



First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council
Weekly Announcements
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Weekly Prayer –Rev. Amanda Barnes, President, First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council

Ever Living & Ever-Loving God, as the seasons change, we are in awe of your creation. The morning breaks with a magnificent sunrise that reminds us of the gift of a new day. We step outside and we are awakened by the cool crisp morning air. The colours of the trees captivate us and our hearts are filled with gratitude for You, Our Creator. You generously give of Your abundant life and unconditional love. May we take the time to always recognize the blessings. Lord, listen to Your children praying. Amen.

George Street United Church “Celebration of Life” Closing Worship Service

The congregation of George Street United Church are extending an invitation to anyone who would like to attend our closing worship service on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 2 p.m.

The service will be presided by the President of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council, Rev. Amanda Barnes. We are also expecting various special guests and dignitaries to be in attendance. A reception will follow the service in our Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre. While it is with sadness that this service will be marking the disbandment of our congregation, it is the congregation’s hope to highlight and celebrate the legacy of George Street United Church’s ministry to our community over the past 150 years. For this historic service, we are looking forward to it being well attended by as many folks as possible from our Communities of Faith in the United Church.

George Street United Church Open House

For those who may or may not be able to attend the worship service, the congregation will also be having an **“Open House” on Saturday Oct. 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** for folks to drop by and stroll through the church and sanctuary.

Welcoming all to attend both events!

Covenanting Service

The covenanting service between Rev. Dean Sellars and Carbonear & Victoria Communities of Faith will take place on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 7pm from Victoria United Church, Victoria. During this service Rev. Sellars will covenant with each congregation separately. A time of fellowship will follow in the church basement. Members of the congregations, The Region and other United Church congregations in the area are encouraged to attend as we celebrate our new collaborative ministry.

Under November Skies – A Song/Video of Remembrance

Hi there. It's John Lindsay-Botten, writing on behalf of Joanna Butler, the chief creator of "Under November Skies" (I arranged the selection). A full letter of support is included [here](#), intended for Church Ministers and Music Ministers/Directors, as well.

A showing of the bilingual YouTube video of the song on social media platforms and in worship contexts is free to use. To purchase copies of the song in various solo/choral options, please head to <https://www.heroesneverdie.ca/> (where you can preview the video as well).

In Love, Peace and Gratitude, John (and Joanna)

Let Us Introduce Our New Growth Animator beginning November 1, 2023

Inspired by our **Call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice**, the leading priority in the United Church of Canada's National Strategic Plan is a Growth Initiative which seeks to support existing congregations towards thriving ministry in their communities, encourage the creation of 100 new communities of faith across the country, and to expand our ability as congregations and a denomination to invite people to participate in the life and ministry of the United Church of Canada.

Six Growth Animators have been hired across the church to work with Regions and local congregations in supporting this work. In UCC East, working within our three Regions, the Growth Animator will be the **Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne**.

An educator, McGeachy Senior Scholar, Intentional Interim Minister, Jubilee Spiritual Director, educational supervisor, member of the national credentialing committee, the disabilities working group, and the GC 44 Equity Support Team, Sharon brings insight, passion and playfulness to her work that centres on helping communities and individuals identify and embrace their gifts as they dream and realistically imagine their future. Sharon believes that through celebration, the present moment can be seen as a place of opportunity and possibility. Sharon recognizes that every Community of Faith is facing a moment of unprecedented challenge and brings gifts of accompaniment, innovation and invitation to help churches face these challenges with courage and hope. Sharon currently serves Fort Massey United Church in Halifax as their Intentional Interim Minister.

Sharon will begin her work on November 1, 2023. She will be present at upcoming Regional events and gatherings throughout the year. She looks forward to meeting with clusters as they are identified. She will also be present at our Annual meetings in the Spring.

Sharon can help congregations who are seeking to deepen your connection to your community, reach out and connect with your neighbours, deepen your sense of call and mission, and explore innovative possibilities for the future.

Join Centre for Christian Studies on Diakonia During Climate Change

Join in on Friday October 27, 2023 at noon central time for an online discussion of climate change and how to respond as faith-filled individuals and as ministers. For more information or to register please visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvdeusqzoiHtGscd7u2kUu9J2BVAEl3WJj#/registration>

Cowan Heights United Church

Saturday, October 28 (4:30 – 5:30 pm pickup) – Take-out Hot Turkey Dinner

For information on these events, contact the Church Office at (709) 745-2871

Or email office@cowanheightsunited.ca

Topsail United Church

Topsail United Church will be holding a Bean & Bologna Supper served with Bread, Dessert, Tea, Coffee on Wednesday November 8 from, 5:30 until 7 P.M., Cost \$ 12 Adults, \$ 8 Children. Please reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 834-4567, Entertainment will follow.

The annual online auction will start on October 23, 2023 at 8:00am and will end on November 2, 2023 at 10:00pm. Please visit www.bartlettauctions.com to register and bid. For more information please call the church at 709-834-4567

Wesley United Church

Wesley United Church will be holding a Flipper Dinner (with dessert, tea & coffee), on November 16th at 6:00 pm. Eat in and takeout's available. Takeout's to be picked up between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$30. Call Pheobe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or the Church office at 579-3682.

Gower Street 3rd Annual Concert and Dessert Auction

is being held Sunday, Oct 29th at 7:00 pm and features some great entertainment. The cost is just \$20 per ticket. Enjoy the entertainment and then have the opportunity to bid on a delicious dessert. Please share with friends, get a group together to attend, and take home a dessert to share!! Tickets are available through the church office which is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m., (709) 753-7286 or at the door. The only accepted payment options for tickets are cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Solidarity Circles

A peer network of clergy, faith leaders and organizers interested in the solidarity economy.

Are you passionate about building a more equitable and sustainable future? You are invited to join the Solidarity Circles — a transformative 9-month leadership training program aimed at empowering individuals to align their institutions and communities with the principles of the Solidarity Economy. Broadly understood, the cooperative and solidarity economy are ways of addressing longstanding economic inequalities within our society, including white supremacy and gender and sex inequities. As part of its commitment to collaborative ministry that engages local communities, the program is a unique partnership between the United Church and the Wendland-Cooke Institute (Vanderbilt University Divinity School). Solidarity Circles are virtual peer-networks for faith leaders, organizers, clergy, and members of the community interested in the cooperative and solidarity economy and its multiple relations to faith.

The cost is \$250 USD for the first thirty participants. For more information and to sign up click the following link:[https://us4.list-](https://us4.list-manage.com/survey?u=d12b6532703c8c5427bd825fd&id=a66b221de2&e=*|UNIQID|*)

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Register secure your spot in the upcoming cohort of Solidarity Circles (**beginning in November 2023**). Don't miss this opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, access valuable educational and practical resources, and become part of a thriving community dedicated to creating transformative economic and ecological ways of life in their communities.

We look forward to working with all of you in the fight for justice, solidarity, and labor this November 2023!

Please be in touch with Andrew Richardson (Vocation Minister Atlantic Regions) if you have any questions: ARichardson@united-church.ca

Atlantic School of Theology

What you can find in the winter 2024 edition of AST Continuing Education:

- Winter Continuing Education courses featuring scripture in the City and two courses offered by our visiting scholar, Moran Bell
- Our speaker for the 2024 Nicholson Lectures
- The 2023 Nicholson Lectures

For more information visit: <https://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/index.html>

Vacancies

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.

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.

St. Anthony Pastoral Charge is looking for a full-time minister to cover 2 churches. Our scenic, historic town is set around a beautiful harbour. We will pay appropriate salary. We have a hospital and shopping mall in our town, made famous by Sir Wilfred Grenfell more than 100 years ago. We are also close to a Viking Settlement in L'Anse aux Meadows. For more information see the churchHub or contact carol Roberts at carolpaints2001@yahoo.ca

Grace United Church located in Coley's Point NL, is seeking a fulltime minister - 40 hrs a week. This Ordained, Diaconal or Recognized Designated Lay Minister will preach, teach and minister to the faithful. We are a single point church with approximately 225 families under pastoral care. This position will provide spiritual leadership in planning, organizing and conducting regular Sunday services each week. Having a Minister who is approachable and inspirational as well as having someone committed to visitation, faith formation and pastoral care is very important to our members. Any inquiries can be directed to the Chair of Council - Ashleigh Squires at 709-683-6400 or via email graceunited4919@gmail.com

Norman's Cove Pastoral Charge is seeking half time ministry - 20 hours weekly. Salary to be paid at the appropriate category. Norman's Cove Pastoral Charge is a three-point charge. More details can be found on ChurchHub.

Vacancies Continued

Bay Roberts-Shearstown Pastoral Charge is seeking a half-time (20 hours per week) Ministry Personnel. We are a two- point charge with one weekly Sunday worship service alternating between the two points. More information can be found on the Church Hub or by emailing the Search Team at brspcsearch@gmail.com.

Shoal Harbour Pastoral Charge is seeking a half time minister. (20 hours per week). We are a 2-point pastoral charge. More details can be found on ChurchHub.

Burin Epworth Pastoral Charge is seeking the services of a full-time minister. We are a four-point charge with approximately 350 households. Our churches are located in Burin, Burin Bay Arm, Lewin's Cove, and Winterland. We offer one service per church each month with members from all four congregations attending. We are located in an historic area with a K-12 school system, post secondary opportunities, a hospital, opportunities to play a number of sports, and a variety of stores and services. Housing will not be an issue because we own a recently renovated 4-bedroom manse. More details can be found on the Church Hub."

