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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. A special welcome to guest pianist, *Anne Marie Mossman* and our soloist *Marianna Mills*. Everyone is invited to share in **coffee/tea/juice and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Mike & Gail Oliver and next week will be Glenn & Audrey Kitchen. **Tellers** today are Robert Grant & Bill Field and next week will be Dale Horncastle and Wayne Alexander. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Chris Banks. In the **Nursery** today is Marchell Coulombe and next week will be Melissa Banks.

Services & Meetings this week: Nov. 24 - 30, 2019

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	9:30	Pie Day
	1:30	No Women Together
Wednesday	12:00	Catering to Retired Nurses
	7:00	Trustees
Thursday	6:30	Decorating the sanctuary for Christmas
	6:30	Visioning Meeting – Boardroom

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Dec. 1	11:00	First Sunday in Advent with Genevieve MacRae and “The Fredericton Flute Choir & Communion Sunday
Dec. 8	11:00	Second Sunday in Advent: Bring a Friend, Blue Jeans and Coffee Sunday. Our Guest violinist is Yiyang Shi.

Dec. 15	11:00	Third Sunday in Advent & Children's Pageant & a special visitor & Potluck
Dec. 22	9:30	Blue Christmas Service in the Music Room
	11:00	Fourth Sunday in Advent Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
Dec. 24	7:00	Christmas Eve Family Service & Guest soloist, Charles MacTavish
Dec. 29	11:00	First Sunday after Christmas & Baptism Sunday

Today's bulletin has been donated in memory of Kelvin Wood, November 29, 1966 – August 8, 2019, by the Stairs Family.

A donation has been made to the **Living Memorial Funds** in memory of *Jean Kitchen* by her granddaughter, Shelly Kitchen.

Mission & Outreach News:

Please join us on Saturday November 30th (8 to 11:30 AM) for the **"INN from the Cold" Christmas Breakfast and Market** in support of the Gibson Benevolent Fund and the Fredericton Homeless Shelters. Full breakfast: \$8 Adult; \$3 Child. We are gathering items for the church sales table (baking, preserves, knitting, crafts, woodworking, etc.) and comfort items for a **Gift Basket** (Theme: Comfort from the Cold). **Donations from the congregation** would be gratefully accepted and can be dropped at the office or during set-up on Friday Nov 29th between 5 and 7 PM. We continue to collect **warm socks** and to accept \$10 tax deductible donations for the **Buy A Night Campaign**, all in support of the homeless. Stop by our table at the Christmas market and each Sunday in the church hall for more information. Thank you!

We have received a request for gently used **winter coats & winter boots** for men, women and children. We are looking for sizes medium to large for both men and women's coats. Boot sizes for women: 7-9; Men: 6-11. Boys and Girls coats sizes 3T up to size 10 Youth. Donations can be dropped at the church. Thank you, everyone, for your ongoing support of outreach initiatives in our community.

Christmas Greetings for our Canadian Troops:

It is that time of year again when we remember those service men and women who will not be home for the holidays. Please send a card if you are able! We will have our own Gibson Church Christmas cards on a table in the hall after church this Sunday and also on November 24th. Please feel free to write a Christmas message, seal the envelope and we will mail it for you. These cards will be mailed in bulk to the following address or you can pick up cards and mail them yourselves:

Any Canadian Forces Member
P.O. Box 5140 Stn. Forces,
Belleville ON K8N 5W6

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.	99	2,895	- 3,117
Nov. 3	140	2,316	- 2,833
Nov. 10	91	2,076	- 3,357
Nov. 17	117	2,647	- 3,310

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 & Offering

-If you would like offering envelopes for the 2020 year, please contact the office. The last day to submit offerings for the 2019 year is Dec. 29, 2019.

Announcements:

- It will soon be our Christmas Carol Sing. Yeah! Please let us know what Christmas Carol you would like us to sing on Sunday December 22nd. Sign-up sheets are on a table in the hall. We need to know your favorite Christmas Carol by Sunday **November 24th**. Thanks.
- The Worship Committee would like to remind you that we will be celebrating the Advent Season with our 2019 Memorial/Celebration Tree Lighting. You can donate a Christmas Bulb in memory of / in celebration of someone in your life. The cost of each bulb is \$5. All the details will be sent out in the Christmas Newsletter on November 24th. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday December 22nd so please give your information to Marsha by Sunday December 15th. Wishing you **Hope, Peace, Joy and Love** of the Advent Season.



- The Nominations Committee for Council and Committee members for the calendar year 2020 has been initiated. **Jean Henry and Jessica Clement** will form part of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being on a Committee in 2020 please reach out to either Jean or Jessica. Information on Committee Chairs is posted on the bulletin board outside Marsha's office. Reach out to them or the Nominations Committee for more information on Committee mandates.



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 \$6,537

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

Great News: The United Church Faithfull Retrofit Grant for \$30,000 has been approved by the United Church of Canada.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Nov. 26 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
Nov. 27 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
- Nov. 29 **Set up for Market & Breakfast, 5 – 7 p.m.**
Nov. 30 Market & Breakfast – 8 – 11:30 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.**

Upcoming Community Event: (see bulletin board for more info.)

- Nov. 24 The Fredericton Choral Society and The Fredericton Concert and Marching Band present *Voices on the Wind*, Sunday, November 24, 2019 at Wilmot United Church, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20; Seniors and students: \$15. Available at the door. **(Heather Fyffe, (Director), Mike Oliver, Marchell Coulombe and Bronwyn Davies are in the concert too!)**
- Dec. 2, 9, 16 Advent Series with Bishop Bill Hockin and Friends 12:15 – 1 p.m. at the Crown Plaza Hotel
- Dec. 4 Advent Carol Festival (Local church and community choirs) at St. Paul's United Church, at 7:30 p.m. Freewill offering in support of Fredericton Food Banks.

I Have Called You by Your Name

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can
claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of
doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children
whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Storm Closure Policy:

It's that time of year again! Gibson Memorial United Church will remain open for Sunday worship services unless the City Police or the RCMP recommend that people stay off the roads. Otherwise please use your own discretion and travel safely during the upcoming winter weather.