



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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Weekly Prayer – Rev. Elsie Squires, Britannia Pastoral Charge

Loving God, we see your beautiful world with the leaves of a brilliant red, brown, yellow and orange. As we come to thank you for the beauty of the earth, our thoughts are scattered like leaves blown by the wind. We ask for your guidance through the winds of change.

The world is continuing to experience a pandemic of covid 19. Many of us are anxious and we pray for peace within. Hush the winds of worry so that we can catch our breath. We pray for all who are affected by covid 19. We pray for the school children who are ill and we pray for their families and teachers. Guide us through the harsh winds of the pandemic. Help us to continue to follow the safety guidelines and be gentle and kind with one another, knowing that through our words, prayers, and actions, that we can make a difference. May we do our part to stay safe and protect others as we continue to practice social distancing and safe practices. We give thanks for vaccines and we ask for your guidance as we get familiar with the use of the vaccine passport.

We pray for all those dealing with illness of body, mind and spirit and for those who are facing daily health challenges. We pray for those undergoing treatments, procedures, and surgeries. We ask you to comfort those in long term care homes and hospitals. We give thanks for medical staff who serve as your hands in hospitals, medical clinics, nursing and personal care homes and private homes. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones and friends.

Guide our government leaders in their decision-making. Be with our Church leaders and with all who minister. Keep us aware of the breezes and winds that challenge; restore us with the wind of your Spirit of gentleness. All this we ask in your holy name as we give thanks for your presence with us. Amen.

Covenanting Service

The covenanting service for the Rev. Alex Constable of the Green's Harbour Pastoral Charge and First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council will take place at St. Andrew's United Church, Whiteway, Sunday, November 14, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Covenanting Service for the Gander-Glenwood-Benton Communities of Faith, Rev. Stephen Matthews and The First Dawn-Easter Edge Regional Council will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 November, 2021 at 7pm at Fraser Road United Church, Gander, with Rev. Paul Vardy preaching.

Conversation with Clergy

Conversation with clergy will take place on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 12:30pm. Zoom details will be sent out closer to the date.

Falling Learning Event

Registration is now open for the 2021 Fall Learning Event being offered by the Faith Formation, Christian Education and Leadership Team. The event will take a lunch-and-learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The sessions are open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost at all.

The schedule is as follows:

November 18 - The Forest Church

Presenter: Ms. Susan Sheppard, Bell Island-Portugal Cove Pastoral Charge and St. James United

November 25 - New Study Immersion

Presenter: Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Bott, Moderator, The United Church of Canada

REGISTER ON THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WEBSITE: <https://ucceast.ca/64391-2021-fall-learning-event/>

Vacancy

La Scie Pastoral Charge (Zion United Church – La Scie & First United Church - Shoe Cove) is seeking a full-time, 40 hrs a week, Ordained, Diaconal or Recognized Designated Lay Minister. We are a two-point Community of Faith covering the two communities of La Scie and Shoe Cove with approximately 130 families under pastoral care. Duties to commence on December 01, 2021, or on a mutually agreed upon date. For further information or to apply, please go to ChurchHub or contact Randy Critch at rtcritch@eastlink.ca

Called to Be the Church: The Giving Program 2022

As part of the stewardship life of your community of faith, the United Church's annual giving program, *Called to Be the Church*, provides all the resources you need to hold a successful annual giving program. Now you can choose! Check out the new [Do It Yourself webpage](#) or [Do It With Us webpage](#) for help and support. Downloads include a Worship Sampler, featuring a new Epiphany worship resource: [Discover Your Gifts – Share Your Gifts](#). Watch for the full resource to be available soon from UCRDstore.ca.

For more information please contact: **Roger Janes**, Stewardship & Gifts Officer (rjanes@united-church.ca or call 709-486-3239).



Wholistic Care and Wellness

InterChurch Health Ministries Canada is hosting a free webinar on November 17 entitled Wholistic Care and Wellness. This is made possible by a UCC Embracing the Spirit Innovation grant and will feature Rev. Dr. Helen Wordsworth, International Consultant, Westberg Institute for Faith Community Nursing. For more information please visit: <http://www.ichm.ca/wholistic-care-webinar/>

Tatamagouche Centre

To learn more about upcoming programs at Tatamagouche Centre, please visit their website at:

<https://www.tatamagouchecentre.ca/events>

Clergy Symposium & Retreat

Please note that the new dates for the Clergy Symposium & Retreat will be June 6-10, 2022 at Lion Max Simms Camp in Bishop's Falls. More details will follow.

Application for the Promise Bursary

The applications for the **Promise Bursary** are open until December 1st, 2021. The **Promise Bursary** is awarded to a person whose Faith Community has recognized in them significant promise for leadership within The United Church of Canada in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Munro bmunro@astheology.ns.ca

AST Continuing education offerings for Winter 2022 are available

For more information on education offerings at Atlantic School of Theology, please visit their website at:

<http://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/winter-2022.html>

United Church Bookstore

Christmas Display

Our bookstore is seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas display at 320 Elizabeth Avenue. If you have some free time to help show our wonderful Christmas collection, reach out to Leona at l laundry@united-church.ca or 1800-268-3781 ext. 6141

If you are interested in purchasing the following book, please contact Leona at l laundry@united-church.ca. Cost is \$32.95 Tax Included.

