

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

May 5, 2019 145 Years Young Anniversary Sunday

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“And remember, as it was written, to love another person is to see the face of God.” Victor Hugo

“DAY BY DAY” Collective Theatrics

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: “You are my people, I am your God. You are my people, close to my heart.”

All: We come in the spirit of grace, knowing that we are called to be God's people, to do justice and to love kindness.
Amen.

* HYMN: “Make a Joyful Noise” 820

PRAYER: (silence) Draw near to us O God as we celebrate our church family, past and present. We thank you for the founders of this congregation, all those before us who lived in faith; who worked in hope of making a difference in this community and our world. We call on your abiding attention, love, and guidance that we may be your faithful people through another day, another week, another year.
Amen.

“THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE” Sunday School Children

CONVERSATION TIME

“LIKE A ROCK” Sunday School Children

“ANDANTE ESPRESSIVO” by Felix Mendelssohn *Genevieve MacRae*

A CELEBRATION: “For God So Loved the World God Gave...”

“ANDANTE by Friedrich Kuhlau *Genevieve MacRae*

A CELEBRATION: “For God So Loved the World God Gave...”

“Les Fifres” by Jean Francois Dandrieu *Genevieve MacRae*

CONGREGATIONAL PROMISE: (see back of bulletin)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: “The Breath You Take” Tyler Seymour

*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: God of the journey, you call us to be the church. Help us to understand what this means for us as we contemplate a vision of growing a church family where everywhere is welcome. We bring our gifts to you so that we can bring friendship and love to those who are feeling afraid, hungry, lost and alone. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jewish Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.

HYMN: "WE ARE A RAINBOW"

Collective Theatrics

Chorus:

*We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace
for the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky.
paint the world in colours proud and bold and free.*

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
CUSTODIAN	BRIAN BUBAR

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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Good morning and welcome to EVERYONE. May this worship service be a blessing in your day. Everyone is invited to share in a **Potluck Lunch and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are the Worship Committee. **Tellers** today are Mike & Gail Oliver and next week will be Lyman Coy and Margaret Allen. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Krista Doucette.

Services & Meetings this week: May 6 - 11, 2019.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
Thursday	1:00	Pastoral Care Committee
Saturday	9:00	Women's Retreat (see below)

Tickets are on sale today after the service.

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

May 12	11:00	Christian Family Sunday
May 14	7:00	Worship
May 22	4:00	Church 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 5)

Today we would to welcome and thank, Collective Theatrics and Genevieve MacRae! Also, thanks to Tyler Seymour, the Sunday School, the Worship Committee and members of the congregation for participating in today's Anniversary Service. We are an awesome Church Family!

Today's bulletin has been donated in memory of *Carol Alexander*, May 5, 1949 – December 3, 2012, by Wayne & Family.

A donation has been made to **Gibson Memorial United Church** in memory of *Bernadine Henderson*, May 7, 1931 – August 26, 2013, by Stuart & Family.

Women's Retreat: "Empowering Women Together - A Celebration of Women" will be hosted by Gibson Memorial United Church, May 11, 9 – 11 a.m. Breakfast, Sharing and Great Company with guest speaker, **Rev. Kelly Burke**. \$12/person and free childcare will be available, advise if childcare is required at Ticket Purchase.

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. 7	136	2,540	- 2,779
Apr. 14	137	3,478	- 1,901
Apr. 21	126	5,694	+ 1,193
Apr. 28	74	1,934	+ 527

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 Community Events: (see bulletin board for more info)

May 10 TAKE OUT Ham Supper at Nashwaaksis United Church.
Please reserve your take out by Thursday, May 9th with Rindy or Tom, 450-9452. \$12/person.

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!



CELEBRATING 145 YEARS!

One: We celebrate the gift we are to one another,
As we learn and grow along this spiritual journey.
We give thanks for the togetherness we feel with one another,
Sharing in all life's joys and sorrows, its victories and defeats.

All: "What Gift Can We Bring" (United Methodist Hymnal, #87)
Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

One: It is a day of great joy in the life of this congregation,
As we celebrate the many lives it has already touched.
We give thanks for the body of Christ that we are today
And for what God will inspire us to become tomorrow.

All: In light of all that God has given us through the gift of this
community of faith, we joyfully re-dedicate Gibson
Memorial United Church to the glory of God.
Amen and Amen.

