



FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Fall Newsletter 2024



From the Desk of Reverend Karen



Starting with the Rev. Manuel Saunders in 1981, the Ministers and Boards of First United have given me many opportunities to lead worship. I have always been pleased to do whatever I could. Now I have the honour to serve as your part-time Interim Minister for the next few months while Rev. Ian March-MacCuish is on leave. Together we will try to cover the many roles he played within the congregation until his return.

As you can see from the schedule of Upcoming Church Services, we have some interesting worship services planned for the Fall and Advent. In addition to them, the congregation has many other groups which meet regularly. Many have contributed to helping provide service and leadership to First United during Rev. Ian's absence. The Garden Café is continuing on Sunday mornings following a successful start-up. The Board of Management, UCW, Men's Club, Quilting Group, Book Club and Choir have already resumed and have made plans for the coming year. The Sunday School and the Youth Group will be starting on October 6th. A Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus will begin October 9th at 10:30 am. Background reading material is available in the lobby, but please come even if you have not had a chance to read it.

Sadly, the vegetable garden is coming to the end of its season. Many thanks to those who helped plan, plant, weed and water it. Those of us who enjoyed eating the produce and those of us who delighted in the beauty of the Peace Garden look forward to your continuing efforts.

All our groups provide opportunities for us to learn, to serve, and to share in fun and fellowship. All our groups welcome new members. If you are not sure how to join a group, call the office and we will help you meet the people involved.

As we face challenging times, First United provides us with a solid base to support our efforts as we seek to serve God in the church and the world.

GARDEN CAFÉ/PEACE GARDEN!



Don't forget to join us in the Garden Café for tea/coffee before church service from 10 -10:45 am. It has been so nice to get together before our 11 am service for camaraderie while enjoying a hot brew. Our Peace Garden has done wonderfully during the summer months. Thank you to Carolyn Rice and those who helped get this all going!!! Hopefully, you all have had a chance to enjoy



some of the delicious tomatoes, peas, kale and other vegetables which grew in the garden!! We will miss the beautiful summer colors but can still have a brew and a chat in our cherry café. We still need some folks to help out in the café for setting up/clean up. If you are available to help, please speak to Carolyn Rice or speak to someone in the café before Sunday service. Many hands make light work!!

First United Church—Upcoming Services



◆ October 6th	11 am	Worldwide Communion
◆ October 13th	11 am	Thanksgiving Service
◆ October 20th	11 am	Anniversary/Thank You Service
◆ October 27th	11 am	Worship Service
◆ November 3rd	11 am	Communion Service
◆ November 10th	11 am	Remembrance Day Service
◆ November 17th	11 am	Worship Service
◆ November 24th	11 am	Worship Service
◆ December 1st	11 am	1st Sunday of Advent/Communion
◆ December 8th	11 am	2nd Sunday of Advent
◆ December 8th	7 pm	UCW Christmas Lights Service
◆ December 15th	11 am	3rd Sunday of Advent/White Gift Service
◆ December 15th	7 pm	Vesper Service
◆ December 22nd	11 am	4th Sunday of Advent/Senior Choir Cantata
◆ December 24th	4 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service
◆ December 24th	7 pm	Christmas Eve Evening Service
◆ December 29th	11 am	Worship Service



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN NEWS



First United UCW meets one Monday per month in Trinity Hall. The ladies each bring a bagged lunch and the meetings begin at 12:30 with lunch and a social time, followed by a brief worship and business. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. Our next two meetings will take place on October 21st and November 18th.

The UCW is sponsoring a Bakeless Bake Sale on November 3rd. Please consider supporting this event. All proceeds will go directly to the Church.

At the November 18th meeting, the UCW will be having their Annual Shower of personal care items for Carew Lodge and Emmanuel House. If members of the congregation would like to support the UCW in this endeavour, items can be dropped off during the November 18th meeting between 1:30 and 3 pm at the Churchill Avenue entrance or during regular church office hours.



Personal care items include some of the following:

Towel and facecloth	Body wash, body sponge	Brush and comb
Toothpaste and toothbrush	Hand cream	Hats, gloves, scarves
Deodorant, razors, shaving cream	Socks, slippers	Tissues
Shampoo, conditioner, soap	Dish clothes and dish towels	Treats like candy/chocolate



Men's Fellowship

MEN'S CLUB: Our First United Men's Club usually meet the first Monday of the month. Our meetings are held at 5:30 pm in Trinity Hall. All men of our congregation are welcome to attend for fellowship, topics of interest and a home-cooked meal! Notices for meetings are posted in our weekly bulletin and/or included in Sunday announcements. For more information, please contact Kevin Martin at 727-2709 or Mark Rice at 682-7544.



'A Musical Evening with Shelley Neville and Peter Halley'

We are excited to announce a concert with the very talented Shelley Neville and Peter Halley here at First United Church for Monday, November 4th at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the church office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm or after 11 am Sunday service. Payment by cash or cheque only.

'TOGETHER WE CAN PROJECT': Just a friendly reminder about our Can Project. Hope you have been able to put a few coins into your cans over the past few months to help out!! If you could please bring them in by Thanksgiving Sunday it would be most appreciated!! Many thanks to those of you who have already returned your cans.



'TRUNK OR TREAT': Sunday, October 27th, 5 pm: Mark the date!! The Youth Group will be having their annual **pumpkin carving** in Trinity Hall and **'Trunk or Treat'** in the church parking lot. Bring whatever kind of vehicle you have! Decorate it for Halloween and bring some treats for the children. This is open to all ages, so dig out your costumes and join us for a spooky time!

'REMEMBRANCE DAY TRIBUTES'

We are looking for a list of people from our congregation who have served or are serving in the armed forces. We would like to acknowledge them on this special day. Please submit any names to the church office.



PURDY'S CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER: We will be selling Purdy's chocolates again this year. Please use the following website: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1600222-118825> Follow the instructions to sign in or to register. Then click on **Join a Campaign, First United Church**, and start shopping! If you need help ordering, drop by the church on Tuesday, October 22nd, November 5th or 19th from 10 am to 12 noon.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!

Saturday, December 14th, 8 to 10 am

Bring the kids and grandkids to Trinity Hall for a delicious breakfast and surprises with the jolly old soul!!





Christian Development Committee Fall 2024

Welcome back First United friends, we hope everyone enjoyed our welcome back BBQ! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped prepare food for us! Our programs are ready to begin, but we need your help!

Our Sunday School and our Youth Group are looking for new students! These groups are both starting up on October 6th. Students can register for Sunday School during their first class in Trinity Hall while 11 worship service is being held. Youth Group meets Sunday nights in Trinity Hall from 7 to 9 pm. We have some exciting events coming up which includes our annual pumpkin carving and 'Trunk or Treat' night on October 27th. Pumpkin carving will take place at 5 pm in Trinity Hall. 'Trunk or Treat' will follow in the church parking lot.

The Quilting Group meet every second Monday in the multipurpose room, and the Book Club meet the first Monday of each month.

Everyone is welcome, it is never too late to join! If you or someone you know are interested in joining any activities, becoming a leader or teacher, or just want to help plan upcoming events, you can contact me, Allison Randell, at 765-3050 or email me at allison_randell@hotmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

"Everyday is a new beginning, a new blessing, a new hope."

From Allison Randell
Chair, Christian Development Committee

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The different ways you can contribute are: Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), post-dated cheques, church drop-box and E-transfer. If making a donation through e-transfer, please indicate your Envelope # (if you have one) and how you wish the funds to be used, i.e., Local Expenses, Building Fund, Mission & Service, Food Bank or Other. If you need to provide more detailed information, please send us an email.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10 am to 2 pm



How to Contact/Connect with First United:

- Drop by the church office during regular office hours or call the church office at **709-368-2194**
- Email us at: **firstunited@nf.aibn.com**
- Visit our website: **www.firstunitedchurchmp.ca**
- Sign up for **Constant Contact** so we can email information directly to your inbox
- Mail us at: **221 Park Avenue, P.O. Box 921, Mount Pearl, NL A1N 3C8**

