

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; I know that whatever God does endures for ever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4, 14-15

Greetings Kindred in Christ,

This Sunday marks the first of two services that will be marking the end of our covenant relationship, one that started in January 2021. There are 2 because in the first we will acknowledge those symbols that I return to you, symbols that represent our ministry together, while the second acknowledges those things about us that are changed for having worked and walked together these past two years.

For the first service on July 16, we will be reading the very appropriate Ecclesiastes 3:1-15, and above are excerpts from that reading. It is familiar because it is a reading that strives to bring order to times of chaos, that tries to make sense of endings and new beginnings. As we face our own endings and beginnings, may we take these words to heart and be encouraged.

Let us pray:

You, O God, are our end and our beginning. Guide us from this moment into the next and show us the part that we can play in the building of your kingdom. We offer this prayer in the name of Christ, our companion on the way. AMEN

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Richard Bowley

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Weekly Announcements for Quispamsis United Church July 13th, 2023

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1. **Saint John Quakers meeting this Sunday:** This Sunday the Saint John Quakers will be gathering in the meeting room at 11:30 am. As we finish our worship, please be mindful of the noise we make in the hallways so as not to disturb our neighbours.

2. **Readers for the coming Year:** Do you want to lend your voice to the weekly worship service? You can! Reach out to Leslie at office@quc.ca to get your name on the reading list for the 2023-24 year. When you are a reader, you offer the welcome, read responsive pieces, the Minute for Mission, and - of course - the scripture reading. Please reach out to Leslie before July 16th as she will be putting the new list together over the coming weeks.

3. **Farewell to Rev Richard and his family:** Please mark your calendars! Friends and family of QUC are invited to share in a light lunch following the service on July 16th. This will be a celebration of the time we have shared with Rev Richard and his family and an opportunity for all of us to wish them well as they move on to a new ministry. Hope to see you all. Any questions please call Sally Allanach or Diane Tonge

4. **Faith Profile Survey:** A box marked Profile Survey is in the narthex for those dropping off their completed surveys. Your opinion is important to us. Please have completed surveys returned by September 10th, 2023.

5. **First Nation Storytellers:** Evening talk presented by Affirming Committee Quispamsis United Church. Come and listen to Dave Smith deliver a talk on the edge of the river. Discover the local Wolastoqey and Mi'kmaq history from a unique Indigenous point of view. You are invited to this shared local United Church congregations' event. East Riverside Kinghurst Park under the Gazebo at 2603 Rothesay Road. Tuesday, July 25th, 6.45 pm. The talk will start at 7 pm and finish at 8.30 to allow question time. Sunset is 9 p.m. Bring your own folding chair, snacks, drinks, bug spray, and donations towards the event (payment and a tip will be given from these donations). Accessible bathrooms are open on-site. Please invite friends.

6. **Faith Profile Committee:** "The Faith Profile committee has prepared a survey which was sent to you last week. This survey will provide valuable input as we prepare our Faith Profile. We want everyone's input. Please return by Sept 11/23 by mail, drop it off at the QUC office, or a box in the Narthex on Sunday. There will also be copies of the survey, if you require one, in the Narthex. Reach out to any of the following if you have any questions: Bob Crowley, Kim Brown, Carolyn Kimball, Hally Kimball, Heather McDonald, Faye Sherrard & Tom Wilson. Thank you in advance for completing the survey."

7. **Worshipping In-Person:** If you plan on attending in person, please review these guidelines as there may have been changes since you were last with us!

- a. **Masks Encouraged but not Required:** Masks have been a great way to ease the spread of not just COVID but other common illnesses. Because of their effectiveness, we are still encouraging attendees to wear them. However, they are no longer a requirement to participate in worship with us.
- b. **Entry & Exit:** There are two main entrances/exits to the building: the sanctuary door, and the side door. Feel free to come and go through either of these doors.
- c. **Physical Distancing:** As with masks, you are not required to physically distance yourself, but if you prefer to maintain that spacing for yourself and others, you may do so, space-permitting.

If you have concerns regarding these changes, please share them with your Safe Church Committee through our chair Bill Whittaker, whittakerw3@gmail.com. Know that any concerns and comments will be reviewed and given attention.

8. **Worshipping Online:** Follow the instructions below for logging on to Zoom, getting your copy of the bulletin, and catching up on services you may have missed.

- a. **Zoom Information:** The information to join our Zoom worship is below:
 - i. The Zoom link for smartphones, tablets, or computers is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233787625?pwd=V2gxY05oYU5NMm1YMFZKTElnM2NtZz09>
 - ii. The password for this meeting room is: **400688**
 - iii. For those who would prefer to call in the number is: **1 647 558 0588** then use the Meeting ID: **233 787 625**, and then enter the passcode **400688** when prompted (long-distance charges may apply if you do not have a plan)
 - b. **Bulletins for Sunday:** The bulletin is available for viewing on our website, and can be found at the following link:
 - i. Sunday's Bulletin: <https://www.quc.ca/s/July-16-Communion-Bulletin.pdf>
 - c. Council Minutes: <https://www.quc.ca/congregational-minutes>
 - d. **Last Sunday's Worship:** In case you missed it, the worship service (video) and message (audio) are on the website. Just follow the links below, scroll to the date, and watch or listen.
 - i. Videos of Previous Worship Services: <https://www.quc.ca/worship/videos>
 - ii. Audio of Message: <https://www.quc.ca/worship/messages>
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9. **New Battery for AED and Instructional Video:** A new battery was acquired for the AED in the hallway (donated by Janie and Kid Zone)! An instructional video on the use of this device is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uhZPzvyu10&t=51s>. We will be showing this video just before the beginning of our worship on Zoom on July 23rd

10. **QUC Office Hours:** Barring emergencies, the church will be accessible and Leslie will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-12:30. Should you need access to the building outside these times, please contact Leslie at office@quc.ca to make arrangements.

11. **Special Services in July:** Mark your calendars! With Rev. Richard's time at QUC coming to a close at the end of July, there will be some special services to mark our time together.

- a. **Sunday, July 16th:** This Sunday will be the last **in-person** service until returning on August 20th. At this service, along with communion, there will be a special **end of covenant** piece included to mark the end of the relationship between QUC and Rev. Richard.

- b. **Sunday, July 23rd:** This is Rev. Richard's last Sunday. Appropriately, because so much time was spent early in the pastoral relationship on Zoom, this last service will also be on Zoom. Come in your favourite PJ's with a coffee to end as we began.
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12. **QUC Calendar:** For any events you would like to see posted, contact Leslie. You can find the calendar by using the following link: <https://www.quc.ca/quc-calendar>

13. **Sunday Readers for the Next 4 Services:** One of the great gifts that we have each week is your participation in Sunday Worship in the welcoming, Acknowledgement of Land, the responsive pieces (Call to Worship, Commissioning, etc.), the Minute for Mission, and of course the scripture reading. You add so much to the experience of worship every Sunday! Below are the readers for the next 4 Services. If you see your name here and are unable to be available for your Sunday, please **check the reader list and arrange a replacement and let Leslie know.**

- a. **July 16th:** Cindy Millican
b. **July 23rd:** Ben Alward
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14. **Dedicate a Service:** CELEBRATE a member of your family or place a MEMORIAL in our weekly bulletin by making a donation. Just send your donation, details of the announcement "Dedicated by (donator) in loving memory/celebration of people/situation" and your chosen date to Leslie. She will include your message in the PowerPoint.

15. **Looking for Tech Volunteers** – We have regularly been updating our technical abilities at the church with new laptops, microphones, screen, cameras and are still planning future updates. We have a very small crew and we are looking for some help. If you enjoy learning and/or are a bit tech-savvy, we would love for you to join us. If you are interested, please reach out to us through Leslie at office@quc.ca.

16. **Financial Report: For the Period of May**

	Current Month	Year To-date
Total Receipts	\$ 17,248.82	\$77,290.64

Total Expenses	\$15,000.12	\$79,142.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,248.70	\$1,852.19
M&S	\$776.50	\$4,552.50

Another good surplus in May, let's keep it going!!!

17. How You Can Direct Your Givings: Did you know that when you give financially, you can direct where that money goes and how it supports the work of our church and mission? Here are some of the categories for directing your offerings: **Local, M&S, Memorial, Building, Outreach, and Special (Advent, Lent, etc)**

If you want to make any changes to where your gifts go to support the work of this community of faith, just follow the directions below:

- a. *Envelope givers* – Already divided between Local and M & S. If you want it to go to another category just write on the envelope
- b. *E-Transfer givers* – Write in the message section where you would like it recorded. If no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local
- c. *PAR givers* – Send Brion a message stating how much in each category. If no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local
- d. *Mail givers* – Write on the cheque which category and how much in each. If no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local

For any queries or concerns please give Brion Crossman a call at 849-6003 or Hally Kimball at 849-9618.

18. Submitting Announcements: To get your announcement in this weekly notice, we ask that you submit them to Leslie with a **small paragraph** of detail by Wednesday of the week you want your announcement to run. Also, include the number of weeks that you want this announcement in the weekly notice (if no number is given we will run it for 4 weeks or until the event has taken place). Send all announcements to Leslie at office@quc.ca

19. Sharing our Message on Social Media: Sometimes we have some pretty amazing events going on at QUC. Sometimes we do some pretty awesome stuff in the community. Sometimes we just want to remind people of the welcoming home that they can find at QUC. We can share all of these messages through Facebook! If your **committee** has a message to share with the wider community, send that brief message (preferably with a

picture) to Leslie through office@quc.ca and she will get our message out there!