

**BETHANY UNITED CHURCH  
OF THE EAST DISTRICT, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR  
CONFERENCE**

**Organist for Today:** Leslie Forward  
**Organist/Choir Director:** Leslie Forward - **Supply**  
**Organists:** Sharon Dean, Ruth Davidge, Louise Drover  
**Caretaker:** Wayne Parsons **Secretary:** Lisa Butt  
**Clergy:** Rev. Harry J. Whitehorne  
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**April 25, 2010 - 11:00am - Easter 4**

**GATHERING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**Theme:**

Today in our worship we will focus our attention on Volunteer Week which was celebrated this year from April 18-24. National Volunteer week pays tribute to the more than 12.5 million Canadians who donate their time, money, and energy to better the lives of others. We have many such people right here in our own congregation, and in our community. Today we say a sincere “thank-you” to each and every one.

**INTROIT: “We Are The Church”** - Beginners and Youth -  
(Congregation seated)

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: There is no limit to God’s mercy, God’s love, and God’s design for all humanity.

**All: Should our vision be any less?**

One: Let us proclaim in our worship today that God’s has the victory.

**All: Are we ready to be part of that countless multitude?**

One: Gather, people of God! Gather in God’s name.

**WELCOME AND LIFE & WORK OF OUR CHURCH**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (Unison)

**Hear our prayer, God of all time, God of our time. We need you this hour and every hour. May our words mean more because your Spirit quickens our hearts and excites our souls as we work together in your church as one family united in your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Baptism Hymn: “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

One: Let us celebrate the gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

**All: There is one body and one spirit, we have one hope in Christ.**

One: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, creator of us all.

**All: Out of the waters of baptism, we rise with new life, forgiven, renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ’s body.**

*Introduction and vows*

*Congregational Support (please stand)*

One: Let us pledge to these parents our support and care.

**All: As a baptized and baptizing church, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you, in as much as we are able, in this community of faith. May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.**

*“A New Creed” (# 918 VU) Unison*

**The Action of Baptism**

*Presentation of candles and certificates*

Hymn: # 442 VU (Verse 3)

Songbirds - “Turn Your Radio On”

**WE HEAR AND RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Hymn - “Holy Spirit, Source of Love” #515 VU

**SCRIPTURES:**

Acts 9: 36-43 and John 10: 22-30

Alice Blundon & Margaret Rossiter

Duet: Sharon Dean & Mary Burke

**Sermon: “Life That Really is Life”**

**Minute for Missions: Sarah Lawrence**  
**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**HYMN:** - (During The Offering) "At The name of Jesus" # 335 VU

**Offertory Prayer: (Unison)**

**Receive the offerings we present today, and open our eyes to the wonderful work, seen and unseen, accomplished by all the gifts received in this congregation. Let everything be done according to your will and purpose. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

Departing Hymn - "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #602

**Commissioning & Benediction (Unison)**

**In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world, to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the Body of Christ.**

Benediction:

Go in peace - love and care for one another in Christ's name; and may the presence of Jesus guide you in the tempting times, encourage you in the difficult times, and strengthen you in the dangerous times, both now and forevermore. Amen.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors especially the volunteers from the Hospital Auxiliary, Harbor Lodge, and the Interfaith Home.

May God richly bless you in your work as volunteers.



We welcome everyone to our Worship this morning, with a special welcome to all visitors.

### Memorials

Our **Bulletins** today have been donated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Catherine Penney's Family.

A Memorial has been received for the **Memorial Fund** to the glory of God and in loving memory of husband **Sandy Butt** from wife Edna.

### Condolences

Our condolences to the Burden family on the passing of Gordon Burden, and also to the Swain family on the passing of Harriet Swan. Both funerals were held at Noel's chapel on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>.



### A BEARY BIG WELCOME TO

**Cameron Arthur Butt**

**(son of Bobby & Delores Butt ) and**

**Madison Faith Snow**

**(daughter of Shawn & Roxanne Snow) our**

newest members of the Body of Christ and household of faith.

### REMINDERS

**Bible Study: The final Bible Study for this season will be held on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am, there will be a pot-luck following the session.**

### UCW TAKE-OUT TURKEY COLDPLATE

UCW will be having a Take-Out Turkey Coldplate on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, cost is \$8.00 per ticket, and the tickets are available from any UCW member. Thank You!

### VARIETY SHOW - SATURDAY MAY 15 TH!!!!

SATURDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm hosted by our Explorer's and Youth Groups! Lots of Entertainment for the whole family! (Good will offering appreciated.) Interested in participating? Please see the sign up sheet in the foyer!!

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Bethany United Church has an 8-week employment opportunity for one student this summer.

The position is open to any student who will be attending university or other post secondary learning institution in 2010/2011 season.

This is a SWASP sponsored program offering the student 8 weeks (280 hours) of employment paying \$175.00 per week. The student will also receive a \$1400.00 tuition voucher following completion of the 8 week (280 hrs.) of employment, to assist in his/her educational cost.

This position will consist of assisting in the office but may not be limited to just office assistant.

Interested students must complete an application at the church office no later than April 28, 2010. (Applications are also available this morning in the front porch)

The decision as to who is to be hired will be made by SWASP and NOT by Bethany United Church.

### THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

#### Monday

6:30pm- Songbirds

7:30pm- Senior Choir

#### Tuesday

10:30am- Bible Study

6pm- Guitar

#### Wednesday

7pm- Youth Group

#### Next Sunday

11am- Worship/Communion

