

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

FREDERICTON, N.B.

May 20, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive...” Haruki Murakami

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: In the storms of life lean on the heart of God

All: **I am leaning on the heart of God. I am resting there in silence.**

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All: **I am leaning on the heart of God. It is enough for me to know the heart of God is with me, full of mercy and compassion, tending to the wounds I bear. Amen**

***OPENING HYMN: “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” 395**

OPENING PRAYER: (Begin with silence)

One-More-Step-Along-the-Way God, thank you for traveling with me. Some days there are too many twists and turns in my day and I do not know what to do or say. Inspire me yet again O God to believe that you care about what is happening to me and to our world. Reach out to me through others, hold my hand and give me strength for today and tomorrow. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like A Rock”

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

CONVERATION TIME:

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 42

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Gospel Lesson: Matthew 14: 22-33

SERMON: “Hope Floats”

***HYMN: “God of the Bible”**

(see insert)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

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**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.**

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

God of a Big Heart, open wide our eyes to look beyond the outside of every person we meet. Help us O God, to see our neighbour and strangers with your eyes of compassion. We never know the weight someone may be carrying on their shoulders. Bless our offerings and may they be used to help both our neighbours and strangers who live side- by-side in our community. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me” 635**

***COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BLESSING:**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
 God will go with you each hour of everyday.
 Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
 Know He will guide you in all you do.
 Go now in love, and show you believe.
 Reach out to others so all the world can see.
 God will be there watching from above.
 Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
 Amen. Amen. Amen.**

POSTLUDE



**MINISTER
 ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
 OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
 CUSTODIAN**

**REV. KELLY HIGGINS
 HEATHER FYFFE
 MARSHA DALEY
 EDWARD GALLANT**

**Sunday Worship and Sunday School: 11 a.m.
 Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12noon; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 Rev. Kelly’s office hours: Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday, 9 – 12 noon.
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CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to all! May this worship experience be meaningful and spiritual for you. Everyone is invited to share in **coffee/tea/cookies** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Enid Beckwith & Judy Jewett. **Tellers** today are the Morrison & Seymour Team and next week will be Dale Horncastle & Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Kelsey Ridler and next week will be Susan Madore.

Services & Meetings this week: May 21 - 26, 2018.

Tuesday 1:30 Women Together
 Wednesday 2:00 **Dinner for the Samaritan’s Purse Clean-Up Crew (see page 4)**
 6:15 Pathfinders

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

May 27 11:00 Conference Sunday. Rev. Kelly and Jean Henry will be attending conference. Guest Minister is Rev. Lisa Greenwood.
 June 3 11:00 Sunday School Service & Potluck
 June 8 9:00 Set-Up for Yard Sale
 June 9 8:00 Gibson Yard Sale & Breakfast 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 June 17 11:00 Father’s Day & Graduation Sunday & Holy Communion

A donation has been made to **Gibson Memorial United Church** in memory of **Murray Jones**, April 23, 1932 – May 16, 1998, by Aletha Jones and family.

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be supporting the Samaritan’s Purse Clean-up crew on Wednesday, May 23rd. We will be supplying a Chicken Dinner to 40 people. If anyone would like to help prepare the dinner, please contact the office.

Gibson Memorial United Church will be celebrating our **Graduates** from High School, Community College or University on **June 17th**, during the morning service. Could you please let Marsha know before **June 10th** if you would like their names in the bulletin, Thanks!

The Robert Maynard Coburn Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships, valued at \$200.00, are made possible through a contribution from the estate of **Mr. Allan Greene** given in loving memory of **Bobby Coburn**, the brother of Mr. Greenell’s wife Helen, who was killed in a tragic accident in 1943 at the age of eleven years. The scholarships will be awarded to high school graduates who are members or adherents of Gibson Memorial United Church intending to further their education at the University, Community College or equivalent upgrading level. Application forms are available at the church office. The deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, June 8, 2018**. The Scholarships will be presented on June 17, 2018.

Summer Student. Gibson is also very pleased to announce that **Tyler Seymour**, through a shared United Church Grant and Gibson Memorial Church, will be working at Gibson for the summer. Gibson will be offering a **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** for a week this summer...watch upcoming bulletins for more details!

A Note from Mission and Outreach:

Due to the increased demand for food in the last 3 weeks, our FOOD CUPBOARD is almost bare. Child Tax Credit Cheques will soon be mailed out as well as social assistance cheques. Until then, we are simply trying to provide food to those who need it. If you are able would you consider donating some of the following items: A loaf of Bread and Peanut Butter; A box of Pasta and Pasta Sauce; A loaf of bread and a carton of eggs; Juice Boxes for children. These are the most popular food items that the people in our community enjoy using to prepare a meal for their family. All of you have been so generous and because of your generosity our "Outreach Work" to the community is able to continue. Thank you again for your caring hearts; your faith in action. You do make a difference in the lives of so many people. Thanks again!

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. (average)	95	2,303	- 1,097
Feb. (average)	85	1,970	- 3,527
Mar. (average)	86	2,312	- 4,589
Apr. (average)	97	2,747	- 3,737
May 6	91	2,358	- 3,956
May 13	113	2,874	- 3,659

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,577* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$783 per week) is included in the amount for each week.

-Bulletins can be donated in memory of loved ones. The cost of bulletin covers is approx. \$20. Bulletins can also be donated for Anniversary, Birthday and for other Celebrations.

-PAR, Pre-Authorized remittance is available. Please contact the office for more information.

-\$2,577 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings.

A Message from the Office:

During Coffee Time, you will notice a "**Welcome Table**" has been set up to provide you with all kinds of resources and information that may be of interest to you. Whether you've been here 30 years or 6 months this table may have information that may be of interest to you. Today, the table has copies of THE UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER, the devotional called THE UPPER ROOM, MISSION AND SERVICE PAMPHLETS that let us know how the UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA is involved in helping people in Canada and in the World, A NEWCOMER'S INTRODUCTION TO OUR UNITED CHURCH CREED. *PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE ANY OF THESE RESOURCES. Also on the "Welcome Table" are boxes of Gibson United Church's offering envelopes. If you take a box of envelopes please write your name on the envelope list and include the number that is listed on the box. Each week we will be featuring new resources and items of information to keep you informed about what is happening in our church locally, nationally, and internationally. Please take time to check out our "Welcome Table" as you share in Coffee and Conversation. Thanks so much!

Upcoming Community Events: (see bulletin board for details)

- May 26 Barker's Point Lions Club Yard & Craft Sale at Gibson's church hall. Vendors \$15 per table – call Marg at 206-9014 to reserve a table. 8 a.m. to 12 noon
- May 27 Hymn-Sing & Concert at Forest Hill United Church 7 p.m.
- May 27 "Amazing Grace" Music Event at Nashwaaksis United Church, 7 p.m. There will be a free-will offering with refreshments served.
- June 3 Fundraiser Music Concert at Trinity United Church Minto, with special guests. Lintuhtime Music Choirs of Oromocto, 3 p.m.
- June 7, 8, 9 Monty Python's **SPAMALOT**, presented by Collective Theatrics, with Musical Director: Heather Fyffe At the Tom Morrison Theatre, \$20 per ticket.
- June 16 Annual Opal Family Services Community Fair, Yard Sale & BBQ, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Gibson Memorial hall

Community News:

Wishing the Fredericton Islamic Association best wishes on their religious holiday “Ramadan” which began this week on Wednesday May 16 and continues for 30 days until Thursday June 14th. We are pleased that you are part of the wider Community of Faith in our city.



Office News:

Are you receiving messages from Gibson? We are presently sending out messages to our Gibson Family by email, facebook and telephone. (Please note if you have Rogers as your telephone company you won't be able to receive telephone messages) If you would like to be on our email list, please give us your email address. Thanks!



Upcoming Fundraising events

- Feb. 13 Shrove Tuesday Dinner – Profit: \$1,225**
- Mar. 21 Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner– Profit: \$960**
- Apr. 18 Catering to Progressive Credit Union - \$1,120**
- Apr. 25 Catering to Retired Nurses - \$1,015**
- May 8 Catering to Folks on Spokes - \$300**
- May 16 Church Dinner – \$1,140**

- June 8 Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.**
- June 9 Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 12 noon**

- June 12 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.**
- June 13 BBQ Steak or Chicken – 4 – 6 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to help with making pies, set-up, working at the dinner and clean-up, so mark these dates on your calendar! We are asking families of the congregation to donate **\$20 a year** towards the cost of purchasing supplies. (Approximate cost per dinner is \$300, excluding the meat.) **Thanks to the congregation for their continued support of our Fund Raising.**

