congregation have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared with the Committee in **signed correspondence in a sealed envelope** and placed in the mail slot labelled Ministry and Personnel, just outside the church office. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action.

Presently serving on the Committee are Kimberley Buck de Jesus - Chair, Bob Charman, Marlene Godfrey, Barb McLaughlin and Pat Tippett.

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**A special THANK-YOU** to Luiz de Jesus, Dennis Lackie, Graham McCrea, Don Sage and Pat Small for setting up the stage last weekend so that we might accommodate the L'Aboiteaux Choir who performed on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Additional thanks to Don and Luiz who managed the sound during the afternoon event.

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This week, as part of our ecumenical prayers, **WE PRAY for the congregation** of the **Lutheran Church Good Shepherd**, their pastors, and their ministry.

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**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE** – Stewards give thanks and shout “Hosanna!” every day, knowing that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

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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

On this day, as we remember mothers,  
we remember that the followers of Jesus in the Gospels include many women:

**Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene,  
Mary and Martha, Salome, Susanna, Joanna,  
the Canaanite woman and her daughter,  
the Samaritan woman, Philip's four daughters,  
Peter's mother-in law, women who had been healed  
or touched by Jesus and many, many more.**

As we give thanks today for the wise-women in our lives, we remember their stories,  
guidance, and leadership in our community as well as scripture.

**Some used the utterance of wisdom,  
another the gift of knowledge,  
others became healers and interpreters of tongues.**

**All used their gifts for the common good.**

**In the presence of the Spirit, in the power of Pentecost love,  
they proclaimed a vision of God's shalom.**

Today, we remember the women of history  
who have been moved by the Spirit  
to proclaim and live out God's vision of peace with justice:

**May your daughters prophesy justice  
and your sons dream peace!**

On this Mother's Day, let us lift up to God the names of women  
in our own lives who have mothered us and  
witnessed to us the power of love and the Spirit:

**Amen!**

## PRAYER OF APPROACH

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 in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray, “Our Father...”**

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**Protector of all, So many of us come this morning  
with the weight of the world on our shoulders.**

**We are burdened with our own problems  
and with the problems of the world that we just can't solve.  
Anxiety and pain separate us from one another and from you.**

*Silence*

**Remind us that your prayer for us is to become one—  
to share each other's hopes and burdens,  
to create a world where resources are shared  
so that all have enough for full human life.**

**Transform our separate lives into one life shared in you;  
take away the armor that shields us from the pain of others  
and fill us with joy that radiates from the core of our being.  
In the joyful spirit of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF BLESSING

Be joyful this day because you are not the burdens you carry!  
Instead you are the beautiful image God created and is creating you to be!  
And God is creating a Beloved Community in our midst!

**HYMN # 315**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY***

(NICAEA)

**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.

***WE REFLECT UPON OUR COMMON STORY***

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Acts 1:15–17, 21–26**

Matthias is elected as an apostle.

**Psalms 1 (VU p. 724)**

Blessed are those who delight in God's law.

**John 17:6–19**

"May my joy be made complete in them."

God's story is for all people.

**It is ours to receive and share.**

**HYMN # 710**

***SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER***

(HANSON PLACE)

**SERMON**

***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE***

**OFFERING / ANTHEM**

**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.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN # 420**

***GO TO THE WORLD***

(SINE NOMINE)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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

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## NATIONAL NURSING WEEK

This week draws attention to nurses, increasing the awareness of the public, policy-makers and governments of the many contributions of nursing to the well-being of Canadians.

In 1971, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) designated May 12, the birthday of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, as International Nurses Day. In 1985, CNA members passed a resolution to begin negotiations with the federal government to have the week containing May 12 proclaimed as National Nurses Week annually. Soon after, the federal minister of health proclaimed the second week of May as National Nurses Week. In 1993, the name was changed to National Nursing Week to emphasize the profession's accomplishments as a discipline.

Thank you to the many nurses in our congregation and in our lives who make such an incredible difference in our community.

### Today's Team

#### Greeters & Ushers:

*South Door – Alma St.*

Greet: Joan Donald, Peggy Fraser

*North Door – Victoria St.*

Greet: Sue Leighton

Offering: Peggy Fraser, Betty Mountain

Scripture Reader: Barb McLaughlin

Elevator: Pat Arsenault

Grocery Card Sales: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

Offering: Carol Davidson, Shirley Brown

Tellers: Sheri Brooks, Sandra MacFarlane

Sound Board: Luiz de Jesus

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