



# FALL NEWSLETTER 2010



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

## **Schedule of Worship**

September 26	Pentecost 18	10.30 am	Worship – Senior / UCW Choir
October 3	Pentecost 19	10.30 am	Worldwide Communion - Senior Choir
October 10	Pentecost 20	10.30 am	Thanksgiving Worship - Men's Choir
October 17	Pentecost 21	10.30 am	Family Service – Bands & Children's Choir World Food Day – "Breads of the World"
October 24	Pentecost 22	10.30 am	Worship - Senior Choir
October 31	Pentecost 23	10.30 am	Worship - Norman's Cove Choir
November 7	Pentecost 24	10.30 am	Remembrance Day / Communion
November 14	Pentecost 25	10.30 am	ANNIVERSARY HYMN SING – all choirs
November 21	Last of Pentecost	10.30 am	Family Service – Children's Sunday
November 28	Advent 1	10.30 am	Worship – Senior / UCW Choir
December 5	Advent 2	10.30 am	Communion – Senior Choir
December 12	Advent 3	10.30 am	Worship – Men's Choir
December 19	Advent 4	10.30 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT
December 21	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 26	1 <sup>st</sup> after Christmas	10.30 am	Christmas Worship – Senior Choir



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## **Mark Your Calendar**

- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Club "Breakfast with Santa"
- Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Outreach Christmas Dinner
- Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Luncheon & Carol Sing



## A Message from Rev. Bruce



*Inch by inch, row by row  
Gonna make this garden grow  
All it takes is a rake and a hoe  
And piece of fertile ground*

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.

The above words are the beginning to a lovely song entitled: “*The Garden Song*” written by Arlo Guthrie. We have, on occasion, sung this in church and it is usually during the time of Harvest Festival. Harvest Festival, of course, is a time when we give thanks for the blessings of the land and for the blessings of home and family. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by these blessings. We are also very fortunate and blessed to be part of our church family here at Topsail United. Here at Topsail United it is exciting to experience the start-up of all the church groups and activities. We do our best to provide many opportunities to share our faith through worship, study, Sunday School, social times and times of fun. These times of sharing together, also enables us to have a sense of thanksgiving for the blessings God has provided.

This newsletter is filled with an expression of thanks to God as it highlights information about our Church life and work. I would ask you to read the newsletter with a sense of thanksgiving for our Church and I encourage you to participate in the activities that are of interest to you. It is important that we take some time to thank God. We can be thankful for the blessing we enjoy and for the strength to journey through difficult times. Let us travel, therefore, through this Fall with thanksgiving and a renewed commitment to keeping covenant with God, our friend, protector and companion.

May God Bless you all,

Rev. Bruce



## Join us for the 2010 Harvest Festival

October is a busy time at Topsail United. "Harvest Festival" is celebrated on **Thanksgiving Weekend – October 9 -11**, 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 9<sup>th</sup>**      **THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST** 8:00 to 11:00 am (\$7.00, \$3.00 child)  
**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**      **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** 10:30 am  
**Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**      **HARVEST FESTIVAL SALE** 11.00 am to 2.00 pm

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

**SOUP LUNCH** 11:00 to 2:00 pm \$7

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

### We need volunteers to cook a pot of dinner:

We provide the beef, you add the vegetables. Salt beef will be available for pick up at the church on: Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> between 8 & 11 am or 2 & 4 pm OR Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am Worship

### We need donations of pies for 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 from the Church Office 834-4567 (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm) or in the vestibule following Worship.

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **FALL FLEA MARKET** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Admission \$1.00 adult)

Please drop items off, Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 - 1 pm and 7 to 9pm

**Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**      **ANNUAL GIANT AUCTION** 7:00 pm (Visa / MasterCard accepted)

### We need Auction items:

Please call coordinator Max Robbins 744-3363, **before October 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

## **FALL PROGRAMS**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME IN ALL GROUPS – JUST COME ALONG!

**Sunday School** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10.30 in the Church Hall  
- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) following “Children’s Time”, in the Church Hall  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is Family Sunday in the Sanctuary.

*Info. Joanne Stone 782 – 1332*



**Children’s Choir** - every Wed. at 6.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

**Junior High Choir & Band** - every Wed. at 7.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

**Senior High Band** - every Wed. at 8.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

*Info. for all Children’s and Youth Music programs Roz. 834 - 9443*

**Senior (Mixed) Choir** – practice every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. at 7.30 pm. in the Sanctuary .

*Info. Nadine 579-7529*



**Men’s Choir** – practice 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month at 7.30 pm. in the Sanctuary

*Info. Nadine 579-7529*

**Men’s Club** - Supper Meeting - usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Mon. each month at 6.00 pm. in the Church Hall.

*Info. Bob Bennett 782 – 0388*

**U.C.W. (United Church Women)** –2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. each month 7.30 pm. in the Boardroom.

*Info. Ruth 834 – 8875*

**Coffee Group** –every Wed. at 10.00 am in the Kitchen

*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.

They will be reading “Beyond Belief – the Secret Gospel of Thomas” by Elaine Pagels.

*Info. Sharon 781 – 0037 or Harold 781 - 1307*

### **Outside Groups:**

**Tae Kwon Do** - every Sun. at 5.00 pm. & Wed. at 6.00 pm in the Church Hall



**Taoist Tai Chi** - every Mon. at 10 am & Thurs. at 7.00 pm in the Church Hall



## **“173<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Hymn Sing”**

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am



This November is the 173<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of “the Church by the Side of the Road”. We have much to celebrate and remember. Again, this year we will 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 has expanded this year. Rehearsals are on **Wednesday** evening with choirs directed by Rosalind Foley and group instrumental direction by Brett Vey. There is a Children's Choir for children in Grades 1-5 which meets at 6:30, Youth Choir (Grades 6 & up) and Junior Band at 7:30, and Senior Band at 8:30. More participants are welcome, in particular the Youth Choir and Junior Band are in need of members as this is the new component of the program.

### **Youth Music Program Fundraiser.**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

The evening will feature the children and youth involved in the program with other contributions from members of the congregation. Desserts and beverages will also be offered. Watch the Bulletin and website for further information.

### **United Church Emergency Appeal – Pakistan**

The United Church of Canada is a member of ACT (a global network of 100 churches and Christian aid agencies that enables global responses to emergencies).

As a result of donations made by its members, the United Church sent \$25,000 to ACT immediately following initial news of the crisis, and has now sent an additional \$40,000. ACT members in Pakistan are working diligently to deliver assistance including food, water, tents, kitchen kits, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and emergency medical care.

The United Church has also contributed \$75,000 through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). The funds will be used for a CFGB member-supported project providing kits containing rice, lentils, flour, oil, sugar, salt, tea, and spices.

Donations may be made to this appeal by putting cash or cheque in an envelope marked “Pakistan Appeal” and including your name or your envelope number. Your donation will be sent to the Appeal (matched by government funds until Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>) and you will be credited with the amount.

## Financial Update to August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010

	Note	2010 Budget \$	<b>2010 Actual \$</b>	2009 Actual \$
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
Local Church Support		124,000	<b>71,406</b>	72,820
Other givings		31,150	<b>16,995</b>	14,622
Fundraising		27,750	<b>7,798</b>	7,709
Miscellaneous	1	21,900	<b>11,244</b>	19,309
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>204,800</b>	<b>107,443</b>	114,460
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Ministry & Personnel		112,150	<b>75,457</b>	70,562
Worship		5,250	<b>3,751</b>	1,969
Property & trustee	3	36,050	<b>29,802</b>	16,113
Pastoral Care / Membership		400	<b>290</b>	454
Christian Development		1,850	<b>1,120</b>	730
Outreach		1,150	<b>1,088</b>	304
Administration		6,200	<b>2,599</b>	4,252
Finance		22,310	<b>10,316</b>	18,100
Long-term Planning		3,600	<b>488</b>	0
Fundraising		5,550	<b>2,320</b>	3,080
Miscellaneous	2	9,500	<b>7,885</b>	5,838
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		<u>204,010</u>	<u><b>135,116</b></u>	<u>121,402</u>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>		<u>790</u>	<u><b>-27,673</b></u>	<u>-6,942</u>
BANK ACCOUNT			<b>15,332</b>	24,807
BUILDING LOAN			<b>0</b>	4,452
ORGAN LOAN	4		<b>8,001</b>	13,240
STEEPLE LOAN	5		<b>20,000</b>	0

**Notes:**

- 1 Hall rental, HST rebate, Weddings/Funerals, Men's Club, Outreach, etc.
- 2 HST paid, Weddings/Funerals, Delegate expense
- 3 Includes Steeple cost of \$9,879, net of HST and Steeple loan
- 4 \$445 per month, plus interest, until Feb, 2012
- 5 \$1,667 per Quarter, commencing Oct 1, 2010





## **Congregational Surveys**

The Long Term Planning Committee would like to thank members of the congregation who provided feedback on Topsail United Programs, Services, and Facilities through the Youth Survey and Congregational Survey. We are pleased to report that there were 32 Youth surveys and 93 Congregational surveys returned. The Committee has completed the first stage of compiling and summarizing the survey data. We have received a great deal of positive feedback along with suggestions for new programs and improvements to existing programs and facilities. Our focus for Fall 2010 is working with the sub-Committees of the Official Board to prepare recommendations and action plans for the future. We appreciate your input and look forward to sharing details with you as the initiative progresses.

Committee members include: Don Allen, Freeman Budgell, Gillian Corbett, Sharon Deemer, Geoff Drover, Eileen Green, Valerie Howe (Co-Chair and Secretary), Bob Jenkins, David Jones, Rev. Bruce Kearley (Co-Chair), and Peter Upshall.

## **Bulletin Dedications**

You can remember a loved one or celebrate a birth, special birthday or anniversary by making a donation and Dedicating a Bulletin on a particular Sunday by calling Lynn at the office ahead of time.

## **United Church Membership**

If you were confirmed in another United Church or Denomination and have now decided to make Topsail United your home church, please call the office to arrange the Transfer of your Membership.

Please call Rev. Bruce if you wish to seek Confirmation in The United Church and become a member of The United Church of Canada at Topsail United.

## **Stay Connected on the “Web”**

Topsail United Church [www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net](http://www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net)

Watch for a new look coming soon and the site will need input from all church groups and members!

Newfoundland & Labrador Conference, East & West Districts [www.newlabconf.com](http://www.newlabconf.com)

The United Church of Canada [www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)





# TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH

*"THE CHURCH BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD"*



# HARVEST FESTIVAL 2010

Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 to 11:00a.m.

## THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST

\$7.00 adult, \$3.00 child

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Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

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Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 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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Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10:00a.m – 3:00 p.m.

## FLEA MARKET

\$1.00 adult admission

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Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm

## ANNUAL GIANT AUCTION

Visa / MasterCard accepted

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