

Gower Street United Church
Fall Newsletter 2019



Rev. John Peach, 1810-1891

On Our Cover

Rev. John Peach by David G Pitt, Encyclopedia of Newfoundland and Labrador.

John Peach was born Woodford, Ireland. After several years in secular pursuits, in 1835 he entered the work of the Methodist Church. Volunteering for service overseas in 1839, he was posted to Newfoundland. After a probationary term at Hant's Harbour-Old Perlican, he was ordained in 1842. Initially stationed at Burgeo, he was shortly transferred to fill a sudden vacancy at Grand Bank, where he remained until 1844 and married a daughter of William Evans of that place. After pastorates on the east coast, including Twillingate, he returned to the Burin Peninsula, serving Burin, and again Grand Bank. Anxious to further Methodism on the southwest coast, he travelled extensively, preaching in many isolated communities. In the Summer of 1858, he did the same in Labrador. Stationed thereafter at Lower Island Cove, Brigus, Carbonear and Blackhead, he retired in 1876, but served as president of the Conference in 1882-83. For nearly 20 years he was also chairman of the board of the Wesleyan Academy (later Methodist College). He died at Blackhead on September 18, 1891.

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I would like to extend a very big thank you to **Bert Riggs** for stepping in while I was on sick leave. His help as always is greatly appreciated.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

The Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Behold I am making all things new!

Revelations 21:5

I can hardly believe it, but the Summer has passed and I have been serving the Gower family and sharing in ministry with you for almost a year now. This year has been transformative in so many ways- the blessings, joys and challenges that come with walking with a new group of people has truly continued to shape not only my ministry, but also my spirit.

I thank all of you for your love, support, and patience as I was immersed into this community of faith, learning the ropes and building relationships.

The July sun has set, the August rain has fallen and the cooler Fall breeze blows through the trees among us, marking yet again another change in season.

Over the past few weeks I have been reading the work of Christian writer Joyce Rupp and as we move into this new season, her Autumn reflections in “The Circle of Life,” in particular have been springing to my mind more and more often. She has a particularly interesting take on the leaves falling from trees.

For Rupp, she sees this not as a symbol of death and the new life that comes following a harsh Winter, but as nature “letting go.” She writes that people often choose to do “Spring cleaning” in their home, but nature flows a different way. It is in Autumn as we prepare for colder and darker nights that nature lets go of everything that is no longer necessary. What beautiful imagery this is!

Maybe we could all benefit from taking this autumn season to reflect on our own lives and do an internal, spiritual letting go and cleaning of those things that are holding us back.

Let go of fear and anxiety of uncertain futures.

Let go of those negative voices that tell us we are not good enough, not smart enough, not gifted enough- recognizing, of course, that often these voices are our own.

Let go of petty practices of judgment and critique that harm our relationships.

Let go of tolerating and embrace celebrating.

Let go of that thing that has been weighing on your mind.

We all have one... a paper that is due soon? Making a phone call to a loved one?
Finally cleaning out the basement after putting it off for the last 6 months?
Let go of feeling alone. God is with us. We are NEVER alone.

I wish you a beautiful Autumn season. I hope in the middle of all the busyness,
committee meetings, family get-togethers, school and whatever else is written in our
calendars that you are still able to find time to reflect, let go, and restore your spirits.

Blessings,
Rev. Pamela



SWIMMING UPSTREAM.....

a 4 week book study led by Rev. Pamela beginning **Thursday, October 17, 12 noon**. Conversations for an hour, followed by a brown bag lunch. This study will accompany the Stewardship Campaign, "Loving our Neighbors, a Season of Gratitude," which will be the primary focus of worship and Sunday School during the month of October. If you would like to participate please let the office know as soon as possible as we need to order books. A donation of \$10 towards the cost of the book would be appreciated.

In *Swimming Upstream*, Christine Roush offers her story as one who earns and spends money as the typical canvas on which so many families paint their lives. As she grows in her understanding and fiscal discipline, she learns that the apostle Paul's invitation to not be conformed to the pattern of this world any longer is an invitation for all followers of Jesus to begin swimming against the currents of our consumer culture. Christine invites the reader to join her swim team.

Chris fills the pages with stories from her own life and those offered by friends, thoughtful questions, and resources for further information. In a time of economic downturn her book offers hope. In a time of prosperity her book reminds the reader of what really matters

The Rev. Ettie Gordon Murray
Coordinator of Pastoral Care/Minister of Pastoral Care

Greetings Friends,

As Minister of Pastoral Care, I am glad to be entering my second year at Gower Street United. As I continue to grow into the position as Coordinator of Pastoral Care and Minister of Pastoral Care I sense too, that I am growing in my appreciation of the meaningfulness that pastoral care has for you as a family of faith – expressed in your support for me as Coordinator of Pastoral Care as well as the support and care you show in word and deed for each other – more expressly exemplified through members of the Pastoral Care Committee, the UCW Pastoral Care providers, the Men’s Club pastoral care providers, and friendly visitors. Pastoral care, together, is a blessing.

Whilst our pilgrimage through the Christian year continues – as we near the end of the Season of Pentecost, now fittingly referred to as the Season of Creation in the Season of Pentecost and move toward the Season of Advent, we pause along the way to commemorate some special secular-sacred moments. Thanksgiving, where we take time to express gratitude for life and the blessings we share in our part of our world.

In November we stop to remember the violence and atrocities of war in its many guises – during great conflicts such as WWII as well as the everyday conflicts within our cities and families. A time to remember and a time to pledge our solidarity with those who died, were injured, and continue to live with injury. It is also a time when we hold ourselves accountable for our actions and attitude toward living peaceably with creation and with all God’s creatures. We sing ‘let peace begin with me’.

May God of the pilgrimage and the pilgrim continue to bless each one of us with the sense of the spiritual in the midst of the muck of life...

Peace and joy,

Ettie



FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Open Hearts – Open Minds – Open Arms!



Hi All

Well where did the Summer go? I trust you all enjoyed it and that it provided you an opportunity to take a breath and get ready for the Fall.

The following is a quick update to the 2019 priorities which we established last Spring:

1. **Ministry of Children, Youth & Young Families:** As you all know by now Rebecca Pike has joined us and is working part time and already has some great plans for the Fall.
2. **Increasing alternate sources of income:** Ken Peters will be chairing a Committee which will be working throughout the Fall to produce a report prior to Christmas. The Annual Dinner Theatre was a great success again this year netting almost \$3800. In addition the Summer Soiree organized by some friends of Gower netted \$2000 for the Warm and Dry Campaign. A huge thank you to everyone involved in both events!
3. **Develop a strategic plan for Outreach:** Preliminary planning has begun and Tracy Sullivan and Rev Pamela are organizing an Outreach Symposium for early January 2020. Stay tuned!
4. **Strengthen connection with other churches and denominations:** Plans are underway for the Fall combined service with the United Community of Faith Committee, the Fall Block Party was a success this past Sunday as was the joint picnic held earlier in September.
5. **Increase engagement of Gower Community:** Plans are being developed including activities related to the Volunteer solicitation initiative and the new Gower web site. By the way if you haven't seen it check out the virtual church tour on the site – it is really cool! (<https://gowerunited.com>)

In addition to the 5 Priorities we are committed to satisfying the recommendation contained in Vision 2025 requiring a triennial review be conducted. David Robbins will be leading this initiative which should also be completed during the Fall.

So as you can see it promises to be a very busy Fall – again! If you have an interest in assisting or becoming involved in any of these activities please complete the Volunteer Form at the back of this Newsletter or just call the office.

I am sure you will agree that the activity and excitement that has surrounded our becoming an Affirming Ministry has far exceeded expectations. The media coverage has resulted in many people in our Community taking notice of Gower and seeing us as a potential part of their lives. I have received comments personally from a number of people like “hey that’s pretty cool” and “gee that’s really good to see”. A huge thank you to Gail Wideman and her committee of Larry Kelly, Jill Handrigan, Barb Myles and Rev. Pamela and, of course, to each and every one of you!! Now the work begins!!

We would like to welcome Linda back after her leave and extend a special thank you to Melissa Elliott the Admin Support person at George Street United Church who filled in throughout the Summer. This past Summer we also had two students employed at the church. Zach Mosher and Emma Noseworthy both did a great job – Thanks!

Unfortunately we do not have anyone to lead the monthly Seniors Club dinners and have had to delay the start up this year. If you are willing to help out please let the office know and perhaps we can spread the load and ensure we continue this valuable Outreach activity!

In closing I just want to let you know I am taking a “sabbatical” of sorts for a couple of months and Carolyn Anstey-Moore is taking over as the Chair of the Board until I return in November.

Best regards and blessings;
Lorne LeDrew



**LECTIONARY SCHEDULE FOR
SEPTEMBER 01 – NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

| | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| Twelfth after Pentecost September 1 | Jeremiah 2: 4–13 Or Sirach 10: 12–18 or Proverbs 25: 6–7 | Psalm 81: 1, 10–16 or Psalm 112 | Hebrews 13: 1–8, 15–16 Luke 14: 1, 7–14 |
| Creation Time 1 September 8 | Jeremiah 18: 1–11 or Deuteronomy 30: 15–20 | Psalm 139: 1–6, 13–18 or Psalm 1 | Philemon 1: 1—1: 21 Luke 14: 25–33 |
| Creation Time 2 September 15 | Jeremiah 4: 11– 12, 22–28 or Exodus 32:7–14 | Psalm 14 or Psalm 51: 1–10 | 1 Timothy 1: 12–17 Luke 15: 1–10 |
| Creation Time 3 September 22 | Jeremiah 8: 18—9: or Amos 8: 4–7 | Psalm 79: 1–9 or Psalm 113 | 1 Timothy 2: 1–7 Luke 16: 1–13 |
| Creation Time 4 September 29 | Jeremiah 32: 1–3a, 6–15 or Amos 6: 1a, 4–7 | Psalm 91: 1–6, 14–16 or Psalm 146 | 1 Timothy 6: 6–19 Luke 16: 19–31 |
| World Communion Sunday Creation Time 5 October 6 | Lamentations 1: 1–6 Lamentations 3: 19–26 or Habakkuk 1: 1–4; 2: 1–4 | Psalm 137 or Psalm 37: 1–9 | 2 Timothy 1: 1–14 Luke 17: 5–10 |
| Thanksgiving Creation Time 6 October 13 | Jeremiah 29: 1, 4–7 or 2 Kings 5: 1–3, 7–15c | Psalm 66: 1–12 or Psalm 111 | 2 Timothy 2: 8–15 Luke 17: 11–19 |
| World Food Sunday October 20 | Jeremiah 31: 27–34 or Genesis 32: 22–31 | Psalm 119: 97–104 or Psalm 121 | 2 Timothy 3: 14–4: 5 Luke 18:1–8 |
| Peace Sunday Reformation Sunday October 27 | Joel 2: 23–32 or Sirach 35: 12–17 or Jeremiah 14: 7–10, 19–22 | Psalm 65 or Psalm 84: 1–7 | 2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18 Luke 18:9–14 |

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| All Saints Sunday November 3 | Habakkuk 1: 1–4; 2:1–4 or Isaiah 1:10–18 | Psalm 119:137– 144 or Psalm 32:1–7 | 2 Thessalonians 1: 1–4, 11–12 Luke 19: 1–10 |
| Remembrance Sunday November 10 | Haggai 1: 15b-2:9 or Job 19: 23–27a | Psalm 145: 1–5, 17–21 or Psalm 98 or Psalm 17: 1–9 | 2 Thessalonians 2: 1–5, 13–17 Luke 20: 27–38 |
| Children’s Sunday November 17 | Isaiah 65: 17–25 or Malachi 4: 1–2a | Isaiah 12 or Psalm 98 | 2 Thessalonians 3: 6–13 Luke 21: 5–19 |
| Reign of Christ November 24 | Jeremiah 23: 1–6 | Luke 1: 68–79 or Psalm 46 | Colossians 1: 11–20 Luke 23: 33–43 |

USHERING FOR SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2019

September 2019

Joan & John Lane (Captains), Ethan Luedee, Noah Luedee, Henry Whalen,
Fred & Aune Colbourne, Chris Moulton, Linda Giannou, Lester Barbour.

October 2019

Bradley & Karen Smith (Captains), Lloyd Gill, Robert Cameron, Chris Moulton,
Linda Giannou, Lester Barbour

November 2019

Carl Wright (Captain), Les Barbour, Ashley Wright, Jordan Wright, Evan Nash,
Chris Moulton, Linda Giannou, Lester Barbour

COUNTERS SCHEDULE FOR THE SUNDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 01 TO DECEMBER 08, 2019

| Team | Date | Date |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Kenneth Peters & Linda Nickerson | November 24 | October 06 |
| 2. Lorne LeDrew & Doug Peters | December 01 | October 13 |
| 3. Jordan Wright & Mark Peters | December 08 | October 20 |
| 4. Karen Butt & JoAnna Bennett | September 08 | October 27 |
| 5. Bruce Nickerson & Peter Nell | September 15 | November 03 |
| 6. Carl Wright & Lester Barbour | September 22 | November 10 |
| 7. Albert Spurrell & Richard Pike | September 29 | November 17 |

**GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2019**

| DATE | PROGRAM |
|---|---------------------------------|
| October 8 7:00 PM | Meeting |
| October 9 2:30 PM | Lead worship at Tiffany Village |
| November 12 6:00 PM | Joint meeting with Men's Club |
| November 13 2:30 PM | Lead worship at Tiffany Village |
| November 30 2:00 PM | Fall Tea and Sale |
| December 10 7:00 PM | Meeting |
| December 11 2:30 PM | Lead worship at Tiffany Village |
| POTTLE CENTRE LUNCHEON – December 8 or 12 - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED | |

**GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH MEN'S CLUB
DINNER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES SEPTEMBER TO
DECEMBER 2019**

| DATE | PROGRAM | DEVOTIONS | MEAL | SET-UP & COOKS |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sept. 17 6:00 PM | Nominations Program: TBA | L. Gill | Fish & Brewis | Team 2 (H. Whalen) |
| Oct. 15 6:00 PM | Preliminary Auction Plans | M. Beckett | Jigg's Dinner | Team 3 (D. Peters) |
| Nov. 12 6:00 PM | Final Auction Plans (bring items) Christmas Dinner Preliminaries | TBA | Pea Soup & Ham Dinner | Team 4 (B. Nickerson) |
| Nov. 19 6:00 PM | AUCTION | NA | Ham and Beans | Executive plus ALL Teams |
| Dec. 3 6:30 PM | Christmas Dinner Program: TBA | NA | Roast Turkey | Executive plus ALL Teams |

DATE TO REMEMBER: AUCTION—NOV. 19



BAPTISMS

June 23, 2019

Abigail Grace Tolentino – child of Alvin Tolentino & Angela Gill
Emilia Liv Gill – child of Stuart Gill & Kathrin Ballerstaedt
Charlotte LeDrew Croke – child of Nicholas Croke & Robyn LeDrew

August 11, 2019

Andrew Guy Barnes – child of Adam Barnes & Tiffany Reid

CONFIRMANDS – May 26, 2019

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Noah Boone | Rebecca Boone |
| Lillian Byrne | Murray Byrne |
| Hayley Collins | Noah Collins |
| Heather Moore | Lauren Purchase |
| Heidi Snow | Clay Tuck |

BIRTHDAYS

Ingeborg Marshall – 90 on May 11
Ruby Mathews – 95 on August 7
Chesley Lambert – 91 on August 20
Gladys Knight – 97 on August 28
Elizabeth Cameron – 96 on September 5
Blanche Byrne - 94 on November 10

MARRIAGES

Carl Stevenson & Deanne Peters June 01
Dwane Tucker & Kayleigh Dixon – August 02

DEATHS

Carl Stevenson – June 11
Mei Kuen Mah – August 03
Marjorie Pottle – August 26



WORTH NOTING

Welcome to our new minister responsible for our Children, Youth and Young Adults Ministry, **REBECCA PIKE**, who joined our ministerial team on August 5, 2019.

Rebecca is a Candidate for Diaconal Ministry in the United Church of Canada, she is currently starting her fourth year of the Diploma of Diaconal Ministry program with the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg. As part of this program Rebecca has had placements with Cowan Heights United Church, Eastern Health Chaplaincy & Stella's Circle.



Rebecca holds a Masters in Theology from Queens College, a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Memorial University and a Diploma in Youth Ministry from the Atlantic School of Theology.

Rebecca is a lifetime member of the United Church of Canada who has been active in her home church St. James United Church and with other congregations in the Region. Rebecca has significant experience in youth and children ministries, having served as Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Group Leader, Drama Club Leader & member of the Christian Education Committee at her home church. Additionally Rebecca has worked extensively with the highly successful “GO Project”, the National United Church Youth Program as a Site Coordinator, Site Staff and Home Group Leader both locally at St. James UC & Cowan Heights UC, and at several other sites across Canada.

Rebecca has served on congregational Needs Assessment committees and Ministerial Search committees and is current member of the Incorporated Ministries Team with the First Dawn Eastern Edge Region.

When she isn't studying or working Rebecca enjoys spending her time with her family, friends and partner, Kyle. In Summer Rebecca loves camping and being outdoors, in the Fall and Winter months she enjoys attending Growlers games with her parents and partner. Rebecca lives in the east end of St. John's with her parents and their two dogs.



Marie-Beth Wright launches new book!



In April 2017, Justin Barbour set out to conquer the Newfoundland wilderness with his Cape Shore water dog, Saku. Traveling from Robinson's on the island's west coast to Cape Broyle, Justin and Saku faced frozen water systems, unpredictable weather, and an unforgiving terrain.

Marie-Beth Wright translates Justin and Saku's journey into a children's book that teaches the history of Newfoundland's woods and waters, while encouraging its readers to experience adventures of their own. The official launch of the book took place at Chapter's on Kenmount Road, September 25th.

EMMA NOSEWORTHY AND ZACHARY MOSHER were employed at Gower this Summer on various government-funded student grants. Emma assisted David Noseworthy in various projects that he was working on around the church and filled in for him part-time when he was on vacation. Zachary did work in the Archives sorting and cataloguing various artifacts.



GRACE ROSE (GOWER SENIOR CHOIR) and Chandler Coish, two singers from the Clarenville area were part of a glorious harmony over the Summer, adding their voices to an angelic sound produced by the National Youth Choir of Canada. They were the only two representatives from Newfoundland and Labrador selected for the choir. They played shows across the province, including a performance at the Memorial United Church in Clarenville, before the Podium Choral Conference in St. John's from June 29-July 3.

AND THE BAND PLAYS ON...

The **Gower Community Band** will present its annual **GCB Terra Nova Gala Concert** on Sunday, **October 27**, at 3:00 p.m. at the D.F. Cook Recital Hall (Memorial University's School of Music). This year, the Band is celebrating 12 years of its **Terra Nova Program Composition Competition** with the premier of this year's prize-winning works from the young composers **Kurtis Rogers** (First Award: "Along The Monchy Fields"), **Patrick d'Eon** (Second Award: "The Newfie Bullet") and **Austin Meisel** (Third Award: "A Hesitant Venture"). Admission is \$20 general and \$10 for students and seniors. All proceeds support the GCB's Scholarships Program. Tickets are available from Band members, the Gower Street United Church office, or at the door.

The **Gower Community Band** will be having its next **Downtown 'POPS' Concert** at Gower Street United Church on Sunday, **November 24th**, at 3:00 p.m.! This third concert in this GCB initiative will be a Christmas show, and will be fun for all ages. It will include our special musical guests **Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir** and will be sure to entertain! There are prizes to be won! **Free** tickets available at the door!



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

DREAMING AND VISIONING OF A FULL YEAR – REBECCA

For those that I have not had the chance to meet yet, I am Rebecca the newly hired, Minister for Children, Youth and Young Families. It is my honor to be working at Gower and I am very excited for the year ahead of us. I am not one to spend much time talking about myself, but I am Candidate for diaconal Ministry with the United Church of Canada I am currently in the second last year of my degree. I also have over ten years of experience working with Children and Youth with the United Church in St. John's and nationally. There is a very nice, much detailed bio of me on the new website, and in the "Worth Noting" section of this Newsletter. My door is open pretty much every Tuesday and Thursday if you would like to stop by and chat.

I have many dreams and visions of what this year could hold for Gower so I wanted to take some space here to share those with you, and offer an invitation. If you have dreams and visions for the Children, Youth, Young Families and educational programs at Gower Street please reach out to me! I cannot promise that I can fulfill all the ideas but I want to hear from you and work with you to achieve all we can for the whole community both inside and outside out building.

The dreams and visions that I am already working on for this Fall include the following ideas, born of the interactions I have already had with some of you: I am working hard on seeking and developing some new curriculum for our Children and Youth. It is my hope to maintain a curriculum that allows our programming to, as often as possible, be linked with Sunday messages and themes; A teacher schedule to give volunteers ample notice of when they are teaching and what the plan for that week is being created. We are always welcoming more volunteers to come forward to work with myself and the Christian Education programming.

I look forward to working with Dana and the Junior Choir on the Christmas Pageant, and dream with Pamela about the possibility of monthly integrational services. Our visions have the first one taking place in November. If you would like to be a part of this please let me know! I am also looking to engage youth in some small leadership roles and creating a youth group here at Gower. There is a Youth Gathering being planned by the First Dawn Eastern Edge Region for November 8-10th at Burry Heights. Over the coming weeks you will hear more about this as we strive to attend the event with a body of youth from Gower. I will be offering youth gatherings at a minimum of once a month throughout the Fall. The dates for these and others will be on the events

calendars included in this Newsletter and posted around the church. I hope that these events grow into opportunities to participate in national and regional events in the Spring and Summer of 2020.

I have completed the training as a Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader. If you know of any youth looking for support as they complete this program I am happy to help and be a part of this journey with them. This is another new way to connect Gower with our community outside our doors, along with baking nights, outreach educational events and events within the region.

My biggest dream for the Fall is to begin creating and cultivating spaces and programs where children, youth, young adults, families and all are free to laugh, dream, and challenge each other and grow. As I said before I am normally in the office all day Tuesdays and Thursdays, and will be at worship on Sundays. Please reach out to me with ideas, dreams, and visions of your own and share my contact information to those in your life that maybe interested in future programs.





You know there's a light that glows by
the front door
Don't forget the key's under the mat
When childhood stars shine
Always stay humble and kind

Go to church 'cause your mamma says
to visit grandpa every chance
that you can
It won't be wasted time
Always stay humble and kind

Hold the door, say "please", say "thank
you"
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb
But always stay humble and kind
When the dreams you're dreamin'
come to you

When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride
But always stay humble and kind

Don't expect a free ride from no one
Don't hold a grudge or a chip and
here's why
Bitterness keeps you from flyin'
Always stay humble and kind

Know the difference between sleeping
with someone
And sleeping with someone you love
"I love you" ain't no pick-up line
So always stay humble and kind

Hold the door, say "please", say "thank
you"
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb
But always stay humble and kind

When those dreams you're dreamin'
come to you
When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride
But always stay humble and kind

When it's hot, eat a root beer popsicle
Shut off the AC and roll the windows
down
Let that Summer sun shine
Always stay humble and kind

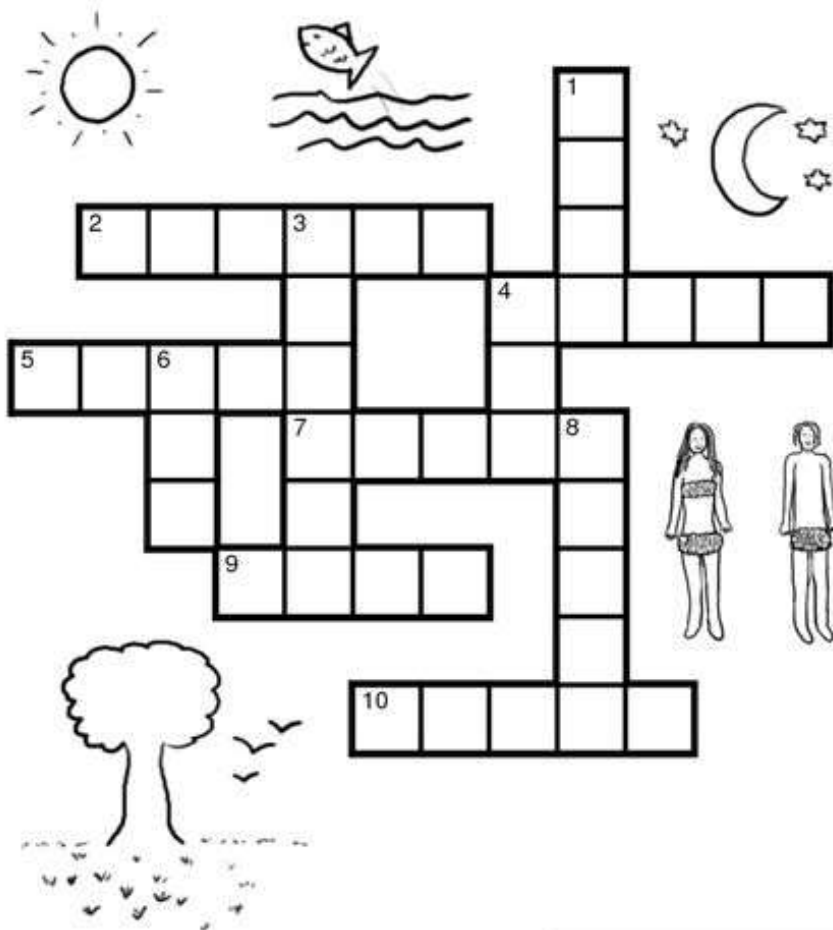
Don't take for granted the love this
life gives you
When you get where you're going don't
forget turn back around
And help the next one in line
Always stay humble and kind

"Humble And Kind" (written by Lori McKenna)

This was sung by Grace and Doug Dunsmore during worship September 01, 2019

Creation Activity Worksheet

by SundaySchoolResources.co.uk



Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (6)
- 4 The earth was this before the creation (5)
- 5 God created these on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created these on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (6)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

- ANIMALS
- BEGINNING
- CREATION
- EARTH
- GARDEN
- GOD
- HEAVENS
- LIGHT
- MAN
- PLANTS
- SEA
- STARS
- WOMAN



FROM THE ARCHIVES



Committee members at present are James Hiller (Chair), Edward Roberts, Robert Pitt and Linda White.

The committee has the responsibility of collecting and preserving all archival records and artifacts associated with Gower Street Methodist/United church. This means that we have to collect, conserve and store such materials according to professional standards. The committee is also responsible for advising the Board on all matters relating to the church's historical nature, and is consulted about any proposed changes to its physical structure.

This past Summer, the committee received a Canada Summer Jobs grant, which allowed us to hire Zachary Mosher to work in the church archive, which is located in the former Classroom 4. Given his previous experience, Zach was able to review the archives guide and compile an inventory of the records that were in the room. He did not finish, however, so that task may have to be left to 2020. Thanks to Zach, and to Rob Pitt, who donated a computer to the Archive.

We have also received some donations to the archive. Rev. Marion Davis has donated her sermons, while the United Church Women have given us their records, and the Choir has donated boxes of music books. In addition, the Archives and Special Collections Division at Memorial University Library has given us a box of Rev. Kate Crawford's sermons, as well as three oil paintings that were about to be thrown out by the English Language School Board. The committee would be pleased if congregation members would get in contact about any papers that they might hold.

One of the paintings is of J.S. Pitts, a wealthy St. John's Methodist businessman. Another is unknown, and a third is a likeness of the Rev. John Peach, painted fairly recently. The Rev. Peach (1810-1891) worked mainly on the island's south coast and in Conception Bay. He was President of the Newfoundland Conference in 1882-83.



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE FALL REPORT

The Stewardship Committee has regrouped for the coming year, holding their first meeting September 17. While the Committee is small, consisting of JoAnna Bennett-Chair supported by Ruth Francis and Cheryl Hanlon, we remain committed to working on the Stewardship goals and mandate here at Gower.

Members of Stewardship actively participated in the Spirit of Newfound Dinner Theatre Fundraiser held on September 12. This was yet another highly successful evening of wonderful food, entertainment and comradery for all those in attendance. The silent auction plus ticket sales ensured a healthy contribution to Gower's financial status!

The Committee's Fall activities will focus on the upcoming Stewardship Campaign planned for October under the support and direction of Rev. Pamela. This Campaign will include "Minutes for Stewardship" during the October Sunday Services as opportunities for the congregation to become better informed of all aspects of Stewardship. You will learn more of how your individual contributions of time, talent and treasure help support the services and programs offered here at Gower everything from keeping the lights and heat on to how we continue our Outreach activities!

Stewardship is....Everything we think, say and do after we say "I Believe"



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

PAR

For Your Information and Thoughtful Consideration

On behalf of Gower, the Stewardship Committee extends a sincere thank you to all who contribute regularly through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance). Your consistent offerings help ensure that Gower continues to meet its ongoing commitment and services to our Gower family and to our greater United Church family.

PAR givers confirm the convenience of having their regular church offerings taken care of. Once PAR is set up to make monthly donations from your bank account, you avoid the hassle of trying to find money each Sunday and then decide how much that offering will be. However, PAR also allows you to make special offerings for events such as Thanksgiving, Advent and others by providing special envelopes for these occasions. Any time you'd like to add more to your offerings you can do so with the envelopes provided. Plus, for those who want to contribute to the offertory at Sunday Service, you can put your PAR Card in the collection plate indicating your offering has already been given.

PAR offerings are managed through the church office and are completely confidential while being readily accessible for any changes or information you might need.

If you aren't already on PAR, the annual distribution of envelopes is an opportunity for you to consider it. Your annual contribution envelopes are ready to be picked up soon. There will be a package for current contributors and for those who decide to join PAR this year. Many of us use direct deposit in our personal lives...why not consider it for your church family this year.

PAR information is readily available at the church office or by contacting any member of the Stewardship Committee.



October 2019



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 Gower Community Band | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 UCW @ 7PM | 9 Gower Community Band | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 Men's Club Dinner | 16 Gower Community Band | 17 Book Study with Rev. Pam (Brown Bag Lunch) Noon Board Meeting 7PM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Gower Community Band | 24 Book Study with Rev. Pam (Brown Bag Lunch) Noon | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Guest Preacher: Roger James (Stewardship & Gifts Officer) with lunch and workshop | 28 | 29 | 30 Gower Community Band | 31 Book Study with Rev. Pam (Brown Bag Lunch) Noon | 1 | 2 |

Loving our Neighbours: Season of Gratitude

Oct 6th – Individual Life of Faith, Oct. 13th – Our Congregations Mission, Oct. 20th – Our Denominations Mission, Oct. 27th - Invitation to Everyone in Our Community to Be Part of God's Mission, Nov.3rd – Celebrate and Offer Gratitude
Swimming Upstream, By Christine Roush, a book study with Rev. Pamela, starting Oct 17th, running for four weeks. Conversations for an hour, followed by a brown bag lunch.

November 2019



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Gower Community Band | 7 Book Study with Rev. Pam (Brown Bag Lunch) Noon | 8 Fall Youth Gathering - Burry Heights | 9 Fall Youth Gathering - Burry Heights |
| 10 Fall Youth Gathering - Burry Heights | 11 | 12 UCW @ 7PM | 13 Gower Community Band | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Integrational Sunday | 18 | 19 Men's Club Dinner | 20 Gower Community Band | 21 Board Meeting 7PM | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Hot Dog and KD Lunch POP's Concert 1:30 PM | 25 | 26 | 27 Gower Community Band | 28 | 29 | 30 UCW Fall Sale 2 PM |
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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE GOWER BOARD AND STAFF – 2019

| Continuing & New Members | | Telephone | Email Addresses |
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| <u>CLERGY</u> | | | |
| Minister | Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald | 753-7286 (o) | revpamela@nl.rogers.com |
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| ELECTED BUT NOT ON CHURCH BOARD | | | |
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| Nominations Trustees East District Delegates | Gail Wideman Edward Roberts Pat West Roy West | 691-6220 (c) 726-7545 753-0349 753-0349 | gwideman@mun.ca edwardmroberts@gmail.com pwest100@nf.sympatico.ca roywest@mun.ca |
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| Choral Director | Douglas Dunsmore | 754-2478 (h) 727-0120 (c) | dunsmore@mun.ca |
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| Junior Choir | Dana Collins | 726-2012 | djmcollins331@gmail.com |
| OTHER | | | |
| Senior Choir | Roberta Gill | 745-2615 | brmvgill@gmail.com |
| Cemetery Board Rep | Vernon Simmons | 582- 2759/3183 | n/a |
| PA System - Sanctuary | Brady Lawrence | Contact Ruth Francis 754-0557 | velvetf@hotmail.com |
| Bridges To Hope - Board | Doug Moody | 753-4277 | dmoody@bellaliant.net |





Volunteering at Gower Street United Church
Expression of Interest

Gower Street United Church (and all Churches) is dependent upon its volunteers (members and friends) in order to function as a faith community and in community outreach. This “expression of interest” form will be a huge help in enabling the Board, groups and committees to know who to call upon when the need emerges.

Contact and General Information

Name

Address

Tel. No. ()

Alternate Tel. No. ()

Email Address:

In what ways are you presently involved at Gower Street United?

Your Interest in Volunteering

Below are some specific areas of need. Please put a check mark beside the volunteer need for which you would be available.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Spring UCW Sale

Fall UCW Sale

Server 2 – 4pm

Server 2 – 4pm

Baking (done at home & brought in day of sale)

Baking (done at home & brought in day of sale)

Assist with Sale Table

Assist with Sale Table

Guest Speaker at UCW Monthly Meeting 7-8pm

If Guest Speaker, what is your area of interest/specialty?

GOWER SENIORS' CLUB

Dress the Tables for Evening Meal (2 ½ hours in the morning)

Serve the Tables, 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (invitation to stay for the meal; evening ends at 8:00 p.m.)

Drive Seniors to & from Gower St. United Church (4:30pm & at 8 p.m. – invitation to stay for evening meal)

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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| Extra people required to Greet on Sunday morning (arrive at least half an hour before worship to welcome people as they arrive for the worship service) | |
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HERITAGE AND ARCHIVES

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| Cataloguing, Research and Document Scanning in Archives (a single person a minimum of 2 hours per week) | |
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| Interviewing older members of the congregation: (a future task with training provided) | |
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| Tours of Gower Church (by appointment) – knowledge of church’s history and architecture important | |
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GOWER OFFICE

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| Data Entry – contributions (1 hr per week) | | |
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| Data Entry – membership rolls etc.(continuous) | | |
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| Bulletins – proof reading, folding, mailing (2-3 hrs per week) | |
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| Quarterly Newsletter – production & editing (15 hrs per edition) | |
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| Quarterly Newsletter – labeling, sorting, inserting, distribution and coordination (15 hrs per edition) | |
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| In Memoriams & Miscellaneous Donations – logging, acknowledging, receipts (1-2 hrs per week) | |
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OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

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| From time to time additional needs arise for volunteer action. Please specify any other areas of interest/expertise you have from which you and the Church might benefit: | |
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Please submit your completed form to:
 Gail Wideman, Chair, Gower Street United Church Nominations Committee
 99 Queen’s Road, St. John’s, NL A1C 6M6
 or email: gwideman@mun.ca

Your expression of interest will be acknowledged and then forwarded to the appropriate person/committee for further action