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Our vision: Fairview United Church is a community of people of all ages who share their talents, invite leadership, and grow the church.

As a caring Church, we provide support for all members of our Congregation. Some of those who attend our church have medical reactions to scents (perfume, aftershave, hairspray, shampoo). We encourage everyone to come to church scent-free.

27 May 2012
Pentecost
Confirmation and Adult Baptism
Communion Sunday

Gathering for Praise and Worship

Gathering / Prelude

Everyone is invited to write their prayer concerns in the book by the door.

The Life, Work, and Prayer Concerns of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit: "Spirit, You Dance with Me"

by Nathan Beeler and Catherine Barkhouse

*Call to Worship

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn: #23 MV "Come, O Holy Spirit"

**Come, O Holy Spirit, set the Church on fire;
strike it as the lightning hits a posing spire.
Burn away the structures and consume the sham
of our holy systems: Come, in Jesus' name!**

Chorus

**Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.**

**All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now! (repeat)**

**Blow away the cobwebs of our stubborn past.
Come, send flying from us myths unfit to last.
Wind of change, refresh us and disturb our calm;
teach us what true love is, take our hearts by storm.**

Chorus

**Free us from the babble of our Babel mind;
spark in us a language all can understand.
Lighten then our darkness, come and show us how
all the world lies open: Pentecost is now!**

Chorus

**Come, come, come, in Jesus' name!
Take our hearts by storm.
All the world lies open:
Pentecost is now! (repeat)
I said a Pentecost is now! now! Amen!**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer of Reconciliation

Assurance

*Hymn: #381 "Spirit of Life"

Children's Time

*Hymn: #381 "Spirit of Life"

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-11

Alison Dickson

Responsive Reading: #827 Part 2 Psalm 104:24-35

*Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 *Hillary Lillian MacKinlay*

Gift of Music: "Praise to the Spirit" by H. Purcell

Senior Choir

Sermon: "Moving Like a Wildfire"

Responding to the Word

***Hymn: #150 MV** "Spirit God, Be Our Breath"
Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn.
Spirit God, be our song.

Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.

Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
We seek your guidance
through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge,
we'll greet the new dawn.
Spirit God, be our song.

Sacrament of Renewal of Baptismal Vows *(see green insert)*

Today we welcome into full membership:

Anna Mahboba Amro-Smith
Destiny Lynn Anna Davis
Alison Margaret Fraser Dickson
Andrew David McInnis
Brittany MacKenzie Power
Hillary Lillian MacKinlay
Mary Louise Ward

***Hymn: #381** "Spirit of Life"

The Prayers of the People

Offering Our Gifts to God

***Giving Thanks: #191 More Voices** "What Can I Do?"

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Meeting Christ at the Table

***Hymn: #194 MV** "Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"
Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.

I have heard your voice calling,
"Come my friend, and share in the feast
that is laid out for you
to show how much I care."

Bread of life, help me live
a life as pure and true as Jesus did
Bread of Life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.

I have heard your voice calling,
"Come my friend, and share in the feast
that is laid out for you
to show how much I care."

Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.

Sacrament of Holy Communion *(see salmon insert)*

Going Out to Live God's Love

***Hymn: #375** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

*Commissioning and Benediction

The Holy Spirit is poured out for all.

We are renewed and carry forth the light of the world.

The Holy Spirit is poured out for all.

We are restored as we help transform our world.

With the Holy Spirit, may we travel through our lives, with our families, our friends, as part of our community and the wider world, bringing peace and hope to those we meet. And let the people say:

Amen.

*Commissioning and Benediction

This bulletin is dedicated by Bud and Muriel Matthews in loving memory of Dorothy Johnson and Wallace and Hazel Matthews.

*Thank you to our ushers for today –
members and friends of the Worship Team.*

**Next Sunday: LECTIONARY READINGS for 3 June 2012,
Holy Trinity Sunday, Maritime Conference**
*are found on page 1003 of Voices United:
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3: 1-17*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

May 27 TODAY Photo directories available

May 27 TODAY Fundsript Order Deadline

May 27 TODAY Beyond Theology, 6 pm, Parlour

May 29 Gertrude Faulkner Unit closing meeting/supper, 6 pm,
Cantons, Rockingham Ridge

May 31 Senior Choir, 8 pm, Sanctuary

June 1 Youth Group, 7 pm, Hall

MEETINGS AND EVENTS – FAIRVIEW

There will be another issue of FAIRVIEWS in June. The deadline for submissions is 14 June. Email Ashley Veniot at ashley.veniot@gmail.com. Patsy Power, 444-6208, is also available to answer questions about this.

The Community Needs Fund is currently running low and we are still receiving many requests for assistance. Donations to this benevolent fund would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in the offering plate at the back of the church. The Committee that oversees this program – Barb Lewis, Cheryl Walker and Reverend Heather Fraser - thank you for your support!

It's Pulpit Exchange time again! Due to the timing of our Memorial and Celebration Hymn Sing, the May Presbytery Pulpit Exchange has been postponed until 17 June. Verna Dunlop will be our guest preacher, and Heather will be going to Sheet Harbour Pastoral Charge. Be sure to give Verna a warm Fairview welcome.

You are invited to the AGM of the Fairview United Parent 'n Tot Meeting Place Society. Parent 'n Tot. Known as the Family Resource Centre, it has been in operation for 26 years. This organization is considered an outreach ministry for the United Church of Canada. Please visit the website at www.parentntot.com for more information on the programs. The AGM will be held on 24 June, 12:15 - 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The meeting will include a special graduation ceremony for the 2012 Pre-Primary class.

The Outreach Team would like to raise the funds for a young lady to attend Camp Kidston this August. We will donate \$155 and we are hoping the congregation will help by donating \$110 for the total cost of \$265.

Robert Coulter, our wonderful volunteer tech guy, has moved to Ontario with his family. We wish Robert, Elizabeth and Aimee well.....That does leave us without tech support for the office. If you have the skills and are willing to volunteer, you will be gleefully welcomed.

On behalf of my family, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone at Fairview United Church for the love, caring and support you have extended to myself and my family following the passing of my dad, Eric Hockey, also for the wonderful cards we received. I know that many of you enjoyed chatting to him while he munched on his biscuits after the Services and he certainly enjoyed the friendly people he met at Fairview. I also expect that some of you will miss his 'tapping' accompaniment to some of the livelier musical offerings! God Bless you all, Joanne (Perry).

The last Fundscrip order deadline until fall is TODAY. If you wish to order for summer too, you need not pay all at once; just pay when you pick up your cards. Promotions this month are: Petro Canada - 3%, La Vie en Rose - 10% and WaySpa - 15%. See Tina Rossi to order. Remember, if we have a big enough order, we get free delivery, which means more funds raised for Fairview United Church.

We will be hosting a service of Prayers for Healing on Tuesday, 5 June, 7 pm. This is a special service where we offer prayers for both physical and spiritual healing, and offer the ministries of laying on of hands and anointing with oil. All are welcome, whether you wish to pray for yourself or for someone dear to you.

The Photo Directories are here!!!! They will be available after church TODAY downstairs in the Hall for those people who had their photo taken by the photography company. Others may order a copy for \$15-18. Questions: see Patsy Power, 444-6208. Thank you to Patsy Power and Lloyd MacKenzie for all their work on this project.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be 17 June in the Parlour. The book will be "The Antagonist" by Lynn Coady. Everyone is welcome to join in this discussion.

Margot believes that she may walk to the church occasionally in the next few weeks, before she is laid off for the summer. If you don't see her red car in the parking lot, it may mean that she has undertaken this – but is in the office. If you do see it, it means she has wimped out!

When I am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple – This noted book is a recent arrival in our library.

Requests for Baptism (which will occur on 24 June) should be received in the office by 10 June.

All bookings (and cancellations) for church activities are done through the office. All non-church activities must be approved by the Finance and Property Team. However, a quick call or email to the office will tell you if the space is available, or potentially available, on that date. Forms for non-church activities are on the website and available from the office.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SteepleConcerts@Barrington presents Sarah Svendsen's Organ recital at St. Matthew's United Church, Barrington at Spring Garden at 7:30 pm, 30 May. Tickets are \$20, available at 429-1680 or at the door.

HRM Staff and Chebucto Community Council will be hosting a Public Meeting at St Peters Church Hall, Dakin Drive and Kearney Lake Road at the Bedford Highway, 31 May, **on the future of Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Regional Park.** Come early (6:30 pm) to look at some new maps. Halifax North West Trails has been involved since the early discussions about the proposed Regional Park and is excited to share that progress is being made. HRM Staff and the Protected Areas Branch of NS Environment have been discussing a Grand Vision for the Regional Park and will be making a presentation at 7:00 pm followed by Q&A. All welcome. Maps and more details at <http://www.halifax.ca/RealPropertyPlanning/bluemountainbirchcovelakes.html> . The scope of the proposed park and process to achieve its creation will be the focus of the meeting. We hope that the meeting will be informative and hope to see you there.

Pretty and Powerful Fashion Show Fundraiser in support of Breast Cancer Action Nova Scotia, 3 June, 7-9 pm, Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville. For tickets, call BCANS at 465-2685. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door (limited). For more information, go to www.bcans.ca.

HRM Grandmothers are holding their Third Annual Walk – Stride to Turn the Tide on 3 June, 2-3 pm beginning and ending at Victoria Park, Spring Garden Road. Registration (\$5) begins at 1 pm at the YMCA 1565 South Park Street. This is a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African grandmothers raising grandchildren orphaned by the pandemic AIDS. Jacqui Sumarah, 454-6769.

Life's A Happy Song Music Camps – 6-8 June (for children in grades 3-6). The Gulf Coast Choir and Orchestra from Mobile, Alabama will be hosting a music camp that include whole group voice rehearsals, break out performance groups involving percussion instruments, other fun activities, character lessons and a concert at the end. No musical or instrument ability required! The camp will be held at Halifax Christian Academy from 3:30-5:30pm (114 Downs Ave, Halifax). The final concert will be held at Mount Saint Vincent University's Seton Auditorium (166 Bedford Highway) on Friday, 8 June, 7:30 pm. Cost:\$10 per child which includes a camp t-shirt, snacks, supplies and pizza before Friday's concert (scholarships are available); the concert is free and open to the public. To register, go to www.lifesahappysongcamp.com or call Living Hope Community Church (902) 445-5908 for information.

“Women of Courage...Standing Together for Rights and Respect” - Three outstanding women will share their experiences and strategies of defending human rights, struggling against violence, and building peace in their communities: Claudia Liliana Castellanos Roncancio, human rights lawyer from Colombia; Lucy Gerjes Talgieh, Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre, Bethlehem; and Patti Doyle Bedwell, past director, program for Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq, Dalhousie Law School. 7 June, 7-9 pm (come early to see displays); St Andrew's United Church, Coburg Road at Robie Street (enter on Coburg Road); for more information contact Linda Scherzinger, lindakseven@gmail.com . Sponsored by several organizations, including KAIROS.

The Guitar and Piano duo *Ludlamshohle* will present an evening of 19th Century Chamber Music at St. Andrew's United Church, at the corner of Coburg and Robie, 7 June, 7:30 pm. *Ludlamshohle* was created by Presbyterian University (South Carolina) faculty members James and Karen Buckland, inspired by the Viennese secret society of musicians and artists, created in 1817 by J. K. Hummel, C. M. von Weber, Salieri and others who celebrated their camaraderie by co-composing and performing works specifically created for the eclectic instrumentation of their group. Check *Ludlamshohle* out on youtube for a sample of their unique performance styling. Tickets at the church office (405-3163) and at the door: \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, children under 12.

You are invited to the first AGM of CAN (The Fairview and Clayton Park Community Action Network Association), 18 June, 5:30 pm, 22 Willett Street. If you live, work or volunteer in the communities of Fairview or Clayton Park than this event is for you. CAN will host a potluck dinner and an opportunity network and meet other people in your community. Information is available from the office.

Camp Kidston is looking for volunteer first aid providers and chaplains for each week of summer camp. In appreciation one of your children can attend camp for free one week this summer. For more information please contact Lillian Smithson, 435-6108.

At Kidston, with our creative staff, we make use of many articles in our programs. **If you have anything in excess, Kidston would appreciate the donation.** Call Angela Falkenham, 835-2453 or ange@ns.symaptico.ca for pick up.

Nacel Canada, a non-profit cultural exchange organization, is **looking for families to host students from France** ages 10-14 years of age for a three-week period in both July and August. This program is for students to come from another country to learn about life in Canada. The host families receive a stipend of \$300 for the three-week period and are not responsible for the students' spending money, clothing, toiletries, or any sundry items. Information is available from the church office.