

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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

"Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?"

Mark 4:40 (NRSV)

"You're gonna need a bigger boat."

Martin Brody, Chief of Police
From the movie, JAWS



The bulletin is dedicated in Loving Memory of

Freda Murray

By Daughter, Lynn Murray

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 24	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP - Grocery Sunday (see note)
July 1- 31			St. John's UC closed
July 30	Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Church Office re-opens
Aug. 5	Sun.	10:00 a.m.	WORSHIP SERVICE (note time change)

OFFERING FROM June 17, 2018

Local	\$1,596.35 (44)	Memorials	\$60.00
Local PAR	\$6,644.20 (77)	Bulletin	\$50.00
Mission & Service	\$258.00 (14)	VBS	\$150.00
Mission & Service PAR	\$862.46 (37)	Parking	\$150.00
Plate Loose	\$48.50	Facility	\$100.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00	Grocery Cards	\$900.00

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: \$11,275.00

Profit: \$451.00

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

Givings to date: \$11,097.26 (47%)

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GROCERIES FOR KARING KITCHEN (June 24, last Sunday of each month)

The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries: Ranch dressing, canned milk, onion powder, Minute Rice. *White Baskets will be at our two main entrances for your donations.* Thank you.



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This week, as part of our ecumenical prayers, **WE PRAY** for the congregation of the **Mount Zion Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**, their pastors, and their ministry.

**St. John's United Church is
"CLOSED" from July 1 – 31**

- ✦ This includes **Sundays (no Worship), July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**
- ✦ During the time we are "closed", you are welcome, and encouraged, to attend any of the other United Churches in the area that are open on these Sundays.
- ✦ The Church Office re-opens on **July 30, 2018**
- ✦ Sunday Worship will **resume here on August 5.** Worship begins at **10:00 a.m.** during the month of August and until after the Labour Day weekend in September.
- ✦ Worship will return to regular start time of **11:00 a.m. on September 9.**
- ✦ For emergency pastoral care during Aaron's vacation, please listen to the message on the church telephone.

NO PARKING ON VICTORIA STREET - Please note the City of Moncton has recently removed the "For Church Purposes Only" parking sign on the south side of Victoria street, due to the no parking restriction by-law being enforced. As a result, we will no longer be able to park or offer Handicap parking on this side of the church on Sunday mornings. Handicap parking will still be available on the Alma street side.

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UPDATED CHURCH HISTORY - Back in the year 2000, St. John's published Gerry Dayton's wonderful book "A Monument of Faith", a history of the St. John's congregation from 1838-2000. We are currently working on updating our church history to bring us to the present day as a way of celebrating our church's 170th anniversary this November. If you have any news clippings from the Times and Transcript or photographs from the year 2000 to the present, we would gratefully receive them (and return them once they have been copied.) Please see Roberta Bunker, Valerie Roy or Aaron Billard if you are able to share any articles or photographs. Thank you in advance! We look forward to sharing our progress with you! *The History Book Committee*

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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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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**)*

Sunday School and Nursery Care are now finished and will resume in late September.
Children are asked to remain with their parents throughout the service.
The Nursery is available for parental use.

PRELUDE

*I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR
HE SHALL FEED HIS FLOCK*

Robert Lowry (arr. by Dennis Johnson)
G.F. Handel (arr. by Ethel T. Rogers)

WE GATHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

It's good when we gather together in unity accepting our diversity. We are people who live different lives, believe different things, yet find our common hope together.

When waters are rough,

We hold each other tightly.

When the sea begins to swallow us,

We hold each other tightly and call on God.

But we also need God and each other when there are no looming waves.

We can splash and play like children in the shallow end

And venture into deeper waters with trusted friends.

Delighting in refreshing currents of community

And savouring our moments together.

Welcome to this sanctuary of peace, where we listen for the breath of God.

We gather today to feel the winds of God in our lives.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ever-living God, you are like the sea:

Powerful and endless, yet soothing and constant.

Let us feel your refreshing presence

as we gather near your waters

to wade in the possibilities of life that you offer us this day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, sometimes we are like David, and sometimes Goliath:
forgive us for our two-sided nature.**

**We face the powerful with righteous anger,
but cling to any sense of power that we attain.**

**We are grateful when grace is extended to us,
yet remain absent-minded of this when others have wronged us.
We treat our own as family, yet ignore sisters and brothers
whom we see only from a distance.**

**As people of paradox, we long for oneness with ourselves
and others, with Christ and creation,
so that justice and love may flow freely.**

(Moment of silence and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace washes upon the turbulent shores of our lives;
and we are forgiven to begin again
to live at peace with ourselves and others,
with Christ and creation, allowing justice and love to flow freely through our lives.
Let's offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

HYMN # 442

WASH, O GOD, OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

(BEACH SPRING)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Liam Phillippe Savoie, son of Deanna (nee Gilks) & Gaetan Savoie
Godparents: Angela Mahoney Martin and Jason Martin*

WE REFLECT UPON OUR COMMON STORY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49

David and Goliath.

Psalms 9 (VU pp. 732–734)

I will tell of God's marvellous deeds.

Mark 4: 35–41

Jesus stills a storm.

God's story is for all people.

It is ours to receive and share.

SERMON

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

CALL TO OFFERING

O God, you have offered unique gifts to each one of us.
 Teach us to celebrate and share those gifts
 so that we may create communities of graciousness and love.
 Through Jesus, we are reminded of the difference
 that an individual contribution can make.
 Let us offer our gifts generously for the service of all.

OFFERING / ANTHEM

THE NEW 23RD

Ralph Carmichael

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

**O God,
 we ask you to take these gifts, bless them, and use them
 to calm storms and create in our communities
 new, imaginative, and life-giving streams. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG, P. 959)

HYMN # 625

I FEEL THE WINDS OF GOD

(KINGSFOLD)

BENEDICTION

**We are the waters in which God swims.
 Through the currents, crashing waves,
 and depths of the unknown, a Holy Presence remains.
 May God continue charting new courses and
 ways of being in the world
 that unites creation in a collective call of "Peace! Be still!"**

POSTLUDE

CLASSICAL POSTLUDE

James Denton

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

MEMORIALS

*A donation has been made to St. John's United Church
in Memory of:*

Jean Barks (mother of John Barks and Peggy Frost)
by Marg & Jerry Kennedy

Phyllis Melanson (sister of Evie Wadman)
by Grant & Lillian MacMellon

Alberta Ross (mother of Carolyn Beers)
by Marg & Jerry Kennedy

Today's Team

Greeters & Ushers:

South Door – Alma St.

Greet: Hal Sherrard

Offering: Darrell & Mona Miller

Scripture Reader: Valerie Roy

Elevator: Pat Arsenault

Grocery Card Sales: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

North Door – Victoria St.

Greet: Liz Parker, Marlene Harrity

Offering: Dianne Logan, Valerie Roy

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Sound Board: Luiz de Jesus



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Have a memorable and safe vacation!