

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

FREDERICTON, N.B.

September 8, 2019 11:00 a.m. Welcome Back Sunday!

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

PRELUDE WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE APPROACH GOD

“To love another person is to see the face of God.” Victor Hugo

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: This is the day that God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Let the babies among us wriggle with joy.

All: May the youth inspire us with eagerness.

One: May the example of our seniors with all their experience and steadfastness push us to be our best.

All: As a church family there is a place for each and every one of us.

One: Let us worship together one and all. Amen.

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

OPENING PRAYER: We thank you loving God for people and stories that inspire us to love. Help us to know that we are not alone when we step out in faith, taking steps to heal your broken, yet beautiful world. We are ordinary people, with strengths and weaknesses, yet we choose to follow the example of ‘loving others’ that Jesus has shown us. When we are tempted to run away and to leave all the healing and loving to others, give us the strength to carry on. Stay with us as we follow. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “The Church is Wherever God’s...” 579

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PSALM: Psalm 100 (singing together) 820

A GOSPEL STORY: God’s Shalom

SERMON: “Seeding Is Believing”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER 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: Companion God, thank you for the many wonderful things that make our lives worth living: the gifts of family, friends, love and laughter. Inspire us to love and accept one another regardless of our many differences. Help us to see that loving our neighbours is how we show our love for you. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” 703**

***COMMISSIONING and 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: 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 12 noon and 1 – 3 p.m.

Rev. Kelly's in-office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings,
 9 – 12 noon. 183 Gibson St., Fredericton, N.B. E3A 4E4; Tel: 457-1951.

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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 the **Potluck Luncheon and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today and next week will be Valerie & Minard Jewett. **Tellers** today are Betty Lou & Mickey Flanagan and next week will be Robert Grant & Bill Field. **Taping** the service is Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Erin Price.

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Sept. 8	11:00	Sunday School/Welcome Back Potluck
	12:30	Council Meeting
Sept. 9	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Sept. 10	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Worship Committee
Sept. 17	7:00	Finance Committee

The bulletin today is dedicated in loving memory of **Gerald Boone** (1924 – 2012) from Millie, Ardith, Lorna, Doug and families.

Donations have been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of **Phil Barton** by Glenn & Audrey Kitchen, Minard & Valerie Jewett and Richard & Margaret Allen.

Office News: September is fast approaching and I will be working on the schedules for **greeters, tellers, tapers** (sound & taping the service) **and scripture readers**. If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles or if you would like to step down from any of these roles please contact the office.

Sunday School News: Regular classes will start today, Sept. 8th!

- Nursery for children 0 – 3 years;
- Younger kids for ages 3- 6 (Grade 1);
- Older kids will be ages 7 (Grade 2) and up.
- **Older youth class, 13 years old and up! Is there an interest? Please contact the Sunday School committee or the office with your children's names and their availability for each Sunday. (We would like to know if there is an interest before plans are made. Thanks!)**

If you would like to volunteer to provide snacks (a sign up sheet will be on the hall bulletin board) or help with anything else, please contact Jessica or Ashley at GibsonSundaySchool@Outlook.com.

Shuffleboard will start up again on **Monday, Sept. 9th** and new members are welcome. They gather at 9:30 a.m., shuffle a bit, stop for tea & cookies & social time and shuffle again until 11:45.

Women Together will start up on **Tuesday, Sept. 10th** in the parlour at 1:30 p.m. All women are invited, we gather to knit, crochet and have conversation time. No experience needed, it's a fun afternoon to visit with each other!

The Mission & Outreach Food Cupboard is in need of cloth or reusable bags! Thanks for supporting the Food Cupboard.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. – Mar.	86	2,399	- 2,719
Apr. - June	99	2,867	+ 527
July	60	1,961	- 2,556
Aug.	64	2,443	- 3,183
Sept. 1	58	2,291	- 3,492

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,600* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$861 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:

- Sept. 18 Piano Recital “Intermezzo” presented by **Heather Fyffe** – a free noon-hour concert hosted by Music UNB at Memorial hall, 12 noon.
- Sept. 19 – 21 Branch Out Productions present: **Nice Work If You Can Get It** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets, \$25, are available on line or at Westminster Book Store. (Tom O’Connell is a cast member)
- Sept. 28 Salad Plate Take Out, hosted by the Marysville United Church Women, Cost \$10. Pick up 1 p.m.
- Oct. 3 – 5 Collective Theatrics present: **The Full Monty** at the Tom Morrison Theatre. Tickets, \$25, are available at Joy of Framing or by contacting cast members.
- Oct. 18-20 **Disney’s Frozen** production by The Chameleon Jo Productions Young Company and Musical Adventure Club. Please see poster for more details. (Caileigh Sullivan is in this show!)

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Sept. 24 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 25 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
- Oct. 15 Folks on Spokes Dinner – 12 noon
- Oct. 22 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 23 Church Dinner – 4 – 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 13 Mission Thrift Store Dinner – 6 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 20 Journey Wesleyan Dinner - 6 p.m.
- Nov. 26 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Nov. 27 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
- Nov. 30 Market & Breakfast – 8 – 11 a.m.
- Dec. 3 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 4 Elm City Quilters Dinner – 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 10 Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 12 Dolphin Swim Club Dinner – 12 noon
- Dec. 13 Pie Day – 9:30
- Dec. 13 Collective Theatrics Show & Dinner – 7 p.m.

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!**

“A SMILE IS THE UNIVERSAL WELCOME.”



**Whoever you are, wherever you've been,
We're glad You are Here!**

**Some of you have been worshipping with us
for a long time.**

**Others of you may be checking us
out this Sunday.**

**It matters not how you came to be here.
It only matters that you are with us this morning.**

**Welcome to Gibson, where you are invited to serve
God's world with whatever gifts God has given you.
If today is the first time you are worshipping with us
please accept our invitation to stay for lunch
following our service. We always have
more than enough food.**

**It is September and we are travelling together again
and it is VERY GOOD! Amen!**

LIFE AFTER LOSS

**No matter where we live or what language we speak,
we share a common experience with
everyone else on the planet—
the loss of someone or something close to us.**

**All loss brings up feelings and memories.
So, if you have lost a loved one and would like to gather with
others to talk about grief and loss as well as steps to
reclaiming your life, please speak with Rev. Kelly.**

**If there is enough interest we will gather
Together over a cup of tea or coffee.
Subjects to be explored: when someone dies; losses of a
different kind, healthy grieving, moving forward,
reclaiming your life etc.**

**You can reach Kelly through email
revkellygibson@nb.aibn.com; phone: 457-1735; FB or talk with
her after church today!**

