

For learning about wisdom and instruction, for understanding words of insight, for gaining instruction in wise dealing, righteousness, justice, and equity; to teach shrewdness to the simple, knowledge and prudence to the young—let the wise also hear and gain in learning, and the discerning acquire skill, to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles.

-Proverbs 1:1-6

Greetings Kindred in Christ,

The book of Proverbs is not one that we read very often, but it is one that is filled with wisdom and guidance. The opening lines speak to exactly what the book is all about: guiding people to deeper understanding and insight. Both of these things are important when sorting out what has gone by, but they are just as integral when seeking paths into the future.

As Quispamsis United Church, part of our task is future seeking. We are invited by the Holy Spirit to join in the work that God is already doing in our midst. Through deeper understanding and insight, we can pick out the subtle movements of God's hand in our lives.

As we take this brief journey through Proverbs (the next 2 Sundays) may we be open to learning and growing as followers of the way.

Let us pray:

Teach us, O Spirit of Inspiration. Teach us how to see ourselves and others as God sees creation. Open our minds to wisdom that is older than time. Open our hearts to a love that is more expansive than the universe. Open our lives to new possibilities, new knowledge. Teach us, O Christ, we pray. AMEN

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Richard Bowley

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Weekly Announcements for Quispamsis United Church June 29th, 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. **Hymn-sing Sunday - July 2nd:** This Sunday is the first of the month and that means that we are going to open our time together with singing! Come early this Sunday, July 2nd - around 9:40 - and lend your voice to the praise we lift to God!

3. **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>

4. **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. Talk will start at 7 pm and finish 8.30 to allow question time. Sunset is 9 p.m. Bring your own folding chair, snacks, drinks, bug spray and donation towards the event (payment and a tip will be given from these donations). Accessible bathrooms open on site. Please invite friends.

5. **Hampton United Church** will be holding their Annual Strawberry Festival on Saturday July 8. This year offering Eat-in and Drive-thru options. On the Menu: cucumbers and tomatoes served on a bed of lettuce, potato salad, marinated carrots, coleslaw, ham. Fresh strawberries and whipped cream served on a homemade biscuit for dessert! ALL MEALS MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE by calling (506)832-5050 or emailing office@hamtonunited.ca before July 3. (please leave your name, contact info, number of meals and if you would like to eat-in or pickup) Price for full meal is \$15.00 with \$8.00 for half meal.

6. **Faith Profile Committee:** "The Faith Profile committee has prepared a survey which is being emailed this week, or mailed to those who do not have email. 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 to 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, 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. 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 found at the following link:
 - i. Sunday's Bulletin: <https://www.quc.ca/s/July-2-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. **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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10. **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.

11. **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.

12. **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 to make arrangements.

13. **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.

14. **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>

15. **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 2nd:** Chris Young

- b. **July 9th**: Heather Alward
 - c. **July 16th**: Cindy Millican
 - d. **July 23rd**: Ben Alward
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16. **Pastoral Visits:** Rev. Richard is available for pastoral visits until July 20th. If you would like him to stop by, contact him at rev.bowley@outlook.com or by phone at **(506)898-4747**.

17. **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.

18. **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.

19. **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!!!

20. **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.

21. 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

22. 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!