

May 13, 2012

6th Sunday of Easter – MOTHER'S DAY – Christian Family Sunday

Honor your Mother

She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;

Proverbs 31:27-28

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH

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Check our website, www.stjohnsmoncton.ca for times of meetings, events, etc.
St. John's is on Face Book! (Search for St. John's United Church Moncton, under groups)

WELCOME!

A warm welcome is extended to all - especially those who are worshipping at St. John's for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence enriches both us and this time of celebration together.



*This bulletin has been given
In Loving Memory of Jim Piers and Penny Piers
by Peggy Piers and Pam Piers.*

St. John's United Church Cares...

To notify the Minister of personal concerns and 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@nb.aibn.com

NOTICES, UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS Denis Cool & Patricia Hayes, who bring their church membership to us from the former Wesley Memorial.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Take-Out Supper last week: the carrot cake bakers, drivers, ticket sellers, clean-up crew – we need you all, and appreciate those outside the UCW who pitch in and help. Our profit on the event was \$4,404.

UCW LIFE MEMBERSHIP - Congratulations to Ann Smith who was presented her UCW Life Membership Pin on Tuesday evening. Ann has been our UCW Treasurer for the past 14 years, and we appreciate her contribution and commitment in this regard.

PENNIES FOR POSTAGE - The Sunday School Teens need your pennies! Did you know the Church spends an average of \$950 a year on postage, and about \$450 of that amount is spent on mailing bulletins, sermons and audio CD's to shut-ins? To help out, the teens would like to raise \$950 in pennies before the penny is eliminated in the fall. So bring in your pennies and drop them in to the Penny Pigs near the main entrances, or put them in a baggy and place them in the collection plate. **Small change makes big cents!** Current Total: \$14.

Calendar of St. John's Meetings & Events

Check our website for information on meetings, events, etc. at: www.stjohnsmoncton.ca

May	13	Sun	9:30 am	MEN'S CHOIR Practice	
			11:00 am	WORSHIP SERVICE - Recognition of 50th Anniversary of UCW	
				SUNDAY SCHOOL & Childcare	
			12:15 pm	CHERUB CHOIR Practice (<i>Norman Sinclair room</i>)	
			3:00 pm	Beauséjour Choir CONCERT	
	15	Tue	Meet: 4 pm Eat: 6 pm	FELLOWSHIP Group - Pot Luck Supper - Fred & Betty Plant's summer home.	
	16	Wed	<i>Cancelled</i>	WINGS - postponed to May 23 rd . See notice below.	
	17	Thur	7:00 pm	Senior CHOIR Practice	
	20	Sun	10:30 am	BOARD of TRUSTEES Meeting	
			<i>Cancelled</i>	MEN'S CHOIR Practice	
			11:00 am	WORSHIP SERVICE	
				SUNDAY SCHOOL & Childcare	
			12:15 pm	CHERUB CHOIR Practice (<i>Norman Sinclair room</i>)	
			12:30 pm	PASTORAL CARE & MEMBERSHIP Committee Meeting	
	22	Tue.	7:00 pm	CHURCH COUNCIL Meeting	
	23	Wed	6:00 pm	WINGS	
	24	Thur	7:00 pm	Senior CHOIR Practice	
	26	Sat	8:30 am - 1 pm	Spring RUMMAGE SALE	
	27	Sun	9:30 am	MEN'S CHOIR Practice	
			11:00 am	WORSHIP SERVICE	
				SUNDAY SCHOOL & Childcare	
			12:15 pm	CHERUB CHOIR Practice (<i>Norman Sinclair room</i>)	
LOOKING AHEAD... Mark your calendar!					
Jun.	9	Sat.	10 am - 4 pm	SUNDAY SCHOOL SEASON-CLOSING EVENT	
	10	Sun	12:30 pm	CHURCH PICNIC at Centennial Rotary Lodge	

WINGS Change of Date Notice - The next WINGS get-together will be May 23rd. We would like to extend our gratitude to Valerie Roy, our last speaker, who shared her personal life story; she is an inspiration to all of us. Our own Sophie will be the next speaker to share her expertise on Children's Car Seat Safety along with Rules & Regulations.

There will be 2 more get-togethers, June 6th & 20th. On one of these, we will be going bowling, along with the children.

GROCERIES FOR THE KARING KITCHEN - The Outreach Committee would like to bring your attention to the Karing Kitchen's need for these groceries:

Tomato Soup

Salad Dressings

Canned Vegetables

Juice Crystals

White Baskets will be at our 2 main entrances on May 27th for your donations.

Application Deadline is this Tuesday, May 15th

RUBY YOUNG MEMORIAL CAMP FUND AWARDS

Attention Children: Are you planning to go to camp this summer?

Children attending St. John's United Church who are attending camp this summer, are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the Ruby Young Memorial Camp Fund to help cover summer camp costs.

Application forms, with details on eligibility and how to apply, are available by the Church bulletin boards, and online at www.stjohnsmoncton.ca. **Application Deadline is May 15th**. Return your application to St. John's United Church Office (75 Alma St., Moncton, NB E1C 4Y3) or you may leave it in the *Office* mail slot near the Church Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available to students who have been active, and are currently participating, within the congregational life of St. John's United Church.

1. 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.
2. 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 United Church.
3. 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.

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Spring Rummage Sale



Saturday, May 26th ~ 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Here, in St. John's Church Basement

**You'll find clothes galore, handy household items,
books, toys, and many more types of articles.**

For those of you doing your spring-cleaning - please keep us in mind as we gather in donations of household items, clothing, etc. for this UCW fundraiser sale. We encourage you to bring in only saleable items (not items ready for the garbage, as this creates extra work here).

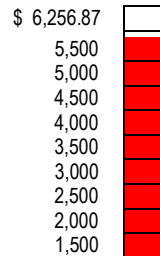
Please bring your donated items to the Church no later than noon on Friday, May 25th.

If you can help setup for the sale, please come to the Social Hall on Friday, May 25th at 2 pm.

PHOTOCOPIER FUND - To-date we have received 86.3% (\$5,401.23) of the total amount needed to pay this unexpected and unbudgeted bill of \$6,257 for a new photocopier. Special thanks to all who have donated to this fund.

We still need \$855.64

If you too wish to donate, please include it in your offering envelope, or use a special envelope with your name, and write "**Photocopier Fund**" beside the amount. All donations are receiptable for income tax purposes.



SOBEYS, SUPERSTORE & CO-OP SHOPPING CARDS - Sobeys and Superstore cards in denominations of \$100, \$50, & \$25; and Coop cards in \$50s and \$25s are available for sale every Sunday at the sales table in the Great Hall during fellowship/coffee time.

If you're not using these cards, please consider doing so.

Your support of this fundraiser is needed & appreciated. It's a great way to support your church!

2012 Sales to-date: \$ 28,850; Profit: \$ 1,164.07.

CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the Bulletin Board for other Events that may not be listed here.

CELTIC SINGERS from NOVA SCOTIA will perform at St. Andrew's United Church in Rexton on Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 pm. This is a fundraiser for their Restoration project. The Celtic Singers offer a program of traditional Irish, Scottish, and Welsh music, as well as some Nova Scotia favourites - an evening of traditional music at this historic church. Price: \$15.00.

ANNUAL BARBEQUE: PORK CHOP or CHICKEN - Sat. May 26th from 3:30-6:00 pm at Hillsborough United Church. Includes chicken or pork chop, potato salad or baked potato, roll, coleslaw, dessert and tea or coffee. Adults \$12, or Family \$30 with children 12-years-old-or-under. Tickets at the door.

WORSHIP SERVICE

WE GATHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY

*(The congregation is invited to join in responses printed in **bold**)*

ORGAN PRELUDE

DOXOLOGY # 541

PRAISE GOD

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, one.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song.

Let our joy be complete!

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song;

Love one another!

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song;

No longer servants but friends!

Come; let our worship make a joyful noise,

Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O beloved God, All the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power. We feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside. We rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends, and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Written by Thom Schuman

Joy-giving God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but who sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices.

Sing to us, Conductor of Grace; sing of your forgiveness, your hope, and your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes can see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we will echo that new song of hope and life, composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *(Silence is kept...)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Listen to the melody of the good news: Christ is risen, bringing joy into the world. The One who was dead now lives, and wraps us in the delight of life forever with our God.

Now, our dirges have turned to joy; our requiem has been rearranged as a hymn of hope; and our laments are lost in a cantata of praise. Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Amen.

HYMN # 296

THIS IS GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

CHILDREN'S TIME

CANDLE LIGHTING - 50th Anniversary of the United Church Women *Our Tapestry of Love*

WE REFLECT UPON OUR COMMON STORY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Proverbs 31:10-31 She speaks with wisdom.

John 15:9-17 Love one another.

God's story is for all people.

It is ours to receive and share.

SERMON

HYMN # 340 *JESUS, FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

LITANY FROM INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

We enter into faith in God,

Female and male alike, for we are all together in Jesus Christ.

Yet more than this, as we prepare to welcome Jesus, in the way that we welcome the gift of roses to our door, Jesus is already preparing to welcome us, as he welcomed the Samaritan women at the well.

We are welcomed, female and male alike, for we are all together in Jesus Christ.

In the entire world - in its creation, width and breadth - is God's grace, ready to be celebrated. In shouting and praising, even when we struggle with our gender, when injustice is around, when we least want or expect it, God's grace is with us.

Female and male alike, God's grace encompasses us all.

Christ arrives at the right moment to challenge injustice, to challenge the treatment of women in our community, and to challenge our structures and actions.

Yet in our weakness, whether male or female, Christ still died.

While we question, and do not understand, all that is God, and while we question the actions of our community, and the treatment of those we love, Christ struggles with us, in the power of God.

Bring us to a time, when as women and as men, we celebrate the warmth of God together; where we are aware of our weakness and strengths, as we honour and praise the fullness of God.

THE PEACE

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in this safe and sacred place. So let us greet another as a sign of God's peace. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING & CHOIR ANTHEM *When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides* Ken Wehlander

OFFERTORY # 543 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

*We give thee but thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, O God, from thee.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken, VU p. 921)

HYMN # 211 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Make a Difference*

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*You are invited to join us in the Great Hall
after this service for a time of fellowship and refreshments.*

TODAY'S GREETERS & USHERS:

South Door - Alma St.:

Greeters: Brenda & Garth Stewart

Offering: Gerry & Jack Christie, Brenda & Garth Stewart

North Door - Victoria St.:

Greeters: Darrell & Mona Miller

Offering: Shirley Brown, Joan Dunlap, Darrell & Mona Miller

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