

**WELCOME TO MEMORIAL
UNITED CHURCH
4th Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2022**

* please stand as able

Prelude

Welcome

Candle Lighting

Opening Prayer

Life & Work of the Community

* Hymn Who is my Mother?

178 MV

Apostles' Creed

Gathering Prayer

Minute for Mission

A Story For All Ages

Lord's Prayer

* Hymn The Lord Is My Shepherd

747VU

Scripture Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Sermon: *"Suffering from "truth" decay"*

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Prayer

* Hymn He Leadeth Me

657VU

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth Halle, Halle, Halle.

"This service has now ended. Your service now begins."

Next Sunday's Scripture Readings May 15, 2022

Acts 11-18 • Psalm 148 • Rev. 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Upcoming dates

May 12 - Seniors' Lunch - 12 Noon

May 15 – 5th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken

May 22 – 6th Sunday After Easter – The Rev. Debbie Aitken

Thanks to The Rev. Dr. Larry Siebrands for conducting today's service.

From our official board meeting: a grown Blue Spruce tree will be ordered (approx \$500.00 plus planting) as a memorial for Ruth Hawkins, Janice MacKay and the Irvings. We hope to plant it on the highway side of our church building. In the meantime, two of our trees planted near the field are dead and will be taken down by Errol. Thank you, Errol. ■ From the Manse Report: The ultraviolet light needs to be replaced. We also will need to replace our oil tank, since it's reached the expiration date. Mark will contact Irving Oil about the replacement. ■ Approved that the donation from the manse tenant be waived until October 2022 at which time it will be reassessed. ■ We are grateful to Becky Gosbee for being our church representative to the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Water Regional next meeting. ■ The next Official Board meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022 6:30 p.m. at the Church.

Seen on a church sign: "Cremation is your last chance for a smoking, hot body."

At McClure United Church in Halifax, the congregation started an eco-journey by transitioning to LED lighting. Then, with the help of a United Church Faithful Footprints grant, it added solar panels to re-roofing plans. The energy savings have been huge and the ability to sell excess power means the church is projected to generate \$20,000 annually. [from Broadview, April/May 2022]

With the beginning of summer, we always appreciate the look of our church grounds, thanks to Barry Hume, who religiously tends to all things grass, trees, and flowers. We appreciate you!

For the rabbi Jesus to call himself the "good shepherd" would have been offensive to the religious elite; it was a claim with a socio-

economic edge to it. A modern-day equivalent might be for Jesus to say, "I am the good migrant worker."

As this Sunday's reading from Revelation indicates, the Good Shepherd is also the Lamb that was slain—he is both shepherd and sheep: "for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (7:17).

Sweat shop ladies meet Monday, 9 a.m. Senior meal will be delivered, May 21. This is the last senior meal.

If you would be willing to teach Sunday School one Sunday this month [Sunday School is scheduled to end May 30], please speak to Margaret Brady. Thank you.

We're soon going to be counting bottles for our recycle effort. If you can help some morning [soon to be announced], please let Vera or Larry know. Thanks.

Memorial United belongs to the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council of The United Church of Canada. Some of the Council's recent actions include these:

- Approved the Community of Faith Profile of the Wellington Pastoral Charge
- Approved the Community of Faith Profile of the Dalhousie-New Mills Pastoral Charge
- Approved the application for licensing as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for Daniel Szemok
- Approved the re-appointment of Rev. Carolyn Rushton to the Baie Verte, Port Elgin, Tidnish Bridge Pastoral Charge effective July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023

The 4th Annual General Meeting will be held June 3-4, 2022.

To learn more about the Council, go to www.uceast.ca/fundy-st-lawrence-dawning-waters-regional-council-14

If you would be willing to read a Minute for Mission some Sunday, speak to Becky Gosbee. Also, if you would be willing to read the lessons some Sunday, please contact Kay Saunders. Thank you.

PRESBYTERIAN : When you rearrange the letters it can say **BEST IN PRAYER**

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