

# The 119<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Wesley Memorial United Church



The first Wesley Memorial Church (Methodist) 1891-1927



# Wesley Memorial United Church

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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.*

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2010  
Anniversary Sunday

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

## WE GATHER

♪ *Prelude*

Allegro giocoso

D. Bedard

\*♪ *Introit*

Holy, Holy, Holy

# 315 V.1 VU

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;**

**holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,**

**God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

*Life and Work*

*Call to Worship (from liturgiesonline.com)*

We praise you, O God, in thankfulness for your goodness and grace.

**for the ways you answer prayer and forgive our wrongdoings.**

We are happy and honoured to come here to worship you O God,  
the hope of all the world.

**You enrich the earth with water, providing people with grain.**

The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

**the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,**

the valleys deck themselves with crops,

**they shout and sing together with joy.**

So let us shout and sing together with joy  
as we sing to the God of our salvation.



*Opening prayer (from Seasons of Creation)*

**Spirit, with abundant dreams and imagination shape us;  
with lavish love towards each other recreate us;  
with indiscriminate grace lead us into worship.  
May we speak words heavy with justice  
that this community becomes a testimony  
to the open, welcoming, generous spirit of Christ.**

\*♪ *Hymn*

Come, Children, Join to Sing

# 345 VU

*Prayer of Confession (from liturgiesonline.com)*

Jesus friend of us all, you told the parable to people who believed that they were truly righteous and who regarded others with contempt. We confess that there are times when we say and do things which leave us equally open to your judgment. Forgive us when we assume that our belief in you gives us a status which makes us superior to non-believers.

**Forgive us when we believe that our fasting or tithing enhances our importance in your eyes.**

Forgive us when we commend ourselves for sharing the humility of the tax collector.

**Forgive us when we place more confidence in our own goodness than in your amazing grace.**

Lord Jesus Christ, humility for you consisted of emptying yourself of all self-serving power and filling yourself with the desire to serve others.

**Forgive our reluctance to follow your example and replace any selfish or pious power-plays of ours with your love, your compassion and your humility. This we pray in your name and for your sake. Amen**

*Silence*

*Assurance*



## WE LISTEN FOR GOD IN BAPTISM

The Celebration of Baptism of

Caleigh Christine McLean

daughter of

Robert Edward McLean and Shawna Christine McLean

*and*

Leah Ruth Schmidt  
daughter of  
Michael Jensen Schmidt and Melissa Ruth Schmidt

*Invitation to Baptismal Action*

*Presentation of the Candidates*

*Congregational Commitment*

*Affirmation of Faith*

A New Creed

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*The Act of Baptism*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

**All glory to you, O God, for the creation of the world,  
for the gift of life, for making people in your image and  
for your love of all children. All thanksgiving to you, O God,  
for this sacrament by which you received these children  
into the family of faith. Remember, O God, these children  
as they grow in knowledge of you.**

Into the household of faith,  
we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ.**

**We are inheritors of God's promise.**

**In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

*Presentation from Congregation*

\*♪ *Hymn*

Hope is a babe that shines in the light

# 7 VU

(use the above as first line of hymn)

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

*With Children*

*Prayer of Illumination*

**Eternal God,**

**Open our minds to hear your word;**

**Our hearts to love your word.**

**Our lives to be obedient to your word**

**Through the power of your Spirit.**

**Amen.**

*In the Gospel*

Luke 15: 1-10

♪ *Anthem*

Oh, Sing to the Lord

Brazilian Folk Tune



*In the Hebrew*

Psalm 139 (responsive)

#861 VU

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

♪ *Music*

Brandon Boylan

*Sermon*

the Rev. Lloyd Bruce

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*♪ *Hymn*      He Came Singing Love

# 359 VU

*Offertory Invitation and Offering*      Salzburg

arr. R. Smith

♪ *Offertory*      God of All Good

**God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
that our whole life and pledges share anew.**

\*♪ *Offertory Response*

\**Offertory Prayer*

*Prayers of the People* (from *Seasons of the Spirit*)

**We thank you, God, for deep and lasting relationships  
that give without counting the cost.**

**We thank you for that great commandment  
to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength  
and our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We thank you for women, men, and children  
who declare the good news of your love;  
for all families, however they are formed,  
and for all who seek to love and support others  
in their journeying through this life.**

(from *Song of Faith*)

**We sing of a church  
seeking to continue the story of Jesus  
by embodying Christ's presence in the world.  
We are called together by Christ  
as a community of broken but hopeful believers,  
loving what he loved,  
living what he taught,  
striving to be faithful servants of God  
in our time and place.**

**Our ancestors in faith bequeath to us  
experiences of their faithful living;  
upon their lives our lives are built.**



**Our living of the gospel makes us  
a part of this communion of saints,  
experiencing the fulfilment of God's reign  
even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.**

**The church has not always lived up to its vision.  
It requires the Spirit to reorient it,  
helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition,  
challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement,  
for we are called to be a blessing to the earth.**

**We sing of God's good news lived out,  
a church with purpose:  
faith nurtured and hearts comforted,  
gifts shared for the good of all,  
resistance to the forces that  
exploit and marginalize,  
fierce love in the face of violence,  
human dignity defended,  
members of a community held and inspired by God,  
corrected and comforted,  
instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ,  
creation's mending.**



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

## WE ARE SENT...

\*♪ *Hymn* All Creatures of Our God and King Verses 1 & 5, # 217 VU

\**Commissioning and Benediction*

\*♪ *Choral Benediction* May God's Sheltering Wings  
**May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.**

♪ *Postlude*

Carillon

Massenet

*Please join us in the church hall following worship  
for a reception and fellowship.*

*We thank all those who contributed to Wesley's  
homecoming anniversary.*

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	Craig & Margaret Dickson
Lay Reader	Elizabeth Parker
Coffee & Conversation	Anniversary Cake
Tellers	Carol & Al Holdsworth

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

*Our sincere sympathies are extended to Gary Roode and family on the death of his brother, Carl Roode, on Oct. 8, 2010.*

*Our sincere sympathies are extended the family and friends of Thelma Chesser, who died on Oct. 16, 2010.*

**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 Mountain View United Church, we pray to the Lord.

**Men’s Choir practices** in preparation to sing on Remembrance Sunday, Nov. 7, will be Wednesday Oct. 27 and Thursday Nov. 4 at 7 PM. All men from the congregation are invited to participate. Please attend.

**Grocery Cards** for Sobeys, Superstore and Co-op are available every Sunday at coffee & conversation and also at the church office during weekdays. Your support of this fundraiser is needed and appreciated.



Sales to date: \$20,135.00 (up \$2,000.00); profit: \$1,006.75.

**Canadian Tire Money** collected and on hand for the church: \$8.40 (Used recently to purchase light bulbs for the church.)

**Stewardship Second:** Few of us would brag about our mediocrity! Then why do we settle for enough from God, and therefore enough for God?

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

**Congregation**

Oct. 24	7:30 PM	<b>Betty Jennings Group</b> - parlour
Oct. 25	7 PM	<b>Wesley Ringers</b> – Nellie Trites room

Oct. 27	7 PM	<b>Men's Choir</b> – sanctuary (no senior choir)
Oct. 31	9:40 AM	<b>Adult Bible Class</b> - parlour
Oct. 31	11 AM	<b>Worship &amp; Sunday School</b>
Oct. 31		<b>Special Meeting of the Congregation</b> – Visions United amalgamation vote
Nov. 1	9:30 AM – 6 PM	<b>Rummage Sale</b> Bring your items to the church by Sunday, Oct. 31 and clearly mark them “rummage sale.”
Nov. 9		<b>Wesley Monthly Board Meeting</b> (moved from Nov. 11)
Nov. 18		<b>Seniors Luncheon</b> (host Men's Club)
Nov. 20		<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> (host Betty Jennings Group)

### UCW

Oct. 25	1 PM	General Meeting - parlour
Nov. 1	1:30 PM	Unit 2 - parlour
Nov. 8	1 PM	Unit 4
Nov. 8	1:30 PM	Unit 1 - parlour

### Activities

Oct. 25	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Oct. 26	6:30 PM	Mud River Cloggers – CD room
Oct. 27	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Oct. 27	7:30 PM	Moncton Scottish Country Dancers - gym
Oct. 28	10 AM	Tantramar Seniors College – CD Room
Oct. 28	2 PM	Bridge (Betty Jennings Group) – gym
Oct. 29	1:15 PM	50+ Fitness – gym
Oct. 29	2 PM	SLAA – parlour

### Outside the Church – details on bulletin board

Oct. 24	7 PM	Kitchen Party, Steeves Memorial UC
Oct. 28	7:30 PM	Cathedral, Barra MacNeils Concert, St. John's UC
Oct. 30	9-1 PM	Fall Fair, St. Paul's UC
Nov. 3	7 PM	Christmas Bazaar, Salisbury UC
Nov. 6	7:30 AM	Pancake Breakfast, Steeves Memorial UC
Nov. 6	8 AM	Pancake Breakfast, Mount Royal UC
Nov. 6	10 AM	Fall Fun Fair & Bazaar, Mountain View UC
Nov. 6	11 AM	Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon, St. John's UC
Nov. 6	5/6 PM	Turkey Supper, St. James Anglican Church
Nov. 8	7 PM	Fall Bible Study, St. John's UC
Nov. 20	6 PM	Roast Beef Dinner, St. John's UC

### Participants in Sunday's Service – Oct. 31/10

Greeters	
Lay Reader	
Coffee & Conversation	Tea, coffee & juice at back of sanctuary
Tellers	Carol & Al Holdsworth

*The bulletin and flowers in the sanctuary are in loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Tom Geldart and sister Rosalind (Geldart) Olive.  
Provided by Ken & Karen Geldart and family.*

*Sincere thanks to the ladies in the Prayer Chain for all their prayers.  
Gratefully appreciated, Pat Gillespie.*

### **Play that hymn!**

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

## **SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OCTOBER 14, 2010**

Ron Caines, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Neal Mundle, on behalf of the Finance/Property & Trustees Comm., provided devotion. The Mission Outreach Comm. will provide devotion at the Nov. meeting.

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

#### Fun Night

Fun Night has been cancelled for now as there is just too much going on at Wesley.

#### Telephone Membership for Upcoming Vote

Telephone script and sheets will be available at the Board mtg & at the back of sanctuary. VU Comm. advised that only full members present will count for the vote. Adherents will also vote in order that their opinion may be heard. It was suggested that members be called first (star by name on sheet) & callers use common sense as to who needs to be called.

#### Stress in the Congregation

A letter has been received from the Pastoral Care/Pastoral Oversight Committee. They have requested more specifics on what Wesley is looking for or needs. It was discussed that it would have been ideal to have someone from Presbytery speak to the congregation before the Oct. 31 vote but practically this will not be achieved. It is recommended that Nov. 14, Sunday at the 11 AM worship be requested and that Rev. Doug MacEachern be the representative from Presbytery to speak to the congregation. Rev. Griffin-Allwood advised that he would be willing to swap pulpits if needed. It was also suggested that we advise the PC/PO Comm. to consult to Rev. Sheila Redden-Smith as it was her suggestion that Wesley made this request to Presbytery. The office will draft a letter for Ron to review and sign.

IT WAS MOVED by Shirley Alexander that Wesley reply to Doug Hoyt, Pastoral Care/Pastoral Oversight Committee, and request a facilitator to appear on Nov. 14, 2010 to allow members to express their grief and anger. Seconded by Jennifer Kennedy, Motion carried.

## JNAC

Wesley received a letter from Presbytery regarding the request to strike a Joint Needs Assessment Comm. for the purpose of making changes to the terms of the pastoral relationship. Pres. has asked Wesley to wait until after the Oct. 31 vote to determine the process to proceed further.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Finance/Property & Trustees

Regarding property – storm window should be installed next week, the boiler room roof has been repaired at a cost of \$3,370.00 (structure and furnace are fine).

As in previous minutes, of the \$40,000.00 approved to be withdrawn from the Endowment Fund (May 16 Special Meeting), \$23,000.00 has been withdrawn and transferred into the church fund. The remainder \$17,000.00 was initially thought to be needed. \$5,000.00 was transferred to church funds in September and another \$5,000.00 will be transferred now. This makes a total of \$33,000.00 (\$7,000.00 not required) taken from the Endowment Fund.

Craig Dickson made a report on the Endowment Fund's history. If the church stays on the same course of withdrawing money, the Endowment Fund will be used up by 2014. If the Oct. 31 amalgamation vote is yes, the Endowment Fund would become part of the amalgamated church. No other churches involved in the amalgamation have an endowment fund – only Wesley. Craig also advised that Wesley must reserve enough in the Endowment Fund to cover the church's liabilities including loans, an M&S bequest and enough for church maintenance until the building is sold. Currently the Endowment Fund stands at \$245,000.00. At January 2000 the Endowment Fund was at \$388,000.00. If the amalgamation vote is no and all church assets are used up, the church would be sold and the congregation would make a recommendation to Presbytery that any resulting church money would stay locally.

Pancake breakfasts: Nov. 13 or 20 (to confirm) – Betty Jennings host.

### Worship

Worship schedule:

Oct. 31 – shortened reflective service

Nov. 7 – Remembrance Sunday, MacLean Baptism, Ian Daykin will be guest musician, Men's Choir lead Worship

Nov. 14 – Children's Sunday

Dec. 12 – Hanging of the Greens, White Gift Sunday, Sunday School closing and pot luck

Dec. 19 – Christmas music Worship

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Worship at 6:30 PM w/children's bedtime story

Dec. 26 – possibility of Riverview United Churches joining with Moncton United Churches for a joint service

United Church Ministers of Moncton have discussed putting in a joint ad for Christmas Eve/Christmas Day in the Times & Transcript special Christmas section

### Mission Outreach

M&S Treasurer Report: Total to Sept. 30, 2010: \$19,186.65 or 61.8% of our objective for the year (at this time last year 60.9%). In addition \$1,100.00 was donated for Pakistan Relief and \$100.00 for Dondi Project (these are supra gifts and do not count towards Wesley's objective). M&S – Chignecto Presbytery 70% and National 50% of their objectives. The M&S stole, made by Marie MacLennan, and presented at the Chignecto Presbytery meeting on Sept. 15 has been gratefully received and used last Sunday for Minute for Mission.

Correspondence reviewed – M&S order through Presbytery (no shipping charge), letter regarding the \$50,000.00 donation by Lakeburn UC from the proceeds of their manse sale (was read in church on Oct. 10). Their next meeting will be Nov. 9, 2010, 2 PM in the parlour.

### Pastoral Care

Benevolent Fund balance, Sept. 30, 2010: \$1,039.43. 22 bags of groceries given out.

Walter Burdon Fund balance, Sept. 30, 2010: \$546.68.

The pantry can use canned milk, coffee, peanut butter, cereal, Kraft Dinner and canned meat and fish as well as personal care items and any non-perishable items. The Committee used \$100.00 from the Benevolent Fund to replenish the pantry and will purchase more if necessary.

Seniors Luncheons – Oct. 21 (Men's Club-ham & potato scallop), Nov. 18 (Men's Club-roast beef) and Dec. 9 (UCW Executive – turkey dinner).

Help is needed to put on these luncheons. Names of those who could use a take-out lunch delivered to shut-ins should be given to Ron Caines, a committee member or call the church office.

Christmas baskets are now being organized.

Coffee & conversation on Oct. 31 will be coffee, tea and juice only at the back of the sanctuary.

NB Health regulations for non-profit groups has not been implemented.

Neal Mundle will make contact with the Food Depot on how we may use their services to help our pantry.

### M&P

Elizabeth Armour reported that she met with David Fraser and Jennifer Kennedy. David Fraser is now on the Committee and it is now a full functioning committee. The Committee has to wait until after the Oct. 31 amalgamation vote to proceed any further.

Rev. Griffin-Allwood's request for study leave and sabbatical is on hold as the Committee cannot act until after the Oct. 31 amalgamation vote.

If the Oct. 31 amalgamation vote is negative, the JNAC already moved & requested through Chig. Pres. may be affirmed at the Oct. 31 meeting.

### Visions United (VU)/Wesley Vision Path

Craig McGregor advised that two Q&A sheets will be available on Sunday, Oct. 17; one sheet with general questions from all the churches involved and a second sheet specific to Wesley questions. Vision Path Committee members will be available in the parlour and gym to answer any questions. The vote will be 50% plus 1 for a majority. In the event a

motion is made from the meeting floor to change the percentage, it may be different as long as it is reasonable and approved by the same percentage at the meeting. To accommodate everyone who wishes to speak, debate will be limited to a max. of four minutes per person. This will be explained at the Oct. 31 meeting. The VU Committee recommends that no changes or amendments be made to the motion. Holy manners will be the bulletin cover on Oct. 31. The ballot will be large print on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, landscape, on coloured paper (1 colour for members and one colour for adherents).

## **REPORTS**

### Betty Jennings Group

Next meeting Oct. 24, 2010.

### UCW

Nov. 1, 9:30 AM – 6 PM will be the rummage sale.

### Men's Club

Salmon Supper – Oct. 23, 2010.

Next meeting will be Nov. 14, 2010, 8 AM.

Catering a turkey dinner to three tour buses from PEI who will be attending *The Living Chirstmas Tree* Dec. 2 & 4, 2010.

## **MINISTER**

Article in Maritime Conference E-Newsletter, Oct. 2010 on clergy sabbaticals. He has put copies at the back of the sanctuary.

He attended the Drew Nursing Home Annual Meeting on Sept. 14, 2010.

Learning Circles: A number of facilitated discussion/learning groups that are happening nationally by telephone conference call. There is one focused on amalgamations/mergers/shared buildings.

He led those in attendance a moment to honour Mona Scott, who died on Oct. 11, 2010. Mona requested no funeral or memorial service. He will be attending the UCW General Meeting on Oct. 25 to lead a small memorial to honour Mona. Pastoral Care Comm. and the UCW's have sent cards.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Membership of Sheri Brooks

Rev. Griffin-Allwood recommended to the Board to accept Sheri Brooks by "profession of faith" this Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. The Church has not yet received the paperwork from Sheri's previous church and she wishes to be able to vote on Oct. 31. IT WAS MOVED by Craig McGregor that Sheri Brooks be made a member by "profession of faith" on Sunday, Oct. 17/10. Seconded by Neal Mundle. Motion carried.

### November Board Meeting Date

The next regular Board meeting lands on Nov. 11. It was recommended that Tuesday, Nov. 9 be the next regular Board meeting. IT WAS MOVED by Ken Geldart that the next regular Board meeting be moved and held on Nov. 9/10. Seconded by Denis Cool. Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board will be on November 9, 2010.