

*For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.*

*-Isaiah 61:8-9*

Greetings Kindred in Christ,

It is finally Summer! Yesterday marked the beginning of a new season, and with that transition came one of the warmest days in a few weeks.

Transitions like this - moving from one season into the next - can give us a new perspective, switch us over to new routines, even infuse us with a new energy. These changes also mirror our faith lives moving in cycles from life, to death, and into new life again. The scripture for this week from the book of the prophet Isaiah speaks directly to living into that new life, and while he is speaking to a people broken by exile seeking to rebuild, he is also speaking to us, God is speaking to us. Every day is a new creation, and a new opportunity to do our part in building God's kingdom of peace and love.

As we reflect on the ways that God is calling us to be rekindled to rebuild, let us pray:

*Send your Spirit, O God of Creation, into our lives to wake us up to new possibilities, new paths, and new life. May that same Spirit guide us through bright days and dark nights as we strive to follow in the path of Christ, our brother. AMEN*

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Richard Bowley

*Keep reading for more information on what is happening at Quispamsis United Church*

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## *Weekly Announcements for Quispamsis United Church June 22nd, 2023*

1. Hymn-sing Sunday - July 2nd (**NEW**)
2. Letter from Regional Affirm Committee (**NEW**)
3. Universal Pictures have arrived! (**REMINDER/UPDATED**) **\*\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*\***
4. Faith Profile Committee **\*\*\*PLEASE READ\*\*\***
5. Worshipping In-Person
6. Worshipping Online (**UPDATED**)

7. One-Day Choir Workshop (**NEW**)
  8. New Battery for AED and Instructional Video
  9. Outreach Committee (**NEW**)
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1. **Hymn-sing Sunday - July 2nd:** The first Sunday of the month means that we are going to open our time together with singing! Come early on Sunday, July 2nd - around 9:40 - and lend your voice to the praise we lift to God!

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2. **Letter from Regional Affirm Committee:** This week the council of Quispamsis United Church was sent a letter of congratulations from the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Affirm Committee to mark the occasion of our 1st anniversary as an Affirming community of faith. You can read the letter by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.quc.ca/s/letter-to-Quispamsis.pdf>

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3. **Universal Pictures have arrived:** There are still a few pictures left at my office as a reminder. Regarding the Directories. Universal will not start to put together the Directory until early summer. It should be ready for pick-up in September. If you did not have your pictures taken, but want a copy of the Directory let us know they are \$20.00.

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4. **Faith Profile Committee:** The Faith Profile Committee, established at the last congregation meeting, will be having an initial meeting soon to start the process, appoint a chair etc. There are currently 6 of us and we would like a few more to help in completing a Faith Profile for QUC. This will be our current story/future story and used when we go to the search committee phase. We will have a liaison from Pastoral Relations from Region to

help guide us (or at least keep us close to the path!). Apart from reviewing what we have we will also be looking for feedback from the congregation.

If interested please contact Bob Crowley at [robertgcrowley@gmail.com](mailto:robertgcrowley@gmail.com) or call 849-0627.

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5. **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, 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 you Safe Church Committee through our chair Bill Whittaker, [whittakerw3@gmail.com](mailto:whittakerw3@gmail.com). Know that any concerns and comments will be reviewed and given attention.

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6. **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 found at the following link:
    - i. Sunday's Bulletin: <https://www.quc.ca/s/June-25-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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7. **One-day Choir Workshop:** The Diocese of Fredericton 64th annual Choir School is holding a one-day workshop and Festal Choral Evensong on Saturday July 8th at Trinity Church in uptown Saint John. Music will be directed by Spencer Belyea of Trinity Church, Thomas Gonder of Christ Church Cathedral, and Dr. Neil Cockburn of Kings College, Halifax. The public is cordially invited to attend the service at 7:30 pm (note change of time) that evening. Freewill offering will be received.

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8. **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 at an upcoming worship service.

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9. **Outreach Committee:** Thank you for answering the call for kitchenware for our Newcomers- your donations were generous and plentiful. If you have more household items or furniture through the summer, feel free to contact our YMCA Newcomers liaison Brian Boudreau for arrangements for pick-up or drop-off- 506-343-2262.

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

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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 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 be on Zoom as well. Come in your favourite PJ's with a coffee to end as we began.
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12. **QUC Calendar:** 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>

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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.), 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. **June 25<sup>th</sup>:** Stephen Alexander
  - b. **July 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Chris Young
  - c. **July 9<sup>th</sup>:** Heather Alward
  - d. **July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Cindy Millican
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14. **Pastoral Visits:** Rev. Richard is available for pastoral visits until July 21st. If you would like him to stop by, contact him at [rev.bowley@outlook.com](mailto:rev.bowley@outlook.com) or by phone at **(506)898-4747**.

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15. **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 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.

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16. **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](mailto:office@quc.ca).

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## 17. Financial Report: For the Period of May

	Current Month	Year To-date
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 17,248.82</b>	<b>\$77,290.64</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,000.12</b>	<b>\$79,142.83</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,248.70</b>	<b>\$1,852.19</b>
<b>M&amp;S</b>	<b>\$776.50</b>	<b>\$4,552.50</b>

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

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**18. 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, 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 Local
- c. *PAR givers* – Send Brion a message stating how much in each category. If no comment is made it will be recorded as Local
- d. *Mail givers* – Write on cheque which category and how much in each. If no comment is made it will be recorded as Local

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

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**19. 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](mailto:office@quc.ca)

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**20. 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](mailto:office@quc.ca) and she will get our message out there!