

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

-Acts of the Apostles 2:2-4

Greetings Kindred in Christ,

This Sunday marks one of the most important days of the church calendar: Pentecost. Christmas gets the lights and the songs we love, Easter reminds us of who and whose we are at our core, but Pentecost speaks to the birth of the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Pentecost shows us that the Spirit is in us, moves through us, and can guide us. We are reminded that, by this presence and power, we are co-creators, shaping this world and our lives *with* God. As we listen for the winds of God blowing through our lives, let us be sensitive to the currents of that wind so that we might be guided on the way before us.

Let us pray:

Come, O Holy Spirit, and set our hearts ablaze with your light and power. Guide us to be a people that longs for justice, yearns for wholeness, and seeks a deeper relationship with our God. We offer this and all our prayers in the strong name of our brother and guide, Jesus Christ. AMEN

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Richard Bowley

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Weekly Announcements for Quispamsis United Church May 25th, 2023

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1. **Invitation to Pray for the work of the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region:** This weekend Rev. Richard, Bob Crowley, and Brion Crossman will be attending the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters regional meeting as delegates from QUC. You are invited to hold our delegates as well as those from across the region in prayer as they travel, as they work, and as they worship together.

2. **Hymn-sing Sunday June 4th:** The first Sunday of June is fast approaching, and that means that we will be opening our worship on June 4th with a Hymn-sing! We have your requests and invite you to come early at 9:40 as we sing our way into worship.

3. **Communion June 4th:** Along with a hymn-sing to open our worship, we will be sharing in the sacrament of communion. We will be giving out elements as part of the liturgy, but you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer. If you will be joining us on Zoom, be sure to have bread and juice or a substitute on hand so you can participate as well.

4. **Exciting opportunities for our Affirming Congregation in May:** Tell your friends!
 - a. **Monday May 29th at 7 pm** Tori Mullin (they/them) will be our guest speaker on educational topic - "What the heck are pronouns!!" QUC MacDonald Hall 7 - 9 pm Refreshments provided. Bring friends! Other churches invited.
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5. **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 or call 849-0627.

6. **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.

7. **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/May-28-Bulletin.pdf>
 - ii. Kid's Stuff Bulletin: https://www.quc.ca/s/230528_NL-KidStuff_Program-2.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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8. **Singing Together!** Treble Clef Singers. Special Guests: Introducing in their first performance VALLEY GIRLS CHORUS. Sunday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. at Harmony United Church, 8 Upland Road, Saint John. Freewill donation at the door.

9. **Summer Kick Off:** The Affirming Anniversary, Graduation, and Sunday School Closing Celebrations will be held on June 11 at the Hammond River Angling Association. There will be a special service that will begin at 10 a.m. that includes a craft for the youth followed by a lunch, special music, and games for all ages. Kids, put on your chef hat and bake some rainbow cupcakes, rainbow crispies, or rainbow fudge for this exciting event. **Please send an email to Leslie (office@quc.ca) if you are going to attend the special celebration service and luncheon and the number of people in your party. Also indicate how many children; grandchildren are welcomed. You may also sign up on the poster on the bulletin board near the sanctuary. Based on numbers, a list of items that you can contribute will be posted.**

10. **Breast Cancer Research:** A study is currently being conducted at the Saint John Regional Hospital to determine if Breast Cancer can be detected through Breath Analysis. Healthy female participants are needed. Participants must be between 30 and 89 years of age, with a negative mammogram within the last two years. If you, or someone you know are

interested in taking part, please contact: Donna Fairweather or Hannah Lanigan at (506) 648-7852 or email: donna.fairweather@horizonnb.ca

11. Al Graham Memorial Award - This \$500 award in memory of Al Graham will be presented in June to a high school student who is a member or adherent of Quispamsis United Church. The student must be actively involved in church activities, must display strong academic achievement and a need of financial assistance, and will be attending post-secondary education. Application forms are available from the office.

12. Request for Names: If you are graduating from high school or post-secondary, please give your name, and the name of you high school or post-secondary institution and degree. Also, if you ae finishing Grade 3, please give your name to Una at una.wilson@live.com or call her at 506-849-2217 or Cell: 506-647-8261.

13. QUC Office Hours: Barring inclement weather or 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.

14. Choir Practice: Choir will gather at QUC for practice on Thursday, May 25th at 7 PM.

15. Valley Girls Women's Chorus: Our last weekly practice of the season, in the Sanctuary, will be on Thursday, June 1st. Practice will be at our usual time, from 10-11:30AM. Also, we have been invited to take part, as Special Guests, in Treble Clef's concert, "Singing Together", on June 11th. It will be at Harmony United Church, 8 Upland Road in Saint John, at 2:30pm. Free Will offering. Hope to see you there.

16. QUC Knitters: We meet every Wednesday from 1-2:30pm in the Youth Room. All crafters are welcome to join in the fun. Bring something you would like to work on, or just come see what we're doing. It's a lovely time to connect, and create. Our last meeting of the season will be on May 31st, with plans to reconvene in the Fall.

17. **Day Trip to Prince Edward Island for Anne & Gilbert** - Wednesday, June 28. Saint David's is hosting a Bus Trip to Prince Edward Island. The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 28 with departures from Rothesay and Saint John, and includes return deluxe coach, ticket to Anne & Gilbert the Musical, and a visit to the Cavendish Boardwalk. Cost is \$125/person. Reserve no later than June 7, 2023 by calling 506-847-7137 or by emailing office@saintdavidsunited.ca.

18. **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>

19. **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. **May 28th:** Sally Allanach
 - b. **June 4th:** Sherry Keirven
 - c. **June 11th:** Karen Young
 - d. **June 18th:** Bob Crowley
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20. **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.

21. **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.

1. Financial Report: For the Period of April

	Current Month	Year To-date
Total Receipts	\$ 16,286.70	\$60,041.82
Total Expenses	\$15,460.04	\$64,094.18
Surplus/(Deficit)	826.66	-\$4,052.36
M&S	\$854.66	\$3,776.00

Finally back to a surplus for the month, let's keep it going!!!

22. 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.

23. 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