



FALL NEWSLETTER 2011



Topsail United Church
"The Church by the Side of the Road"

Schedule of Worship

September 25	Pentecost 15	10.30 am	Worship – Senior / UCW Choir
October 2	Pentecost 16	10.30 am	Worldwide Communion - Senior Choir
October 9	Pentecost 17	10.30 am	Thanksgiving Worship - Men's Choir
October 16	Pentecost 18	10.30 am	Family Service – Bands & Children's Choir World Food Day – "Breads of the World"
October 23	Pentecost 19	10.30 am	Worship – Senior / U.C.W. Choir
October 30	Pentecost 20	10.30 am	Worship – Senior Choir
November 6	Pentecost 21	10.30 am	Remembrance Day / Communion
November 13	Pentecost 22	10.30 am	ANNIVERSARY HYMN SING – all choirs
November 20	Last of Pentecost	10.30 am	Family Service – Children's Sunday
November 27	Advent 1	10.30 am	Worship – Senior / UCW Choir
December 4	Advent 2	10.30 am	Communion – Senior Choir
December 11	Advent 3	10.30 am	Worship – Men's Choir
December 18	Advent 4	10.30 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT
December 20	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Longest Night Service
December 24	Christmas Eve	4.00 pm	Children's Service – Children's Choir
		6.00 pm	Family Service – Youth Accompaniment
		8.00 pm	Traditional Service – Senior Choir
December 25	Christmas Day	10.30 am	Christmas Service



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Gillian at gcorbett@warp.nfld.net

Mark Your Calendar

Dec 10 th	Men's Club "Breakfast with Santa"
Dec 11 th	Outreach Christmas Dinner
Dec 18 th	Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing
Jan 2012	175 th Anniversary Bean Supper & Concert Date to be announced later



A Message from Rev. Bruce

"A Prayer for the Care of Creation"

O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth,
defend our planet earth.
Teach us to conserve and not to squander the riches of nature,
to use aright the heritage of former generations,
and to plan for the welfare of our children's children.
Renew our wonder, awaken our concern,
and make us better stewards and more careful tenants
of the world you lend us as our home.
Hear us, O God, our creator and redeemer,
in the name of Christ. Amen. (Voices United # 311)



I am happy to write these words as a part of the Fall Newsletter. I trust that your summer was a time of relaxation and rejuvenation. There is, however, something "special" about getting back into the routine and looking forward to all the activities that Fall brings.

I have chosen the words of the above prayer as a focus as we begin our Fall activity here at Topsail United. The produce markets are beginning to display the bounty of harvest. As we travel around our senses are treated to the wonderful sights and smells of fresh vegetables, fruits and baked goods. The colours alone are spectacular and a thing of beauty but the bounty of the harvest is also a time for us to "pause" and reflect upon the importance of creation. This reflection instills a sense of not only thanksgiving but responsibility. The yield of the earth's bounty can only exist while we, as human beings, ensure its preservation through proper care of the earth. Creation is integral to faith and an understanding the love of God.

The Bible is filled with references to God's presence reflected in the earth. Psalm 8, for example, states: "O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" The psalmist notes the presence of God in the earth but acknowledges the ability of humanity to determine Creation's use. The psalmist continues: "You have given them (humanity) dominion over the works of your hands. ..." These words indicate humanity's "privileged" place in creation but with that power comes a great responsibility to conserve and preserve the earth as a part of faith. As we begin our Fall season and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving we are encouraged to give focus to Creation and how it pertains to faith.

In this season let us "*Renew our Wonder*" of God's creation as it "informs" our faith. A foundational way of experiencing this is giving thanks for the blessings of home and family. We can also "*Renew our Wonder*" by involving ourselves in the many areas of our church's life and work. I encourage you to read this newsletter and participate in the activities that are of interest to you. Let us journey together through this Fall season with thanksgiving and a renewed wonder of God's creation.

May God Bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Bruce



This is God's wondrous world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world; I rest me in the thought of
Rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the wonders wrought.

FALL PROGRAMS

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN ALL GROUPS - JUST COME ALONG!

Sunday School - 1st Sunday at 10.30, in the Church Hall
- 2nd, 4th (5th) following "Children's Time", in the Church Hall
- 3rd Sunday is Family Sunday, in the Sanctuary.

Info. Joanne Stone 782 – 1332



Children's Choir (Gr. 1-5) - every Wed. at 6.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

Info. Roz Foley 834-9443

Junior High Music (Gr.6-9) - every Wed. at 7.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

Info. Roz Foley 834-9443 or Brett Vey 744 2080

Senior High Band (Gr.10& up) - every Wed. at 8.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

Info. Brett Vey 744 2080

Senior (Adult, Mixed) Choir - practice every 1st, 3rd & 4th Thurs. at 7.30 pm.
in the Sanctuary . *Info. Nadine 579-7529*



Men's Choir - practice 2nd Thurs. of the month at 7.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

Info. Nadine 579-7529

Men's Club - Supper Meeting - usually the 1st Mon. each month at 6.00 pm. in the Church Hall.

Info. Bob Bennett 782 – 0388

U.C.W. (United Church Women) - 2nd Tues. each month 7.30 pm. in the Boardroom.

Info. Ruth 834 – 8875

Coffee Group - every Wed. at 10.00 am in the Kitchen & Church Hall

Info. Ruth 834 – 8875



Outreach Playgroup (Mom's & Toddlers) - every Tues. at 10 am in the Church Hall.

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring along their preschool children to this organized playgroup. Please bring along a healthy snack (no nuts please). *Info. Pat Jones 834 - 4690*

Adult Study Group –biweekly at 7.30 pm in the Boardroom, when scheduled.

Info. Sharon 781 – 0037 or Harold 781 - 1307

Outside Groups:

Tae Kwon Do - every Sun. & Wed. at 5.00 pm in the Church Hall.

Taoist Tai Chi - every Mon. at 9.15 am & Thurs. at 6.30 pm in the Church Hall.





Join us for the 2011 Harvest Festival

October is a busy time at Topsail United. "Harvest Festival" is celebrated on **Thanksgiving Weekend – October 8 -10**, a time of fellowship, a time for giving thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives and also, traditionally, the start of a major fund raising time for our church. The Fall Flea Market will be a couple of weekends later and we end it all with the Giant Auction.

We hope that you will help to make this year's "Harvest Festival" month its usual great success! Please donate what you can and come along with your friends to one or more of the following events.

Saturday, October 8th *THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST* 8:00 to 11:00 am (\$7.00 & \$3.00)

Sunday, October 9th *THANKSGIVING WORSHIP* 10:30 am

Monday, October 10th *SALE & SOUP LUNCH* 11.00 am to 1.00 pm (Lunch \$7)

We need your donations of:

BAKED GOODS – Cakes (fruit, cherry etc) breads, rolls, pies, tea buns, squares, cookies, candy etc.

CRAFTS – Decorations, knitted and sewn goods.

PRESERVES – Pickles, jams, jellies etc.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, PLANTS, etc.

Please bring your donations to the Church on Saturday, October 8th from 8 to 11 am or 2 to 4 pm or Sunday, October 9th at Worship (10:30 am) or Monday, October 10th before 10:30 am

***JIGGS DINNER* 4:30 to 6:00 pm \$12 or \$6 (age 6-12).**

We need volunteers to cook a pot of dinner – please give your name in when contacted or call Gillian at 781 – 1562.

We provide the beef, you add the vegetables. Salt beef will be available for pick up at the church on:

Saturday, October 8th between 8 & 11 am or on Sunday, October 9th after 10:30 am Worship.

We also need donations of pies for the dessert:

1 OR 2 PIES (Homemade only please)

Dinners and Pies should be at the Church before 4 pm

Tickets for the "Jiggs Dinner" will be available at the Church Office 834-4567 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm from Sept. 26th or in the vestibule following Worship Sept 25th, Oct. 2nd & 9th .

Saturday, October 22nd *FALL FLEA MARKET* 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Admission \$1.00 - adult)

Please drop off items on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st 9 - 1 pm and 7 to 9pm.

Thursday, October 27th *ANNUAL GIANT AUCTION* 7:00 pm (Visa / MasterCard accepted)

We need Auction items:

Please call coordinator Max Robbins 744-3363 or mrobbins@nl.rogers.com before **October 24th** to list the item and confirm arrangements for getting it to the church. The item should be marked "**AUCTION**" and include the Donor's name and the value.

MONETARY DONATIONS are always acceptable in the offering plate or in the mail if you are unable to help out with, donate items to or attend the Harvest Festival this year.



“174th Anniversary Hymn Sing”

Sunday, November 13th at 10:30 am



This November is the 174th Anniversary of “the Church by the Side of the Road”. We have much to celebrate and remember. Again, this year we plan to have a morning service with Combined Choirs and our Children’s Choir. Hymn Sing request forms will be available soon and we invite you to make a dedication to the memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a long life, the birth of a child or for your family, in celebration of a birthday, an anniversary or another special event. This will be an opportunity to sing and hear the hymns we’ve grown to love.



Music for Children & Youth

The music program for preparing Children & Youth to take a leadership role in our worship services is growing. Again this year all rehearsals are on **Wednesday** evening with choirs directed by Rosalind Foley and group instrumental direction by Brett Vey. The Children's Choir for girls & boys in Grades 1-5 meets at 6:30 pm,
Youth Music – instrumental & voice (Gr. 6 & up) meets at 7.30 pm
Senior Band (Gr.10 and up) meets at 8:30 pm.

New participants are welcome in all these groups.

Youth Music Program Concert

This was a very successful evening last year, featuring the children and youth involved in the music program as well as contributions from other members of the congregation. Watch the Bulletin and website for further information.

Flea Market Information

At the last Flea Market we set up a department for costume jewelry and accessories (good purses, shoes etc.) with everything individually priced and paid for at a separate cash. It was very successful and we made more money because of this effort.

For the Harvest Festival Flea Market on Oct. 22nd we would like to continue and expand on this, to include all good (new or nearly new) items in the separate cash, which worked so well. So please contribute any good things as well as whole or broken jewelry and we will try to make even more money towards the upkeep of our wonderful church.

“We still want what you don’t want or need any more”, however this year we will not be accepting old T.V.’s, microwaves or large used appliances. These items do not sell and we have to pay to dispose of them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your OutReach Committee

Topsail United Church will celebrate its' 175th Anniversary in 2012

“A Time To Rejoice” is the theme we have chosen for this special event in the life of our church. We invite each and everyone to participate and help celebrate with us. The Anniversary Committee has been very busy during the past two years planning events to help celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the church.

Highlights of the year are listed below.

- The year begins with an **Old Fashioned Bean Supper and Variety Concert** in January -the exact date will be announced later.
- Former clergy will be participating in monthly services and Rev. Ralph Taylor will be the guest minister for the anniversary weekend in November.
- A Tree Planting will take place in May with an evergreen to be planted in front of the church.
- A Church Picnic is planned for June, with Terry Reilly as our guest/entertainer. The site for this is yet to be determined.
- A Dinner Theatre with the Spirit of Newfoundland is also scheduled for June. Tickets will be on sale early in the year.
- November will be the special month for celebrations as it is the anniversary month. A formal dinner will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Kelligrews.

Lapel Pins with a specially designed 175th Anniversary Logo will be available to purchase early in the year.

An Anniversary Banner will be displayed in the Sanctuary and will be used in other areas also during the year. A second banner is being designed and it will hang in a permanent spot in the Sanctuary.

If your group is planning anything for this year, please let the committee know.

Sharon Deemer is compiling a small historical booklet and we want it to include as much information as possible about the church including photos from each current church group.

We are still looking for a photographer for the year. That person would be responsible for photos of all events throughout 2012 and arrange them into an album as the year progresses. If you would like to help us in this area, please call or email me.

Eileen Green (Chairperson) 834-7435 (quiltereileen@gmail.com)
Anniversary Committee TUC

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Topsail United Church www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net
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2011

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\$7.00 adult, \$3.00 child

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Monday, October 10th

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

SALE – BAKE GOODS, PRESERVES, ETC.

SOUP LUNCH - \$7.00

4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

JIGGS DINNER - \$12.00

To reserve tickets call 834-4567

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FLEA MARKET

\$1.00 adult admission

Thursday, October 27th - 7:00pm

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Visa / MasterCard accepted

