

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH

85 MacBeath Ave., Moncton NB E1C 6Z3

74th Anniversary Sunday - Nov. 17, 2024

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Rev. Jacob Shaw

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Prelude/Gathering Music

Words of Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We are a people who remember. We remember the gift of creation. We remember the history of our ancestors. We remember the revelation of God's light, love and sacrifice. We remember to carry all that God has given us like a light into the darkness. *[Light the Christ Candle]*

Call to Worship

When we see sin in our world, it can break our hearts.

Let not our hearts be troubled, for Christ is King.

When we see sin in our neighbour it can frustrate our minds.

Let not our minds be troubled, for Christ is King.

When we see sin in ourselves, our souls tremble.

Let not our souls be troubled, for Christ is King.

Hymn How Firm a Foundation

VU#660

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!
What more can be said than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**

- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.**

- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'**

Opening Prayer

Lord, You are our firm foundation, in You alone are we saved. We ask that today's worship inspire in us hearts for justice and mercy as we encounter the sins of the world and the sins of our own hands. Grant us a bounty of understanding in Your wisdom. Amen.

Children come forward during the signing of this song

Children's Gathering Song – I've Got The Joy Joy Joy

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Confession:

Convicting God, your justice rests in Your ultimate authority. We, like children, are trying to understand and live by Your authority, but we fall short of Your glory. Help us, mend us, teach us, by Your Spirit, by Your Son, and by the revelation of the Scripture.

(Silence for private prayer)

Words of Assurance

Scripture readings:

Psalms 51:1-17 read by Mona Miller

Matthew 5:15-20 read by Rev. Shaw

Message

Hymn True Faith Needs No Defence MV#139

**True faith needs no defence,
it echoes in the soul;
A faithful life gives evidence
of grace that makes us whole.**

**True faith, like music, soars
beyond cathedral walls;
On city streets and ocean shores,
from age to age faith calls.**

**Expect your faith to grow;
begin by being still,
And in the quiet come to know
God's living, breathing will.**

**To live the faith we find,
is all that love can ask;
To sing God's praise with heart and mind,
and rise to meet the task."**

Offertory Hymn: Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given. Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich.

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks. Give Thanks.

Prayers of the People

Offertory, Personal Prayers, and Lord's Prayer, Given to God

Hymn Come, Let Us Sing VU#222

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.**

- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.**

- 3 You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.**

- 4 Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low,
let your praises endlessly flow.**

Benediction

Lord, let our faith be true, let us confront sin in hopes of restoration. Let us rejoice at the opportunity to be healed by Your merciful power. Help us to dream of a time when sin is a fading memory.

Sung Benediction: Wherever You May Go MV#216

**Refrain: Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.**

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**1.Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away, we will travel side by side
and God's love will be our guide. R**

**2.From beginning to the end
I will always be your friend, when you need me,
I'll be there, you can trust my faithful care. R**

Postlude † † † † † † † † † † † † † †



**Bulletins today are in Loving Memory
of John Ellison, placed by wife,
Debbie Ellison.**

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Today: Join us in the church hall following the Service of Worship for Coffee, Conversation and Anniversary Cake.

Monday, Nov 18th - UCW Esther Unit 1:00 p.m. Parlour
Tuesday, Nov. 19th - Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Parlour
Thursday, Nov.21st -Adult Fellowship 10-noon Church Hall
Thursday, Nov. 21st-Parent/Child (men lead) 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 23rd -Decorate the Sanctuary 10 a.m.

Next Sunday: Community Dinner, volunteers are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

**Nov. 30th – Crafts & Baking Market, Mountain View United,
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Free admission.**

Church calendars are available \$8.00 each. See Carolyn Smith today or call the office at 506-857-4817.

Social Justice Committee is collecting new scarves, gloves, toques and socks, etc. Items will be handed out at our Community Dinner on Nov. 24. Small, gently used Christmas ornaments are welcome also. Gently used winter wear, jackets, sweaters, boots, will also be “warmly welcomed”. Christmas bags are in the Narthex.

Dec. 1st Memorial Angel Sunday: Bring in an angel to be placed on the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary during the Service. Call the office 857-4817 by Nov. 22nd with the name of who your Angel is “In Memory of” and who it is “placed by” which will be read out during the Service. If you wish you may take your angel home Christmas Eve.

Dec. 8th – White Gift Sunday, you may bring in a non-perishable donation for the food bank, or a gift for a child, and we will distribute to those in need.

Dec 1st: A United Church Celebration, 6:30 p.m. United Churches of greater Moncton gather to share our Music Ministry and Celebrate Christmas. Everyone is welcome. St. Paul’s United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview NB.

Offering: Your offering can be placed in the offering plates located just inside the sanctuary doors. If you would like church envelopes please call the church office at 857-4817. Donations may also be made by e-transfer to mtviewteller@gmail.com

Envelopes for the annual UCW Christmas Stocking Fundraiser will be available following the service today. Envelopes with your donation should be deposited in the Christmas Stocking box in the narthex by December 8th. Thank you for helping us to help others.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas Fair held last Saturday, making it the success it was.

December 14th: 'Twas a Night Before Christmas Dinner & Music Show. 5 Course Prime Rib dinner. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at \$5:30 p.m.. Performances 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$40.00 each (in advance) \$50.00 at the door if space available. Call the church office 506-857-4817.

**Dec. 21st: Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service 6:30 p.m.**

Psalm 51:1-17

- 1** Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love.
Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins!
- 2** Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin!
- 3** I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins.
- 4** I have sinned against you—only against you— and done
what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me;
you are justified in condemning me.
- 5** I have been evil from the day I was born;
from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful.
- 6** Sincerity and truth are what you require;
fill my mind with your wisdom.
- 7** Remove my sin, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- 8** Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though
you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy
once again.
- 9** Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil.

- 10** Create a pure heart in me, O God,
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.
- 11** Do not banish me from your presence;
do not take your holy spirit away from me.
- 12** Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.
- 13** Then I will teach sinners your commands,
and they will turn back to you.
- 14** Spare my life, O God, and save me, [b]
and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness.
- 15** Help me to speak, Lord,
and I will praise you.
- 16** You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them;
you are not pleased with burnt offerings.
- 17** My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God;
you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

Matthew 5:15-20

15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house.

16 In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

Teaching about the Law

17 “Do not think that I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to make their teachings come true.

18 Remember that as long as heaven and earth last, not the least point nor the smallest detail of the Law will be done away with—not until the end of all things.[a]

19 So then, whoever disobeys even the least important of the commandments and teaches others to do the same, will be least in the Kingdom of heaven. On the other hand, whoever obeys the Law and teaches others to do the same, will be great in the Kingdom of heaven.

20 I tell you, then, that you will be able to enter the Kingdom of heaven only if you are more faithful than the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees in doing what God requires.

MONEY MATTERS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024

Our revenue so far this year is \$167,075 and our expenses are \$183,201, giving us a deficit of \$16,126 for the year to date. Again this Summer we borrowed \$20,000 from the Trustees to pay for the day-to-day expenses, which we should try to pay back before the end of the year. Here are the details:

	<u>YTD</u> Actual 2024	<u>YTD</u> 2023	<u>BUDGET</u> 2024
Receipts			
Operating	\$123,080	140,867	143,925
Non Operating	15,102	15,456	21,700
Other	<u>28,893</u>	<u>25,879</u>	<u>28,150</u>
	167,075	182,202	193,775
Expenses			
Facilities	37,203	32,418	36,915
Personnel	114,123	87,965	131,240
Operating and general	<u>31,875</u>	<u>39,005</u>	<u>40,301</u>
	183,201	159,388	208,456

Receipts

Comparing 2023 to 2024 is difficult. In 2023, there was a large bequest which ultimately was invested by the Trustees. If you disregard this bequest (which is income we can't budget for) the overall income for 2024 is \$6,418 lower.

Disbursements

The disbursements, however, are much higher. Although General Expenses were \$8,426 lower than in 2023, Facilities overall cost \$4,785 more, and Personnel Expenses are \$27,158 over previous year. This was anticipated last year when we were without a minister from July 01 to December 01. This gives us a total expenses \$27,813 higher than last year.

This additional expenditure to be fully functional was anticipated in setting our budget. Our problem is our income is falling short of our budget.

“Your generosity can be a joyful, faith-filled act of sharing your resources, no matter what form it takes”.

Let me take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for your generosity in time, talents and financial contributions.

Respectfully submitted by Régina Côté, treasurer.