

Stone Mission Statement

We are a community of followers of Jesus Christ called to spiritual growth, building one another up, and sharing the love of God in the wider community.

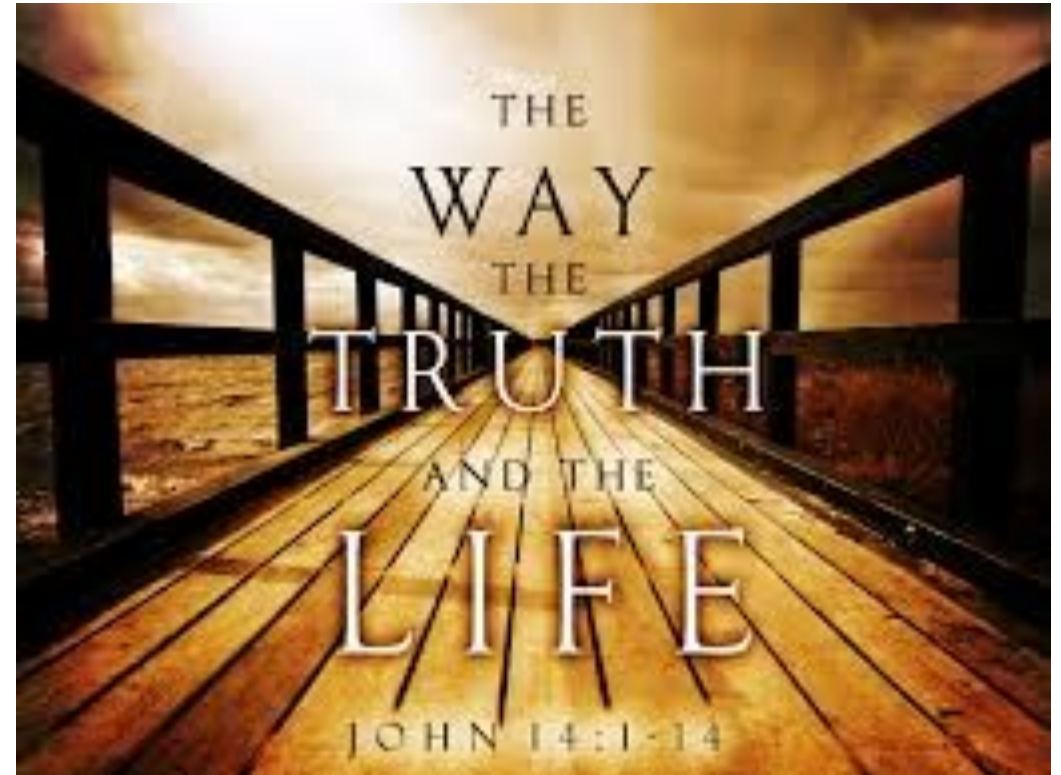
SERMON NOTES:

St. John's (Stone) Church

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30-11:30 am



14 May 2017

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10:45 am – Morning Prayer -Easter 5

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SET *Be the Centre; You are My All in All; Draw Me Close*

PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN & SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

PENITENTIAL RITE - page 45

VENITE - page 49

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 7:55-60 - Heather Button
- page 1148

PSALM 31 - page 583

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:2-10 - Rebecca Ellis
- page 1271

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1-14 - Jonathan Springthorpe
- page 1129

SERMON - Jonathan Springthorpe

SONG AFTER SERMON *Do Not Be Worried and Upset*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* - page 52

OFFERINGS HYMN *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* CP 620

TIME OF PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Reader: Incline your ear to us and rescue us speedily.

Response: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress to save us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER - page 54

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* CP 300

DISMISSAL



Prayer Chain: Anthea Earle (652-6032) or
bearlec603@rogers.com

Anthea will be away until May 28. Please send all prayer requests to Pam Stuart stjstone@nb.aibn.com or call 634-1474 and after office hours (8:30-11:30 am) requests should be sent to Frances Morrisey at f.morrisey@rogers.com or call 693-7054.

Anglican & Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

May 14: New Jersey (The Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. William Stokes. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada. Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Archbishop Colin Johnson and the Provincial Council. Diocese of Ho, Bishop Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark, licensed lay ministers Charles & Valerie Maier, Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother, Bishop Larry Robertson, Sheila & family. David, our Bishop, Claude, William, George and Harold, retired Bishops, and their families.

Prayers for the Churches in the Uptown Saint John area

Grace Presbyterian, Hope Community, Rooftop Community

Prayers for our Political Leaders

Our Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau; Premier, Brian Gallant; MP, Wayne Long; MLA, Ed Doherty; Mayor Don Darling and all those who work with them for the public good.

Prayers for the Sick & Shut-in

Rod Daley, Pat Loring, Kathleen Nunn

(Please call Pam at the Office to include anyone who needs prayer for acute illness or those hospitalized. We must have permission from the individual to publish their name. Thank you.)

Pray for our new Canadian Families

Samir Ramadan, Wedad Ilias, Ruba Ramadan, Mohammad Ramadan, Maha Mara Touk, Samir Ramadan and baby Sam. Also Maha's family: Ghada Chems Alliden (mother), Omar Mara Touk (brother), Magham Girkas (sister-in-law) and their son Zyad (4). For Lubna Ramadan and her four children who we are working to bring over from their refugee camp in Turkey, hopefully this fall. They have been languishing there unable to work or attend school for over two years.

THIS WEEK IN THE UPTOWN
(the week of May 7-13 , 2017)

Mon.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	10:00 am	Street Hope Prayer & Study - Library
Tue.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	8:00 pm	Al-Anon - Library
Wed.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:15 pm	Loyalist Concert - Tim Blackmore - Stone Church
Thu.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	12:00 pm	English Language Café - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	12:15 pm	Thursday Bible Study—Stone Church
	4:00 pm	Community Drop-in—2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	5:30 pm	Street Hope Spaghetti & Western - Stone Church
Fri.	9:00 am	Stone Wash - Laundry Room
	3:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group - 2nd Floor, Trinity Church
	7:00 pm	Street Hope Drop-in - Stone Church

KV Memory Café - Today 2:00 - 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Anglican Church

We look forward to welcoming those who are affected by the many forms of dementia, their families, and caregivers. This month Rick Benson, Director of Spiritual and Religious Care at St. Joseph's Hospital will help us to understand mindfulness and meditation. Share a time of musical entertainment with Rick Benson and Friends, and partake of some delicious refreshments in an attractive, inclusive environment. For more information please contact Melanie at 634-8722 or email msaulnier@alzheimernb.ca.

Silver Falls UCW “All About Spring” Event is Sat., May 27 from 9:00 am–2:00 pm at Silver Falls United Church. This year in addition to our usual Plant, Bake and Book sale, there will be a number of other vendors with a wide variety of items for sale. Join us for lunch at the Silver Café.

Our Envelope Offerings Last Week

	Regular	Missions
Budgeted	\$3,052.00	\$ 787.00
Actual	<u>4,213.00</u>	<u>1,423.00</u>
Shortfall/Surplus	\$1,161.00	\$ 636.00

Lection Connection by Canon George Eves

St. Stephen, about to become the first Christian martyr, sees Jesus in the heavens standing at the right hand of God and commits his spirit to him. Even as the stones from his persecutors fall cruelly upon him he finds refuge in the certainty of eternal life with the resurrected One. In time of desperate need, the Psalmist commits his spirit into the hand of YAWHEH, his redeemer, his rock and his fortress. He does so in the sure knowledge of YAHWEH's righteousness, faithfulness and love. St. Peter refers to Jesus as the keystone of a living temple made up of believers, themselves living stones who offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Christ. They who once were aliens are now a chosen race, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Jesus reassures his disciples with the rock-solid promise that, although he is leaving, he will return and take them to be with him and the Father. Startled by his claim that they already know the way, he explains that he himself is the way. He adds that they have seen the Father because the Father is in him and he is in the Father. Their task is to continue and expand the works of Jesus so that the Father may be glorified all the more.

Last Guest House - May 28 at 4:00 pm

There will be no Guest House this week. Our final Guest House worship gathering will be Sun., May 28 at 4:00 pm. There will be no Guest House in the summer but we plan to offer some other special summer late afternoon services. See you May 28!

Safe Harbour House is in need of paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies and toiletries for their residents. Safe Harbour provides emergency and transitional housing for youth and is a direct response to the crisis of youth homelessness in southern NB. If you are able to assist in purchasing any of these items, please drop them off to Pam during office hours (M-F, 8:30-11:30 am) and a representative from Partners For Youth will pick them up and distribute them to Safe Harbour House.



Join us for tea & coffee following the service by the kitchen at the back of the church. All are welcome.

Coffee Hour Schedule

Today: Mary Larder & Heather Button

Next Sunday: Frances Morrissey & Marilyn Conley

A Loyalist Concert presented by the Saint John Early Music Festival will be held on Wed., May 17 from 12:15 - 1:00 pm at Stone Church. Works by Joseph Haydn, Carl Stamitz, Johann Christian Bach & Frantisek Koczwara will be presented by Ensemble 18c - Tim Blackmore, recorder & harpsichord, Katherine Moller, baroque violin and Robert Lewis, baroque bassoon. A free will offering will be taken.



Proclamation is the reading aloud of the entire Bible over a ten day period, sponsored by the Canadian Bible Society and local churches. Plans are being made to host a Proclamation at Full Gospel Assembly, 34 Mount Pleasant Ave. in the ten days before Pentecost Sunday, June 4. Readings will begin daily at 7:00 am and finish at 9:00 pm, Wed., May 24 to Fri., June 2. Sun., May 28 readings will begin at 1:00 pm and finish at 8:00 pm. People can read in the translation and language of their choice. Folks are encouraged to make appointments for when they want

to read and passages will be assigned. Register to read at 633-4956 ext. 2 or sign up online at thewayofsaintjohn.wordpress.com/2017/03/14/proclamation/.

Messy Church - Pentecost!

June 4, 4:00-6:00 pm at Stone Church

Pentecost is the third big holiday of the Church Year. It celebrates the time the Holy Spirit came to the people who followed Jesus, to help them tell His story. It's like the birthday of the Church, so we'll have a birthday party! There will be activities (hopefully outside!) and we'll share supper at the end. Hope to see you there! For more information, message the Stone Messy Church Facebook page, or email stonemessychurch@nb.aibn.com.



Everybody Eats:

Everybody Eats is a province wide initiative to get people talking about food and food accessibility in our communities. For example: did you know that only 8% of the vegetables we eat are grown in New Brunswick? Or that 15% of households in New Brunswick struggle to put food on the table? On June 2 at 12:00 pm, Stone Church will be hosting a light lunch and discussion on food in our community. We will also be showing a clip from the film "Tomorrow" on food initiatives that are happening in other communities around the world. If you would like to attend the event or if you would like to volunteer to help please let Jasmine Chandra know (721-8053) or fill out the sign up sheet at the back of the church. This event is for everyone, because after all, Everybody Eats!

Primate World Relief Fund Workshop

You are invited to attend an Informational PWRDF Workshop on Sat., June 3, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at Christ Church Parish Church, 245 Westmorland Street, Fredericton. You will enjoy special guest speaker Chris Pharo, PWRDF Diocesan Representative in Nova Scotia & PEI, who will be sharing his personal experiences and travels regarding the Food Security Program in Cuba and the Maternal, Newborn and Child Health program in Tanzania. Anne Walling, Diocese of Fredericton PWRDF Representative, will be sharing lots of stories and resources. *The Moving Forward Together* group will host a Blanket Exercise, an interactive learning experience that tells the 500 year story of the relationship between Indigenous peoples and the European newcomers. The action "takes place" in Wolastokok (the beautiful and plentiful river), from the Wolastokwewiyik (Maliseet) perspective. Please register so we can plan for your lunch. Online Link: <http://anglican.nb.ca/events> or email: pwrdfnb@gmail.com.

L'Arche Saint John's upcoming concert variety show, **Hope Springs!** will take place Sat., June 3 from 7:00-9:00 pm at KV High School auditorium. Outstanding talent will include Melissa Hunt, Brent Mason, Adam Washburn, Rusty Hinges, Karen Palmer, Comhaltas, InterAction School of Performing Arts, The Studio Dance School, and members of L'Arche. Tickets are on sale now, \$25 each, available at Kennebecasis Guardian Drugs, Backstreet Records, or online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/larche-saint-john/events/hope-springs/>. For more information, please visit www.larchesaintjohn.org or find us on Facebook!