

**GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.**

May 12, 2019

Christian Family Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“Be a lamp, a lifeboat, a ladder. Help someone’s soul heal...” Rumi

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (inspired by R. Wagamese)

One: We are travellers on a sacred journey.

All: We will walk gently on the earth and do each other
no harm.

Together: We walk forward in grace and in love. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN: “Spirit, Open My Heart”** (see back cover)

OPENING PRAYER: (silence)

God of love, you touch our lives in so many ways. In the love others share with us, in the love we offer, your love shines on. Whoever we are, whatever we bring with us today, may we all find a place in Christ’s family, in whose name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “God of the Sparrow” 229

CONVERSATION TIME

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians: 13:1-8a Tom O’Connell

A GOSPEL STORY: John 15: 9-17

SERMON: “That’s Why I Love...”

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MINISTRY OF MUSIC

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY CREED (see page 6)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR 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.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Servant God, we thank you for the gift of life, the opportunity to act in service to one another. Help us always to choose love above all else. It is the most important choice we can make for each other. With our offering today may we widen our circle, may we bring hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry and acceptance to the disenfranchised. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “A Light Is Gleaming”** 82

***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

Sunday Worship: 11 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

Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in coffee/tea/juice **and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Sandra & Mel Pond and next week will be Brian & Joy Venno. **Tellers** today are Lyman Coy and Margaret Allen and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Brian Cail and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Lindsey MacKay.

Services & Meetings this week: May 13 - 18, 2019.

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard
	1:30	Pie Day
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	6:00	Catering to Fredericton Quilters
	7:00	Worship Committee
Thursday	7:00	Finance

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

May 22	4:00	Stuffer Pork Loin Dinner
May 28	7:00	Council
May 31	9:00	Set Up for Yard Sale & Breakfast, 9a.m. – 7 p.m.
June 1	8:00	Yard Sale & Breakfast 8 a.m. – 12 noon
June 2	11:00	Hymn Sing (see page 4)

Today's bulletin has been donated in honour of Mother's Day and in memory of *Mary Dodds* (February 3, 1927 – November 7, 2012) by daughter's Susan Dodds, Ellen Boone and Gail Bongard.

Sunday School News: The Sunday School Program is in need of more **volunteers!** If you have some time and would like to help with our children, please contact Jessica Clement or Ashley Sheppard.

The Robert Maynard Coburn Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarships, valued at \$200, are made possible through a contribution from the estate of Mr. Allan Greene given loving memory of Bobby Coburn, the brother of Mr. Greene'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 7, 2019 and the scholarships will be presented on June 16, 2019.**

Hymn Sing: We are having an old-fashioned Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 2nd. There is a sing-up sheet on a hall table following our morning service. So please let us know what you want to sing. The sheet will be in the hall today and next Sunday, May 12th. Heather will need time to prepare music. So, don't forget to sign the music sheet!

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	72	2,178	- 1,685
Feb.	93	2,354	- 3,042
Mar.	94	2,665	- 2,719
Apr.	118	3,412	+ 527
May 5	135	4,165	+ 2,092

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,600* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$947 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.

-\$2,600 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Offerings.

Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

Mar. 5	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Profit: \$1,361
Mar. 27	Turkey Dinner – Profit: \$1,905
Apr. 24	Catering - Retired Nurses Dinner – Profit - \$904
May 13	Pie Day – 1:30 p.m.
May 14	Catering to Fredericton Quilters – 6 p.m.
May 21	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
May 22	Stuffed Pork Loin Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
May 28	Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon.
May 31	Set up for Yard Sale – 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
June 1	Breakfast & Yard Sale – 8 – 12 noon
June 14	Catering to a Wedding - 7 p.m.
June 18	Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
June 19	Steak/Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.

Notes:

- We are gladly accepting your **Yard Sale** donations! Please call the office and let us know you are coming and we will store the items in the church basement.
- **Volunteers** are needed for each event. If you haven't volunteered for an event and would like to, please let me know and we will welcome you! Otherwise volunteers will receive an email before each event.
- And each year we ask families of the congregation to donate **\$20** towards the cost of purchasing supplies!

Christian Family Sunday Creed

We are a church family.

We come from various walks of life.

Our families, though many and different, we cherish.

We are as distinct as the many grains of sand in God's creation.

We are one,

We are many,

We are widows,

We are single,

We are married without children,

We are married with children,

We are separated,

We are single parents,

We are divorced,

We are interracial families,

We are blended families,

We are foster families,

We are families of all sexual orientations and gender identities,

We are widowers,

Though different we are all the same,

We are God's Family.

We believe in each other; the journeys we're on.

We trust that although we experience changes,

a family blessed by the spirit of love, survives and grows.

We are called to be servants to one another:

to offer encouragement and acceptance

to bring comfort and challenge

to give support and love

to seek justice and peace

that all may know wholeness and well being.

All of us are a part of God's Family.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God!

...Kelly D. Higgins...1994 (revised 2018)

Spirit Open My Heart
Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.

God replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace, I now surrender.
(Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.
(Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.
(Refrain)

