

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

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June 2, 2019 11:00 a.m. Singing our Faith

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“...We sing of a church
seeking to continue the story of Jesus
by embodying Christ’s presence in the world...”
The Basis of Union

Lighting the CHRIST candle:

One: We give thanks for the light of hope—unrelenting and inexplicable. We give thanks for the light of peace—strong and unafraid. We give thanks for the light of joy—persistent and unpredictable. We give thanks for the light of love—always constant and from the heart.

All: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Together: We pray and we sing... **Flowers in the Garden Medley”**
(see booklet)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: “Words make you think. Music makes you feel” E.Y. Harburg

All: This service is in celebration of all who sing, write, dance, study, run and love...because the beauty is in the act of doing it.

Together: Let the beauty begin!

*** HYMN: “Let Us Build a House” (More Voices)**

“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.”

PRAYER: (silence)

One: Welcoming God, open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty of human life. Touched by your hand, our world is holy. Help us to cherish the gifts that are around us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence. In Jesus name, we pray and we sing...**Sunday Morning Medley (see booklet)**

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 46

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: We pray and we sing...Jesus Saviour Medley (see booklet)

THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY: 31:1-8

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: We pray and we sing... Old Time Medley (see booklet)

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS:

One: Let us offer our thanks to God.

All: We pray and we sing ...Commitment Medley (see booklet)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

Holy One, you are with us in the dawning of the day,
through crowded hours of work and play,
and in the star-filled stillness of the night.

In these moments, touch our hearts with your peace,
that we may know your presence,
and may love and serve you in all that we do.

In the name of the itinerant preacher who welcomed strangers
And loved his enemies, we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN: "Let Us Build a House" (More Voices)**

"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:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place."

***COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION:**

One: God be your comfort, your strength;
God be your hope and support;
God be your light and your way;
and the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life, remain with you
Now and forever. Amen.

All: In Jesus name, we pray and we sing...Light in the Darkness
Medley (see booklet)

***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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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 Jean Henry and Hallie Cameron. **Tellers** today are Wayne Alexander and Marsha Daley and next week will be Robert Grant & Bill Field. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Erin Price and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

Services & Meetings this week: June, 3 – 8, 2019.

Wednesday	9:30	Set up & Dessert Day
	6:30	Catering to Elm City Quilters

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

June 16	11:00	Sunday School Service & Potluck Father's Day and Scholarship Presentations
June 18	7:00	Council Potluck
June 23	11:00	Holy Communion Sunday

Worship News: Summer Sunday Services will be at 10:30 a.m., July 7th to August 25th. Also, great news, the **Nursery** will be supervised over the summer months.

Council News: Council News and church updates will now be posted on the bulletin board.

Regional Council News: On Sunday May 26th at the Annual Meeting of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council (Region 14) and Regional Council 15 the following Candidates for Ordination were ordained during our worship service at the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre.

Alice Finnamore
Christine Marie Gadu
John Peter Anthony
Katherine Aven
Kimberlea Dayle Curlett
Angela MacLean

Rev. Kelly and Roxanne Stewart attended this Annual Meeting, May 23 – 26th, and will be updating Gibson on the Regional Council and their committees. As a Community of Faith, Gibson Memorial United Church, is a part of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Water Regional Council (Region 14).

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.**

The Camp Wegesegum "So Much More Than a Summer Camp" Newsletter is posted on the bulletin board. Day Camps are also available, for more information please contact Chelsie Rae (Doherty) at chelsiedoherty3@gmail.com

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
May 12	101	2,293	+ 1,785
May 19	88	2,317	+ 1,502
May 26	50	1,839	+ 741

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.)

- June 9 Stepping Stone Singers present "Well Seasoned" At Journey Wesleyan Church, 7 p.m.
- June 13 Collective Theatrics presents: A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder. June 13, 14, 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 at Joy of Framing.

Great Cycle Challenge: Heather Fyffe & Caileigh are riding in The Great Cycle Challenge, riding through June to raise money for children's cancer research. To donate:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/HeatherFyffe>
<https://greatcyclechallenge.ca/Riders/CaileighSullivan>

Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

- Mar. 5** **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** – Profit \$1,361
Mar. 27 **Turkey Dinner** – Profit \$1,905
Apr. 24 **Retired Nurses Dinner** – Profit \$904
May 14 **Fredericton Quilters** – Profit \$737
May 22 **Stuffed Pork Dinner** – Profit \$902
May 28 **Catering to Folks on Spokes** – Profit \$450
June 1 **Breakfast & Yard Sale**
- June 5** Set up & Dessert Day – 9:30 a.m.
 Catering to Elm City Quilting Guild – 6:30 p.m.
 (Cold Salad Plate)
- 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:

- **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!