

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 16, 2018 11:00 a.m. Seventeenth after Pentecost

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Raise your words, not your voice. It is rain that grows flowers,
not thunder.” Rumi

WE APPROACH GOD

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God of love, you have called us to be the church,

All: to grow in our understanding and concern for one
another.

One: May our church be an incarnation of your love within and
beyond these church doors.

All: Wherever there is loneliness, injustice, rejection or
misunderstanding inspire us to be channels of your
tender care. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: “Let Us Build a House” (see back cover)**

OPENING PRAYER: (Silence) God of Grace, It is important for
us to remember that wherever there is a human being there is an
opportunity for compassion. Help us to look beyond the outside
of a person to the inside of their heart that we may see what you
see, that we may love as you love. As we sail forward in an ever-
changing world, may our faith in you and in one another guide us
to bring peace and healing to alienated persons. We pray in the
name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming
strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Jesus, Friend of Little Children” 340

CHILDREN’S TIME

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Tyler Seymour

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD...

PSALM: Sophie Biffar’s version of Psalm 91 (sixth grade)

One: “When I am inside God’s walls, I feel safe. He protects me.

All: Even if all other walls fall, I will hold to the truth because
God is my refuge.

One: I live with the Lord in his fortress. The world is busy
outside of its walls.

All: My trust is in God, for God will guide me.” Amen.

A GOSPEL STORY: Mark 7: 24-37

SERMON: “So, You’re a little Weird?!”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Heather Fyffe

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung) 959

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY: 541**

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 Have Called ...”**

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded
children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

***CLOSING HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” 481**

***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

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.

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 will be Alice Sewell & Joel Wallace. **Tellers** today will be Mickey & Betty Lou Flanagan and next week will be the Daley Team. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price.

Services & Meeting this week: Sept. 17 -22, 2018.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	6:00	Mission & Outreach Meeting
	7:00	Council

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Sept. 23	11:00	Collective Theatrics Group
	12:00	90 th Birthday party for Stuart Henderson
Sept. 26	7:00	Trustees Meeting

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of our *Grampy*, Bob Jewett, by Annabelle & Veronica.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Fund** in memory of *Bob Jewett*, March 25, 1943 – September 16, 2017, by Judy & Family. **Roses** have been placed in the sanctuary in loving memory of *Bob* by Judy.

The Henderson Family would like to extend an invitation to celebrate **Stuart's 90th Birthday** next Sunday, Sept. 23rd after the service. We will be sharing in a light lunch and cake! All are welcome!

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Bert Worthen*, May 25, 1947 – September 16, 2014, by the Worthen Family.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Pauline Adams* by Susan Dodds, Rod & Hazel Stairs, Boyd MacTavish and Peter & Dorothy Snowball.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Helen Milburn* and *Lorraine Coffin* by Peter and Dorothy Snowball.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Helen Milburn* by the DECH Auxiliary Inc.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming “**Catch the Excitement**” events at Gibson: (watch upcoming bulletins for more information)

Dec. 14	Songs for a Winters Night: A Christmas dinner with live musical performance from Collective Theatrics, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Sunday School Christmas Concert & Potluck lunch, 11 a.m.
Dec. 23	Christmas Carol Sing, 11 a.m.

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. **I will be making up the lists this coming week. Thanks to all our Volunteers for your continuing support!**

-Also, if you would like to join the **Fundraising Committee** please contact the office. The upcoming events will be posted next week!

-**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)

-A special thank you to **all** who made **Welcome Back Sunday** a wonderful gathering. So looking forward to continuing my journey with you! **Rev. Kelly**☺☺

Congratulations to **Melissa & Joe Banks** on the birth of third child, **Abigail Lynn Banks**, weighing 6 lbs. 13 ozs. A baby sister to Taylor and Thomas. Proud grandparents are Chris & Lynn Banks and proud great-grandmother is Ruth Hawkes.

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. 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. 27th 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

Fun Facts: Did you know...

Sunday is the traditional day of worship for followers of the Way of Jesus. It is a day to worship, sing, pray, and break bread together. Each Sunday is meant to be a celebration, a “little Easter,” and a break from fasting and abstention, such as during Lent. The term **Sunday** comes to us from old English *Sunnandaeg*, a translation of the Latin *dies solis*, literally “the day of the sun.” This was the day upon which the disciples discovered the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus. *Sabbath* comes from Old English, through Greek form the Hebrew word *Shabbat*, meaning “to rest.” Sabbath is a day of rest or a time period of rest.

Let Us Build a House

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat: a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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