

GIBSON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
FREDERICTON, N.B.

November 3, 2019 11:00 a.m. Collective Theatrics Sunday

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

“Love isn’t how you feel; it’s what you do.” Madeleine L’Engle

Lighting the CHRIST candle

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: All we have are moments.

All: **Let us live them as though not one can be wasted.**

One: May all our moments be filled with the light of our best intentions.

All: **We will savour our moments. We will find the joy, of being connected to one another and with our God. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN: “I Am the Light of the World” 87**

OPENING PRAYER:

God of love, sing in our hearts and inspire us to hear you calling us to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with you and one another. Amen.

CHILDREN’S HYMN: “Love Over Hate” “see insert”

CONVERSATION TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

A GOSPEL PARABLE: Jesus dines with Zacchaeus

SERMON: “Step Out of Line”

**COLLECTIVE THEATRICALS: “Unruly Heart”
“When He Sees Me”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER 959

COLLECTIVE THEATRICALS “You Will Be Found”

OFFERTORY

***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, you call us to make the world a better place. In the welcome of Christ, may we ‘step up and step out’ to help one another. We pray in the name of the itinerant Jesus Rabbi who spoke of welcoming strangers and loving enemies. Amen.**

***COLLECTIVE THEATRICALS: “We Are A Rainbow”
Congregational Chorus:**

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

***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

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REV. KELLY HIGGINS
 HEATHER FYFFE
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Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 11:00 a.m.

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

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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 **Potluck and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Sybil Grant and Enid Beckwith and next week the greeters will be Irvine & Judy Banks. **Tellers** today are the Morrison & Seymour team and next week will be Mike & Gail Oliver. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lorne Henry. In the **Nursery** today is Heather Randall and next week will be Victoria Daley.

Services & Meetings this week: Nov. 4 - 9, 2019:

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Nov. 10	11:00	Remembrance Day Service with special music from Tyler Seymour
Nov. 17	11:00	Guest flutist – Genevieve MacRae
	12:15	Council

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory my parents, Carl & Darlene Snyder, by Angela Snyder.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Colleen Hanna & Family** on the death of **Bob Miller**.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Glenn & Audrey Kitchen & Family** on the death of Glenn's mother, **Jean Gunter Kitchen**.

Donations have been made to **The Living Memorial Fund** in memory of **Jean Kitchen** by David & Barbara Morrison and Stuart Henderson.

Sincere sympathy is extended to **Erin & Aaron Price & Family** on the death of **Erin's Uncle**, Ward Perrin. A donation has been made to **The Living Memorial Fund** in memory of **Ward Perrin**, by Chris & Lynn Banks.

Donations have been made to **The Living Memorial Fund** in memory of **Barbara Morrison** and in memory of **Wilma Scott** by Peter & Dorothy Snowball.

VISIONING COMMITTEE: Last week you were given a DREAM CARD after we shared our hopes and dreams for Gibson. We hoped you filled it out and have brought it to church this Sunday. There are pink boxes at the front door and on the table in the hall in which to place your DREAM cards. We need your DREAMS to inspire us to take those STEPS, to make our DREAMS for GIBSON and the DEVON community a REALITY. In the words of Robin Hopper, "since the 20/20 Vision recommendations in 2016, some of our recommendations (DREAMS) have been completed and others are underway." Still, we need your input to keep us moving forward. If you were not here last Sunday to receive your "I have a dream card" they will be available after the service. Please fill out your card and bring it with you next Sunday. Or simply email us at gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com. Please note that this is our final ask so please fill out one of the cards and let the Visioning Committee know one of your DREAMS for Gibson. Thanks."

Advent Bible Study: Rev. Kelly will be offering an Advent Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 p.m. starting Nov. 26th through to Dec. 17th. And **Thursday mornings** at 10:30, starting Nov. 28th through to Dec. 19th. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the church hall today.

Mission & Outreach News:

The Mission & Outreach Committee will be hosting a *Christmas Market and Breakfast on Saturday November 30th*. This year's theme is "INN from the Cold" and all proceeds will be donated to the Gibson Benevolent Fund and the Fredericton Homeless Shelters. Committee members are gathering items for a Gift Basket (Theme: Comfort from the Cold) and for the Committee Sales table. Donations from the congregation (comfort items, home baking & preserves, knitting, crafts, wood-working etc.) would be gratefully accepted. Thank you!

Buy A Night Campaign for the Fredericton Homeless Shelters: Each tax deductible donation of \$10 contributes to providing a night of shelter for a homeless person. The Mission & Outreach committee is also accepting donations of warm socks for the shelters. Stop by our table each Sunday in the church hall for more information.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2019

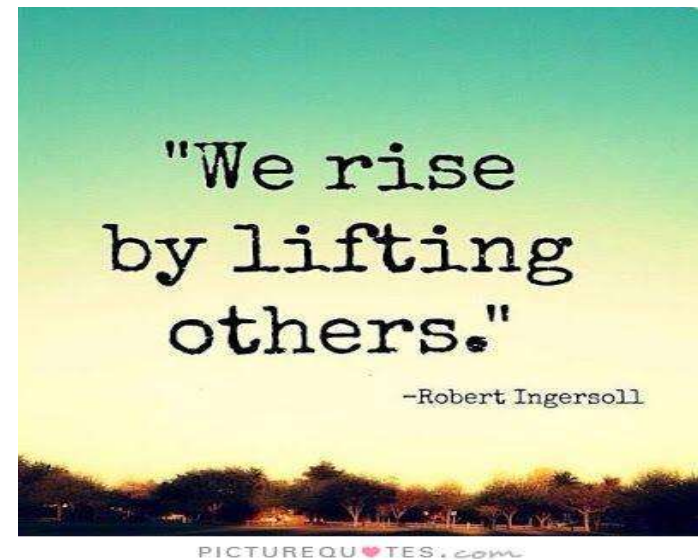
<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. – Mar.	86	2,399	- 2,719
Apr. - June	99	2,867	+ 527
July – Aug.	62	2,202	- 3,183
Sept.	83	2,377	- 4,296
Oct. 6	83	2,631	- 4,265
Oct. 13	104	2,580	- 4,285
Oct. 20	104	2,810	- 4,075
Oct. 27	103	3,558	- 3,117

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: (see bulletin board for more info.)

- Nov. 3 A Capella Barbershop, The River Valley Chorus, The Elm city Echoes Women Chorus and the Men of Fundy will hold a concert at St. Paul’s United Church, 2 p.m. A good will offering will be received in support of the River Valley Chorus group.
- Nov. 3 **The Right Reverent Richard Bott will be leading an interfaith round table discussion, titled Spiritual Plaza. This event is open to everyone, 3 – 5 p.m. at Forest Hill United Church.**
- Nov. 12 Surviving the Holidays seminar at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 7 – 9 p.m. please call 458-8527 for more information and to register.
- Nov. 16 Annual UCW Christmas Bazaar at Nashwaaksis United Church. 9 a.m. – noon. Bake Tables, etc. & Continental Breakfast.
- Nov. 17 Elvis Presley’s greatest gospel and rock hits concert performed by Mike Bravener at Marysville United Church, 3 – 4 p.m. Freewill offerings.





GIBSON goes Green Energy...

Work has started on implementing energy efficiency and other improvements to the church building to upgrade it and make the church building more energy efficient. Funding has been obtained for majority of this work though there is a shortfall. Therefore, the Finance Committee is launching a campaign of a one-time special request to raise \$18,000 to cover the cost of 2 new boilers and 3 circulating pumps. We welcome your tax-deductible financial donation and all donations are greatly appreciated. An envelope was included in your bulletin last week and there are extra envelopes on the table in the Narthex. Thanks for supporting our "Keep the HEAT ON" campaign.

To date we have raised \$2,422

(The detailed report on Building Improvement Initiatives is available in the Narthex.)

Upcoming Fundraising Events

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.**

LOVE OVER HATE

(words and music by John Oldham & Pat Mayberry
Arrangement by David Kai, 2019)

**Love over hate, our sacred song.
Sing in our hearts, our voices strong.
All of the earth, each race, faith,
each one belongs.**

*Chorus: You of my heart,
You of my soul,
You are the Love that makes us whole.
You of my heart,
You of my soul,
You are the Love that makes us whole.*

**Love over fear, our common dream.
Justice that flows, a mighty stream.
Kindness and mercy calling,
for one and for all.**

Chorus

**Love over lies, our promise true.
Healing and hope held high anew.
Strengthen our lives with courage to journey---through.**

Chorus

**Love over hate, our sacred song.
Sing in our hearts, our voices strong.
All of the earth, each race, faith,
each one belongs.**

Chorus