



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada

St. Andrew's United Church



June 1, 2025.

7^h Sunday 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."



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Sunday Worship Service

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Worship Leader: Daniel Szemok, LLWL
Organist and Choir Director: Lois McKinnon
Greeters: Karen Rose & Helen Jones

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able.

Music Prelude:

Introit: VU #649, chorus "Walk with Me"

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God had planned
where love shines through.**

Lighting the Christ Candle – *Brenda Hicks*

Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts. Point out anything in us that offends you, and lead us along the path of everlasting life.

Based on psalm 139

As the candle is lit we sing: VU #679, vs. 1 "Let There Be Light"

**Let there be light,
Let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather,
Let them be face to face;**

Welcome and lighting of the Peace Candle

Call to Worship:

What is the meaning of life? What is the point of being here?

The meaning of this life is to meet and to get to know the one who created us!

Does he exist? Is he for real?

God exists and not only that, but his power and love is greater than all the darkness in this world.

How do you know all this? Why should I believe you?

We know of God and his wonderful nature through his son, Jesus. He was here long ago and he poured out perfect love the likes of which we have never known. Amen

The Lord's Supper

Invitation Hymn: VU # 467, "One Bread One Body" vs.1,2
Prayer after Communion

Children leave for Sunday School

***Opening Hymn:** VU # 374, "Come Find the Quiet Centre" vs. 3

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Wonderful Lord remind us today that You have shown Yourself to be faithful even when we are not. Remind us what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask this as a people who struggle to submit our wills to Yours. May our plans, ambitions and goals be our humble sacrifice at the alter of Christ, to bring forth Your plans, Your ambitions and Your goals for the United Church of Canada! Bless us to seek great things from You; to pray bold prayers to You, to submit our whole selves for Your Kingdom. Amen

The Word of God Proclaimed

Ministry of Music: 'Come Touch Our Hearts'

Sermon: What's missing...?

We Respond to God's Word

***Hymn:** VU #240, "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

Announcements: Judy Bowman

Invitation to the Offering:

***Offering Hymn: VU #549, “For All Your Goodness, God”**

**For all your goodness, God,
We give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet,
we give you thanks.**

***Offering Prayer: (Unison)**

Lord of abundance and matchless blessings, help us to be people who not only repeat Your words and come to church but also who live out Your message. Bless us to produce the fruits of Your Spirit, the fruits of generosity, the fruits of love, patience, forgiveness and gentleness. Revive us again to be new people through You and for You. In Jesus’ name we ask, Amen

We Go Out as God’s People

***Closing Hymn: VU #672, “Take Time to be Holy”**

***Commissioning and Benediction:**

***Choral Closing: MV # 213, “Take Up His Song”**

**Take up his song of hope and go into the world.
Take up his song of hope in every moment.
In every moment of the journey
we’re laying down our lives;
lay them down, in hope,
lay them down, and take up his song.**

Musical Postlude



Announcements

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Ellen Marie & Bob Currie and Family on the death of Ellen Marie's brother, Joseph "Joe" Walsh of Bathurst, NB.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Helen & Jack Deith by daughter, Patty Deitch and Family.

Congratulations to Barry Campbell on receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award of "Service Above Self" awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions of commitment, generosity, and service to others. Barry was very deserving of this award and received it Saturday, May 31st.

Memorials:

In loving memory of **Mary Buchanan**, a donation to the Community Kitchen has been received from Ernie & Ferne MacLean.

Worship:

Greeters: June 8 – Bev Campbell & Muriel Lamkey/June 15 – Margaret Moran Glidden & Benjamin Glidden

▪ **Sound System:** June 1 – Paul Rose/June 8 – Don Bowman/June 15 – Brian Savoy

▪ **PowerPoint:** June 1 – Mary Reynolds/June 8 – Mary Reynolds/June 15 – Mary Reynolds

▪ **Offering Collectors:** June 1 – Brian & Joan Savoy, Ferne & Ernie MacLean/June 8 – Carolyn Shirley, Judy Donnelly, Carol Johnston, Debbie Stymiest

▪ **Offering Counters:** June 1 – Betty MacDiarmid & Liz Mullin/June 8 – Karen Rose & Cynthia Duplessie

3. Weekly Collection:

Collection on Sunday, May 25 th	\$ 535.00
Weekly Par Collection	\$ <u>1,270.00</u>
Total for Week of May 25th	\$ 1,805.00

This Week:

- 1) **Tuesday, June 3rd** – 7:00 p.m. – Property & Financial Management Team Meeting
- 2) **Thursday, June 5th** – 1:00 p.m. – Fitness Class here at St. Andrew's

Upcoming:

- 1) **Sunday, June 8th – Pentecost Sunday** – People are invited to wear red, orange or yellow.
This is also the Sunday School closing with fun activities for the children. People will be invited to join in small luncheon of hotdogs and ice cream sundaes for dessert with the children following the morning worship service.
- 2) **Tuesday, June 10th** at 10:00 a.m. – Draw for the Squares fundraiser
- 3) **Sunday, June 22nd will be Graduation Recognition Sunday** and people are invited to submit a photo of their graduates whether it's your child, your grandchild or great grandchild. Please include a short write up stating where they are graduating from, the son/daughter of and grandparents names of, and what their future plans are.

Fundraiser:

Not long now till our fundraiser will be drawn, JUNE 10TH two draws will take place. To purchase a square for your chance to win see Karen in the church office. Squares are \$10 each.

June 10th - Two Draws: 1) \$500 in gift cards and 2) A 43 inch Smart TV and then on **June 15th** – \$100 in gift cards

Pastoral Care:

Rev Alice Szemok is covering for any pastoral emergencies. If you need pastoral care, please contact the church office at 506-773-9932, and Karen will arrange it.

Community:

- 1) The Miramichi Women's Shelter is in need of many items, anyone wishing to donate any of these items can bring them to the church and we will make sure they get delivered. The items are as follows: toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine

hygiene items, baby diapers (any size), baby formula, body wash, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, paper towel, cleaning supplies.

2)

- 3) **Saturday, June 7th, 7:00 p.m.** - Stephen's United Church, Redbank will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary with a musical event. It will feature special music by the Villagers Choral Group, Austin McKinnon, Blair Baisley and more.

100th Anniversary Celebration:

St. Andrew's United Church invites you come celebrate with us on TODAY, June 1st at 7:00 p.m. a musical evening with all the local united church choirs taking place to celebrate.

Following the music, a time of fellowship will be held downstairs in St. Luke's Hall with coffee/tea and anniversary cake.

POTLUCK CELEBRATION: Sunday, June 8th, at 5:00 PM at the United Church Centre. We extend an invitation to the members of your congregation to join us as we celebrate this milestone occasion. Bring your favorite potluck dish and we'll provide the rest! Blessings.

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