

***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	HEATHR 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 cookies **and conversation** in the hall immediately following the service. **Greeters** today are Gail & Mike Oliver and next week there will be a Potluck Lunch and the Worship Committee will be greeting. **Tellers** today are Brian & Marliese Cail and next week will be the Small & Thomson Team. **Taping** the service today is Chris Banks and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Victoria Daley and next week will be Krista Doucette.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 17 - 22, 2020.

Monday	9:30	No Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	6:30	Visioning
	7:00	Council

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Feb. 23 11:00 Annual Meeting & **Potluck**

Feb. 25 4:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

\$12/adult & children eat for free! Menu: Baked Beans, sausages, ham, potato scallop, brown bread, pancakes and dessert.

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of **Bruce Wishart**, April 21, 1932 – Feb. 19, 2015 by Edna Wishart & Family. **Flowers** have also been placed in the Sanctuary in memory of him.

Announcements:

- It is another new year at Gibson Church and we are looking ahead to **Confirmation classes** with any of you who would like to join the church, transfer your membership or be baptized. Please let Kelly know if you are interested in learning more about the United Church and your faith journey. All are welcome!
- If you are interested or know of someone who would like to have "**Communion at home**" please contact Kelly.
- Our **bible study group** is taking a break in January-February but we will be gathering again. Please watch for a sign-up during coffee time soon. Thanks.

The Nominations Committee is looking for the following spots to be filled for 2020: **Finance Committee - Co-Chair Finance**; and **Nomination – 1 Committee member**. Please speak to the Nominations Committee - Jean Henry and Jessica Clement or current Committee Chair if you have questions.

Youth Forum is looking for facilitators for 2020! Youth Forum is a youth event for grades 9 to age 19, that is only made possible by our incredible volunteers. If you have a passion for youth, and are looking for a way to give back to the youth in our church, we would love for you to join our team! Facilitators need to be at least 21 years old and be available April 15th for a training day and from May 21-24, 2020 for the main event!

"Keep the Heat On" update:

- In 2019 we have raised **\$8,917** for the "**Keep the Heat On**" Fund and to date in 2020 we have raised **\$475.00**. Thanks everyone for supporting this project!



The Sunday School are selling cookies after the service today in support of the “**Koala Bear**” project and in support of other Sunday School activities.

Also, in the hall you will find a sign-up sheet to provide snacks for Sunday School. Thanks!

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan. 5	55	1,366	- 1,297
Jan. 12	Snow Storm	860	- 3,100
Jan. 19	Snow Storm	1,365	- 4,398
Jan. 26	Snow Storm	1,282	- 5,779
Feb. 2	103	5,186	- 3,256
Feb. 9	93	3,107	- 2,812

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,663* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$860 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.

-\$2,663 is comprised of Local, Special Projects & Special Offerings

Community Events: (see posters on bulletin board for more info)

- Feb. 16 “**Hymn Sing**” at **Nashwaaksis United Church**, at 2:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be collected to assist with the work of the church.
- Feb. 29 Leap Year Dinner at St. James Presbyterian Church 4 Course Meal - \$25/ ticket
- Mar. 6 World Day of Prayer Service, hosted by Salvation Army Church, 531 St. Mary’s Street. 7 p.m.
Storm Date: Mar. 8, 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming Fundraising Events

- Feb. 25 Shrove Tuesday Supper – 4 – 6 p.m.
\$12/adult and children eat for free
(Tickets on sale today)
- Mar. 17 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Mar. 18 Ham & Potato Scallop Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 22 Progressive Credit Union Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
- Apr. 28 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 29 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon
- May 12 Pie Day – 9:30
- May 13 Chicken Breast Dinner – 4 – 6 p.m.
- May 19 Fredericton Quilters Dinner – 6 p.m.
- May 29 Set up for Yard Sale & Breakfast
- May 30 Yard Sale & Breakfast – 8 – 11:30 a.m.
- June 3 Elm City Quilt Guild – 6:30 p.m. (Cold Plate)
- June 8 Wilmot United Church Women Dinner – 6 p.m.
- June 16 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- June 17 Steak & Chicken BBQ – 4 – 6 p.m.
- June 23 Pie Day – 9:30 a.m.
- June 24 Retired Nurses Dinner – 12 noon

A Prayer to Live more Fully

One: We move so fast, God, and sometimes we see so little in our daily travels. Slow us down. Create in us a desire to pause. Help us to pursue moments of contemplation. Help us to see in a deeper way, to become more aware of what speaks to us in beauty and truth.

All: Our inner eye gets misty, clouded over, dulled. We need to see in a new way, to dust off our heart, to perceive what is truly of value and to find the deeper meaning in our lives.

One: All of our ordinary moments are means of entering into a more significant relationship with you, God. In the midst of those very common happenings, you are ready to speak your word of love to us, if only we will recognize your presence.

All: Teach us how to enjoy being. Encourage us to be present to the gifts that are ours. May we be more fully aware of what we see, taste, touch, hear, and smell. May this awareness of our senses sharpen our perception of our everyday treasures and lead us to greater joy and gratitude.

One: Grant us the courage to be our true selves. Help us to let go of being overly concerned about what others think of us or of how successful we are. May our inner freedom be strengthened and our delight in life be activated.

All: Life is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in, and embraced in all its mystery...

*One: God of life, guide us so that we will live more fully.
Amen.*

(Joyce Rupp)



