



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council  
Weekly Announcements  
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**Weekly Prayer – Rev. Jocelyn Cook, Humber United/Pasadena-Howley Pastoral Charge**

Holy Gracious God, we thank you for this day and all that has been and will be in it. We have entered this season of creation and we give you thanks for gifting us with this magnificent responsibility – to care for this creation. The earth and all that is in it is yours, but you ask us to be responsible people and take care of what is around us so there will be something to be left for the generations to come.

We have reached the part of the year where activities seem to be starting up once again. Our children and grandchildren have returned to school and we seek your blessing on them all to keep them safe in their environments and to encourage them to put themselves wholly into their learning.

Bless those who have had to make a change in their living situations. Change is always difficult and when we are older, it seems even more so. Be a comfort to the sad and the grieving, dear God. Nudge us to be your presence to those who are lonely. Bless the joys and celebrations also, gracious God. It's all a part of life's journey, and with your presence in our lives, nothing is impossible.

Be with the members of the royal family, as they lay to rest the Queen who has reigned for 70 years and is now in your holy presence. As that family adjusts to such a colossal loss, be with them and help them through their grief and adjustment. Be with King Charles as he now steps into leadership. Be his guide and his wisdom. Encourage us to be patient as he learns as he goes.

Thank you, God, for each and every blessing that comes from your hand. Teach us to be a thankful people in whatever the circumstances are in our situations.

This prayer we offer you in and through the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

**Nominations Committee**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the United Church. At the national level, various committees and task groups rely on the wisdom and God-given talents that committed individuals bring to these positions. Some feel they are answering a spiritual call when they apply for these positions; others have been nominated by friends and colleagues who recognize that their abilities are just what the church needs.

If you know someone who should be considered for one of these roles, or if you want to lend your own unique talents to the church, let us know. Diversity—in terms of racial and ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical abilities, geographical location, vocation or economic status—makes us strong, as the church is committed to proactively address inequities and historic patterns of exclusion.

For more information please visit: <https://united-church.ca/opportunities>

### **Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship**

Trust objectives are to further and support the education and nurturing of members of The United Church of Canada in Newfoundland and Labrador. The establishment of the Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship is for awarding of grants to students who are enrolled in a degree program or a three-year diploma program at a post-secondary institution. Applications for this scholarship are now being accepted. The deadline for the application is October 15, 2022. Policy and full details are included in the online application. All information can be found on the Regional Council website here: <https://ucceast.ca/55283-coughlan-college-scholarship-application>

### **Marshall Bequest for Ministers' Children Attending Post-Secondary Institutions**

This bequest supports ministers' children who attend post-secondary institutions. Applications for this scholarship are now being accepted. The deadline for the application is October 15, 2022. Policy and full details are included in the online application and can be found on the Regional Council website at: <https://ucceast.ca/59665-marshall-bequest/>

### **Stewardship News**



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*We know you want to grow generous disciples. We want to help. Let's do it together.*

Registration is now open for our Fall **Called to Be the Church: The Journey** Program. This 4-week Stewardship Training could make a real difference in your community of faith! For more information see [here](#). Or contact Roger Janes ([rjanes@united-church.ca](mailto:rjanes@united-church.ca)). To register for our October sessions, click [here](#).

### **Pension Information Seminar**

Mark your calendars for the virtual pension information seminar on September 28, 2022, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm (EDT). The 90- minute seminar will help you learn how our defined benefit pension works, what it costs, what it provides, and how to apply for your pension when ready. For more information and to register please visit:

[https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php?option=com\\_rsform&view=rsform&formId=498](https://www.united-in-learning.com/index.php?option=com_rsform&view=rsform&formId=498)

## **Certificate in Ministry of Supervision**

October 17-21<sup>st</sup> 1pm (AT)-4pm via Zoom

The Certificate in Ministry of Supervision provides participants with the information and skills to mentor individuals preparing for ministry by equipping them for supervision including pastoral practices, leadership, reflection, feedback and spiritual guidance. It is designed for clergy and lay individuals who are interested in supporting students and communities for supervised ministry education (SME), internships and field education. Attention will be given to those wanting to supervise in the United Church of Canada but the course will be adapted and include training for other denominations.

Tuition \$280

Instructors Brenda Fawkes and Andrew Richardson

Register online at: <https://vst.edu/courses/certificate-in-ministry-of-supervision/>

For more information email Andrew at [ARichardson@united-church.ca](mailto:ARichardson@united-church.ca)

## **Sunday Evening Hymn Sing**

The UCW of **George Street United Church** are hosting a **HYMN SING** fundraiser on **Sunday, October 2, 2022 at 7 p.m.** It will be in the main sanctuary of George Street United Church with special guest performers as well as lots of congregational singing. **All are welcome!!!** There will be a free will offering available that evening.

(If you would like to make a special donation recognizing a specific person or occasion, please reach out for more information by Sept. 25th. Our church office is available Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 726-8775, or via email at [office@georgestunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@georgestunitedchurch.com))

## **Fall Plant and Harvest Sale**

**FALL PLANT AND HARVEST SALE:** Cochrane Street United Church's annual fall plant and harvest sale is Saturday October 1, 2022, from 10:30am –2:00pm. Come visit us on the patio at 81 Cochrane Street. We'll have indoor & outdoor house plants, chutneys, relishes, jams and marmalades. For further information, please contact the church office by Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com) or 722-3023.

## **Orange Shirt Day**

On September 30, 2022, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations. For more information, please visit: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/honour-children-who-attended-residential-schools>

## **Autumn Rambles**

Looking for a program to help you settle in and enjoy the spirituality of the coming season? Autumn Rambles begins September 25, 2022. You can sign up for an individual subscription (<https://prayerbench.ca/product/autumn-rambles-individual/>) or get a group subscription and share it with an unlimited number of friends or people in your community of faith.

Join Caroline (from New Zealand) and myself as we walk the streets, beaches, woods, and bush and collect our favourite autumn signs and sightings and share where we see hope in such a time as this. The best way to get a sense of this unique collaborative resource is to take a look at a sample scrapbook page. Take a look here: <https://autumnrambles.com/preview/>

## **Emmanuel College**

Emmanuel College's Centre for Religion and its Contexts is proud to be hosting the launch of David Kim-Cragg's book, *Water from Dragon's Well: The History of a Korean-Canadian Church Relationship*, on Monday October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm (EDT). The launch is online and free but registration is required. Kim-Cragg is both a sessional lecturer at Emmanuel College and minister at St. Matthew's United Church in Richmond Hill.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JsKqeAMvTUuQN7RtVsVSEPPJaGxaHCpEvDKPihpEmi1UMjQ3SkpHQjhMODdNVUhKVjBZSFBNlg2Si4u>

## **Atlantic School of Theology Students to Benefit from New Online Registration System**

Atlantic School of Theology (AST) and Saint Mary's University (SMU) are partnering on admissions and registration systems that will directly benefit students who register for courses and programs at AST. For more information, please visit: <https://www.astheology.ns.ca/news/new-online-registration-system.html>

## **Godly Play**

There are a lot of things you can learn from a book or a lecture, but Godly Play is best learned from the inside out.

WHERE:

Available at sites:

- First Baptist Church, Halifax. Trainers: Shawn Redden & Jenny Eisener
- Sackville United Church, NB. Trainers: Cathy Laskey & Anne Pirie

WHEN:

Part 1: Friday, Oct 28 4pm – 9pm AND Sat, Oct. 29 8:30 – 5:30pm

Part 2: Friday, Nov 11 from 4pm- 9pm AND Sat, Nov. 12 8:30-5:30pm

Certificate for attendance at entire program

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- experience different kinds of Godly Play stories
- tell a story by heart and receive supportive feedback
- how to support a community of children
- fundamentals of setting up your own Godly Play space and program.

A parent reflects on Godly Play: "The children know that [to these leaders] their faith, ideas, thoughts and feelings are all valid and wonderful. They feel heard and important." Chrystal

Register by **Oct. 12, 2022** at <https://godlyplaymaritimes.com/>

## **Vacancy**

Newtown Lumsden Pastoral Charge is currently looking for a half time minister (20 hours/week). Salary will be paid at the appropriate category (A-F) level at a rate of 50% of that rate as determined by General Council. Newtown Lumsden Pastoral Charge is located on a 246 km loop that runs from Gander to Gambo along the northeast coast of Newfoundland and Labrador. The boundaries of the Pastoral Charge extend from Deadman's Bay to Pound Cove and include also the communities of Lumsden, Cape Freels, Newtown and Templeman. Details can be found on United ChurchHub.

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 June 01, 2022 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](mailto:rtcritch@eastlink.ca).

Gambo Pastoral Charge is currently looking for a half time minister (20 hours/week). Salary will be paid at the appropriate category (A-F) level at a rate of 50% of that rate as determined by General Council. We are a two-church pastoral charge in Gambo and Hare Bay. Details can be found on United ChurchHub.

Memorial United Church Pastoral Charge & Oakland Pastoral Charge is currently looking for the services of a full-time Minister (40 hours per week). This position is shared equally, 20 hours per week, with each of the two independent pastoral charges. This position provides leadership in planning, organizing, and conducting regular Sunday services each week, at Memorial United and Oakland United Church. Both Pastoral charges are located in Corner Brook, NL, Canada. Details can be found on United ChurchHub.

Pool's Cove Pastoral Charge is seeking a half time minister (20 hours weekly). Ordained, diaconal or recognized lay minister as well as student minister. Salary to be paid at the appropriate category. Pool's Cove is a one church charge. More details can be found on ChurchHub.

Hant's Harbour Pastoral Charge is currently looking for the services of a Minister. We are a two-point pastoral charge and interested in bi-weekly services which would be one service per congregation each month. Salary to be paid at the appropriate category. More details to be found on ChurchHub or you may call 709-586-2848 or 709-727-5979.