



Share your story.

Are there interesting things happening in your pastoral charge? Is there a story you would like to share?

How about an invitation to an event or happening in your church?

Monthly spark is here for you!



Scotchtown United Church

Although we are a prominent structure in the Community many are not aware of the work we do within our Community and

Restoration Project Submitted by Deborah Cameron

In the spring of 2022 a meeting was held with the Board members of the Church to discuss the condition of the front of the building. Steps, ramp, railings and border of perennial garden needed to be replaced as well as some painting.

We decided to hire local contractor Jason Glenn to do the work.

Our perennial garden which was in disarray after the border was removed was replaced by Scotchtown Farmers Market. They were able to use a few of the existing plants and the rest they donated.

Funds used for this work came from donations to the Church's Memorial Fund in memory of loved ones. A dedication service will be held at a later time and will be announced to the surrounding Community and Donors. At a time when most Church's are struggling to stay open our Church has been fortunate to maintain faithful members who keep it going. All our positions are volunteer with the exception of the Minister. At the present time, Reverend Cora Krommenhoek is our presiding Minister. She travels from Fredericton each Sunday for service at 11:00am.

This Church has been at its present site since 1861 and remained open with a couple of exemptions. In the early 1970's it was closed for a short time due to lack of members to keep it going financially. In March of 2020 it was closed by mandate because of the Covid Pandemic. In September of that year a meeting of the Congregation was held to discuss reopening and we have remained open by maintaining the guidelines set out by the Government and some still apply.

In the beginning we were one of three Church's belonging to the Sheffield Pastoral Charge. The other two being the Sheffield Church which is still part of the Charge, having limited services at this time and the Lakeville Corner Church which was closed in 2020 and torn down. Some of their members attend our Church regularly.

beyond. We donate yearly to several projects; Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada, World relief in other countries, most recent to Ukraine, in our Community at Christmas we donate items made for our mitten tree to The Elementary School and the Resource Centre. As well at Christmas time we have a "White Gift" Sunday where we bring in gifts for all ages to give to the Minto Resource Centre for distribution to the Community. Donations for World Food Sunday in the fall are also given to the Minto Food Bank.

We have an active United Church Women's group who give yearly to organizations and to people in need in the Community, The Rotary Camp, The Lakeville Corner Cemetery, Breakfast Program at the Minto Elementary School and the Minto High School. The Douglas Harbour Hall and Fire Department have also been the recipients of our financial contributions. We have also done Sunshine baskets for those going through cancer or other illness.

In 2004 the UCW had a book published, 'Blessings Through Time', a History of the Scotchtown Church. (Copies are still available).

We have some children in the area who like to come and ring our bell and leave us painted rocks with little messages of hope and love.

The Church is available for Weddings, Funerals and Baptisms, with a capacity for 100 people.

We wish to Thank Jason Glenn and Scotchtown Farmers Market for their beautiful work done to preserve the appearance of our Church.

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Meeting President Elizabeth...

At the annual meeting in Charlottetown in May, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson assumed the role of President for Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters Region. Using email, I interviewed her from a distance...

Question: *Can you tell us a little about yourself so people can get to know you better?*

I live in Kingston, NB 40 minutes outside Saint John with my spouse David Storey. Coming and going, I have the delightful experience of a river cruise crossing the Kennebecasis River as a ferry system is part of our highway.

Together we love and are loved by eight children, eight grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Each in their own way keep me abreast of life beyond my generation. Life is joyfully abundant while filled with drama.

My roots are grounded in PEI where I grew up on a family farm, learning first hand to appreciate the wonder and complexity of Creation.

In 1995, I left a career in the sciences at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Charlottetown to respond to the call to ordained ministry, returned to studies and was ordained in 2001. In 2007 I received a Doctor of Ministry from Bangor Theological Seminary.

The United Church has been my church home throughout my life. As such, a church life offers numerous opportunities to live out my passion for justice and equity and a place to walk with Spirit and wonderful people who continue to nurture and challenge me.

Question: *What is it that you are passionate about these days?*

I am passionate about the church's call to Bold Discipleship, Deep Spirituality and Daring Justice. I am passionate about living and serving in such a way as to help create a more just and equitable world that affirms all Creation.



Question: *What are your greatest hopes and dreams for the church of the future?*

In a world of polarization, my greatest hope is that as a church we would find our voice to share with the the world that this Life Force we call God, is a God of unconditional love. I hope and dream that we would find our voice to let our children and neighbours know that a life of faith is a good life. That is gets you up in the morning thinking about more than yourself.

Question: *What are your goals for our region for the next year?*

At the May 28 Celebration of Ministries worship and installation as President, I promised to “exercise pastoral care for all its people, caring and being cared for, labouring together to build up the household of God...” To fulfill that commitment, as President, I hope to do my part to help build relationships across the Region, especially in this time when we as a new region are trying to become one diverse household of God.

Elizabeth loves to laugh... and she loves the church... so offer your prayers for her work with us over the coming year and reach out to this wonderful leader who is offering her gifts and her time to make our region that best it can be!



Now THIS is a God Moment

Submitted by: Marilyn Bubar, Planning Committee Member, 60th Anniversary Celebrations

Now THIS is a God Moment!

When we came up with the idea of having a “tea party” at the 60th Anniversary Banquet, we not only thought of having real china cups & saucers, but also the idea of using a tea pot filled with flowers for each centerpiece on each table. Easy, we thought as the Mission Store had plenty of both on their shelves. So, over a two year period, we collected plenty of tea cups/saucers as well as 40 lovely tea pots. It all came together just fine until we began to consider those 40 tea pots and where we might find flowers to arrange in them.

Now, the fact is, none of the members of the planning committee live in Sydney, not even close. I live in NB, an eight hour plus drive away from the venue and although I grow plenty of flowers in my garden, not a chance of taking them to Sydney. Not to mention that I arrived three days prior to the start of the celebrations but almost a week before the date of the banquet. So, about four weeks before the Anniversary celebration date, we began to search out possibilities in Sydney.....checked out local gardening centres, called local flower shops, contacted anyone who knew anyone in the area to see if we could secure some flowers at a reasonable cost...ABSOLUTELY NO LUCK! In the meantime, Debbie Hawkins had noticed a Facebook page for the NS Garden Club.

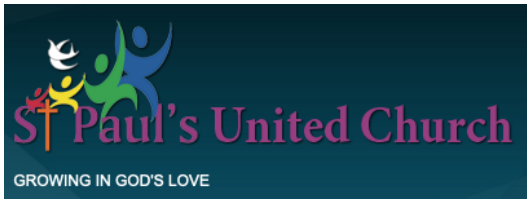
She immediately sent a plea out asking if anyone knew of any gardeners in the Sydney area who might be able to supply flowers for our event. The first week went

by, no response. The second week went by, no response...oh my we were getting down to the wire. Then, about two weeks before we were to leave for Sydney, a lady made contact with Debbie and said she could call her. Sooooooooo, the rest is history. It turned out that this lady lived about three minutes from the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre and had (has) the most beautiful gardens. AND she was willing to not only supply the flowers, but to actually make up the arrangements in all 40 tea pots!!!



This is only one instance that “Divine Intervention” showered down on us during that time we spent in Sydney, NS last July. (Watch for future reports of other God Moments from the 60th)

A very special thank you goes to Joanne Ford, the “generous flower lady” from Sydney, NS who listened to that “still small voice” and responded to the “tap on her shoulder”. We are most grateful to her and the work she did for us.



St Paul's United Riverview

RIVERVIEW, NB St. Paul's United Church is a welcoming and inclusive faith community located next to urban amenities and nature's doorstep. Our congregation is seeking a full-time Ordained Minister who is passionate about preaching, has a highly personal approach to leadership while committed to inclusion, is enthusiastic to work with young families and places an emphasis on pastoral and spiritual guidance. We invite you to view our Community of Faith Profile on ChurchHub. For more information or if you are interested in applying, please contact StPaulsUnitedSearch@gmail.com.

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