

A Warm Welcome to All Who Gather for Worship

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For years in Church we taught people to stand up and sit down. Stand up and sit down. And then we were angry with them for only knowing how to stand up and sit down. Vibrant churches learn, feel, grow, shout, dance, laugh, jump, play, cry, love...and believe it or not, we still remember how to stand up and sit down.

January 31, 2010

Epiphany 4

(Congregational responses are in bold type.)

***Please stand as you are able)**

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* (J.S. Bach)
Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Lighting the Memorial Candles and the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

In your presence we find our safe place,
a place where we will never be made to feel shame.
**Your way is good and right and by following,
we are kept from all kinds of trouble.**
**Open your heart to the sounds of inviting voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

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Offertory Prayer:

**Empowering God;
you have given us words for our mouths;
you have provided gifts for our being.
We dedicate all that we have and all that we are
to spreading the word – your word –
with voices born of love.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT FORTH

* Hymn: #372VU *Though I May Speak*

*Commissioning and Benediction:

*Choral Benediction

***Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!***

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Postlude: *Fanfare* (Mouret)

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The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to the family of Bruce and Linda Amey on the passing of Bruce's mother, Etna Amey, on January 18. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks.

Stewards responsible for checking the church:

this week – January 31 – Harry Dunfield

next week – February 7 – Ray Tonge

Scriptures for January 31: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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In your presence, we find shelter from all that threatens us;
or with your beside us, we do not have to be afraid.

You are our hope and our trust.

**Open your heart to the sounds of inviting voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

We trust you and we have from the time we were born.

**It was you who made us; who drew us out of our mothers'
wombs.**

And, like a midwife, you have guided us along the way.

**Open your heart to the sounds of inviting voices
as we open our hearts to worship you.**

Hymn: #660VU *How Firm a Foundation*

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: #644VU *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Children's Choir: *Amen, Make It So*

Theme Conversation and the Prayer of Jesus

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, when we get too busy to remember,
remind us of your steadfast presence.

When we look away, refusing to look truth in the face,
turn our heads and focus our eyes to your way.

When we deny the harsh realities of life,
turn us to those who are suffering within and around us.

When we blissfully go through our days, ignorant of the needs
around us,

awaken in us a heart of compassion.

When we sit silent, afraid to speak our minds,
open our mouths to speak your words of justice.

When we question your very existence, your place in our lives,
become real to us, once again, through love.

Amen

Assurance of Pardon

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WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

First Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10
(*Before you were formed in the womb, I set you apart.*)

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6 (VUp. 789 Part One)
(*God is our fortress and sheltering rock.*)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
(*Love is patient and kind.*)

Anthem: *I Look to You and You Are Love* (arr. Randall Dennis)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30
(*Jesus is driven out of Nazareth*)

Prayer of Illumination

Message: *Forgiveness for the Unforgiveable*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: #589VU *Lord, Speak to Me*

Minute for Mission

Offering Our Gifts to God

Dedication:

***Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.***

***Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make;
be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.***

Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer 1927, alt. Music: Neil Dougall ca. 1831*



Announcing

LIFE of the CONGREGATION and the COMMUNITY

JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6, 2010

Today 11:15am Children's Choir practice

6:30pm Sunday Night Jammers

Tuesday, Feb. 2 10:30am Tuesday Study Group

7:30pm Worship Committee

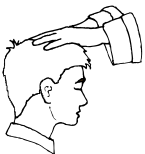
Wednesday, Feb. 3 7:30pm Adelaide Barbour UCW meeting – a social time at 11 Leedo Court.

Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice

Friday, Feb. 5, 7pm Social Committee **Evening of Curling** at Riverside Country Club; \$10 per person. Please confirm attendance (no experience necessary) by signing up on side bulletin board.



Are you interested in participating in morning worship by **reading the scriptures**? Please sign up on the side bulletin board.



If you are interested in **confirmation** this year or if you are interested in exploring faith questions as it relates to this United Church of ours, please call the church office (847-4924) and let Rev. Audrey know... classes will start in early February.



We need...

Gently used items: queen mattress, 1-2 end tables, small shelving unit or bookcase. Please call Barb McBean at 847-2275 (message can be left.)



Reminder that there is an urgent need for donations of **non-perishables** food items for the KV Food Basket.



The Youth Group still has eleven **2010 United Church calendars** for sale – only \$5.00 each.



Church in Action committee of Saint John Presbytery has initiated a **toiletry drive** for the four agencies we support throughout the year. Please collect **new** toiletry items in either family or individual size. Items to purchase include, soap, shampoo, toothpaste/brushes, hair combs and brushes, lotion (hand and face) deodorant, razors, sanitary products and mouthwash **without alcohol**. Call Carolyn Kimball 849-9618 the second week of February for pickup or send the items along with the presbytery reps for the meeting of the 9th. *CiA thanks you for your support to these agencies.*

Info on 2 towns in the Labrador-Grenfell Health district.

Hopedale is located on the northern coast among the large bays that opens up to the Labrador Sea, Pop. 600, most of whom are beneficiaries of the Labrador Innuit Land Claim Agreement. Hopedale was originally called Aguituk which means 'a place where there are whales.' Hopedale was first established in 1782 by Moravian missionaries.

Natuashish is also situated on the northern coast of Labrador, 185 miles north of Happy valley-Goose Bay. It is only accessible

by water or air, there are no roads. Close to Davis Inlet and the community of Utshimassits, the present community of the Mushuau Innu Band. Natuashish is located on the mainland so accessibility to better resources and traditional hunting grounds is greater. Natuashish is a new community developed in 2002.

Naskapi and Montagnais were names given to the Innu people by the Europeans. Both groups stem from one culture. caribou hunters. Innu means human being. The Montagnais live mainly in Sheshatshiu and the Naskapi live in Natuashish. Together these two communities form the Innu Nation. Incorporated in 1977, it protects the rights, lands and way of life of the Innu people.

LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday, Feb. 14, following worship, **Potluck lunch and Annual Congregational Meeting.** Those with surnames A-M are asked to bring something for a main course and those with surnames N-Z are asked for a dessert item.



Annual Pancake Supper; Tuesday, Feb. 16, 4:30-6pm. Please confirm your attendance by filling in the enclosed slip and placing it in the offering plate.

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7pm.

KENVAL UNITED CHURCH SUITES NOTICE:

Our **Annual meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 23/2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Church Parlour at Quispamsis United Church. All are welcome. Please enter the church at the lower door, off Sunrise Dr., and a board member will direct you from there.

*** DETAILS OF THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BULLETIN BOARDS***

*Check out the announcements and other information from **Maritime Conference**, currently updated regularly.*

***Intermediates at Conference for UC Youth** 12-15 (grades 7-9); 3 day residential event to explore and experience being part of the church through games, music, discussion and worship; May 27-30 at Mount A, Sackville; cost \$225 includes meals, accommodations and t-shirt. Apply (more forms in office) before March 1: lots of info on bulletin boards.*

*Portland UC looking for a **Minister of Young Families.***

***Sight-Singing 101** with Janet Kidd; Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30-noon at Saint David's UC.*

***Winterfest 2010;** Friday, Feb. 19 – Sunday, Feb. 21.*

***Coverdale Centre for Women** needs church groups to prepare lunch each Wednesday for the Centre's clients.*

*Upcoming at Tatamagouche Centre: **Atlantic Jubilee Program in Spiritual Deepening and Spiritual Guidance** beginning June 21-28; deadline for applications March 31.*

*Mount Allison University – the **Herbert S. Sharp Scholarships** info.*

*Call for **2012 Bulletin Photos** for bulletin covers.*