



Mount Royal United Church

"At Mount Royal United Church, our mission is to serve God; living our faith inside and outside these walls and nurturing each individual on their faith journey."

Easter 4

April 26, 2015

***Please stand as you are able.**

Congregational responses in bold.

Prelude

The Life and Work of the Community

Lighting of the Christ Candle & Easter Candle

Greeting:

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

***Introit**

Alive, Alive

Alive, alive, alive forevermore;

Christ Jesus is alive, alive forevermore.

Alive, alive, alive forevermore; Christ Jesus is alive.

**Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; Christ Jesus is alive
forevermore.**

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah; Christ Jesus is alive.

Call to Worship

We come together today in the knowledge of God's love for us through Jesus' amazing grace. We come together to give our thanks,

we come together to confess our failings,

we come together to learn more of the nature of God,

we come together to gather strength for the journey,

we come together to be restored.

We come together because we are God's own and we are thankful.

***Hymn:** Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love **VU#574**

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

Loving Shepherd, through the gift of gathered community may we know your attentive care, abundant beauty, and the power of reconciliation. We pause now and, in the silence, we hear you call each of us by name and are welcomed and enfolded by your love. (Pause) Guide us, protect us, feed us, renew us, love us.

The Lord's Prayer

VU#910

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Loving God, today as we contemplate you as our shepherd we acknowledge the limits we put on your goodness. We recall the times when we have hardened our hearts to those who don't belong to our fold. We admit that we have seen the suffering caused by unjust practice, have seen brothers and sisters in need and yet we have refused our help. We declare that there have been times when we have been quick to condemn and slow to love. We confess to sometimes being like hired help: we see the wolf coming and run away because in essence we do not care for what is not our own. We are sorry. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Children of God, hear these words of assurance. God is greater than our hardened hearts.

**When we are bold before God and are true to the
commandment to love one another,
we receive the mercy we desire,
and God comes and dwells in us.**

***Hymn** I've Got Peace Like a River **VU#577**

Theme Time Prayer: For All Your Goodness, God **VU#549**

Prayer for Understanding Reader: the Rev Ron Maund

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John before the Jewish religious leaders.

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Sung) **VU#748**

God is my shepherd and source of blessing.

1 John 3:16-24

Love not just with words, but also with actions.

One: This is the witness of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

John 10:11-18

Jesus the Good Shepherd.

One: This is Good News of Jesus Christ.

All: Praise to Christ the Word.

Reflection

Anthem

Offering Invitation

Offertory

***Offertory Prayer** **VU#540**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

Prayer

*Hymn God Be With You till We Meet Again **VU#422**

*Sending Forth

Jesus is the good shepherd who leads us in right paths,
**who seeks out the lost, and lays down life for all,
whether they are in the fold, or outside of it.**

Go into the world as followers of the good shepherd living
out God's love and truth,

We go with the Spirit of compassion as our guide.

Choral Closing: Now Go in Joy (Refrain only)

Now go in joy to spread the Word,
till all the people have heard:

God embraces all!

Follow, then, the disciples' call.

Tend your neighbours with loving care
in daily work and prayer.

God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen.

Postlude

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Welcome to Mount Royal United Church! A Christian Family encouraging spiritual growth through **Worship, Friendship, Learning and Action.** Your presence enriches our worship. Newcomers and visitors are welcome, and invited to sign our guest book at the back (name and address, if possible). If you are able, please join us for coffee and conversation. Choose a green mug so that we may introduce ourselves to you. If you are new to Mount Royal and would like any information on giving, or how we make a difference in the world through the money we collect, please contact the church office. There are many options including envelopes and PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) which make it easier to give, and also tax deductible as charitable giving! Help support the vital ministry of Mount Royal!

Minister: Rev Dr Beverly Daley
Minister Emeritus: Rev Ron Maund
Music Director: France Henriques
Office Administrator: Tracy Parrott
Custodian: Wayne Surette
Welcomers: Ed & Joyce MacLeod
Ushers: (Peter Linney), Sterling & Joan Jardine, Susan Fowler

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Ushers for the next 4 weeks: (chairlift operator in brackets)

May 3 (Harold Robinson), David Close, Ron Berry, Randy Scott
 May 10 Reid Steeves, Jennifer & (Nick Smith), Erin Smith
 May 17 Dave Arnold, Howard Easton, Ed MacLeod, (Norman Bremner)
 May 24 Reg Henderson, (Jim Morris), Connie MacCallum, Shirley Dutcher

This Week's Events

Monday	9:30am	Beginner Tai Chi	Church Hall
	10-noon	Writer's Circle	Boardroom
	6:30pm	Cubs	Church Hall
Tuesday	9:00am	Craft Group	Boardroom
	7:00pm	CGIT	Church Hall
Wednesday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Friday	9:30am	Tai Chi	Church Hall
Saturday	8-11am	Pancake Breakfast	Church Hall

Special Notices:

Congratulations to **Peter & Maureen Linney** who are celebrating their **50th wedding anniversary**. They were married at Trinity St Stephen's United Church in Amherst, NS by Rev Aubrey H. Moore on May 1, 1965.

Thank you to the Rev Ron Maund for creating the beautiful stained-glass panel for the Memorial Room door and to Ensor & Eleanor Nicholson for their willingness and assistance in setting up the Memorial Room. Have a look at the wonderful results of their hard work!

The **Baker Family Scholarship** is open to members of Mount Royal United Church graduating from High School in NB. Applicants must be entering a post-secondary institution in the fall. Applications are to be in the form of a 300 word essay outlining the applicant's academic achievements, extracurricular activities, volunteerism and future plans. Applications will close on May 31, 2015.

The **Spring Smiley-face pancake breakfast** will be held on **May 2** from 8 – 11am. Come and enjoy Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, toast, juice, tea/coffee and real maple syrup. Adults - \$8, Children under 12 - \$5. Sign-up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.

Pastoral Care Committee - Monday, **May 4th** at noon in the Boardroom

The **Pastoral Care Committee** is in need of both men and women to visit with members of our church family. If you are mature, compassionate and a good listener - we could use your help a few hours every couple of months. Even if you do not wish to attend our bi-monthly meetings but could provide friendship or fellowship over coffee, your help would be appreciated. Please call Susan Fowler at 855-7008 if interested.

The Report from the **UCC Comprehensive Review Task Group** has been released and is available through the General Council website: <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/150303>
This report contains major re-visioning of many of the ways we do things, including the established roles and responsibilities of Presbytery and Conference. You are encouraged to make time to read the report.

If you are aware of a member of the church who is in hospital and would like a **clergy visit**, please contact the office at 855-5771.

If you have **e-mail** and would like to receive notices regarding cancellations and other items of interest please put your name and e-mail address on a piece of paper in the collection plate. Thank you.

Community Notices:

The Riverview Art Council is hosting its **Spring Art Show** on Sat, **May 2**, 10am-4pm at St. Paul's UC, 404 Cleveland Ave, Riverview.

As part of the **Moncton125 Festival**, the Mayor's Seniors Advisory Committee will be hosting a **brunch** on Sun, **April 26** at the Moncton Lions Community Centre, 473 St. George St. There will be two sittings, the first at 11am and the second at 12:30pm. Tickets must be picked up in advance. If you have questions please contact Nicole Poirier from the Mayor's office at 856-4343 or Janet MacDuff at 859-8611.

Wednesday, **April 29** - 9:15-11:30am - A Coffee and Muffin Party will be held at the Harrisville UC, Shediac Road. Crafts, baking, new-to-you items will be available for sale and quilts will be on display.

Mountain View UC will be holding a **Spring Dessert and Fashion Show** on Fri, **May 1**, at 7pm. Fashions by Mrs. Coats, Dieppe. There will be entertainment, door prizes, discount coupons, and delicious desserts. Tickets are \$10 at 857-4817 (O) or Barb at 384-9117.

Spaghetti Supper and Silent Auction on Saturday, **May 2**, at Trinity UC, 85 Old Coach Rd, Riverview 4:30-6:30pm. \$8 Adults, \$5 kids. Dinner, dessert & entertainment by the Dunnett School of Highland Dance for tickets or more information call 386-6329.

Holy Family Seniors Club **Yard Sale-Bake Sale** on **May 2** at 8am - 1pm at the Holy Family Church Hall, 52 Falkland St.

Save your soft cover books! The Canadian Federation of University Women, CFUW, invites you to the **Bookworm Bonanza** soft cover book sale. You may donate books on: Sun, May 17, 1-5pm, Mon, May 18th 10am- 8pm, Tues, May 19, 10am- 8pm. LOCATION: Dan Bohan Family Centre, Fatima Dr, Riverview. You may **buy books** on: Tues. **May 19** 1-8pm, Wed. **May 20** 10am-8pm, Thurs. **May 21** 10am-12pm CFUW has been funding scholarships for women in the Greater Moncton Area since 1944. Come out and show your support.

May 28-31 - Intermediates at Conference (IAC) and Youth Forum (YF) are each a place of community and a place of faith where United Church youth, between the ages of Gr. 7 – Gr. 9 (IAC) and Grade 10 and age 19 (YF), meet from across the Maritimes, the Gaspé, and Bermuda. It takes place during the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada.

Church Council Highlights: Letters of thanks were received from the Greater Moncton Music Festival, the West End Food Bank and the M&S Fund of the UCC. **COMMITTEE REPORTS: CHURCH FINANCES** It was noted that local envelope offerings are up for March and up for YTD. Other offerings are down due to less fundraisers this year. Expenses are down due mostly to lower fuel costs. A motion to make a \$1,000 contribution to the West End Food Bank was made. **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** upcoming work around the church will include: shelves will be put up in the Memorial Room, the burner on the stove will be repaired before the pancake breakfast, the fount will be placed on casters, there will be improvements to the nursery, the floor tile in the staff bathroom will be looked at and possibly new flooring will be installed in the sanctuary. **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** The special services coming up are: May 3 – Anniversary Sunday and dedication of the Communion Ware, May 10 - Mother's Day the CGIT are conducting the service, the Rev Jane Aikman will conduct the service on the 17th and Beverly would be willing to write the service and have lay persons in the congregation conduct the service on May 31st (while she is at Conference). June 7th is the 90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The BLAST closing service at Camper's City will be on June 14th and the Father's Day, Graduate Service will be June 21. **MINISTER'S REPORT** Rev Dr Daley visited the hospital weekly and took communion to shut-ins. Beverly did a service at Spencer Home and attended meetings of the Worship committee and Chignecto Presbytery. She maintains contact with members of the congregation by phone and e-mail, attended the opening of a memorial gallery at the Moncton Museum for Merrill Henderson and attended a workshop at the Moncton Hospital for end of life decisions. **CHIGNECTO PRESBYTERY** There were presentations from MAGMA and the UCC comprehensive review which is up for discussion at Conference. Marlene MacLeod and Sandra Foreman-Webb will both be attending Conference on our behalf this year. **MEN'S GROUP/FINANCE/FUNDRAISING** Jim Morris reported that grocery cards have been going better since the machine for Debit/Credit was installed. Fundraisers coming up are the Rummage sale on April 24 & 25 and the Pancake breakfast on May 2 **CHOIR** They are always looking for people who are willing to share their musical gifts with the congregation. **PASTORAL CARE** asking for additional visitors, particularly men, who might meet for coffee or a chat in a somewhat less formal setting. To date there has been no response. **UCW/CRAFT GROUP** UCW made up six scrub buckets with cleaning supplies to be donated to Crossroads for Women and will provide the Anniversary cake.

Birthright is looking for volunteers to work with our clients. Training and flexible hours available. Please call 382-2227 for info.

Volunteers Needed! Elf recruits and trains community volunteers for providing grade two students one-on-one support for practicing their literacy skills. We are preparing for our spring reading sessions already and can always use more volunteers. <http://www.elfnb.com>

The Metro Tones Pop Chorus presents an evening of "As Time Goes By" at their 14th annual **charity concert** on Saturday, **June 13**, 7:30 pm at the Moncton Wesleyan Celebration Centre in support of the Atlantic Wellness Centre and a high school graduate music scholarship. Tickets are \$10. plus non-perishable food items available at all five Jean Coutu Pharmacies; Read's Newsstands (Riverview & Mountain Rd.); Sobeys at Vaughan Harvey; the Hospice Shoppe; and Peoples Park Tower. For more info call 852-9664 or visit www.MetroTones.org

Ladies Shopping Escape weekend to Portland, ME and Merrimack, NH, October 22-25, 2015. Accommodations at the Hampton Inn (South Portland) featuring complimentary breakfast and indoor pool. \$460/person Single, \$410/person double, \$380/person triple, \$350/person quad. Call to reserve your spot at 870-0150 or iodeshoppingtour@gmail.com

The UCW continues to collect:

- Postage stamps for Oxfam Canada. The border of the stamps should be trimmed to ¼".
- eye glasses for distribution to Third world countries.
- Milk bags for sleeping mats for Haiti (Hillcrest School).

You may drop any of these items in the wooden box at the entrance of the Bessborough door. Thank you for helping with these endeavours.

If anyone has an extra **cane** or **umbrella** they would like to donate to the church, we would like to have a few spares to leave in the entrance for anyone who may need to borrow them.