

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
World Food Sunday
October 16th, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude		
Welcome		
Lighting of Christ Candle & Candles for World Life & Work of the Community		
*Hymn	Jesus stand among us	396VU
We Gather to Worship		
Gathering Prayer		
Minutes for Mission.	Donna White	
*Hymn	This is God's Wondrous World	296VU
A Story for all ages		
Scripture Readings	2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5	
	Psalm 121	844VU
	Luke 18:1-8	
Sermon	God's Patient Persistence	
*Hymn	I was There to Hear your Borning Cry	644VU
Offering		
Anthem		
Offertory Prayer		
Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer		
*Hymn	Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour	665VU
Commissioning and Benediction		
*Sending Forth	When You Walk from Here	298VU

Call to worship, Gathering prayer, offertory prayer and commissioning and benediction adapted from resources in Autumn: Liturgical Resources edited by Ruth Burgess(Wild Goose Publications)

Upcoming dates

Oct. 16 - 10:30 am - today - Worship with Debbie Aitken
 Oct 21 - Friday - Preparation and Delivery of Seniors Meals
 Oct. 23- 10:30 am - Worship with Larry Siebrands
 Oct. 26th - Wednesday - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - PSALMS, HYMNS & SONGS - A conversation about how we celebrate our Faith with Music
 Oct. 30 - 10:30 am - worship with Debbie Aitken - Dedication of Memorial Tree followed by a reception
 Nov. 2 - Wednesday - 10:00-11:00 AM - PSALMS, HYMNS & SONGS - A conversation about how Music helps us as people of faith, to mourn, lament and confess...
 Nov 5 - Lobster and Ham Take out and Delivery
 Nov. 6 - 10:30 am - Act of Remembrance in Worship
 Nov. 9th - Wednesday - 10:00 am - 11:00 am - PSALMS, HYMNS & SONGS - a conversation about how music inspires us and gives us Hope in the living of our faith
 Nov. 13 - 10:30 - Worship with Blessing of Animals- Debbie Aitken & Mark Tiller

Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

Montague Food Bank Items need on a regular basis: canned meats and fish, soup, cereal, side and main dishes, pasta sauce, canned fruit and vegetables, crackers, condiments, unscented toiletries and pet food, feminine hygiene products, monetary donations to purchase fresh food.

PAR, or Pre-Authorized Remittance, is a direct debit program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. Contact Maureen MacLeod if you are interested in contributing to our church through our PAR. Sure makes giving easier!

Choir will have its weekly meeting next Thursday, 1:30 p.m. at the church. All are welcome

At the October 9 Board meeting after church, manse committee chair, Vera, informed us that the roof to the manse needed attention.

Between the age of the shingles and the recent hurricane, it was recommended that a new roof was needed, in this case a metal roof. The cost would be in the neighborhood of \$10,000. By a show of hands, the motion to approve this expenditure was unanimous.

From our October 11 Session meeting: Committee Chair, Donna, provided the members with new Elder's lists, identifying 9-10 church members under care of each Session member, as well as updated addresses. Other topics included comments about the upcoming senior's meals, a rescheduling of the tree dedication, acknowledging the first responders, a future concert date, planning for Remembrance Day in November, and the date for our annual Blessing of the Pets. Rev. Debbie has plans to use 3 Wednesdays to offer a study on Psalms, hymns, and songs starting October 26. Communion will be celebrated the first Sunday in Advent, Errol and Delite assisting, November 27. The Christmas Eve service will start at 6:30 p.m.; there will be no church service on Sunday, Christmas Day. The meeting started at 7 p.m. and finished at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be November 16 at 7 p.m. Via Zoom. Delite will chair the meeting and Vera will offer devotions.

A prayer in response to Hurricane Fiona

Eternal Creator,
Bless the lands of Atlantic Canada who are bearing the enormous strength of Hurricane Fiona, bless the people and beings who love these lands and call them home.

With your help and guidance, may we work to:

Protect the vulnerable and those most affected by the ragging rainfall, flash floods and damaging winds;

Strengthen those who are able to offer physical, emotional and spiritual aid; and

Support communities of faith throughout the regions of Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters, First Dawn Eastern Edge, Regional Council 15, and Nakonha:ka who serve the people and the land long after the storm has passed.

As a mother hen comforts and protects her young from the dangers of life, gather us, who are scattered by Hurricane Fiona, in love, and like a loving parent, grant us true wisdom so that we may shield each other from the unimaginable powers of nature.

Amen.

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