

The United Church of Canada
Bathurst Pastoral Charge
First United Church, Bathurst
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We welcome and thank **Helen Knowles**
for leading us in our worship service today!

Scripture Readings this week are:
Isaiah 40:28-31
1 Corinthians 9:23-27

The bulletins have been placed in loving memory of
Edgar Brown by Rita and family

The Canadian flag currently being flown has been donated
in loving memory of Clinton CL Gammon, a D-Day Veteran
by Bev & Brian Murphy

*The asterisk * identifies those times in the service where you are invited to present yourselves, body, mind, and spirit, as is comfortable for you today...*

GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME & TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *(in unison)*

...As we gather to worship, let's respectfully pause to remember we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the original peoples, the Mi'kmaq. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and in friendship with its people.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we join in worship, we prepare to light the Christ Candle, as a symbolic reminder that Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May its flame reassure us that the presence of Christ is always in our midst.

The Christ candle is lit...

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP – “Wind is Moving”

Seasons of the Spirit vol. 1 pg. 39

***Wind is moving over water,
patterns shifting out across the bay.
Grass is bending on the hillside;
clouds are drifting right across the sky.
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.
O Holy Spirit, move over all our lives.***

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Make a joyful noise everyone!

And let us praise God with thanksgiving.

Let us bring all that we are

**our hopes and our fears, our weariness & our energy,
our tears & our sadness, our joy & our laughter.**

Let us worship God with all that we are.

GATHERING PRAYER

***GATHERING HYMN** –

VU #260

“God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness”

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
God who gives to us our freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
God who names us co-creators
God who will that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and will your rule extending
all our acts of Love refined.

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

CHORAL RESPONSE – “And When You Call for Me” MV #96

*And when you call for me,
I have already answered.
And when you call for me,
I am already there.*

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER** (*responsively*)

...Peace be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING A STORY (*with those of all ages*)

***SINGING A SONG** –

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

VU #575

I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I’m gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I’m gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

ENGAGING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Anne Wilson

Isaiah 40:28-31

1 Corinthians 9:23-27

REFLECTION – “A Journey of Faith”

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

GIFT OF MUSIC

RESPONDING

YOUR GENEROSITY MATTERS

Ronalds Family

INVITATION TO MAKE AN OFFERING

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED

***OFFERING RESPONSE** –

VU #541

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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.*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

GOING OUT (as Spirit people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CLOSING HYMN** – "O God of Bethel"

VU # 650

O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led;

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.

Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

***BLESSING**

***CHORAL CLOSING** –

MV #222

"May the Peace of God Be Your Peace"

***May the peace of God be your peace.
May the love of God be the love you show.
May the joy of God be the joy you know,
and may the world that God would see
be found in you.***

(The Christ Candle is extinguished.)

POSTLUDE



Church News

Summer church office hours are now in effect until after the Labour Day Weekend in September. The office will now be open Monday to Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM – closed Friday

Upcoming Special Services:

June 16th – Graduation Service

June 23rd – Baptism & Confirmation

Community Outreach Updates

- To June 5th, 366 jars of peanut butter have been received & relayed to Volunteer Center for delivery to needy families.
- \$100 will be sent to 5 schools in support of breakfast programs at the beginning of school in the fall.
- Early in 2024, \$1,200 was given to the Volunteer Center after the Benevolence Appeal in December.
- Occasionally, food is given to needy folks requesting same, from our pantry. Sufficient supplies are available but donations will be accepted at any time.
- Several individuals have donated bedding & towels to Second Chance.
- A conversation with Passage House indicated their current needs are personal items (shampoo/soap/toothpaste), laundry detergent and non-perishable food items.
- We have learned that partnerships could be beneficial in supporting new families, so an appointment is being made with the Multicultural Assoc. to learn more.

Trust that this additional info will be helpful but inquiries can be made to Helen Knowles (506-546-9563).

Thank You: The Ways and Means team would like to express a sincere thank you to all who helped in anyway with our Ham & Scallop Potato Supper from the planners, to the food preparers, cooks, bakers, servers, set uppers and take downers, dishwashers, ticket sellers and to all who purchased a ticket to support us. Thanks to the sponsorship of **Bayside Automotive Group** we made a profit of \$4,942.86.

Church News

As part of our **Stewardship Program** here at First United, information on Planned Giving through Wills and Bequests is available to our congregational membership. All members / adherents are encouraged to review this information and take the appropriate steps pertaining to your wishes. The information is available from the church office

Below you will find a stewardship quote relating to the same.

And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15

Plan tomorrow today.

You can do this by including your church in your estate planning with a bequest or gift of insurance.

Help Needed for West Bathurst Cemetery – As soon as the Eddy Group receives the okay to clean up the site of the recent fire, the West Bathurst Cemetery will need help to remove about a dozen trees along the bank neighbouring the Eddy property. We will need workers to operate chain saws, move limbs, etc. and possible trucks and trailers to move some of the limbs to the city compost site. If you are willing to help, please give your name to Gary Branch, Lester Scott, or the church secretary.

Community News

Samuel Gauvin, Classical pianist who was taught by Ludima Hussey, will be performing, along with his students at Central United Church, Clifton. The concert will be held on June 9th at 2 p.m. Sam has performed for us before and he is an exceptional entertainer. You won't want to miss this show. Come, bring a friend and join us. A free-will offering will be collected.

"The Treble Makers Welcome Summer at the Bathurst Heritage Museum"

The event will be held on **Friday, June 14th** starting at 2 PM. Selections will include songs such as "In the Good Old Summertime", "Sentimental Journey", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart", "Blueberry Hill", "Partons la mer est belle", "Yellow Bird", "Viens Voir L'Acadie", some instrumental music, toe tapping jigs, reels and much more.

Admission is free - however, a good will donation towards the museum is always appreciated.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 40:28-31

28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:23-27

23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

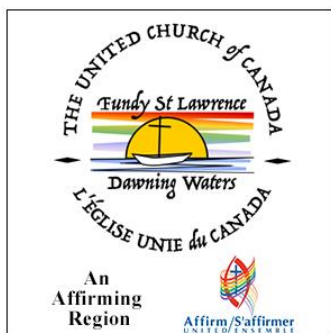
24 Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.

25 Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one.

26 So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air;

27 but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

May the Spirit bless to our understanding these significant parts of our Christian story...



Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional News

RENDEZ-VOUS 2024: AUDACIOUS HOPE

You are invited to join us for the Audacious Hope National Gathering, a transformative event designed for youth, young adults, and their leaders. Early-bird pricing is now open! Sign up today!

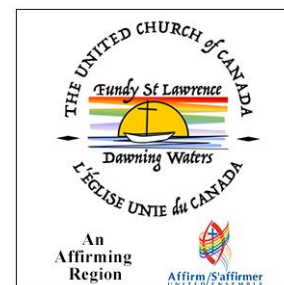
When: Wed, Jul 3 - Sat, Jul 6 2024

Where: Brock University
1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way
St. Catharines, Ontario L2S 3A1

Presented by the Rendez-vous 2024 team of The United Church of Canada and the LIFT team of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in an exciting new partnership!

For further information please see the brochure in the narthex and go to <https://united-church.ca/events/rendez-vous-2024-audacious-hope>

***Note - There will be a bus travelling from the Maritimes
Registration Deadline – June 15, 2024***



Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional News

BERWICK CAMP 2024

Berwick Camp will be holding its 152nd encampment this summer from July 26 to August 4. This year we will be welcoming our United Church Moderator, the Right Rev Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, as Minister in Residence. She will be conducting the service on Sundays at 10am, and Monday to Friday evenings at 7pm. We'd love to welcome members of congregations from all over the Maritimes and beyond to spend some time with us this year. If your church is in the Berwick area, we would love to have the whole congregation celebrate Sunday services under the hemlocks with us. Have further to travel? We are hoping that churches from outside of the area will pool for transportation for a day visit, and stay for the evening service. Or, come and experience the whole week! Registration is now open. More information can be found on our website (<https://www.berwickcamp.org>), including the link for registration and the daily schedule (with more details on events to come as we get closer). So come check it out!

We are sending along here a promotional video giving a bit of a snapshot of what Berwick is all about. If you are able to show this at your churches on camping Sunday (or any time!), please do! Many churches have campers that attend that would be happy to answer questions about the camp experience. Link to video: <https://youtu.be/aDoCbTSbSK8>

Hope to see you there!