



GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

Worship Leader: Rev. John Maich B.C.S M.Div.

Organist & Senior Choir Director: Dr. Carolyn Sturge Sparkes, B. Mus., PhD

Men's Choir: Directed by William Green.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MARCH 15th, 2020

****Rev. John Maich's appointment, previously ending on December 31st, 2019, has been extended to June 30, 2020 as we continue the search for a minister.**

George Street United Church Worship Service Schedule

March

Mar. 15 – 11 a.m. LENT 3/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir/AGM

Mar. 22 – 11 a.m. LENT 4/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

Mar. 29 – 11 a.m. LENT 5/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Men's Choir

April

April 5 – 11 a.m. Palm Sunday Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

April 6 – 10 HOLY WEEK *Schedule TBD from UCOF*

April 12 – 11 a.m. Communion/ EASTER SUNDAY Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

April 19 – 11am service /Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

11am to be recorded and then Broadcasted on VOWR at 7:00pm

April 26 – 11 a.m. Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Men's Choir

****** 7 p.m. People of the Sea service/ Broadcasting live on VOWR ******

May

May 3 – 11 a.m. Communion/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

May 10 – 11 a.m. Christian Family Sunday with Memorial Candle Lighting/

Rev. John presiding and/or Intergenerational service/ Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

May 17 – 11 a.m. Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

May 24 – 11 a.m. Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Men's Choir

May 31 – 11 a.m. Pentecost Sunday/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

June

June 7 – 11 a.m. Communion/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: Senior Choir

June 14 - 11am service/Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

11am to be recorded and then Broadcasted on VOWR at 7:00pm

June 21 – 11 a.m. Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Senior Choir

June 28 – 11 a.m. Trinity Sunday/ Rev. John presiding / Ministry of Music: *Men's Choir

Upcoming People of the Sea Service at 7 p.m. April 26th, 2020

Once again, George Street United Church will be hosting the 57th People of the Sea service this coming spring. If you are interested in getting directly involved in the planning of this special service, please reach out to Erika Winsor-Dunn.

In Memory

George Street United Church gratefully acknowledges a donation in memory of Sandra Snelgrove from brother, Keith Snelgrove.

George Street United Church Women acknowledges with sincere thanks the following donations;

- **In memory of a dear friend Margaret Gordon from Florence and Bill Spurrell.**
- **In loving memory of Mother, Margaret Gordon from Ettie Gordon-Murray**
- **In loving memory of Mother, Margaret Gordon from Marie MacDonald**

WEEKLY at George St. U.Church/Jimmy Pratt Centre

Mondays: 8:30-10:00am,

Tuesdays: 11:45-12:45,

Last 2 Tuesdays of each month,

Wednesdays: 11am- 3pm,

Sundays before church/February

Fridays: 10am-12:30pm,

For more info, 726-8775/ office@georgestunitedchurch.com

JPMOC, Husky Hot Breakfast.

SVA-Friendship Corner Meal.

Men's Choir, GSUC.

Seniors Inclusion in JPMOC.

Senior Choir Practice GSUC.

JPMOC Friday Hot Lunch.

GSUC UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Vacancies

As can be read in the Minutes of Congregational meetings held March 24 & June 9 2019 there was brought forward a new Governance model for George St. UC. This is a Modified Mission Team Board that is depicted and outlined every week in the Announcements segment of the Bulletin. Nominations Committee is no longer, and the current members of the Modified Mission Team and all Team Leads were for the most part composed and comprised from the former Church Council in roles or chairs of Committees similar or closely aligned with the five boxes that now form the Modified Mission Team. This came about by first right of refusal. These offices were to remain in effect until the next Annual Congregational Meeting. A few resignations have taken place but now it comes time to formally elect Leads in this new Governance model. Some Officers of this Mission Team are amenable to remaining while others are taking the opportunity to allow fresh and new(er) faces at the table in keeping with the edict as presented June 2nd (by Transition Team) , & 9th at a specially convened Congregational meeting.

- Spiritual Leadership Team Lead
- Worship Lead (reports to Spiritual Leadership Team)
- Fellowship Lead (reports to Spiritual Leadership Team)
- Pastoral Care Lead (reports to Spiritual Leadership Team)
- Church Management Team Lead
- Faith Initiatives Lead (reports to Christian Education Team)
- 2 Vacancies on Ministry & Personnel
- 1 delegate to First Dawn Eastern Edge Region Council
- GSUC Representative on JPMOC Board

"You've Got Mail " 📧-

The newly installed mail slots at the front of the church, which is really the back, serve a very worthwhile purpose. Not only can we see at a glance who has picked up their envelopes, but it also is a means for members of the congregation to help distribute these to people living in their neighbourhood.

It also provides space for **2019 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**, important notices, newsletters and other information of importance to the overall operations of the church and outreach centre. You can help by checking your mail slot and possibly checking to help deliver items to those in your area.

Requests for Home Communion

If you know of someone who is unable to attend worship but would still like to receive communion please let us know. We want to coordinate these visits as close to when we, as a community of faith, participate in communion. Rev. John will be happy to reach out to those members or adherents to arrange this ministry.

Office Administrator

GSUC is looking for a part time Office Administrator to be a member of the office team as we continue to work toward Vision 2023

The preferred qualifications for this position are:

- Extensive, demonstrated experience in bookkeeping
- Considerable experience in office management and administration
- Experience in website maintenance accompanied by fluent computer literacy is an asset
- Business Administration Certificate or equivalent

If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested please contact Doreen Barbour (745-1622) or Elizabeth Horwood (579-4485) for further information and the position description.

NEW IN 2020 – GSUC CELEBRATION BOX!

Every Sunday during our announcements, we will ask members of our congregation to come forward if they have a Birthday, Anniversary or a special achievement or accomplishment that week. Those persons can make a small donation to the Celebration box if they so choose. We have heard of other congregations doing similar initiatives and thought that it is something worth trying here at George St. United Church. Also, by bringing out our Celebration Box every week, we shouldn't "miss" any persons special dates/events since we are directly asking those in attendance to share with us. Another benefit is that we are being more inclusive, as it gives both regular members and visitors an equal opportunity to share in their successes and special days. Please know that the primary reason for this initiative is not to generate income, but rather to connect with our community members, so, let's Celebrate!

JPMOC UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Volunteer Opportunity

The Jimmy Pratt Centre is seeking a volunteer to serve as a team Leader for our Husky Breakfast Program. Currently, the program operates on the basis of a four-team rotation (team commitment once every four weeks) with volunteer support weekly from Husky Energy. If you are interested, have the time to devote, and would love to give back to the Centre and to the community, we can offer training and the recruitment of additional team volunteer members. The program operates every Monday, year-round, from 7:30 am to 11:00 am. For more information please contact our Operations Manager at 727-8775 or 685-0066.

The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre has three (3) George Street United Church Congregational Representatives that sit on the JPMOC Board. There is a need to replace one of those three representatives with a new volunteer. Typically, the board meets once a month dropping off in the summer months for a total of 9 to 10 board meetings a year. There is a possibility that this representative could also be directly involved in the JPMOC programs namely; the Husky Breakfast program on Mondays, The Senior's inclusion program on Wednesdays or the Soup Kitchen on Fridays. Website for more details about all that Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre offers is <http://www.jimmyprattcentre.ca/nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com>

COMMUNITY UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

CANCELLED!! **Sunday, March 15th, at 2:30 pm,** The St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea will take place at Cowan United Church on 141 Frecker Dr. (doors open at 2:00 pm). Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained at stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com-

Saturday, March 21st, at 10:00am, Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre,

Board of Directors invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting of Burry Heights Camp, at the camp site, exit 35 on the Trans-Canada Highway, route 90, Salmonier Line.

Friday, March 27th Masterworks 4 - The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace

A descent into war, moments of reflection, and the hope of peace in a new millennium – this is Karl Jenkins' incredible mass dedicated to the victims of the Kosovo crisis, The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace. In addition to extracts from the Ordinary of the Mass, the text incorporates words from other religious and historical sources, including the Islamic call to prayer, the Bible, and the Mahabharata.

Join the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra on Friday, March 27 to experience this moving and memorable choral and symphonic work under the direction of Marc David together with the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO and featuring soloists: Krista Howe-Croke, Abra Whitney, Jeffrey Taylor and Colin Mackey. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900) or online at www.artsandculturecentre.com.

Pre-Authorized Remittance If you live away, work away, or simply find that you are often away, when you can't get to church, your offering still can. If you are interested in more information on PAR, please call the church office, 726-8775.

***Annual General Meeting after today's
morning worship***

OUTREACH AT GEORGE STREET

UNITED CHURCH

Our Beginnings

The Soup Kitchen at George Street United Church was opened in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre with the support of Kathy LeGrow. Since its inception in January 2002, the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre has served in excess of 200,000 meals in the eighteen years.

Our Future

Thanks to the patronage of Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Corporate sponsors, government program support and the generosity of our congregation, our Soup Kitchen expanded to include an Internet Access Centre based on the results from a survey of outreach center patrons. The outreach center continues to expand to meet the needs of residents of the greater St. John's area in particular residents of the downtown core. A Senior's Inclusion Program was introduced in 2010 and a Winter Hot Breakfast Program was introduced in 2011.

Our Sponsors

Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Food Sharing Assoc., Capital Hyundai, Production Services Network, Manna Bakery, Delta Hotel, The United Way, Tim Horton's (Ropewalk Lane), Husky Energy, Nalcor Energy, CRA Social Club, Verifin, Ryan & Lesley Gates, Wood Gundy, Pratt Foundation, Mary Brown's (Avalon Mall), Bluedrop, CNR, RBC, NL Hydro, Scotia Wealth Mgt., Fortis.

How You Can Help

- Become a sponsor of the Outreach program
- Remember a loved one by giving a special gift to the outreach centre.

George Street United Church Mission Statement

“George Street United Church is a community of faith
in the United Church of Canada.

We are children of God, who proclaim our belief in a creative and positive God.

We celebrate God’s love through divine Worship,
and we experience the Beauty of God’s Spirit present in
our sacred spaces, our sacred music, and in our sacred history.

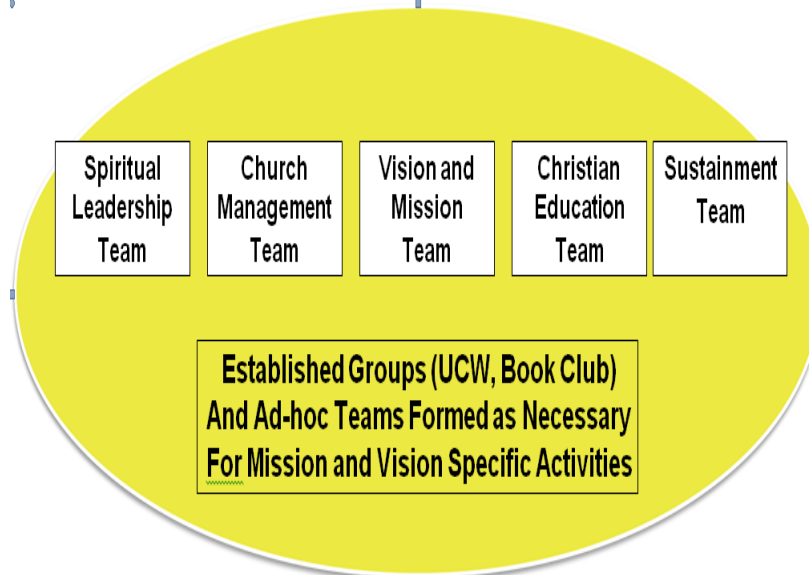
As God’s practitioners of social justice in the world, we accept God’s call to sacred
Hospitality, and our covenant to be the hands of Jesus Christ,
who offer a loving and accepting embrace to all people.”

George Street United Church Vision 2023

*“In response to God’s continuing call to be active and relevant disciples of Jesus Christ in the world,
we will be a sustainable hub of worship and community outreach.*

Rooted in downtown St. John’s, we welcome all who seek to be in Right Relationship with us.”
(*God’s love when put into practice becomes “Right Relationship”)*

George Street United Church Modified Mission Team Board



Spiritual Leadership Team:
Lead in Worship
Hospitality and
Healing
(Pastoral Care)

Team Lead: Erika Winsor-Dunn

Church Management Team:
Lead GSUC Mission
and Vision

Team Lead:
Treva Aberle

Vision and Mission Team:
Develop and guide the
Operational Plan in
support of the GS
Vision and Mission
(Communication/Outreach)

Team Lead:
Elizabeth Horwood

Christian Education Team:
Develop and Lead
Opportunities to
Grow our Christian
Faith

Team Lead:
Kathy Winsor

Sustainment Team:
Sustain the GSUC
Mission and Vision
(Property/Finance)

Team Lead:
Doreen Barbour