



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



April 14, 2024.

3rd After Easter

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.”



Eclipse ‘God’s Wonders’

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Sunday Worship Service

(April 14, 2024, 3rd after Easter)

Worship Leader: Mr. Daniel Szemok
Organist & Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Mary Reynolds & Helen Jones

*** Means if you are able please stand as indicated**

We Gather To Worship

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU #253, "Sing Your Joy" vs. 1

Lightning the Christ Candle: Bev Campbell

Jesus came to share the good news of God. He came to share in our joy and sorrows so we may know God more fully.

We light this candle for the good news in hearts, and the good news that wherever you go God is with you. (Christ candle is lit)

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

Welcome

*** Call to Worship**

God created us to be productive but called us to be loving.

We are God's handiwork to live out the ultimate call of Christ; to love as he loved and to forgive each other as he forgave us.

We are made in the image of God; we are image bearers of our loving creator. How awesome is that?

But we are also called to follow, not simply to believe. He gave us his word as light for our path so we may not stumble as we live out our call for love and repentance.

What if we can reach our God given call faster and all we need to do is to give up God's word, just a little?

We are called not only to do what is good but to remain faithful to the one from whom all love and goodness comes from. In Jesus name Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** VU #409, "Morning Has Broken"

***Opening Prayer:** (to be read in unison)

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the plans you make for my life. A praise you for the dreams you inspire me to realize. It is awesome to work through your strength and to rest in your peace. But in this quiet moment I turn to you for help, to stay faithful to your will. Help me not to cut corners. Help me not to do something good the wrong way, because that would spoil the good and also hurt me. Give me the wisdom not just to aim for what is good but to trust your timing as well. In Jesus name, Amen.

Hymn: VU #585, "Jesus Bids Us Shine"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: "Come to My Heart Lord Jesus"

Message: *Rare Opportunity* (David part 1)
Pastoral Prayer

We Respond to God's Word

Announcements: Judy Morrison

Praise Before Prayer: MV #119, "God Our Protector"

Prayer Book: Judy Morrison

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn:** MV #191, "What Can I Do"

*** Offering Prayer:** (Together)

Loving God we bow down in front of your son as our king and saviour. You spoke words of wisdom into our lives; you called us to be generous and kind. You set the example of love, you defined generosity for us. Yet it is so common for us to be reluctant or lazy; to give only as much as it is comfortable in fear of not having enough of anything. All we need to do is to look at your son. Help us to give as you gave and to love as you love for the glory of your kingdom. In Jesus name Amen.

We Go Out As God's People

*Closing Hymn: Peace Like A River”

*Commissioning and Benediction:

*Choral Closing: (Choir) VU #958, “Halle, Halle, Halle”

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Joan Blackmore and Family of the death of Joan's mother, Jean Willison.

Memorials

In loving memory of **Jean Williston**, a donation to Local Funds has been received by Barbara Doucet.

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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. Collection:

Collection people will start taking up the morning collection from the pews starting next Sunday, April 21, 2024 (instead of at the doors).

3. 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: April 21** – Bill Donald & Clarke Fraser/**April 28th** – Brian & Davida Adams
- **Sound System: April 14** – Brian Savoy/**April 21** – Barry Campbell
- **PowerPoint: April 14** – Jennifer Walker/**April 21** – Nathan Robichaud
- **Offering Counters: April 14** – Brian Savoy, Brian Adams/**April 21** – Karen Rose, Marjorie Cassidy

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. The only thing you will need if you choose this is a void cheque when you go into the office. 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. – 4:00 p.m.

2. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, April 7 th	\$ 835.00
Weekly Par Collection	<u>\$ 1,286.77</u>
Total for Week of April 7th	\$ 2,121.77

3. Cards for all occasions for sale at the back of the sanctuary by the minister’s study 3/\$1.00. You will find: Thinking of You, Get Well, Birthday, Friendship, Special Occasion and Blank to write your own message.

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.

Upcoming:

1. General UCW will meet on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m.

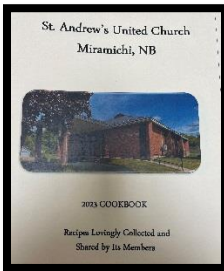
Fundraising:



1. Gift Card Basket – We are asking for Gift Cards in the amount of \$25 each for any store or restaurant (keeping in mind we need a variety) to be put into a basket and then we will be selling tickets on the basket as of May 1st. Please bring your donations to the church office during office hours.



2. Yard & Bake Sale, May 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations could include furniture, kitchen, bedding, small appliances, kid's toys and jewelry. We are asking for books (novels, in good condition or biographies). **We will not be** accepting encyclopedias, dictionaries, academic books, or vhs tapes.



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

Community Events:

1. Headstones Saddles made by Brenda Hicks or Jacky LeBreton are now on sale by calling Brenda (773-6787) or Jacky (773-8002). They will also have them for sale each week at the Farmer's Market being held at the Curling Club.

2. St. Michael's Basilica Catholic Women's League will be having a Prayer Service for Palliative Care on WEDNESDAY, MAY 8th at 12:00 noon, in the Bishop Rogers Chapel at St. Michael's Basilica. Parishioners are invited to this Service. There will be a Free-will offering, as a donation to Hospice Palliative Care.

Note: Please use the entrance across from the Parish Office or the Ramp entrance on the other side of the church.

If you would prefer to pray at home, please include prayer in support of Hospice and Palliative Care.

* National Hospice Palliative Care Week will be May 5th - 11th, 2024. *

We gratefully acknowledge the dedication of the bulletins in loving memory of Jane Dickson (deceased April 15, 2019) by Marina & Cam Tilley and Family.



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