

St. Andrew's United Church

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Minister: Rev. Charlene Maguire MacKnight

Organist: Mrs. Joanne Wiseman

Greeters: Joyce Forbes & Clarence Harris

September 23, 2018

18th Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather To Worship

*indicates to stand as you are able

Musical Prelude

*Introit: #137 MV-Welcome, Jesus, You are Welcome vs. 1&4
(Tune: #2 VU)

**Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome
in this world made hard by fear;
loving reach us, living teach us,
Jesus, you are welcome here.**

**Welcome, Jesus, you are welcome;
let your loving light appear.
In our seeing, in our being,
Jesus, you are welcome here.**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle: *Sandi Mae & Tyron MacDonald*
One: We light this candle remembering Jesus who said, "I am the light of the world."

All: May this candle light brighten our spirits.

One: And may the light of God shine through us,

All: that we might brighten the world.

Candle is lit, as we sing:

**Light up the candle every day,
Jesus, be with us here as we pray.**

Call to Worship: (*seated*)

L: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

2.

All: God's ways are just and merciful.

L: Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

All: In all that they do, they prosper.

L: Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

All: We will seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

Hymn: #356, Seek Ye First (*congregation seated*)

Opening Prayer:

We have gathered, God, in the circle of your love, giving thanks for the special feeling that comes with being part of a family of faith. You have called us – young and old and in-between, with a variety of gifts and abilities – to be followers of Jesus and to love and serve others in His name. Help us to live as people of generosity, goodness, and grace. In Jesus' name we pray, singing the words of the prayer he taught:

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) VU #960

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn: #605, Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold

Conversation with the Children

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination: *Anna MacDonald*

Speak to us through the reading and proclamation of your Word, O God, that in hearing, we may come to know and live your will for us. Amen.

*Responsive Reading: Psalm 1, page 724

Epistle Lesson: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

Ministry of Music

Reflection on the Word

3.

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn: #583, Jesus Came, A Child Like Me

Minute for Mission: "Advocacy In Action" – *Colleen Dickson*

Offering

*Choral Response: #544 (*tune #625*)

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

*Offertory Prayer:

Almighty God, thank you for your goodness and loving-kindness, for us and all who are your children. Accept our gifts this day. Make us more aware of your mercies so that we might worthily praise you not only with our lips but also with our actions. Lead us in paths of holiness and righteousness all our days. Amen.

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #651, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Commissioning:

L: Give us, O God, a childlike simplicity as we leave this place of worship.

All: Give us joy, in the unforeseen opportunities and blessings; open hands and caring hearts, as we respond to need and to cries for help; wonder, in the face of nature's beauty; and peace, as we feel your love around us.

4.

*Benediction:

L: Let us go forth to love and serve in Christ's name, confident in God's blessing and in God's love leading and supporting us in all that we say and do.

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

**The bulletins have been presented in loving memory of
Linda MacDonald (deceased Sept. 26, 2014) by her Family.**

Memorials

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from Wayne & Liz Mullin.

In loving memory of **Hallam Curtis**, donations to Community Kitchen have been received from Joyce Forbes, Denis & Liz Desaulniers, Bill & Sally Donald.

In loving memory of **Aubrey Digdon**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from wife, Barbara and the Digdon Family.

In loving memory of **Bruce MacLennan**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

In loving memory of **Elwood Dickson**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Jim & Faye Wilson.

**Duty Unit: Sept. Lesley Daigle Unit/Oct. Maude Jardine Unit
Greeters: Sept. 30 – Marjorie MacPhee & Anna MacDonald/Oct. 7 – Brenda & Dave Hicks/Oct. 14 – Colleen Dickson & Judy Sipes
Sound System: Sept. 23 – John MacKnight/Sept. 30 – Ernie MacLean/Oct. 7 – Brian Savoy/Oct. 14 – John MacKnight
Power Point: Sept. 23 – Juanita Hamilton /Sept. 30th – Karen Rose/Oct. 7 – Mary Reynolds/Oct. 14 – Debbie Benson**

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Offering Collections: Sept. 23 – Holly Daley, Gary Blackmore, Brenda & Dave Hicks/**Sept. 30** – Marjorie MacPhee, Anna MacDonald, Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

Offering Counters: Sept. 23 – Brian Savoy, Don Bowman, Barry Campbell/**Sept. 30** – Dennis & Judy Morrison, Helen Jones

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Louise Keith who is celebrating her 85th Birthday, today, Sept. 23, 2018.

Honourarium

In honour of **Louise Keith’s 85th Birthday**, a donation to Local Funds has been received from the Keith Family.

Announcements

This Week:

Monday, Sept. 24th – 7:00 p.m. – *Financial Management Team Meeting*

Tuesday, Sept. 25th – 10:00 a.m. – *Church Council Meeting*

Wednesday, Sept. 26th – 1:15 p.m. – *General UCW Meeting*

Friday, Sept. 28th – 10:00 a.m. – *Pastoral Care & Outreach Team Meeting*

Saturday, Sept. 29th – 8:30 a.m. – *The first Men’s Breakfast for the fall season is scheduled for the Portage Restaurant*

-9:30 a.m. – *UCW Presbyterial Fall Rally here at our church*

Upcoming:

Sunday, Sept. 30th -10:20 a.m. – *Men’s Choir Practice at the church for any men of the congregation who are interested in attending*

- *Men’s Choir*

- *Birthday Box for WDR*

(*July, August & September Birthdays*)

“Tribute to the Legends of Country Music” will be presented by “Country Blend” on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. here at St. Andrew’s. Tickets are \$15.00 a person and are now on sale at Scott’s Drugstore, Dickison’s Pharmasave and St. Andrew’s Church Office. Following the concert there will be light refreshments and a chance to purchase Country Blends 10 CD releases.

6.

A Suggestion Box is at the back of the sanctuary near Rev. Charlene’s office. We invite suggestions around the worship service; special events or fundraising activities; themes for Bible Study or other learning opportunities; and ideas related to other aspects of the life and work of our congregation.

Note that this box is not for complaints (they should be written and directed to the Church Council or appropriate Team.)

For the remainder of September, we invite you to give suggestions of HYMNS you would like to sing (from Voices United, Songs of the Gospel, etc.) Thank you!

The Policy & Communication Team are once again asking everyone for their consent for the church’s facebook/website pages. If you do not wish to have your photo placed on the church’s facebook/website pages you are asked to notify the church office otherwise it will be understood that you are giving your consent.

Our financial picture for the summer months is as follows:

June

Revenue \$ 15,214.35

Disbursements \$ 15,833.41

Surplus/Deficit \$ **699.06- Deficit**

July

Revenue \$ 17,993.00

Disbursements \$ 15,532.08

Surplus/Deficit \$ **2,460.92+ Surplus**

August

Revenue \$ 12,593.70

Disbursements \$ 16,104.99

Surplus/Deficit \$ **3,511.29- Deficit**

7.

The Villagers Chorus Group have recorded a new CD which is now on sale in the church office for \$10.00 a CD.

The CGIT Alumni are meeting with a brown bag picnic lunch at Middle Island on Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 11:30 a.m. *(in case of bad weather they will be at St. Andrew's United Church in the basement) Any former members are invited to attend.*

Red Bank Church are once more selling their Apple Pies. To order please call Marion Hare 622 7775 before Oct 1st and after Oct. 1st at the Church office between 8am -12 pm.

The covenanting service for the Rev. David Allan and the Loggieville-Black River Pastoral Charge will be held at St. Stephen's United Church, Black River Bridge on Sunday, Sept. 30th at 3:00 p.m. Preacher will be Rev. Gerald Blaquiere and the Presider will be Kent Gibbons, Chair of Miramichi Presbytery.