

Summer Worship



Mount Royal United Church



St. John's United Church



Wesley Memorial United Church



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Mission Statement

As a people of God, we are committed to each other and to spiritual renewal and growth. We reach out to the community at large to enhance God's world through loving, enthusiastic and inclusive programs.

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2010

Combined Summer Service

Mount Royal - St. John's - Wesley Memorial

Use of cameras during the service is not permitted.

Audio loop is on during the service.

Please turn off or mute your cell phone.

**Please stand as you are able.*

*Items in **bold text** are to be read or ♪sung♪ in unison.*

Marks of the Caring Church

Word
Sacrament
Pastoral Care
Christian Education
Service/Justice

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-Taking Mission & Service
Extravagant Generosity

WE GATHER

♪ *Prelude* Sheep May Safely Graze Bach

Lighting of Christ Candle & Candle for Haiti

Life & Work of Wesley Memorial

*♪ *Call to Worship* Psalm 107, Part One (1-9) p. 831 VU

**Prayer of Approach*

**The Lord's Prayer (dans votre langue de choix)*

*♪ *Hymn* Great Is Thy Faithfulness # 288 VU

Prayer of Confession (from liturgiesonline.com)

Merciful God, you have graced our lives with the life of Jesus and we rejoice that we are forever linked with him through baptism. This enables us to ‘set our minds’ on Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and to experience a newness of life which transcends all else. We are empowered to put to death all those things which oppose this new life in Christ. We confess, however, that there are still times when we ‘set our minds’ on unworthy and ultimately destructive pursuits. Pursuits in which the need to acquire and possess, threaten the selfless quality of life in Christ.

When our attitude towards others is hostile and aggressive:
we strip off the compassion that life in Christ possesses.

When relationships are soured by bitterness and jealousy:
we strip off the joy that life in Christ reveals.

When we put others down through our prejudice and discrimination:
we strip off the love that life in Christ imparts.

When selfishness and greed contribute to our lifestyle:
we strip off the generosity that life in Christ delights in.

Silence

Merciful God, reclothe us with the life of Christ, and renew us in his image and knowledge, so that the grace, humility and service which marked his life will be clearly visible in and experienced through our lives. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

With Children

*♪ *Hymn* The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young # 269 VU

Prayer of Illumination

**Eternal God, open our minds to hear your word;
Our hearts to love your word.
Our lives to be obedient to your word
Through the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

In the Hebrew Hosea 11:1-11

In the Letters Colossians 3:1-11

♪ *Anthem* Who Is My Mother More Voices
 Emily Mundle

In the Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

God's Word is a lamp to our feet, **and a light to our path.**

Sermon

Marks of the Caring Church – Service and Justice

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*♪ *Hymn*

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

658 VU

Minute for Mission

Craig Dickson

Offertory Invitation & Offering

♪ *Offertory*

Cry of My Heart

T. Butler

Emily Mundle

*♪ *Offertory Response*

God of All Good

God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,

that our whole life and pledges share anew.

**Offertory Prayer*

Education Moment

Prayers of the People

WE ARE SENT...

*♪ *Hymn*

You Servants of God

342 VU

**Commissioning and Benediction*

*♪ *Choral Benediction (tune of Edelweiss)*

May the Lord, gracious Lord, Bless and keep us forever.

Grant us Peace, perfect peace, courage in e'vry endeavour.

Lift up your eyes and see His Face, and His grace forever.

May the Lord, gracious Lord, Bless and keep us forever.

♪ *Postlude*

Bachiana

G. Young

*We thank Emily Mundle, from Wesley Memorial, for
enriching our worship with her musical talent.*

Ministers: The Whole Congregation

Music Director: Mike Day

Office Administrator: Karen Geldart

Licensed Lay Worship Leader: Craig Dickson

Minister Emeritus: the Rev. Paul Cumming

Minister: Rev. Dr. Philip G.A. Griffin-Allwood

God Loves You!
In WORD, Song and Action,
let us show you how much.

LIFE & WORK OF WESLEY MEMORIAL

Welcome! If you are a visitor, please complete one of the envelopes located in the pew and sign our guest book so we may acknowledge your presence among us. We pray that your worship with us is a blessing for you. Please stay and join us for coffee & conversation.

Participants in Today's Worship Service

Greeters	Ken Geldart and Craig Dickson
Lay Reader	Neal Mundle
Coffee & Conversation	Finance/Property Committee
Tellers	Neal Mundle, George Mundle

Large print bulletins are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed for each Sunday during August to **count and deposit the offering**. If you can lend a hand, please call Craig Dickson at 382-8432. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary.



Grocery Cards for Sobeys, Superstore and Co-op are available every Sunday at coffee & conversation and also at the church office during weekdays. From Aug. 8-Sept. 5, cards will be sold every Sunday at Mount Royal's coffee & conversation. The church office will be open periodically. Your support of this fundraiser is needed and appreciated. Sales to date: \$12,000.00 (up \$1,400.00); profit: \$600.00.



Canadian Tire Money collected and on hand for the church: \$14.85.



Wesley Memorial Bridge Marathon will be running from Sept. 2010 to Apr. 2011, approx. every second Thursday, 2-4 PM at Wesley. Cost is \$50.00/person. Tea, coffee & cookies will be served. Call the church office at 382-4180 before Sept. 1st to sign up.

Visions United July update (green paper) is located in the back of the sanctuary. Pick up your copy.

Consultation on Simplifying Church Processes information is located at the back of the sanctuary. The General Council Office is embarking on a project to revise the United Church's procedures and practices to make them less complex and more accessible. The Executive of the General Council has identified the need for United Church policies and processes to be simplified. As part of this work, *The Manual* will be revised to make it shorter and more user-friendly, and reflect these simplified processes. This work flows from directions given by the Executive in May 2010 based on Planning for a Future Grounded in Faith and Action, and will

link with projects already underway through task groups established by the Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services. These directions will shape the United Church for the next three years and beyond. Please read the full announcement as it is posted at www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/100715b

Let’s keep the bills paid during the summer months.



Many of our expenses don’t take a vacation during the summer. Please keep your givings regular/up-to-date during this time, either through PAR or post-dated cheques. Many thanks to those who contribute regularly and who used their Spring Offering envelope.

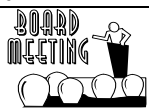


Stewardship Second: Is your “stuff” building a barrier between you and God?

Check the bulletin boards & white board for all the latest events!

Congregation

Aug. 8- Sept. 5	10 AM 	Worship at Mount Royal United Church, 106 Mount Royal Blvd., Moncton. The Rev. Brett Anningson will provide emergency pastoral care during this time. You may reach him at 855-5771. Wesley Memorial will resume worship on Sept. 12. During the summer church closure, the church telephone and email will be checked for messages and the office will be open periodically.
Aug. 19	6 PM	Visions United social event – BBQ and entertainment at Stilesville UC
Sept. 9	2 PM	Mission Outreach Committee - parlour
Sept. 9	6:15 PM 7 PM 8 PM	Congregational Board Meeting Executive Committee Committees Combined Board. Everyone welcome!
Sept. 12	8 AM	Men’s Club - gym
Sept. 12	11 AM	Worship
Sept. 13	7 PM	Wesley Ringers – Nellie Trites room
Sept. 14	7 PM 	“More Chocolate” Fashion Show and Dessert Night featuring Hillsborough Fashions, Fifth Avenue Collection Jewellery and Music by Mike Day. Fifth Avenue Jewellery will also have a display/sale table. Cost \$10.00; only 120 tickets being sold - <u>advance selling only</u> . Tickets available from members of the Betty Jennings Group or the church office.
Sept. 15	7 PM	Choir - start up - sanctuary
Sept. 19	9:40 AM	Adult Bible Class - parlour
Sept. 19	11 AM	Worship and Sunday School Opens



Sept. 26	Visions United comprehensive information package will be distributed in preparation for amalgamation vote on Oct. 31, 2010.
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UCW

Sept. 6	1:30 PM	Unit 2 – parlour ??
Sept. 13	1 PM	Unit 4
Sept. 13	1:30 PM	Unit 1 – parlour
Sept. 18		UCW Annual Retreat, Camp Ta-Wa-Si

Activities

July 26	7 PM	Ricky's Dance Studio – CD room
July 30	2 PM	SLAA – parlour
Sept. 7	6:30 PM	Mud River Cloggers – CD room
Sept. 8	12 PM	MACC - parlour

Outside the Church – details on bulletin board

July 28	7 PM	TorQ Percussion Quartet Concert, Central UC Tickets available from Joan Freeborn 386-8358 or 857-3186 or 384-7100.
Aug. 5		Ice Cream Social, Coverdale UC, Riverview
Aug. 15-21		Maritime Regional CGIT Camp at Camp Wegesegum, Chipman
Aug. 18	10-4 PM	Camp Whisong Girl Guide Camp Open House
Aug. 18	11-2 PM	Camp Ta-Wa-Si Lobster Roll Dinner Potato Salad, Blueberry Cake dessert. Tickets \$12.00 (extra lobster roll \$7.00). Tickets available at coffee & conversation or the church office.
Aug. 20		CGIT 95th Anniversary Open House at Camp Wegesegum, Chipman
Oct. 1-2		Beyond games & soup kitchens, nurturing a passionate spirituality in youth ministry at AST See pamphlet/registration form on bulletin board.

Participants in Sunday's Service – Sept. 12/10

Greeters	Ken & Karen Geldart
Lay Reader	
Coffee & Conversation	Carol & Al Holdsworth
Tellers	Peggy & David Fraser, Marlene Harrity

The church office is in need of a typewriter. If you have one you could donate, please contact the church office.

Welcome the congregations of Mount Royal and St. John's United Churches to our worship.

I would like to thank all the members of Mount Royal and St. John's Choir who participated in leading the congregational singing this past month. - Mike

We have enjoyed having Mount Royal and St. John's congregations joining in worship with us the last five Sundays. Thank you to those who participated in our worship services and joined in the camaraderie and fellowship. - Wesley Memorial

Have Faith in Him

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, 'I know what the Bible means!'

His father smiled and replied, 'What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, 'I do know!'

'Okay,' said his father. 'What does the Bible mean?'

'That's easy, Daddy...' the young boy replied excitedly, 'It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old Family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.

'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady

'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: 'I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.'

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he puts a note under the windshield wiper that read:

'I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.'

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note '

I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.'

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, 'Boys and girls, what do we know about God?'

A hand shot up in the air. 'He is an artist!' said the kindergarten boy. 'Really? How do you know?' the teacher asked.. 'You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.... '

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. 'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay.... It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.' The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.' Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said 'Be not a afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play 'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.' During the service, the minister paused and said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'.

At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner.'

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk!

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale... It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days..

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B S. Is done.

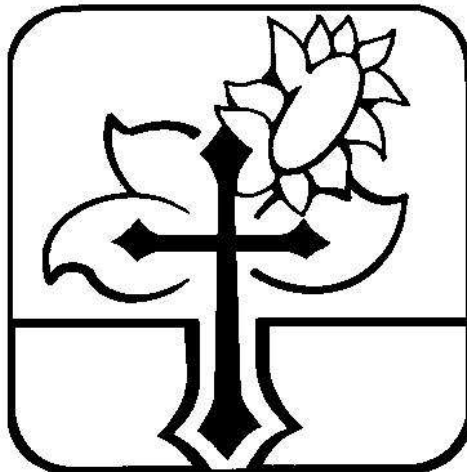
The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM.. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'



AUGUST