

## *A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship*

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*Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.* Melody Beattie

**October 11, 2009**  
**Pentecost 19**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**  
(Congregational responses are in bold type.)  
\*Please stand as you are able)

Prelude: *We Gather Together* (arr. Bradshaw)  
Welcome & Announcements

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Lighting of the Memorial Candles and Peace Candle

Call to Worship

This is our day for giving thanks;  
that day when we focus our minds on all of the good that surrounds us.

**Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

We think of our friends and families and all their encouragement and care, and the ways this community lives God's loving ways.

**Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**



### *Grace for the Thanksgiving Meal*

*Heavenly Father, we bow our heads to you in love, adoration, and thankfulness. We are thankful for friends, and family, such as are gathered here, to share fellowship, love, and food together. We thank you for the food we are about to receive. Bless the hands that have prepared and the bodies about to receive. We invite you into our midst so that your spirit will enhance our time together. We pray in the name of you r Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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We look around to see the wonder of this home we have in God's creation and to marvel at this earth that gives to us good food to for our tables.

**Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

The seasons change, sunshine gives way to winter snow,  
Still, your loving care for us goes on forever.

**Thank you, God, for all you have given us!**

Hymn: #516 *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

Prayer of Approach

**Attend to our heart's desire, O God.**

**For through our trust, our praise, our thanksgiving  
we lay open before you**

**all that we are**

**all we hope to be**

**all that you dream for us**

**as followers of Jesus.**

**And so today we come to worship, not only to give thanks  
but to experience worship that creates space for needed  
changes and empowers us to dream these changes into being.**

**Provider God, be with us in all that we are,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Children's Anthem: *O Give Thanks*

Hymn: #412 *This Is the Day*

(Please remain seated)

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Let the earth be joyful and glad

**for God has done great things!**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

First Testament Reading: Joel 2:21-27

*(Do not fear, O soil, for God will provide.)*

*The Spirit of the Corn* An Iroquois Legend

We Pray for Thanksgiving

*Take a moment now to write your thanksgiving on the cutout shape that you received with your bulletin. After you have written your thanks, you may take your shape and place it on the mural paper on the sanctuary wall or, if you wish, you can pass your shape to one of the ushers or to one of the children and have them place it for you.*

Responsive Psalm 126 (VU pg. 850)

*(Those who sow in tears reap in joy.)*

Anthem: *Every Day My Thanks to You* (Penny Folsom)

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*(Offer prayers for everyone.)*

*The Kings Thanksgiving* Traditional: Author Unknown

Hymn: *We Give Thanks*

*We give thanks for the goodness of love that is shared.*

*We give thanks for this table around which we are fed.*

*We give thanks for this circle of friends and family.*

*We give thanks, we give thanks, we give thanks.*

*We give thanks for this off'ring of bread and of wine.*

*We give thanks for these blessings from earth and of vine.*

*We give thanks for this gath'ring of symbol, sign and song.*

*We give thanks, we give thanks, we give thanks.*

*We give thanks for tomorrow and thanks for today.*

*We give thanks for the journey and faith along the way.*

*We give thanks for the promise of Jesus with us now.*

*We give thanks, we give thanks, we give thanks.*

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25–33  
*(Do not worry about what you will eat or drink.)*  
*Saint Cuthbert's Eagle* by The Venerable Bede

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to the Offering  
Offering Our Gifts to God

Dedication: *In gratitude and humble trust*  
*we bring our best to you,*  
*not just to serve your cause, but share your love*  
*with neighbours, too...*  
*O God, who gave yourself to us*  
*in Jesus Christ, your Son,*  
*help us to give ourselves each day*  
*until life's work is done.*

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Offertory Prayer:

**Gracious God, all that we have comes from you. With thankful hearts we offer our gifts to you that your garden may cover the earth and the heavens. Amen**

We Pray for Others

**WE ARE SENT FORTH**

\*Hymn: #227 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Choral Benediction:

*Go with us Lord, as now we depart,*  
*calming the fears that trouble each heart.*  
*Keep us all in your grace ----- until we come, again, to this place.*

Interlude

*Now we will walk in peace with the Lord,*  
*living in faith and teaching his word.*  
*Share his love ev'ry day ----- for he has surely shown us the way!*

*A – men, a – men.*

*Prayer of Dedication* (Don Besig and Nancy Price)\*

Postlude: *Now Thank We All One God* (J.S. Bach)

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**Stewards responsible for checking the church:**

**this week** – October 11 – Hally Kimball

**next week** – October 18 –George Barefoot

**Scripture Readings for October 18:**

Job 38:1–7, (34–41) (*God's rebuttal to Job's complaint.*)

Psalms 104:1–9, 24, 35c (VU pgs. 826–827 parts 1 and 2)  
(*With Wisdom, God created the earth and all its creatures.*)

Hebrews 5:1–10 (*Christ learned obedience and was made perfect.*)

Mark 10:35–45 (*James and John request to sit on Jesus' right and left.*)

**\*Spirituality & Mental Health – Joining Hands Workshop;**  
Saturday, October 17, 9am-4pm; \$20 (including lunch); keynote speaker Dr. Chris Summerville, CEO Schizophrenia Society of Canada.\*

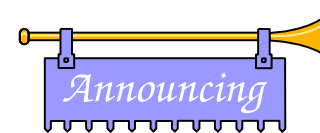
**\*Gospel Music Concert** – Saturday, October 17, 7pm  
at Zion Church, Garnett Settlement; ticket – non perishable food item.\*

**\*Breast Health Awareness** with Geni Spear-Burrows of St. Joseph's Breast Clinic; Tuesday, October 20, 7pm at Saint David's UC; info? – call M. Atkinson – 847-9525.\*

**\*Art Show and Sale;** Friday, October 23, 7:30pm-9:30pm and Saturday, October 24, 10am-5pm at Saint David's UC, Rothesay; admission \$2.\*

**\*St. Mark's United Church Musical Celebration** of their 150th Anniversary; October 24, 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary, 50 Dexter Drive; sacred and secular music; free will offering; for more information contact the church office at 672-3320.\*

**\* Celebrate Life Musical Concert** with Tracy, family and friends; Monday, November 23, 7:30pm at the Imperial Theatre; tickets \$20 on sale September 21 at the Imperial; all proceeds for Saint John Learning Exchange.\*



## **LIFE of the CONGREGATION and COMMUNITY**

### **This Week: October 11—October 17**

**TODAY 11:15am** Children's Choir Practice

**6:30pm** Jam session (further info below)

**TUESDAY 10:30am** Tuesday morning Study Group

**7:00pm** Saint John Presbytery

**WEDNESDAY 1:30pm** Agnes Allingham UCW

**7:30pm** Stewards Meeting

**7:30pm** Saint John Chaplaincy (see more below)

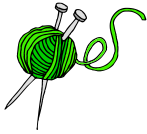
**THURSDAY 7:00-8:30pm** Adult Choir Practice



Do you have a dusty guitar hiding in a closet somewhere? Is there tambourine you haven't played for awhile? Maybe a drum that just doesn't get drummed anymore? If you do, then dust 'em off and come to church on Sunday evenings at 6:30pm for a **jam session** centred around contemporary Christian music by some of today's popular Christian song writers... these get-togethers will be informal and fun...so bring you instrument, your voice and your laughter and join in the party!



The Senior Youth are selling **2010 Church Calendars** – only \$5.00 each – available in the church office.



Wanted: **yarn donations**, any amount, type or colour for a lovely lady, Evangeline, from Halifax, to knit afghans for the Mission to Seafarers; baskets are there for you to donate. Thank you,  
Connie Downey.



**United for Peace Pins and Cards** still available at reduced prices (at cost); pins - \$6, cards- \$3; time is running out – campaign ends December 09; contact Jane Barefoot (849-9302) or Sally Allanach (847-2170).



To prepare for the Fall/Winter season The **Clothing Depot** would greatly appreciate the following items: toiletries, including deodorant, toothpaste, soap, razors and shaving cream. New and gently used socks, underwear and long johns would also be greatly appreciated.

**Community Chaplaincy** – A group of people get together once a month to prepare a meal for about 80 people in need. It takes about 1 ½ hours. Please join us at 7pm on October 14 to help. Many hands make light work. If you can provide a pan of squares to be dropped off at the church kitchen on October 14, please contact Karen Young at 848-1018.

Coming Soon – **Observer Subscription Time** for new readers and renewals. Let's try to increase our subscription list!



Please see sign up sheets on the side bulletin board for food donations and help for the turkey supper.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Fall Turkey Supper** – Saturday, October 24, 4-6pm; tickets – seniors \$9.00, adults \$10.00, children under 12 \$4.00; Please see sign up sheets on the side bulletin board for food and help donations.

**Scouts Canada Organizing Meeting** for any interested parents or volunteers – Wednesday, October 28, 7pm.

### \*DENOTES FURTHER INFORMATION ON BULLETIN BOARDS\*

\*Portland UC is searching for a **Minister of Young Families**; for details contact Paul Potter at 645-7235 or browse the JNAC at [www.marconf.ca/vacancy-list.htm](http://www.marconf.ca/vacancy-list.htm).\*

\***Concert with Terry Kelly and Friends**; Wednesday, October 14, 7pm at St. Joachim's Church\*

\***My Little Ones and Me**: an interactive play group and social time for moms, dads, grandparents, and caregivers with infants, toddlers, and preschool aged children at Saint David's UC; Wednesday mornings beginning October 14, 9-10:15am; for more info call Alicia Walls at 847-7137 or email [staffassociate@nb.aibn.com](mailto:staffassociate@nb.aibn.com).\*

\***Scarecrow Trails Scavenger Hunt**; Thursday, October 15, 7-8pm at the Quispamsis Arts and Culture Park.\*

\***Fall Bazaar & Luncheon**; Saturday, October 17, 11:30am-1:30pm at St Paul's UC, Sussex.\*