



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



May 12, 2024.

Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day

Our Mission Statement:

“St. Andrew's United Church is a Christian community of faith that shares Christ's love through worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and outreach.”



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Sunday Worship Service

(May 12th, 2024. Christian Family Sunday & Mother's Day)

Worship Leader: Mr. Merle Milson

Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon

Greeters: Ray & Janice Carter

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU #175, Chorus "This Is the Day That God Has Made"

Lightning the Christ Candle: Ferne MacLean

Jesus is the light of the world! Remembering his promise that when two or more are gathered in his name, He will be there. We light this candle to welcome the presence of the risen Christ here with us today. We light this candle remembering all Christian families and Mothers. Work in them and all of us in this time of worship and all the days of our lives. Amen. (Christ candle is lit)

VU #4, Vs. 3

God of all people, dust and the clay;

breath of a new wind, fire in our hearts.

light born of heaven, peace on the earth.

come, Lord Jesus, come!

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

L: The Spirit is at work in our faith community,

**All: bringing us together in joy,
comforting us in sorrow.**

L: The Spirit is discovered in our faith community,

**All: helping those bereaved,
listening to those who are troubled.**

L: The Spirit is with any who are downhearted in our faith community,

**All: The voice of hope,
the unseen good deed.**

L: The Spirit will not be overcome,
because in our faith community,

**All: the Spirit is inspiring,
the Spirit is external.**

L: Come, let us worship in the presence of the Spirit.

*** Opening Prayer:**

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.

We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 226, “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Announcements – Marjorie MacPhee

A Tribute to Mothers

1) A brief history of Mother’s Day – *Merle Milson*

Hymn: # 1 “The Lord’s My Shepherd” VU #747 vs. 1,2 & 5 (seated)

2) Historical background – *Joan MacKnight Savoy*

***Hymn # 2** “Just As I Am” VU #508 vs, 1,2 & 4 (congregation stands)

3) Scripture Reading – Isiah 43:1-7 – *Marjorie MacPhee*

Hymn #3 “Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah” VU #651 vs.1-3 (seated)

4) A Mother’s Day Story – *Jeanne Breau*

Hymn #4 “Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore” VU #563 vs. 1-3 (seated)

5) Historical Background – *Gail Arsenault*

***Hymn #5** “Amazing Grace” VU #266 vs. 1,2 & 5 (congregation stands)

6) Prayer To God for Mother’s – *Judy Donnelly*

Hymn #6 “How Great Thou Art” VU #238 vs. 1,2 & 4 (seated)

7) Scripture Reading – John 20:11-18 – *Cynthia Duplessie*

Hymn #7 “In the Garden” Songs of the Gospel #23 vs. 1-3 (seated)

8) Historical Background – *Debbie Stymiest*

Hymn #8 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” VU #670 vs. 1-3 (seated)

9) A Mother's Day Poem – *Pat Boucher*

***Hymn #9** “Here I Am Lord” VU #509 vs. 1-3 (congregation stands)

We Respond to God's Word

The Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** VU # 541, “Praise God from Whom All Blessing 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: (*Together*)**

Gracious God, the seeds of generosity and abundance are revealed in these gifts. Receive our offerings and commitments and transform them into care for the hurting, support for the grieving, and hope for those who feel no hope in their lives. Bless all the gifts we offer this day. Amen.

Choir Anthem: “An Angel to Watch Over Me”

Prayers of the People

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

L: Go out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill your high calling as disciples of Jesus Christ.

All: Go and join Christ in the world, healing and sharing words of freedom, witnessing to sacred in the midst of daily life.

L: And as you go into the world, may the love of God surround you, the grace of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit guide you each and every day.

All: Amen.

***Choral Closing:** VU #236, “Now Thank We All Our God” vs. 1

**Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices.
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way,
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

Musical Postlude

Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Elvina & Jack Sobey and Jayme & Donald Campbell and Family on the death of Elvina's sister, Evelyn Butcher of Maple Glenn.

*Flowers have been placed in loving memory of
Mona (MacFarlane) Kingston by Jeanne Breau.*

Memorials

In loving memory of **Shirley Traer & Grace Watling**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from her Family.

In loving memory of **Jennie McLennan**, a donation to the Choir Fund has been received from Helen & Alfred Steeves and Family.

In loving memory of **Inez Jenkins**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Mary & Kyla Reynolds.

In loving memory of **Evelyn Butcher**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Barbara Doucet.

In loving memory of **All Deceased St. Andrew's United Church Women**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from St. Andrew's Choir Members.

Honourariums

In honour of All Living St. Andrew's United Church Women, a donation to Local Funds has been received from St. Andrew's United Choir Members.

Worship:

1. Welcome everyone who worships with us today.

-New members are encouraged to fill out a welcome envelope in the pews so that the church office can have your information.

2. Bulletin Cover Photos:

If you have any photos you would like to send in for Bulletin Covers, for Sunday worship services please send them to:

chathamstauc@nb.aibn.com

3. Worship Volunteers:

▪ **Greeters: May 19** – Marilyn McGerrigle & Jeanne Breau/**May 26** – Ann Brown & Ron Carter

▪ **Sound System: May 12** – Barry Campbell/**May 19** – Barry Campbell/**May 26** – Ernie MacLean

▪ **PowerPoint: May 12** – Karen Rose/**May 19** – Jennifer Walker/**May 26** – Nathan Robichaud

-**Offering Collectors: May 12** – Debbie Stymiest, Cynthia Duplessie, Jeanne Breau and Ferne MacLean

▪ **Offering Counters: May 12** – Betty MacDiarmid & Barry Campbell/**May 19** – Dennis & Judy Morrison/**May 26** – Betty MacDiarmid & Cynthia Duplessie

4. Bible Study:

A bible study and discussion group “Rethinking God and Creation” will start Thursday, May 9th. All are welcome. For more information please contact Jennifer Walker 506-622-4176 or email Jennifer.walker286@yahoo.com

5. Ways to give:

At any time, you may contact the church office for offering Envelopes or to sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). PAR is an amount of your choice taken on the 20th of the month from your back account. You can also e-transfer your remittance at any time to standrewswellingtonstreet@gmail.com.

This Week:

1. Church Office hours:

Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

2. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, May 5 th	\$ 965.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,287.23</u>
Total for Week of May 5th	\$ 2,252.23

3. ‘We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make our yard sale such a success. A big thank you to all of you who donated the goods we sold. Once underway, everyone became one unit with a single purpose from the "unboxers", the "arrangers", the pricers, the bakers, the sellers; and to the people after the sale who boxed, cleaned up and brought things out to be taken away. As always, the smells from the kitchen were enticing, the baked goods were delicious, the books were inviting and we were dazzled by all the "bling". A recurring

comment was “you always have the best yard sale”. We are fortunate to be part of such a caring and dedicated church family. Thank you again on behalf of the organizers.

4. Moses is one of our newest members of St. Andrew’s United Church. He is expecting his wife and two pre-schoolers to join him in Canada ... perhaps as early as late June. Currently boarding, he is now looking for a two-bedroom place (Chatham-side preferred). Should you be looking to rent or have information on any rental options, please consider contacting Karen Rose at the church office ... 773-9932 or Wayne Mullin at 778-8292. Any help is appreciated.

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok will cover for any pastoral care during this time. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it or on her cell at 506-626-4162.

This Week:

1. Faith & Spiritual Development will be meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at 1:30 p.m.

4. Games Day returns to St Andrew’s United on Wednesday May 15th from 1:30 until 3:00pm. At this upcoming session you will be taught how to plan ‘**Sequence**’ and, if time permits, ‘**Five Crowns**’. We will have snacks and healthy fellowship. Members and non-members are welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor!

2. Come and join in on the discussion and fun while learning about our relationship to God and Creation. The next bible study is Thursday May 16, 10:30 until noon.

Upcoming:

1. Sunday, May 19th – We will welcome Daniel Szemok to our pulpit once again and then we will enjoy a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon with assorted cookies for dessert following the morning worship service in St. Luke’s Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

2. Tuesday, May 21st – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management will meet

2. Sunday, May 26th – Sacrament of Communion with Wendell Gregan, DLM.

- Birthday Box for WDR

Fundraising:

1. Our tickets will go on sale starting Wednesday, May 15th for the Gift Card Baskets. 1st Prize \$1200 in gift cards; 2nd price \$300 in gift cards; 3rd Prize \$200 in gift cards. Tickets are 3/\$5; 7/\$10; 15/\$20. Tickets can be passed out today and Karen will have some at the back of the sanctuary following the worship service but we ask that you do not place onto social media till Wednesday as that is the day it is registered for under our license.

2. Cookbooks on sale from the church office for \$20 or 2/\$30. Great gift idea.

Community

1. Hike for Vondy House Hospice Miramichi is May 26, 1:30pm at the Miramichi Cross Country Ski Club, 131 Nelson St., Miramichi. Come walk or run 1 or 2.5 k, try your hand at disc golf, and possibly win a prize! Pledges and preregistration at [Hike for Hospice - HOSPICE MIRAMICHI INC.](https://www.hospicemiramichi.com/events) Call 506-773-7607 x 200 or email events@hospicemiramichi.com. Looking forward to seeing you!

2. Please join us at the Spring Fling! On Sunday, May 26th from 1:30 to 3 pm there will be live, local entertainment at St. Peter & Paul Church. Dessert, tea and coffee will be available throughout the afternoon in the Father Morrissey Centre from 1:30 to 4 pm. Everyone is welcome. Admission is a freewill offering.

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Joyce Forbes by her Family.



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