Forest Hill United Church
An Affirming Congregation
'open doors, open hearts, open minds'

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16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2017 at 10 am

Welcome back to the Rev Bob Jones, who will be leading us in worship and providing pastoral care until our new minister arrives.

WELCOME to worship! It is good that you are here.
Our music director is **Alex Good**,
and the **FHUC Choir**.
Our greeter this morning is **Jennifer Abbott,**
our Sunday School teachers are **Joan Mitchell**
and **Karen Flinn**,
our hospitality host is **Marilyn Lohnes**,
and our tellers are **Bob Fisher** and **Lorna McKnight**.

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

Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcoming the Light

****Introit:** ***(Sung Together)***

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:

Blessed be God, by whose mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Gathering Prayer: ***(Spoken by All)***

We feel your welcome, gracious God,
in this time of worship.
You welcome young and old, all seeking peace,
and all brimming over with energy.
You welcome newcomers and long-time members;
all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer.
and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.
You welcome us all, welcoming God.

****Opening Hymn:** New Every Morning VU #405

Exploring

Story Time: Margie Roxborough and Jula Hughes

****Song of Praise:** I Saw the Rich Ones MV *#127*

After the first verse the children and teachers will leave for Sunday School

Words from Our Bible: **Jean Fisher**

Ezekiel 17:1-10
Responsive Reading: Psalm 105 page 828 VU parts 1 & 4
2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Gospel : Matthew 13:3-9 **Bob Jones**

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

Special Music: The Morning Light By Townsend / Sewell

Message: Sowing On Fertile Ground

****Hymn of Reflection:** Let Us with a Gladsome Mind VU #234

Responding

Presentation of Our Gifts

****Offering Verse:** ***(Sung Together)*** **VU #300, verse 3**

All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in the crops of your creation,
take, O God, they are our prayer.

****Prayer After Giving:**

Prayers of Our Community:

Prayer that Jesus Taught:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen
Lord's Prayer from #914 VU

****Closing Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU #288

****Sharing the Light**

****Blessing:**

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

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

Postlude:

Printed sermons and large print bulletins are available from our greeters for anyone who might find either useful.

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Church News

COMING UP @ FHUC

Quilt Group	Mondays 10:00 am -12:00 pm Upper Room
Movie Night	October 13th, Brooklyn at 7 pm.
Choir Practice	Sunday at 9:30 and 11:30-12:30 in the Choir Room

The Interchurch Refugee Committee is looking for people who would be willing to drive members of our refugee family to appointments, for groceries, etc. Both adults speak some English and are working hard to improve their English language skills. We want to compile a list from all three churches do distribute the responsibility around. If you are willing, please contact Margie Roxborough at 455-0576.

Brooklyn is the next film to be shown at FHUC on Friday October 13th at 7:00. Popcorn and tea will be provided.

Wanted: someone to help coordinate Apple Pie Making day on October 28th. This would involve contacting the various suppliers and getting supplies for the actual day. If you could help with this please contact Diane Robinson 459-8779 to indicate your willingness and for information on what you could do to make this important fundraiser happen.

The New Brunswick Mat Registry is a group of rug hookers who are trying to preserve the history of Traditional Rug Hooking in NB. There is going to be a Mat Registry at Government House on Saturday November 18. We are currently registering mats and chair pads and wall hangings etc. which were hooked anytime up to 1992. If you have mats that fit this criteria, please contact Mary Grant at 459-8525 or mary.e.grant.rughooking@gmail.com. Please help us retain this important part of the history of New Brunswick. To get more information, check out www.mats-tapisnb.com

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

Community Events

HYMN SING - Join the congregation of Brunswick Street Baptist Church for an hour of singing your favourite hymns on Sunday, September 24, 6:30 pm. All welcome.

St. Paul's United Church, on the corner of York and George Streets in Fredericton, will be hosting a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, September 30th from 9AM to 12 Noon. We will have clothing, small household items, and one of a kind treasures at very reasonable prices. Bring your bags and see what gems you can find!!

NASHWAAKSIS UNITED CHURCH *(46 Main St.)* UCW Unit 6 is hosting a bridge luncheon on Thursday, October 19th, at 12 noon here in our auditorium. *To reserve your table for $40, please contact Connie at 472-4744. Call now to reserve your spot!*

GRIEF SHARE Support Group at 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, combined with support group discussion. Please feel free to call **458-8348** if you would like more information.

DivorceCare: Are there those you know who are feeling the pain caused by marital estrangement, separation or divorce? 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.

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.

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

Minute for Missions
Engaging Difference

Our gifts for Mission & Service support intercultural programs. Let us hear the story of the Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry program (DUIM).

God is calling us to find new ways of being church together. It is not simply a matter of continuing with traditions we have become comfortable with and allowing others to join us. Rather, our intercultural vision calls us to be aware of who is at the centre and who is at the margins and to empower those at the margins to lead us into change.

The church's intercultural vision is about more than inclusion—it's about radical welcoming. When we affirm and welcome a variety of expressions of faith, it deepens our understanding of God and of one another.

DUIM is an interactive program for church leaders. It is offered by our partner the Canadian Churches' Forum and shaped, in part, by the United Church. Bursaries are available for United Church participants to help offset program costs.

DUIM is offered in different locations across Canada several times throughout the year and is tailored to the intercultural realities of each local context. Participants discover how to nurture faithful relationships across difference, gather insights on cultural relevance, and deepen understanding and awareness in their faith communities.

We sing thanksgiving that our gifts for Mission & Service support this exciting time of Spirit-led questioning, experimenting, and mutual learning.

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!