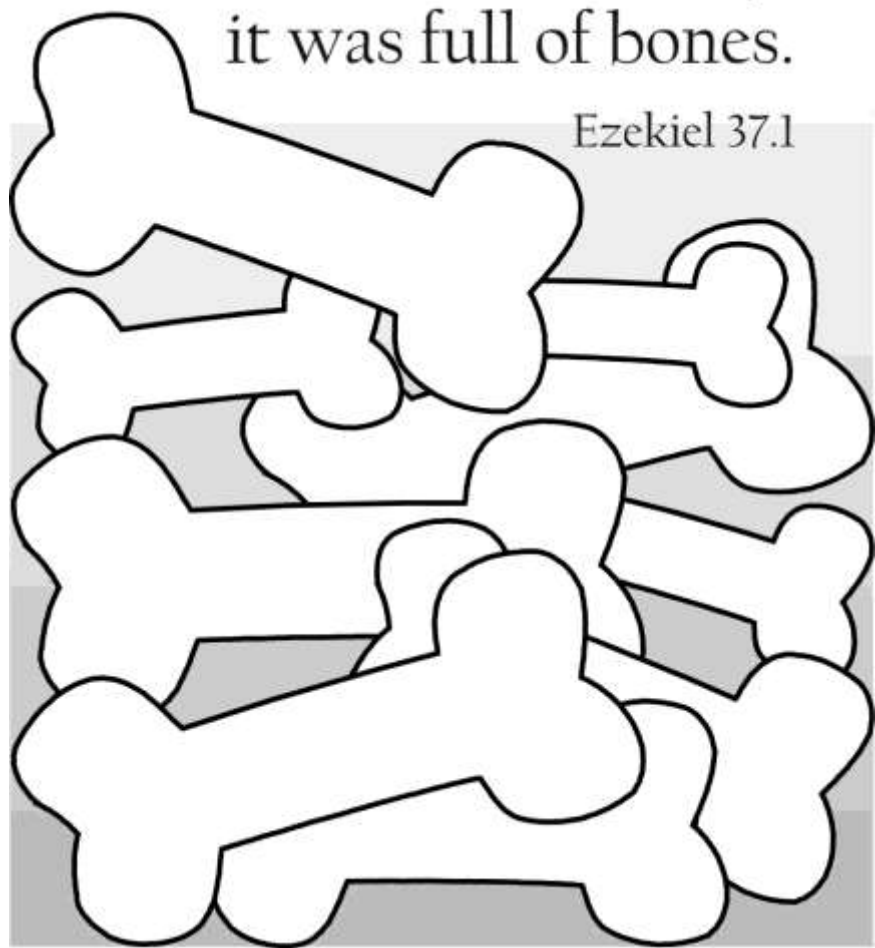


The hand of the Lord
came upon me,
and he brought me out
by the spirit of the Lord
and set me down in the
middle of a valley;
it was full of bones.

Ezekiel 37.1





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Mission Statement

As a people of God, we are committed to each other and to spiritual renewal and growth. We reach out to the community at large to enhance God's world through loving, enthusiastic and inclusive programs.

Lent 5

April 10, 2011

Use of cameras during the service is not permitted.

Audio loop is on during the service.

Please turn off or mute your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Items in **bold text** are to be read or ♪sung♪ in unison.*

WE GATHER

♪ Prelude

Lighting of Christ Candle & Candle for the World

Life & Work of Wesley Memorial

Prayer of Approach

Call to Worship (from Seasons of the Spirit)

Out of our weary depths

we cry to you, O God

Hear us, we pray.

Our souls wait for you

more than those who watch for the morning.

Everlasting is your wondrous love

and it is our great hope

that you will revive us once again.



*♪ Hymn

Come to My Heart

661 VU

Prayer of Confession (from Seasons of the Spirit)

Dear God,

We struggle, we grow weary, we grow tired.

We are exhausted, we are distressed, we despair.

We give up, we fall down, we let go.

We cry. We are empty, we grow calm, we are ready.

We wait quietly.

A small, shy truth arrives.

Arrives from without and within.

Arrives and is born.

Simple, steady, clear.

Like a mirror, like a bell, like a flame.

Like rain in the summer.

A precious truth arrives and is born within us.

Within our emptiness.

We accept it, we observe it, we absorb it.

We surrender to our bare truth.

We are nourished, we are changed.

We are blessed.

We rise up.

For this we give thanks. Amen.



Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

With Children & Youth

*♪ Hymn Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

375 VU

Prayer of Illumination (from Gathering – Beth W. Johnston)

**God of power and liberation,
speak your words of hope to us today.**

**Release our bonds,
free us from the worries that enslave.**

**Bring us to the land of freedom
where love and mercy reign. Amen.**

In the Hebrew Ezekiel 37:1–14

In the Letters Romans 8:6–11

♪ Anthem Spirit Open My Heart

More Voices

In the Gospel John 8:1-11

God's Word is a lamp to our feet, **and a light to our path.**

Sermon The Kingdom of God . . . Asks Each of Us

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*♪ Hymn Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart # 378 VU

Offertory Invitation & Offering

♪ *Offertory*

*♪ *Lent Offertory Response* Grant Us, God, the Grace #540 VU

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.**

**Offertory Prayer*

Education Moment

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (dans votre langue de choix)

WE ARE SENT...

*♪ Hymn O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing # 326 VU

**Commissioning and Benediction*

*♪ *Choral Benediction* Three Fold Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

♪ *Postlude*

We thank Doris Sabeau as guest organist this morning.

Ministers: The Whole Congregation

Music Director: Mike Day

Office Administrator: Karen Geldart

Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Craig Dickson

Minister Emeritus: the Rev. Paul Cumming

Minister: Rev. Dr. Philip G.A. Griffin-Allwood

God Loves You!
in WORD, Song and Action,
let us show you how much.

LIFE & WORK OF WESLEY MEMORIAL

Welcome! If you are a visitor, please complete one of the envelopes located in the pew and sign our guest book so we may acknowledge your presence among us. We pray that your worship with us is a blessing for you. Please stay and join us for coffee & conversation.

Participants in Today's Worship Service

Greeters	Faye MacKay, Theresa Prosser
Lay Reader	Darren Fraser
Coffee & Conversation	Linda & John Rice
Tellers	Eleanor Ferguson, Elizabeth Wickwire

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Sam & Pauline Duncan on the death of his father, John Duncan, who died on April 4, 2011.

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Cycle: For all the Churches who serve the community of God in the greater Moncton area & especially today for the clergy and people of Coverdale United Church, we pray to the Lord.

Greeters and lay readers are needed for Sunday service. Write your name on the Sunday you are available to greet and/or read on the "sign up sheet" located at the back of the sanctuary. Greeters needed May. 8(1), May 15-June 26. Reader needed May 29-June 26.



If you plan to place a **flower arrangement** in memory of a loved one, in the church sanctuary for Easter, please advise the office in order that proper recognition is given. **Due to scent issues, the church excludes high scent flowers and plants such as Easter lilies, daffodils and hyacinths.**

It is requested that persons wishing to provide floral tributes consider either artificial flowers or live material such as azaleas, chrysanthemum or hydrangeas. The Worship Committee welcomes contributions to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

Rummage Sale - Spring cleaning? Bring your items to the church and clearly mark them "rummage sale." No large furniture, computers or TVs.

If you purchase groceries, then you should be using our grocery cards. Sobeys, Superstore and Co-op are available every Sunday at coffee & conversation and also at the church office during weekdays. Thank you for your support.



Sales April-Dec. 2010: \$27,775.00 – profit \$1,388.75

Sales 2011: \$1,550.00 @ 5% - profit \$77.50; \$7,175.00 (up \$550.00) @ 4% - profit \$287.00. Total profit to date \$364.50

Canadian Tire Money collected and on hand for the church: \$2.20.

Camp Ta-Wa-Si registration forms are located at the back of the sanctuary in pamphlet stands.

M&S Snippet: The United Church has partners in 34 countries around the globe. Together we make a difference. Join the partnership. Give to M&S.

Stewardship Second: How will we steward God's invitation to new life for our congregation?

Check the bulletin boards & white board for all the latest events!

Congregation

Apr. 11	7 PM	Wesley Ringers – Nellie Trites room	
Apr. 13	12 PM	Lenten Study – Olive Burgess' home	
Apr. 13	6:30 PM	Youth Group/Confirmation - gym	
Apr. 13	7 PM	Choir – sanctuary	
Apr. 14	2 PM	Transition Committee - parlour	
Apr. 14	2 PM	Mission Outreach Committee - parlour	
Apr. 14	6 PM	Congregational Board Meeting	
	7 PM	Executive Committee	
	8 PM	Committees Combined Board. Everyone welcome!	
Apr. 17	11 AM	 Palm Sunday Worship and Sunday School	
Apr. 17	12 PM	Special Meeting of the Congregation to vote on funds to be withdrawn from the Endowment Fund.	
Apr. 21	12 PM	Seniors Luncheon	
Apr. 21	6 PM	 Maundy Thursday potluck with communion at Stilesville United Church, Gorge Rd., Moncton. Bring a casserole to share. No desserts, please.	
Apr. 22	10:30 AM	 Good Friday Worship service at Mountain View United Church, 85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton.	
Apr. 24	6:15 AM	 Easter Sunrise service at Victoria Park. Reception to follow in gym. If inclement weather, the service will be in the gym.	
Apr. 24	11 AM	 Easter Sunday Celebration Worship with Communion and Sunday School .	
Apr. 30	5 PM	 Men's Club Annual Roast Beef Dinner - Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club and the Church office. One sitting only. Cost: \$12.00 adults, \$5.00 children.	
May 1	7:30 PM	Betty Jennings Group - parlour	
May 9	9:30 AM	Rummage Sale - gym	

UCW

Apr. 11	1 PM	Unit 4
Apr. 11	1:30 PM	Unit 1 - parlour
Apr. 19	2 PM	Unit 3
Apr. 25	1 PM	UCW General - parlour

Activities

Apr. 11	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Apr. 11	6 PM	Anniversary Party - gym
Apr. 11	6:30 PM	Shambhala - chapel
Apr. 13	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Apr. 13	7:30 PM	Scottish Country Dancers - gym
Apr. 14	7 PM	Ricky's Dance – CD room
Apr. 15	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Apr. 15	2 PM	SLAA – parlour
Apr. 15	6 PM	Orange Lodge – gym (host Men's Club)
Apr. 15	7 PM	Ricky's Dance – CD room
Apr. 21	11:30 AM	Tantramar Seniors College – quilt room
Apr. 21	1:30 PM	Tantramar Seniors College – quilt room
Apr. 21	2 PM	Bridge (host Betty Jennings Group) - gym
Apr. 29	7 PM	Charlie's Angels - gym

Outside the Church – details on bulletin board

Apr. 10 & 12	2 PM	Shoestring Opera's version of "The Magic Flute", Riverview Arts Centre
Apr. 10	7 PM	Covenanting Service for the Rev. Wayne A. McCarther, St. Andrew's Wesley UC, Springhill
Apr. 13	7 PM	Kitchen Party, Mountain View UC
Apr. 13	7:30 AM	Volunteer Week Breakfast, Delta Beausejour
Apr. 14	4 PM	Music Treasures in Archives: The Story of Singing Schools and Tunebooks, Moncton Museum
Apr. 16	4:30 PM	Dinner Party, Trinity UC
Apr. 16	10 AM	Craft Bazaar & Luncheon, Harrisville UPC
Apr. 17	2:30 PM	Easter Celebration performed by "Voices United Community Choir", Timber River PC
Apr. 20	9 AM	Coffee & Muffin Party, Harrisville United PC
Apr. 20	7 PM	Federal Election Debate, St. Paul's UC
Apr. 23	7:30 PM	Card Party, Riverview Lions Club
Apr. 27		Chignecto Presbytery – St. Paul's UC
Apr. 27	6 PM	'Circles of Support and Accountability' Volunteer Orientation, Community Chaplaincy
Apr. 30	10 AM	Riverview's Annual Clean-Up Day
Apr. 30	2 PM	Chicken Salad Take-Out Supper, St. John's UC
May 1	4 PM	The Bel Canto Singers Spring Concert at Wesley. Tickets available at the church office.

Participants in Sunday's Service – Apr. 17/11

Greeters	Eleanor Ferguson, Lillian Wickwire
Lay Reader	Lenora Hudson
Coffee & Conversation	Corinne Allen, Barbara Wilbur
Tellers	Sandra & Neal Mundle

The flower arrangement in the sanctuary is
in loving memory of John Duncan.
Provided by the family.

The bulletin is in loving memory of
Ray & Elizabeth Holdsworth.
Provided by the family.

The bulletin is also in loving memory of
Dot Rogers.
Provided by Arnold and family.

The bulletin is in loving memory of
Roy Ferguson.
Provided by Eleanor and family.

Last Sunday's offering:
Church \$1,459.90, M&S \$77.00
PAR: Church \$566.13, M&S \$277.12

Play that hymn!

If you have a favourite, I would like to play it for you during the offering. Just let me know. 😊 *Mike*



Insightful Books to Borrow

Five books are available to borrow and read:

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Part-Time Pastor, Full-Time Church

I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church

Top 10 Ways to Defuse Your Congregational Time Bomb

Leading Change in the Congregation

The books (2 copies of each) are to be circulated among the congregation. Sign out a copy today. Books are located at the back of the sanctuary.