Forest Hill United Church

An Affirming Congregation

'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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Summer Worship
August 27, 2017 at 10 am
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship**! Libby Cassidy**, Chair of the Spiritual Guidance Committee, is leading us in worship today. May you feel God's presence here and be enlivened by God's Spirit. After worship, please join us for refreshment and conversation.

While there is no Sunday School for the summer months, children are most welcome to join us for the service. Quiet activities are available for busy hands.

Our greeters this morning are **Lorna McKnight** and **Joe Rideout**, our teller is **May Houston,**
and our music is led by **Alex Good** and the **FHUC Choir**.

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!

DivorceCare: Are there those you know who are feeling the pain caused by marital estrangement, separation or divorce? They can find hope at ***DivorceCare***. This 13 week program which features expert video segments and small group discussion provides practical suggestions for getting through and overcoming the results of marital breakup. A new session is beginning on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm in the Family Room at Brunswick Street Baptist Church. For more information contact the church office at 458-8348. There is no cost for this program.

GRIEF SHARE Support Group Begins Thursday, September 7, 2017
Have you experienced the recent death of a loved one? You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Brunswick Street Baptist Church is pleased to offer a 13-week ***Grief Share*** grief recovery seminar and support group, starting on Thursday, September 7, 2017 in the Family Room. ***Grief Share*** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. ***Grief Share*** features a video series that features Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective combined with support group discussion. Please feel free to call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

1st St. Margaret's Scouting Group is looking for Adult Volunteers
Looking for a great organization to become involved in? Go on interesting adventures? Learn new skills? Make a difference in kids lives? 1st St. Margaret's Scouting Group is looking for adult volunteers for 2017-18. We are especially looking for volunteers to work with our Beaver Colony (Ages 5 – 7) and our Scout Troop (Ages 11 – 14). We are also looking for volunteers to serve on our Group Committee which supports our program sections at monthly meetings. There are a variety of opportunities available: Regular full-time volunteers, part time or occasional volunteers, Group Committee Members. We have a spot for you, regardless of the amount of time you have to give. No prior experience required and training is provided. For more information, please contact Peter Kent, Group Commissioner, at (506) 453-0919 or kent@unb.ca

Church News

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.

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

The FHUBC will meet on Tuesday September 5th in the parlour at 12 noon. Septembers book is *The Lonely Hearts Hotel* by Heather O'Neill

FHUC Quilting: Starting on September 11, the Quilt Group will meet on Mondays from 10 to noon. We invite anyone to join us. Bring along any type of needlework and join in the conversation and camaraderie. For more information, please contact Mary Grant, May Houston or Margie Roxborough.

Community Events

The Sheffield Pastoral Charge, which includes the Sheffield United Church, Lakeville Corner United Church, and Scotchtown United Church are hosting a Quilting Display on Saturday, Sept 9 from 10:00 until 6:00. It will include antique and modern quilting samples for viewing at the Sheffield United Church, 2169 Route 105, Sheffield, New Brunswick, approximately 20 km east of Fredericton. We would be pleased if you could share this information with your congregations. This historic church is located on the Saint John River and we are in hopes of receiving your support by donation at the door. Please take this opportunity to travel down our beautiful river, visit our beautiful old church and meet our members. Light refreshments provided. Thankful in prayer. Jo-Ann Bridges Committee member. For further information please feel free to contact me at 385-2504

Gathering

At the **, you are asked to rise in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Lighting the Candle

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)*** #156 MV

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Welcome & Church News

Call to Worship*:* ***(Spoken together)***

One: Who knows what we might hear in worship today?
All: **God knows.**
One: It could be the beauty of a favourite hymn, or a passage of scripture.
All: **It could be the sound of friends gathering for worship.**
One: Or even the silence between the sounds. As we worship, let us listen for the movement of the Spirit inviting us to hear, and see, and feel God's presence in our midst.
All: **Let us worship!**

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken Together)***

All: You are a God of dreams; we pray for your vision.
You are a God of hope; we pray for your peace.
You are a God of love; we pray for your fullness.
You are a God of life; we pray for your Spirit. Amen.

****Opening Hymn:** Alleluia, Praise to God #59 MV

Exploring

Readings from Our Bible: **Cora Krommenhoek**

Responsive reading: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 (on insert)

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Words from Our World

****Song of Praise:** God of the Bible #28 MV

Message: About Change

****Hymn of Reflection** Christ has no body now but yours #171 MV

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** #33 MV

Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
Jesus came bringing us love,
hallelujah forever more!

****Prayer over the Gifts**

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Jesus: **(**Spoken together)

Our Father-Mother, who is in the heavens,
may your name be made holy,
may your dominion come,
may your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today the bread we need;
and forgive us our debts,
as we have forgiven our debtors;
and put us not to the test,
but rescue us from evil.
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

From United Church of Christ, 1995

****Closing Hymn:** Go Make a Difference #209 MV

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing**

****Choral Response:** ***(Sung Together 2 Times)*** #958 VU

Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle-lu-u-jah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Postlude:

Some material selected from issues of "Gathering"

Please submit your **announcements** to Kris for the Sunday bulletin by Noon on Thursday of each week to ensure that they are printed.

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DivorceCare will be held in the church parlour at Grace Memorial Baptist Church on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Sept 12 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is $25 and scholarships are available upon request. GriefShare will be held in the church parlour on Mondays from 7:00-9:00 PM beginning Sept 18 and running for 13 weeks. Cost is $25 and scholarships are available upon request.

Minute for Mission: Bissell Centre and Childcare

Our gifts for Mission & Service support community ministries like the Bissell Centre. Let us hear a story from Stuart Jackson, ministry personnel at Chalmers Castle Downs United Church, about the behind-the-scenes story of a *Mandate* magazine cover.
The cover of the 2015–2016 Mission & Service special edition showed a father and son who are part of the Bissell Centre's family support program in Edmonton, Alberta. The background of the cover photo is an alphabet quilt.

For more than 50 years, a group of women at Chalmers Castle Downs United Church has been meeting monthly for tea and fellowship. Twice a year, the group holds a Bissell Baby Shower to support the centre's well-baby program. The women bring hand-knitted baby sets, hand-tailored children's clothing, blankets, diapers, toys, and one year, a quilt to donate to the program. Two staff from the Bissell program attend the tea to receive the gifts with thanks.

Participants sit in a circle as the gifts are opened and passed around. It is a wonderful time of sharing between the church and this Mission & Service–supported community ministry!

We sing thanksgiving for the many people who support Mission & Service and offer gifts of time, talent, and treasure to the Mission & Service–supported ministries closest to home. What we do together none of us could achieve alone.

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!