

PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH

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SERVICE - 11:00 AM – MAY 9, 2010

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Please stand, as you are able*

Altogether Before God

Hymn Sing: VU #657 He Leadeth Me (1,4); #675 Will Your Anchor Hold (1,4); #717 Hallelujah (3x); 642 Be Thou my Vision (1,5)

*Welcoming One Another
Announcements & Celebrations

Call to Worship –back of bulletin

Prayer of Confession

Even as we hear the echoes of your voice, O God, we know there are many who sit on the edges of life – even the life of the church.

They wait in hope but the plates on the tables of love seem to be empty.

Often we don't think to visit those who live across rivers of cultural differences, with lifestyles and habits that seem strange.

Sometimes we don't recognize other places of prayer, because we are not expecting to see them, especially if the voices there are of those who do not hold power and influence.

Forgive us when we are not your faithful disciples, Jesus Christ. Call us back to your way

of life.

Assurance of Pardon

Feel the love of Christ – promised to us from our beginnings and travelling with us to our endings.

The hospitality of God waits to greet us again.

Come to the table of grace.

We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Solo **"My Love Colours Outside The Lines"**

The Sacrament of Baptism

Statement of Purpose

The Sacrament of Baptism proclaims and celebrates the grace of God. By water and the Spirit, we are called, claimed, commissioned.

We are called God's own, welcomed as children of God.

We are claimed by Christ, united with Christ, united with one another and the Christian community of every time and place;

We are commissioned to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice, and strengthened by the Holy Spirit for the work of the Church in the world.

Presentation

On behalf of the congregation of Portland United Church, I present **Adrian Steven Hayward**, son of Kelsey Thompson and Ryan Hayward, god son of Devan Thompson and Loretta and Ken Matthews; **Isabella Grace Lee**, daughter of Brandi & Keith Lee, god daughter of William

Edgette and Jody McGrath, and Lily Rae Dow, daughter of Michelle Steeves and Nathaniel Dow for initiation into the body of Christ through Baptism.

Profession of Faith and Vows

Do you believe in one God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer? **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 in both your private and public life?

I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your brothers and sisters 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.

Will you share your faith with your child, growing with them in faith, hope and love?

I will, God being my helper.

**Congregational Commitment*

Let us pledge to **Adrian, Isabella and Lily** our support and care.

As a baptized and baptizing people we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within this

community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give our thanks to God.

It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Gracious and 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 Baptism

....., I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Creator, the Son, the Redeemer, and the Spirit, the Sustainer. Amen

Marking with the Sign of The Cross

....., with the sign of the cross you become one with Christ, the Anointed One. Amen

Laying of Hands

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

Presentation of Certificate

Congregational Welcome

**Into the household of faith we welcome you
with joy and thanksgiving.**

The children and young people may go to Sunday School

The Word Is Proclaimed

Choral Prayer of Illumination #371 s.2

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67, page 786

Epistle Revelation 21:10, 22- 22:5

Gospel John 14:23-29

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

Ministry of Music: *"Isn't It A Joy"* by Eric Wild

Sermon

Serving In God's Name

*Hymn #644 *"I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry"*

Offertory

*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

Pastoral Prayer

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Kenya, Tanzania

*Blessing

**May God's golden river of grace refresh us each
day, the light of Christ shine among the
shadows and the Holy Spirit be found within
friend and stranger. Amen.**

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

Postlude

Today:

Scripture Reader: **Lois Irvine**

Welcoming team: *Stephen Biggs*

Counting teams: **Beth Leonard** and *Richard Lingley*

Next week:

Counting Team: Lorraine Stewart

Welcoming team: Ron Nicolle

Scripture Readings for May 16:

Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21,

Psalm 97, John 17:20-26.

The Bulletin Today is placed
 In celebration and loving memory of Betty
 Fleming and Florence Mabey by Cindy and
 Kristina



THE CHURCH AT WORK

~ May 9, 2010~

Sunday -9 nd	11:00 am	Worship: Christian Family Baptism
	1:15 pm	World Wide Church of God
Mon. - 10 th	6:30- 9:00 pm	Scouts
	7:00 pm	N/A New Beginnings Group
Tues. -11 th	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	5:30 pm	TOPS
	6:30-8:30 pm	Cubs
	8:00 pm	A.A. Group
Wed. -12 th	9:00 am	Quilters
	11:55 am	Chicken Noodle Soup Club
	6:00 pm	Men's Club Banquet
	6:30 pm	Venturers & Rovers
Thurs. - 13 th	7:00 pm	Beavers
	7:00 pm	Choir
	8:00 pm	AlAnon Group
Friday - 14 th	7:00 pm	N/A
Sunday May 16 th	11:00 am	Worship

Church Council: *Property Committee*

The largest portfolio of the Council. This committee **administers the operation and maintains the property** of Portland United Church on a day to day basis. Working with the Custodian, we provide places for worship, education and meetings that are comfortable, safe and secure.

Peter Thompson, Chair Property Committee.

2010 Financial Report: 1st Quarter Results

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Deficit</u>
<i>Income</i>	\$48,500.	\$42,963.	\$(5,537.)
Expenses	\$51,062.	\$51,992.	\$
(930.)			

PLEASE NOTE: BADMINTON HAS FINISHED FOR THE SEASON.

The Grace Notes Quartet CD will be on sale **after church this morning in the entrance way.** It is a fundraiser for the church; cost is \$15. Through the week, it will be on sale in the church office or by calling Barry Snodgrass 642-4668 or Dawn and Peter Gilchrist 633-1262. Thank you for your support.

May 12 at 6:30 pm: *Portland United Church Annual Men's Banquet - Roast Beef dinner.* 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!**

A New Sign! Buy a letter for the New Sign - \$10 a letter:

P-O-R-T-L-A-N-D—U-N-I-T-E-D—C-H-U-R-C-H

May 11th: A program by Canadian Mental Health Association Saint John Branch - **Hope & Healing: Coping with the Suicide of a Loved One.** *If you know someone who has lost a loved one to suicide, let them know about this program.*

May 13th: Book Launch – *“Sorrow: a Sanctifying Touch”* by author **Jud Corey.** A self help book for people who have experienced a personal loss. At **Falls View Family Reception Centre** 309 Lancaster Ave, Saint John West. **7pm: signed copies of book for sale; 7:30pm: programme** - reading, story telling, introduction of instruments of Peace, singing. Refreshments by Ladies of Carleton-Kirk.

May 14, 2010 PORTLAND UNITED CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP: Forms are due. Information is **available at church office** and Portland UC website. These must be completed and returned to the church marked: **Scholarship Committee.**

May 14th 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. 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.

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

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.*

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June 7, 6:00 pm The next UCW meeting will be a pot-luck supper.

June 8th Tuesday: The UCW will delivering their 'shut-in plates' for members of the congregation. Drivers and deliverers are needed. If you are able to assist with this, please contact Karen Stephen (642-3193) or the church office. "Many hands make light work."

Minute for Mission: We Are Family

Alana was a single mother attempting to survive on a limited income. When she was faced with a court-imposed fine, she chose to pay it by doing community service at West Broadway Community Ministry (WBCM), near her Winnipeg apartment.

Alana started by preparing lunch for up to 100 guests a day at the drop-in kitchen. She heard stories of the challenges clients faced, challenges she understood personally. She joined the Winnipeg Poverty Advisory Committee and became involved in combating the unjust treatment experienced by those living in poverty.

She received mentoring training at WBCM and helped individuals and families understand their rights. She also advocated on their behalf for just treatment. Alana has now been hired as a full-time community mentor at WBCM.

Alana describes the community served by WBCM as her family, and says her life has been transformed by her association with them. The care she gives and receives at WBCM has helped free her from drugs and alcohol. Her life has new purpose and meaning, and she is well respected and liked in her community.

West Broadway Community Ministry is supported by the **Mission & Service Fund**. Your **M&S** gifts help staff there respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of impoverished individuals and families.

Please give generously to the **Mission & Service Fund** so that community ministries can continue to share God's love in concrete ways.

We are a united church! This week, remember

*congregations in the **Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.***

Ask for a blessing on the programs and services we support together, and through which caring communities take shape, people are given concrete help, and lives are transformed.