

**PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH**

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**SERVICE - 11:00 AM – MAY 2, 2010**

**UCW MEMORIAL SERVICE, CONFIRMATION**

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*\*Please stand, as you are able*

***Altogether Before God***

Prelude

\*Gathering Hymn #697 “O For A World”

\*Welcoming One Another

Announcements & Celebrations

Call to Worship (two voice, congregation in **bold**)

Imagine...

*a place where all are welcome*

**and everyone hears the sound of their name.**

Imagine...

*everyone having enough food and water*

**and a home free of hatred and fear.**

Imagine...

*a place where creativity is valued*

**and the spirit is nurtured in love.**

Imagine...

*just imagine*

**this is that place.**

Opening Prayer

**We praise you, O God, for the gift of creation  
and the surprise of re-creation. Open our eyes to**

**see new things. Open our minds to think fresh  
thoughts. Open our communities to welcome  
new partners. Open our spirits to follow your  
Spirit. Amen.**

\*Hymn #695 “God Is Passionate Life”

Children’s Time & The Lord’s Prayer

**AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

In Christian Love We Honour and Remember

*Lorna Ferguson*      *Jeanette Ball Unit*

*Marjorie Gorham*      *Jeanette Ball Unit*

*Madeline Makepeace*      *Ada Myles Unit*

*Shirley Smith*      *Ada Myles and Jessie Langille Units*

*Ruth Wetmore*      *Fidelis Unit*

*The children and young people may go to Sunday School*

***The Word Is Proclaimed***

Choral Prayer of Illumination #371 s.2

Epistle

**Revelation 21:1-6**

Gospel

**Luke 22:24-27**

This is the Word of the Lord...**Thanks be to God**

Sermon

***Serving In God’s Name***

\*Hymn #713 “I See A New Heaven”

Offertory: “To A Wild Rose” Dawn Gilchrist, piano

\*Choral Dedication of the Offering

**O Christ, whose broken cross still stands  
in all the world’s distress,  
help us to live your gift of love,**

**your justice and your peace.  
Receive, O God, our thankful gifts  
and call us by Christ's name.  
Make us a light to all the world,  
a resurrection flame.**

#### Prayer of Dedication

**We are here for you have called us. We give  
because we can. We give to serve your world  
and all your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

#### Pastoral Prayer

*Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Sudan and Uganda*

#### Renewal of Baptismal Vows (Confirmation)

#### Statement of Purpose (*Chair of Worship*)

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have the opportunity to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in our baptism. As those who have been baptized, together with those who today will be baptized, profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate the place these individuals in the people of God. We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith, and promise to continue to walk with them. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

#### Presentation of Candidates for Renewal

#### of Baptismal Vows (*Chair of Worship*)

On behalf of the congregation of Portland United Church, I present the following persons who seek to renew the faith proclaimed at their baptism:  
**Angela Lana Mott and Hayleigh Grace Butcher.**

#### Profession of Faith and Promises

I ask these questions that you may publicly profess the faith .

Do you believe in the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

**I do, by the grace of God.**

Desiring the freedom of new life in Christ, do you seek to resist evil , and to live in love and justice?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

**I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live

with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

**I will, God being my helper.**

#### Congregational Commitment

*(the congregation is invited to stand)*

As a baptized and baptizing church, will you continue to support and nurture these persons

within a community which worships God, resists evil, and seeks justice?

**We will, God being our helper.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

Let us pray:

**Holy God, we bless you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water. Over its unshaped promise your Spirit hovered at creation. By water, comes the growth of the earth. Through water, you led the children of Israel to freedom. In the waters of the Jordan your Child Jesus was baptized. Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

The Act of Renewal of Baptismal Faith

**Angela and Hayleigh** will dip their hands in the baptismal water to the words "Remember your baptism and be thankful"

Laying On of Hands

**Angela and Hayleigh** will kneel in turn as hands are placed upon their heads and backs and the following is said:

"...., the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ".  
Amen.

Presentation of Bibles and Certificates

Each of the new members of Portland United Church will receive a certificate of Confirmation and a Bible.

Prayer for the Candidates

**Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on our newest members, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Sharing the bread and fruit of the vine

Prayer after Communion

**For bread broken and fruit of the vine share together we give you thanks. For the opportunity to express our faith in service to your world we pray. In the name of the One who brings us hope, Amen.**

\*Blessing (two voices, congregation in **bold**)

Go to love others as Christ loves you  
*and to celebrate God's goodness with all of creation.*

**We go surrounded by God's Spirit.**

The former things have gone away;  
 God is making all things new.  
 God dwells among us even now.  
**We go to help make God's dream come true.**

\*Choral Response #586 s 1&2 **"We Shall Go Out"**

Postlude: **"Postludium"** – P. Kern

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We welcome **Rev. Ellen Flemming** as our preacher today.

The *Scripture Reader* today is **Hayleigh Butcher**.

Our *communion servers* today are:

**Lana and Angela Mott,**  
**Barb and Hayleigh Butcher,**  
**Lois Irvine and Karen Stephen.**

The team of *June Hamilton* is *welcoming* today.

Our *counters* are the team of *Marilyn and Ernie Clark*

*Next week: Stephen Biggs' team is welcoming*

*Beth Leonard and Richard Lingley's teams are counting*

*Scripture Readings for May 9:* Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67,  
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 5:1-9



**THE CHURCH AT WORK**  
 ~ May 2, 2010~

Sunday – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship: UCW Service</b>
Mon. – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30- 9:00 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	N/A New Beginnings Group
	7:15 pm	General UCW Meeting
Tues. – 4 <sup>th</sup>	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	6:30-8:30 pm	Cubs
	8:00 pm	A.A. Group
Wed. – 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am	Quilters
	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Clean Up</b>
	6:30 pm	Venturers & Rovers
Thurs. – 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Beavers
	7:00 pm	Choir
	8:00 pm	AlAnon Group
Friday – 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	N/A
Sunday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am	<b>Worship: Christian Family</b>
	1:15 pm	World Wide Church of God

*The Bulletin today  
 is placed  
 In Memory of Jeanette Ball  
 from the Jeanette Ball Unit  
 of the UCW*

**Church Council: Pastoral Care Committee**

This committee visits nearly 40 people each month who are in hospitals, nursing homes or at home and do not get a chance to get out. By doing so it is hoped that these individuals will know that they are not forgotten by their church family. If you know of anyone who could use a visit please let Rev. Jennifer Uhryniw know or call Ellen Flemming in the church office.

*Chairperson: Rev. Jennifer Uhryniw*

*Financial update: 4 months to April 30, 2010*

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
Envelope and PAR	\$55,855.	\$57,332.	(1,477.)
M & S	7,985.	8,332.	(347.)

*May 5: Wednesday – 6pm: Annual Clean-up. Rain or Shine*

PLEASE NOTE: BADMINTON HAS FINISHED FOR THE SEASON.

**May 12 at 6:30 pm:** Portland United Church *Annual Men's Banquet* - Roast Beef dinner. Guest speaker will be Bruce Smith, Chaplain for Saint John Sea Dogs. **Please reserve your place by contacting Paul Potter at 645-7235** or email Pcci@nbnet.nb.ca ; **\$12.00** at the door; **all MUST register with Paul Potter!**

**PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP:** Forms and required information **available at church office** and Portland UC website. These must be completed and returned to the church marked: **Scholarship Committee** no later than **May 14, 2010.**

**Do you know someone who has lost a loved one to suicide?** A program **beginning May 11<sup>th</sup>** by Canadian Mental Health Association Saint John Branch - **Hope & Healing: Coping with the Suicide of a Loved One.**

*Choir Gowns:* The choir is currently fundraising to purchase new choir gowns. We need to buy 30, and they are \$140.00 each. It is hoped that they will arrive for the fall season. Any donations to the Choir Gown Fund would be greatly appreciated.

**MAY 17, 7pm: Treble Clef Concert** at Forest Hills School, Glengarry Drive off Westmorland Road, East Saint John Music from the 40's and 50's. Tickets are \$10.00

**Sunday MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, Debut Atlantic Presents:** **Wendy Nielson** and **Peter Tiefenbach** in concert with the **Saint John Chorale, Cantible Women's Ensemble** and the **Saint John Men's Chorus.** Trinity Church, Saint John,. Advanced tickets \$15 from choir members (Dawn & Peter Gilchrist, Walter Atkins, and Tom Badiuk), Trinity Church office (693-8558) or \$20 at the door. **Don't miss this wonderful concert with a home grown international soloist and world renowned composer and conductor**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm.:** **Kings College Choir** from Halifax is one of the finest church choirs in Canada. This extraordinary choir is directed by Paul Halley who has five Grammy awards to his name, including one for a recording he made with Pete Seeger. The choir will be in Saint John, at Trinity Church to celebrate the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist at noon and the evening concert at 7pm. Come and support this great choir and enjoy some of the most wonderful music on earth. A free will offering will help to defray the cost of the choir's tour.

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*The United Church of Canada has one order of ministry in which there are Diaconal and Ordained Ministers. Diaconal Ministers are called to a ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care; Ordained Ministers, to a ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care.*

## **Minute for Mission: Thanks to Farmers**

Do you remember **Murray McLaughlin's song about farmers**—the one that refers to straw hats and old handkerchiefs? The song was a novelty because farmers are usually unsung heroes. **They have faced difficult times** over the years.

If it wasn't the easy credit of the '70s followed by the high mortgage rates and bank foreclosures of the '80s, it was something else: free trade and cheap imports, foreign subsidies, competition, increased regulations, and scares like BSE and swine flu, not to mention changing weather patterns.

**Farms themselves are changing.** In order to earn enough from their crops, farmers have to run

increasingly large farms. This has put many small-scale farmers out of business. It also means that those people still farming have less and less time to spend with their families. Add to the mix the cost of fuel and the changing demands for products; **it's no wonder farmers are under great stress.**

Living under all this strain is not easy, and that's where **Queen's Bush Rural Ministries** comes in. Formed in 1987 in Bruce Presbytery, and now jointly funded by Toronto and Hamilton Conferences, **Queen's Bush Rural Ministries attempts to be an advocate for local farmers.**

They lend a **listening ear** when a farmer is feeling stressed. They **provide a referral service** when someone is having problems with banking and government red tape. They are a **friendly support** to families in need.

Queen's Bush Rural Ministries is supported by your gifts to the **Mission and Service Fund**. Please give generously so that this important ministry can continue.

**We are a united church!** *This week, remember **Hamilton Conference** and **rural United Church congregations** in your prayers.*