

***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

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12 noon and 1:00 – 3:00 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 coffee/tea and conversation in the hall after the service. **Greeters** today are the Nancy Worthen & Ron O'Neill and next week will be Edward & Gladys Gallant. **Tellers** today are Gladys Gallant & Valerie Barton and next week will be the Morrison & Seymour Team. **Taping** the service today is Lorne Henry and next week will be Lindon Miller. In the **Nursery** today is Trianda Fox and next week will be Erin Price.

Services & Meetings this week: Mar. 16 – 21, 2020.

Monday	9:30	Shuffleboard Group
Tuesday	1:30	Women Together
	7:00	Council

Upcoming Services & Meetings:

Mar. 22	11:00	Lent 4
Mar. 29	11:00	Lent 5 - Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service, see page 5
Apr. 5	11:00	Palm Sunday – Soup Day
Apr. 9	7:00	Maundy Thursday Service
Apr. 12	11:00	Easter Sunday – Communion & Baptism & Soloist, Holly Lloyd Smith

Today's bulletin has been donated in loving memory of *June Thomson*, June 11, 1933 – March 16, 2005. Forever in our hearts and always with us, George, Jennifer, Sherry & families.

Vacation: I, Marsha Daley, will be on vacation, March 16, 17 & 18. If you need anything during this time you can leave a message on my phone and I will get back to you on the 19th or if there is an emergency you may call me at 458-8390 or 461-7740.

Sunday School Announcement:

The Sunday School is already thinking about September and all the **FUN** we are going to have with our children. And we want to know if you would consider giving 30-40 minutes of your time to our children on ONE of those Sundays between September 13-December 20th. We already have very good Sunday School teachers who are committed to creating a safe and fun learning environment for our children. We use the **WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD** curriculum and it is easy to use. And if you have never used this curriculum before we will show you what to do. **The reality is that we need more teachers and helpers so that our current teachers also get to be part of a worship service or two during the Fall.** So...if you are willing to give of your time... we would love to have you! You can teach the children a song that is close to your heart or help them make a favorite craft of yours or **maybe bake cookies in the kitchen** or teach a Sunday School lesson. Thanks for your consideration. If you are interested please speak to Ashley, Jessica or Kelly. **And there will be a Sunday School sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall!**

On Sunday, March 29th the Annual Memorial Candle Lighting Service will be a quiet service giving us time to remember our loved ones who have passed away during the year. The service is an opportunity for you or a member of your family to come forward and light a candle in memory of your loved one. Letters will be mailed out to families of our congregation who have lost loved ones but if you do not receive a letter and would like to light a candle, please contact our office at 457-1666 or gibsonmemorial@nb.aibn.com by Mar.20.

Offerings & Attendance Update: 2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>+/- to date</u>
Jan.	closed three Sundays	1,218	- 5,779
Feb.	88	3,062	- 4,180
Mar. 01	86	2,756	- 4,087
Mar. 08	85	2,131	- 4,619

Finance Notes:

-We need approx. \$2,663* each Sunday to meet the Budget. PAR (\$990 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 & 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 **\$525.00**. Thanks everyone for supporting this project!

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

Mar. 24	Canadian Chamber Choir Solo Concert at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, 8 p.m. \$25/Adults and \$10/Students
Mar. 14, 21, 28 & Apr.4	Annual Village of Hope Maple Syrup Festival 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 for large groups
Mar. 21	Eco-Anxiety Workshop – A Gathering for Active Hope and Sharing, 10 a.m. – noon and Green New Deal Meeting – Developing Local Actions toward a Just Transition to Green Options, 1 – 4 p.m. Both events are at the Knight of Columbus Hall and hosted in part by United Church Regions 14 & 15.
May 2	Mother’s Day Tea, hosted by the Marysville United Church Women (UCW) 2 – 4 p.m. The cost of \$8 will include sandwiches and small cakes along with a display of special gown and dresses.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

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 26	Catering to Folks on Spokes – 12 noon
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

Notes:

- We are gladly accepting your **Yard Sale** donations! Please call the office and let us know you are coming and we will store the items in the church basement.
- **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!**

Dear God,
You promise us the peace that passeth understanding;
a peace that we can touch whatever our circumstances.

Dear God, I ask to touch that peace now.
I make space for it now.

Please come into my heart and let me know your peace.

I know that this prayer is heard.
My words are important.
My willingness is important.

I am doing the important task of preparing a path in my mind
through which your peace is becoming a reality in my life.
I receive your thanks for doing this work.

Thank you God for the peace that is always here.
This changeless Peace.
This Peace that holds all things within it.
I allow myself to be held in this place of Peace.

I relax in the arms of your Love.

Thank you.
Amen (ACIM PRAYER)



I Must Stay at Your house Today

One: Jesus, this Lent I am yearning to wear a Zacchaeus heart. I am wanting to hear you call my name just as you did his. I am anxious to know that you are inviting yourself to my home. I am humbled, amazed, excited, and astounded, just as he was.

All: But that is where the desire to wear a Zacchaeus heart stops, because I know what happens when you visit someone's house.

One: Conversations occur. Choices are presented. Changes happen. That's because you look for more than dust when you come to visit and you talk about things more vital than the weather. You move into the heart's dimension. You gaze deeply. You don't just dwell. You interact. You activate. You dwell so lovingly that the truth cannot be resisted.

All: This Lent help me to welcome you and yearn for your love. Grant me a Zacchaeus heart that turns around and sees the truth. I need the gaze of your love to remind me of my truest self. I, too, need the strong call to make amends and start anew. Hurry, Jesus, come and stay at my house today. –Joyce Rupp



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