

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

February 23, 2020 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*denotes standing for those who are able

WE APPROACH GOD

“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Archbishop Desmond Tutu

LIGHTING the CHRIST CANDLE

LIGHTING the RAINBOW CANDLE

***OPENING HYMN: “Spirit, Open My Heart” (see insert)**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: What does the Lord require of us?

All: The answer comes from the Prophet Micah: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” 684

CONVERSATION TIME

CHORUS: “Walk with Me” (2x)

Walk with me, I will walk with you,
And build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

ANNUAL MEETING

Opening Remarks and Constitution of Annual Meeting

Granting Corresponding Member Privileges

Approval of Agenda & Roll Call

Approval of February 17, 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Business Arising & Correspondence

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Living Memorial Fund Annual Report

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Pastoral Care Annual Report

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Ministry and Personnel Report

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WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

In Memoriam

Rev. Kelly Higgins

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Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERTORY and PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

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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.

***THE OFFERTORY PRAYER: (all)**

Loving God, our gifts connect us to suffering and need, our own and that of others. May our gifts bring healing to those we know and to those whose names we will never know. We give in love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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New Business & Other Business
Adjournment

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: We give thanks for the life and work of Gibson Church.

All: We give thanks to all who serve to make our community of faith relevant to the people of Devon.

Together: May we continue to act in the name of Jesus who calls us to love and to go where that love leads us. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" 299**

***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
ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR
OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR
CUSTODIAN

REV. KELLY HIGGINS
HEATHR FYFFE
MARSHA DALEY
BRIAN BUBAR

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12 noon and 1:00 – 3:00 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 a **Potluck Lunch** in the hall after the service. **Greeters** today are the Worship Committee and next week will be Marilyn & Pam Seymour. **Tellers** today are the Thomson and Small Team and next week will be Brian & Joy Veno. **Taping** the service today is Lindon Miller and next week will be Brian Cail. In the **Nursery** today is Krista Doucette and next week will be Marchell Coulombe.

Services & Meetings this week: Feb. 24 - 29, 2020.

Monday 9:30 Shuffleboard Group

Tuesday 1:30 Women Together

4:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

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

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 1 11:00 Lent 1

Mar. 8 11:00 Lent 2

12:00 Soup Day, hosted by the Mission & Outreach Committee in support of outreach projects

Menu: Home made soup, rolls, hotdogs & cookies. \$5/adult & \$3/child

12:15 Worship Committee meeting

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of *Gerald & Mary Munn*, my grandparents, by Vaughan Munn.

New Office Hours:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 12 noon and 1 – 3:00 p.m.

I will be out of the office **some** Friday afternoons running errands, shopping for supplies for the dinners, etc. Please call the office on Fridays to see if I'm in before you visit!

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.

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
Feb. 16	95	2,246	- 3,229

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

“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!

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

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

- 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!
- Mar. 14 JIGGS DINNER at Nashwaaksis United Church,
\$14/person, to reserve call 457-1338 by Mar. 11th
- Mar. 14, 21, Annual Village of Hope Maple Syrup Festival
28 & Apr.4 All you can eat homemade pancake breakfast!
\$12 adult \$6 child under 10. 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m. and 2
p.m. RSVP by calling 506-368-2600.

WELCOMING – ACCEPTING – INCLUSIVE – CARING
GIBSON UNITED CHURCH: A vibrant presence in the Devon community.
... committed to ...

***HOSPITALITY—welcoming all people into our worship &
community life***

OPENNESS—living God's love in all that we do

***MINISTRY—embracing social justice & spiritual questions as
we respectfully serve God's changing world ...for...***

EVERYONE—celebrating the uniqueness of all individuals

Spirit Open My Heart

**Spirit open my heart,
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love;
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit open my heart.**

God replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace, I now surrender.

(Refrain)

Write your love upon my heart,
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

(Refrain)

May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

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