

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

WELCOME! A warm welcome is extended to all.

"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."

More Voices #84, In You There Is a Refuge

An Edited Message on the Former Maritime Conference and the new Regions 14 (New Brunswick, parts of Quebec, and PEI) and 15 (Nova Scotia and Bermuda)

Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region. Yes, it's a mouthful, but it really describes where and who we are. That wasn't easy given that we are a region made up of bodies of land separated by water and the necessity of excluding what we have been connected to for so long...

Your commission has been working at getting us functioning in our new format. It has almost been like doing a big Spring cleaning. In creating a new structure, old methods needed to be examined. What should be kept the same? What needs to be different? What can we let go of? Where do we need a totally new idea? The guideline for examining everything has been, "Where is the Spirit in this?"

So very much is changing, so much is new, but policies and governance structures will not bring about the changes needed in the World. That can only come from our hearts.

So, here we all are again, in the same place at this same time of year. I am filled with joy and anticipation for our gathering in Sackville, to be with friends from our sister Region and bring the Youth Forum and Intermediates together. These are activities tremendously filled with Spirit and worth holding on to. It's still us. God is still God and we are still the Church.

Wishing you all peace, joy, and love,
Heather Donnelly, Chair, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Transition Commission



The bulletin is dedicated in Loving Memory of
Kenneth Stratton
 by Marg Stratton and Girls

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

May 26	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Grocery Sunday (see note)
May 27	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	UCW (monthly-Social Hall)
May 27	Mon.	7:15 p.m.	Pathfinders, Girl Guides of Canada (weekly-Social Hall)
May 28	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Council (monthly-Owen Fraser Hall)
May 30	Thur.	2:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care & Membership Comm. (Owen Fraser Hall)
May 30	Thur.	7:00 p.m.	Choir (weekly-Sanctuary/Fellowship Room)
June 1	Sat.		NB Association of Food Banks (Social Hall)
June 2	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Council Investiture
June 4	Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Christian Development Comm. (Owen Fraser Hall)
June 5	Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
June 9	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP and Sunday School - Deadline to sign-up for Church Picnic
June 10	Mon.	6:30 p.m.	M&P Committee (Owen Fraser Hall)
June 14	Fri.	1:30 p.m.	Karing Kitchen Board (Owen Fraser Hall)
June 14	Fri.		Facility rental
June 15	Sat.		Facility rental
June 16 (changed from June 9)	Sun.	11:00 a.m.	WORSHIP, Sunday School Closing and honour Graduates at <u>Rotary Lodge, Camp Centennial</u> followed by Church Picnic (see note)

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: \$7,575.00

Profit: \$303.00

OFFERING FROM May 19, 2019 & PAR

Local	\$2,148.15 (43)	Sunday School	\$2.50
Local - PAR	\$6,087.20 (73)	Facility Use Revenue	\$665.00
Mission & Service	\$173.00 (10)	Parking Revenue	\$300.00
M&S - PAR	\$790.46 (35)	Wedding Fees	\$225.00
Easter	\$5.00	Karing Kitchen (forward)	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00	Grocery Cards	\$250.00
Plate Loose	\$55.00		

To date - as of April 30: Revenue \$79,683.27 Expenses \$100,341.65 Deficit \$20,658.38
 Thank you for your generous and continued support!

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

Givings to date: \$8,659.71 (38%)

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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: can chicken or vegetable soup, Stove Top dressing, can diced tomatoes. *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 16**, 2019. Please submit the names to Roberta Bunker (382-6270), Lois Weatherby (856-8899), or the church office **prior to June 9**. Thank you.

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DEDICATE THE BULLETIN in memory of a loved one(s). The cost is \$50.00. Contact the Church Office to select a Sunday. Upcoming dates available: June 16, August. 25 and December 15.

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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.

CHURCH PICNIC

Fun for All Ages

Sunday, June 16

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 9** 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 – Drink deeply of God's grand vision for the earth, for it will feed us on the walk of faith.

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CHURCH FACT – July 26, 1872 – “Mr. Matthews having tendered his resignation as Sexton, it was resolved that Mr. McAllister be instructed to ask Mr. Condon whether he would undertake the duties of Sexton – and it is to be understood that the remuneration of 55 cts. per week is to include sweeping, and cleaning the church when the same is necessary.” (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

*GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (piano)
JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE*

arr. Cindy Berry
arr. Paul Manz

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

From God comes the wonder of creation.

We will worship God the Creator.

From God comes healing for the brokenness we see.

We will worship God our Redeemer.

From God comes the strength to face the new day.

We worship God our Sustainer.

(Written by Katherine Hawker, Outside the Box)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Living God,

Maker of heaven and earth,

we come into your presence

and we know ourselves to be recipients of

great and wonderful gifts —

the earth, the sky, the waters —

given to us here in such abundance and beauty.

We lead enormously privileged lives.

Don't let our comfort blind us to the newness

you are making in our midst —

a newness that is taking us in directions

we would not choose on our own;

a newness that moves our safe horizons

out beyond what we can control.

**This much does not change:
You are our God; we are your people,
bound to you by the love of Jesus Christ
and by the call of your Holy Spirit.
Faithful God, hold us deep in that truth
even as you move us into your new creation.**

**Creating and re-creating God,
take us in our uncertainties
and make us new.**

**We pray in the name of your Son,
who has gone ahead of us into your new future
and who beckons us follow. Amen.**

(Written by Christine Jerrett)

HYMN # 315

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

(NICAEA)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord,

**You know how easy it is for us to sit here,
tethered to our darkness and fear.**

We get bound up by chains of mistrust.

We dare not to hope,

for so many times before we have been disappointed.

So we sit here and wonder where you are.

We are not unlike the disciples

who wondered also, who feared.

Lord, come to us in our darkness.

Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy.

Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory.

Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love.

For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day.
Feel the healing presence of God in your lives.
Accept God's love and hope for you.
This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ,
God's risen Son our Lord. AMEN.

(Written by Nancy Townley, *Worship Connection*)

SOLO – PIANO

MORNING HAS BROKEN
ATACAMA DESERT
Allie Billard
THE HAUNTED MOUSE
Eli Billard

Traditional

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 67 (VU p. 786)

Let the light of God's face shine upon us.

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John's vision of the city of God.

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will come to teach.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN # 282

LONG BEFORE THE NIGHT

(THIS ANCIENT LOVE)

SERMON

OFFERING / ANTHEM

LORD, LIFT ME UP!

Mary MacDonald

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN # 256

O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING

(THAXTED)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

arr. Joel Raney

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

We thank Allie & Eli Billard for adding to our Worship by playing the piano.

Today's Team

Greeters & Ushers:

South Door – Alma St.

Greet: Mary Campbell

Offering: Mary Campbell, Art Buck

Scripture Reader: June Jefford

Elevator: Pat Arsenault

Grocery Card Sales: Kimberley Buck de Jesus

North Door – Victoria St.

Greet: Claire MacNevin

Offering: Claire MacNevin, Lucille McCurdy

Tellers: Lucille McCurdy, Joan Leblanc

Sound Board: Bob Hebert

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