Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation



Church Picnic
June 18, 2017 at 10 am

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our worship leader is **Rev. Bob Jones,**
and our music director is **Alex Good**,
who leads us with the assistance of the **FHUC Choir**.
and our tellers are **William Hughes** and **Robert Christie**.
And our Hospitality Host is **Diane Robinson.**

Forest Hill United Church is a safe place for all people to gather regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, family status, sexual orientation, and gender identity. All are welcome here!

Gathering Together

At the **, please rise in body or in spirit.

****Introit (Sung Together) MV 145**

Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
Standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Welcome & Church News

Gathering Prayer:
From *The Whole People of God*, youth curriculum 7 March 1999.

Thanks, God,
For the people who have changed our lives,
For the people whose lives we've changed,
For the stories about Jesus' relationships with people,
And for the relationship you are so ready to have with each of us.
Thanks for the Bible, which lights our way to new understandings. Amen.

****Opening Hymn: When the Spirit of God (bulletin insert)**

Exploring Together

Biblical Reading: David and Jonathan Part 1 (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

Story Time What do you remember?

****Song of Praise: One, Two, Three, Alleluia! (bulletin insert)**

Words from Our Bible:

David and Jonathan Part 2 (1 Samuel 19:1-7)

Drama: A Reimagining of the Healing of the 10 Lepers

****Hymn: Spirit Open My Heart MV 79**

David and Jonathan Part 3 (1 Samuel 20, selected verses)

Reflections of Sunday School Graduates

****Song of Reflection: Common Thread (bulletin insert)**

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

Presentation of gifts

****Offering verse: (*Sung Together*) #191 MV**

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Offering prayer:
Written by Margie Roxborough, August 2016; line 5 adapted from *Seasons of the Spirit, ages 6 – 8 curriculum, 9 March 2003.*
Dear God,
You are with us in times of disaster
And times of celebration.
Help us every day to see where we can do your work
By looking after the earth and each other
Amen

Prayers of the People

The Prayer that Jesus Taught (a paraphrase)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
Now and forever. Amen.

David and Jonathan Part 4 (2 Samuel 1:23-27)

Prayer of Reflection:
From: *The Whole People of God*, Summer Session curriculum, 2 July 2000.
O God,
Help us to be loyal and generous friends,
And to be kind even to those who don't treat us well.
Amen.

****Closing Hymn:**

Creator God You Gave Us Life MV27

Closing Prayer:
Written by Margie Roxborough, 2017
Lyrical God,
Thank you for the rhythm of life,
For the melody that guides our days
And the harmonies that add depth and feeling
Thank you even for the dissonances that challenge us.
Be with us in the music.
Amen

Please join us for a picnic lunch and conversation directly following the service.

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC	
Quilt Group	Wednesdays 1-3 pm Upper Room
Choir Practice	Sunday at 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

Soccer Assistance The teenager from the Syrian family we are sponsoring is interested in playing soccer this summer. He has been registered already, but we are looking for assistance with both the financial costs (aprox. $300 for registration fees and equipment) and with the transportation. He has practices/games from 7:30 to 9:00 every Monday and Wednesday until the middle of August at the Scotiabank North field (next to Willie O'Ree Place). If you can help, even in a small way, please contact Margie Roxborough (455-0576 or margie.roxborough@bellaliant.net).

Planning for FHUC's 50th anniversary is getting under way. Libby Cassidy, our anniversary planning "champion", will be putting together a working group in the fall. In the mean time, Graham Powell is working on assembling a history of our banners and would appreciate any information that folks could add, especially on banners that were created by the Sunday School in days gone by. Please speak to him or email him at powell@unb.ca. In the fall, Libby will start digitizing photos of church folk and activities so if you come across any over the summer, please set them aside in a safe place at home until she can work on them. Please email Libby at libby.ejcassidy@gmail.com if you have any questions or suggestions.

Vacation Bible School 2017 "MAKER FUN FACTORY – created by God, built for a purpose" St. Paul's, Forest Hill and Wilmot United Churches will once again be joining together for our VBS program. WHEN: August 21-25 from 9:00 – 11:30 WHERE: Wilmot United Church AGES: age 4 and up. **** We will discover a world where curious children and youth become hands-on inventors and discover they're lovingly created by God. Great music, great stories, great crafts – great fun! We will use our hearts, minds and imagination to participate in the creative life of God remembering that God is with us wherever we go… so… mark your calendars.

Ushers/Greeters needed: Please check your schedule to see if you are available for one or more Sundays to help out with set up and greeting our congregation on Sunday mornings. Signup sheet is on the back table. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me. Many thanks. Lorna McKnight

Scripture Readers – are needed each week to assist during Worship Services. Please help Patricia Powell (455-8602), who coordinates readers, by indicating on the Reader Chart, which Sundays you would be available to read (√), if needed, and also when you would not be available (x). New readers are most welcome, and names could be added to the Chart.

Community Events

Gibson Memorial United Church, 183 Gibson St., will be hosting a "Steak & Chicken BBQ" on Wednesday, June 28th. 4 – 6 p.m. Adult: $14 and Child $3. Please call 457-1951 to reserve your tickets.

St. Paul's Organ Academy If you are a piano student . . . young or old . . . and would like to try your skills on a three-manual pipe organ, come along to St. Paul's United Church, 224 York Street on Saturday, July 8. Dr. Sharon Pond, organist at St. Paul's and Dr. Willis Noble, formerly at Christ Church Cathedral, are offering a day-long workshop where you will get a turn at the organ and learn the basics of performing Baroque music. The session starts at 9 a.m. and runs until 3 p.m. Lunch

will be provided. The fee for the day, including lunch, is $25. You can register in advance with either instructor at spond@bellaliant.net or willis.noble@gmail.com .

Minute for Missions
A Historic Land Transfer

Our gifts for Mission & Service support healing and reconciliation. Let us hear a story of one ministry and a historic event in Moraviantown, London Conference.

We give thanks that in April 2016 land was transferred from The United Church of Canada back to the Delaware Nation. The land is known as Fairfield and has become a national historic site with a history dating back to the 1700s.

In June 2015 the Executive of London Conference had been directed to continue its ongoing discussions with the Delaware Nation concerning Fairfield. In the spirit of reconciliation the conversation was about two parcels of land the United Church had owned and that were connected to the early village, including the burial grounds of the Delaware Nation up to the 18th century.

As we work toward reconciliation, the actions of London Conference are to be celebrated as important moves toward partnership.

The land will remain a historic site as well as a Canadian Foodgrains Bank field, with the addition of an interpretive centre to share the story of the Delaware, particularly their experience at Fairfield.

The museum is a testimony to a time of safety, nurture, and peace between two cultures in the past. It is a symbol of the United Church's efforts toward healing and reconciliation in the relationship between these two cultures in the present.

We sing thanksgiving for the heart of London Conference in its work toward reconciliation!

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!