

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH  
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 9, 2018 11:00 a.m. Welcome Back Sunday

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

\*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Extend to everyone all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.” Og Mandino

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Inspired by John O’Donohue

One: “In out-of-the-way places of the heart,”

All: This new beginning as a community of faith has been quietly forming,

One: Waiting until this moment when we come together again after our summer break.

All: Let us “awaken our spirits to adventure; Holding nothing back, learning to find ease in risk.”

One: Our community awaits us as we renew our covenant with the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER: (Silence) God of Kindness, we are gathered here today with one another after a summer of sunshine and travels. Hold us close as we come together to hear one another’s stories. It is important that we listen to each other tell where we’ve been and what has happened in our lives while we have been apart. September is a new beginning, a new start as a community of faith. Inspire us to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you and one another. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Like a Rock” (see back cover)

CHILDREN’S TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

A GOSPEL STORY: A Child Helps Jesus (Family Story Bible)

SERMON: “Little Bits of Good”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Heather Fyffe

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: “I Am the Light of the World  
“I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!”  
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above.

“I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!”  
If you follow and love you’ll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Nothing More” (see back cover)

\*COMMISSIONING & 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**

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MINISTER	REV. KELLY HIGGINS
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR	HEATHER FYFFE
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	MARSHA DALEY

Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.  
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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 **POTLUCK** and **conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today will be the Worship Committee and next Sunday, Sept. 16 will be Alice Sewell & Joel Wallace. **Tellers** today will be the Daley’s and Sunday, Sept. 16, will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan.

**Services & Meeting this week: Sept. 10 – 15, 2018.**

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	<b>Worship</b>

**Upcoming Services & Meetings:**

Sept. 18	6:00	Mission & Outreach Meeting
Sept. 18	7:00	Council Meeting
Sept. 23	11:00	Collective Theatrics Group
Sept. 26	7:00	Trustees Meeting

**Today’s bulletin** has been donated in memory of *Gerald Boone*, April 9, 1924 – September 4, 2012, by Millie, Ardith, Lorna, Doug and families.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Muriel Hallett & family** on the death of her sister, *Pauline Adams*.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Pauline Adams** by Margaret & Richard Allen, Boyd MacTavish and Edna Wishart.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Margaret Hawkes* by Springhill Infrastructure Limited.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Lorraine Coffin* by Lloyd & Catherine Lavalley.

**Office News:**

-Rev. Kelly needs your help ... If you know of anyone who is in the hospital, or in need of a visit, please contact the office!

-Children’s book are available for “free”. Please check out the books in the hall!

-**Volunteers** are needed...if you would like to help with **Greeting** (once or twice a year), **Tellers** (counting of the offering approximately 4 times a year), **Taping of the Services** (once a month), **Reading of the Scriptures** (as often as you like☺) and in the **Nursery** (once every two months) please contact the office.

-**Telephone & Email messages**...if you would like to receive our weekly messages on upcoming services & events, please let the office know your contact info. (But if you have Rogers as a provider you won’t be able to get telephone message)

**Pickles, Pickles, Pickles!** We will be making pickles to use at our Church Dinners. Donations of the following...bottles covers/lids (we have lots of bottles), white sugar, onions, cauliflower, celery, red & green pepper would be greatly appreciated! We will be gathering **Monday at 1:30 p.m.** to chop vegetables and then on Tuesday morning at 9:30 to prepare and bottle the pickles. All are welcome!

The first gathering of **Women Together** will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. All women are invited, we gather to knit, crochet, do puzzles, and have conversation time. No experience needed, it's a fun afternoon to visit with each other!

**Shuffleboard** is starting up on Monday and new members are welcome! They gather at 9:30 a.m., shuffle a bit, take a break for tea, cookies & social time and shuffle again until 11:45 a.m.

**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 (average)	91	2,440	- 3,644
June (average)	85	2,638	- 3,402
July (average)	77	2,834	- 2,118
Aug. (average)	57	2,318	- 3,155
Sept. 2	61	1,958	- 3,774

**Finance Notes:**-We need approx. \$2,577\* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$878 per week) is included in the amount 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.

**Upcoming Community Events:** (see bulletin board for details)

- Sept. 15 UCW Yard Sale, 8 – 12 noon at Marysville United Church
- Sept. 20 -22 Branch Out Production “Sister Act”, A Divine Musical Comedy, 7:30 p.m at the Tom Morrison Theatre
- Sept. 27 The UCW of New Maryland United will hold a Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 3 p.m. To book a table call Loraine Ward at 999-3558.
- Oct 11 Adult Singing Workshop at Central United Church, Moncton NB., 7pm. with Dr. Victoria Meredith
- Oct. 12 – 14 Choral Fest 2018, Come Sing with us! Central United Church, Moncton. Registration Deadline, Sept. 28



**Sunday School News!**

Exciting plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday School season. We have a new curriculum “**The Whole People of God**” and it’s awesome! Welcome Back Sunday will be Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and the children will be gathering in the hall for fun activities and snacks! Formal classes will begin **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>**.

The Sunday School are in need of:

**Teachers**

- Large foam floor tiles
- Couch pillows
- Green table clothes
- Old magazines

You may contact Jessica Clement at [jess.clement@hotmail](mailto:jess.clement@hotmail) if you have any questions. Thanks everyone for supporting our children!

To be humble, to be kind,  
It is the giving of the peace in your mind  
To a stranger, to a friend  
To give in such a way that has no end  
*We are love, We are one*  
*We are how we treat each other when the day is done*  
*We are peace, We are war,*  
*We are how we treat each other and nothing more*  
To be bold, to be brave;  
It is the thinking that the heart can still be saved.  
And the darkness can come quick.  
The danger's in the Anger and the hanging on to it.  
*We are love, We are one*  
*We are how we treat each other when the day is done*  
*We are peace, We are war,*  
*We are how we treat each other and nothing more*  
Tell me what it is that you see,  
A world that's full of endless possibilities?  
And Heroes don't look like they used to, they look like you do  
*We are love, We are one*  
*We are how we treat each other when the day is done*  
*We are peace, We are war*  
*We are how we treat each other and nothing more*

**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.



**Welcome Back Sunday**

**September 9, 2018**

***All are welcome in this place!***

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