

St. Andrew's United Church

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Greeters: Debbie Stymiest & Carol Johnston

August 26, 2018

Mission & Service Fund Sunday

We Gather To Worship

*indicate to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Colleen Dickson*

As the candle is lit we sing #87, chorus)

I am the Light of the world!

You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery

Of what you were meant to do and be.

One: We light this Christ candle honoring God in all we do.

May our light always shine to others in need – whether the need be our time, a smile, a kind word, forgiveness, our physical or financial assistance ... Amen

*Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:

L: This is a call to worship, it's a call to pray.

A call to praise the Lord, each and every day.

And together we pray:

All: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still as you speak to us this hour. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. We reach out to You, O God, knowing that you have already enfolded us in your arms. Thank You. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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Welcome & Announcements

*Hymn: # 595 - We Are Pilgrims

Prayer of Approach & Confession: (*seated*) (*responsive*)

L: God the Creator, we come, in awe of you.

All: We are overwhelmed by the wonder of your creation;

L: we are inspired by the mystery of life; we are amazed by the beauty of your world;

All: we are astonished that such a God would have anything to do with the likes of us. So, we kneel before you, in awe and wonder, humbled before your greatness.

L: God, who has come amongst us in the person of Jesus;

All: you have walked our streets; you have lifted our children; you have sat in our churches; you have watched over us while we work.

L: We come, no longer remote and distant, or in fear and trembling,

All: but seeking the embrace of your love, the smile of your acceptance, the touch of your forgiveness. We dare to come close to you because you have come close to us.

L: God, the Spirit of Life, we are thankful for your constant presence;

All: for the healing of your love;

L: for the challenge of your Word; for the inspiration of your Gospel;

All: for the community of your Church.

L: Renew us and refresh us;

All: enable us and enliven us;

L: challenge us and change us;

All: prompt us and improve us;

L: in our worship;

All: in our mission ... and in our service to your glory, in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination:

Eternal God, we open our eyes, our ears, our minds, our hearts, to the glory of what you are about.

May we feel challenged by your word, allowing you to breathe into us the new life of your Holy Spirit that we might breathe out your good news! Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Galatians 6: 1-10 (*Bear One Another's Burdens*)

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

Romans 12: 1-13

Ministry of Music: "Let us Build a House"

Reflection on the Word:

Reflection on the Mission & Service Fund

*Hymn: # 642, Be Thou My Vision

We Respond to God's Word

Minute for Mission: *Safe Haven Safe Home*

Invitation to the Offering:

L: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Our offering will now be received.

*Offering Choral Response: #543, vs.1

**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be,
All that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

*Offertory Prayer:

All things come from you, O God, and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love

failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ so we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer all that we have. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: # 575, I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

*Benediction:

L: May God the Father, prepare our journey,

All: Jesus the Son, guide our footsteps,

L: The Spirit of Life, strengthen our body,

All: The Three in One, watch over us,

on every road that we follow. Amen

*Choral Blessing: (VU #299, vs. 1 & 2) "Teach Me God, to Wonder"

Teach me God to wonder, teach me God to see,

Let your world of beauty capture me,

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,

life be celebrated, joy you give.

Let me God, be open, let me loving be,

Let your world of people speak to me.

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,

life be celebrated, joy you give.

Musical Postlude

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Lodia Watling on the death of her sister, Albertine Martin from Baie Ste. Anne.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Paula (Walsh) Barry**, a donation to the Summer Community Kitchen has been received from James & Betty MacDiarmid.

Honorariums

In honour of **Barbara Doucet's 80th Birthday**, donations to the Summer Community Kitchen have been received from Denis & Liz Desaulniers, Jeanne Breau, Buddie & Frances Blakely, Don & Judy Bowman, Bill & Lib Hachey.

Duty Unit: August – Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit/**Sept.** Lesley Daigle Unit

Greeters: Sept. 2 – Merle Milson & Patricia Boucher/**Sept. 9** – Barry & Bev Campbell/**Sept. 16** – Bill & Lib Hachey

Sound System: Aug. 26 – Brian Savoy/**Sept. 2** - Mary Reynolds/**Sept. 9** – Margaret Glidden/**Sept. 16** – Brian Savoy

Power Point: Aug. 26 – Karen Rose/**Sept. 2** – Mary Reynolds/**Sept. 9** – Debbie Benson/**Sept. 16** – Karen Rose

Offering Collections: Aug. 26 – Brian & Joan Savoy, Anna MacDonald, Gary Blackmore/**Sept. 2** – Holly Daley, Sam Shirley, Dave & Brenda Hicks/**Sept. 9** – Ferne & Ernie MacLean, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest

Offering Counters: Aug. 26 – Betty MacDiarmid, Marjorie Cassidy, Carol Johnston/**Sept. 2** – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman, Barry Campbell/**Sept. 9** – Margaret Glidden, Debbie Stymiest, Debbie Benson/**Sept. 16** – Juanita Hamilton, Hallam Curtis, Brian Adams

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Buddie & Frances Blakely who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, August 29, 2018.

Announcements

This Week:

Monday, Aug. 27th – 10:00 a.m. – *Set-up for clothing sale*

Tuesday, Aug. 28th – 9:00 am – 6:00 p.m. - *Good Used Clothing Sale. Workers 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Rae Walls & Rainbow Unit; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Princess Anne Unit.*

Wednesday, Aug. 29th – 9:00 am – 6:00 pm – *Good Used Clothing Sale. Workers 9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Princess Street Unit; 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Maude Jardine and 5:45 pm – Lesley Daigle Unit.*

Thursday, Aug. 30th – 11:30 a.m. – *CGIT Alumni are meeting at Chatters Restaurant for lunch. All former members are welcome.*

Rev. Charlene is on study leave till Wednesday, August 29th. Wendell Gregan will cover for pastoral emergency.

Office Hours:

<p>Monday – Closed; Tuesday – 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday – 9am-1pm; Thursday 9am-1pm; Friday – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p>
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Upcoming:

Sunday, Sept. 2nd – Worship Service resumes to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School will begin on September 9th with an Assembly and Registration. The **second Registration will be on September 16th** (or you can pick up registration forms at the church office.) We will be using *Deep Blue Curriculum* again this year, supplemented with crafts and other activities. Children please remember to bring your Deep Blue Bibles! The theme for the fall lessons is: *Jesus' Teachings, Stories Jesus Told, and the People Jesus Met.*

If any congregation members would be willing to be an occasional helper in the Sunday School, please contact the Church Office or Colleen Dickson (773-5161).

Annual Harvest Home Supper at St. Stephen's United Church, 7970 Route 117, Black River Bridge, on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018. Tickets on sale from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meal served from 12:00 noon to 5:30 pm. Supper will consist of Ham or Turkey Adults \$13.00; children (12 & under) \$6.00; Salmon, Adults \$16.00 and children (12 & under) \$6.00. Take outs available with canteen & crafts on grounds.