

## Messages this month

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** How well do you know Jesus? This month we begin a series of messages entitled, **Taking a Second Look at Jesus**. We'll explore who Jesus is, through the eyes of the Gospel of Luke, (very likely the second Gospel to be written down) and hopefully discover that Jesus can still surprise after all these years.

### MESSAGES

<b>January 9</b>	Jesus and His Baptism (Pastor Scott)
<b>January 16</b>	Not Who We Expect (Pastor Peter)
<b>January 23</b>	Surprising Grace & Overwhelming Gratitude (Pastor Peter)
<b>January 30</b>	Jesus and His "Enemies" (Pastor Peter)

### LIVESTREAM WORSHIP FOR THE NEXT 3 SUNDAYS

The Worship Team and Leadership Board met earlier this week and discussed the current COVID conditions and provincial regulations and have agreed to just offer **Livestream Worship services for January 9, 16 and 23**. This is out of an abundance of caution for the health of the congregation. Leadership has scheduled their next meeting for January 25 and will re-evaluate at that time. Continue to uphold those affected by the pandemic in your prayers, and remember to show kindness and grace to all. Services start at 10:30 AM and can be watched on our YouTube channel or our website. Thank you for your understanding.



We look forward to a variety of music over the coming month from Julie Probert, and the Grace Worship team.

**PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM** Looking for someone to pray confidentially with you? A member of the Prayer Ministry Team will be available after worship each Sunday at the front of the sanctuary. You will then be accompanied to the Prayer Room for privacy.

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**For current information on COVID protocols and service options, please go to the back page of the bulletin and/or check the [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) website. Thank you.**

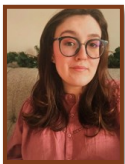
## Emerging Generation Coordinator Proposal / Congregational Meeting on Wed January 26

**Background:** The Pastoral Search Team received an application in December from a candidate who has experience and passion for youth and children's ministry but without pastoral credentials or education. Having had few applications for the position, and recognizing the giftings of this particular candidate, a few members of the Search Team met with her to determine her suitability and her intentions in submitting an application. After that meeting the members of the team were impressed with her testimony, energy, experience and passion for youth and children. In the absence of any other suitable applicants for this position, they decided to send a proposal to the Leadership Board that adjustments be made to the job description which might better fit the role they believed this candidate could fulfill.

**Proposal:** The new proposal for an Emerging Generation Ministry Coordinator position can be found in the congregation email and church website, but the major differences from the previous pastoral position are:

- Change from Pastor to Coordinator.
- Change from full-time to three-quarter-time.
- Change from "children, youth and young adult ministries" to "children and youth ministries."
- No requirement for "Accreditation by, or willingness to enter the process to be accredited by, the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada Board of Ministerial Standards and Education."
- No expectation to be part of the regular worship speaker rotation.
- It would be a one-year contract position to be evaluated after 11 months to determine the effectiveness of the position in meeting the ministry needs of Grace Memorial.

**Rationale:** The removal of the Young Adult category from the job description is a recognition of the candidate's age and experience. The change from full to three-quarter time, is a reflection of fewer expectations for this position with the removal of the young adult ministries and some pastoral roles. A one-year contract, will give us a season of ministry to evaluate the effectiveness of the position. If in a year's time, we think, it is working well, we can recommend to continue or even expand. But if in a year's time, we think the position does need pastoral experience, we can explore different paths or options.



### Meet the Candidate – Emily Colpitts

Some of the Grace Memorial Community may remember Emily from her volunteer work with our summer camps. She is a native Frederictonian and a member of Brunswick Street Baptist. We asked her to introduce herself and she sent the following:

Hello, my name is Emily Colpitts. I was born and raised here in Fredericton and have had the privilege of being involved in the local church community. I've been married for almost two years now and met my wonderful husband Isaac Colpitts through the campus ministries, IVCF.

Over the past seven years, I've had the privilege of working in both the Children and Youth Ministry. I've worked locally at Greenhill Lake Camp and as far as Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, at Camp Peniel. In addition, I have been a youth leader at Brunswick Street Baptist Church for four years now and recently filled the Interim Youth Coordinator Position during a time of transition.

Within the first five minutes of meeting me, you'll realize that I am a bundle of energy and enthusiasm. In saying that, my friends would describe me as "the mom friend," as I'm always there with a first aid kit, sunscreen, and a labelled itinerary for the day.

My long-term life goals are to work in kids and youth ministry for as long as I can, and in the places I lack formal education, I make up for with experience, dedication, and a willingness to learn and grow.

## VIRTUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 7:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>

Recognizing this is a different position than the one the church voted for at the Annual Meeting in 2021, Leadership would like to seek the approval of the congregation for this direction. A special virtual congregational meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup> using Zoom. Leadership thought it was important to seek approval at the earliest convenience in order to provide much needed assistance to our current staff. At the same time, recognizing the province is discouraging large gatherings, they thought a Zoom Congregational Meeting would be more appropriate. If, however, there is a member who would like to participate but who does not have the capability of connecting virtually, we will seek to set up something at the church building to help that person connect. One would need to contact the church office on or before Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> to allow time to set this up. The Emerging Generation Coordinator position will be the only item on the agenda.

### NOMINATION SUGGESTIONS

The Leadership Board has begun the process of seeking the people God is calling to leading roles within the church, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in February 2022.

Please prayerfully consider these needs. At present we are seeking nominations for:

**Leadership Board:** This board meets monthly and is responsible for policy, mission, goals and oversight of the Senior Pastor.

**Fellowship Ministry Coordinator:** This person coordinates ministries which foster opportunities for fellowship and welcoming people. They oversee the Ushers, Greeters and Catering types of ministries.

**Connection Ministry Coordinator:** This person coordinates ministries which seek to help the congregation stay connected as a people of God including: oversight of visitation ministries, new members and baptism, Benevolent Fund, the Prayerline, Prayer Ministry Team, and helping newcomers integrate into the church community.

**Discipleship Ministry Coordinator:** This person coordinates and provides leadership to the ministries, which seek to grow passionate disciples of all ages, particularly through education and development of leaders. This team will give oversight to such ministries as: Children's Church, youth and children's programs, small group ministries; young adult, family, and adult programs.

**Audit Committee** This team meets once annually (usually in January) to go over the church's financial records for the previous year.

We are deeply appreciative of all those who have served, especially through the challenging period of both COVID and staff transitions. The Leadership Board welcomes your suggestions and nominations which can be made either in a written note or email submitted through the church office. Thank you!

**Annual reports have a new due date of January 24th. Thank you!**



GRACE WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE JAN 9-16

**DECH:** Ruth Steeves

**At Home:** Faye Jeffery, Sheila Martin, Heather Fletcher-Switzer, David Irving, Maureen Arp, Gordon Palmer, Rose Marie Patterson, Shirley Pierpoint, James Rankine, Edgar & Dorothy Barrieau, Doreen McClare, Teddy & Claire Randall, Mike & Carole Jarvis, Keith & Nancy McNaughton, Marg & Stephanie Pollock, Helen Currie, Lisa Lohnes

**Shannex:** Dorothy Wilson, Velma MacDonald, Gregory Nickerson, Dora Dunham, Georgie Boldon, Kay White

**Farraline Place:** Phyllis Betts

**Pine Grove Nursing Home:** Enide Smith

**Veterans' Health Unit:** Helen White, Walter Currie

**Windsor Court:** Eileen Wallace



**YOUTH PRAYERS Please pray for:**

- Patience and understanding as youth return to classes in 2022 - especially since at home learning has been a huge struggle for our teens so far this pandemic.
- Parents of teens to have patience with them as they stay home longer than expected, pray for understanding and love in their interactions with their children who likely grow weary of restrictions.

**Thank you for praying for our youth as they grow in CHRIST**



**IMPORTANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INFORMATION**

— We have been told by the Department of Health that the New Brunswick Government COVID regulations announcement on December 14, prohibiting organized gatherings of children under the age of 12, applies to Children's Church. As such there will not be Children's Church until further notice, however kids are still welcome to come to worship with their parents/guardians, and we will have lots of activity sheets for them to use during the service. If they have a favorite set of crayons or colored pencils, bring those along as well.

LET'S CELEBRATE FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

**Feb 1** Lee Evans

**Feb 2** Danielle Schriver  
Emily Hanson

**Feb 3** Kyle Ancheta  
Alice Jones

**Feb 4** Helen Li

**Feb 5** Evan Schriver

**Feb 8** Randi Corey

**Feb 11** Gabrielle Theriault

**Feb 16** Shirley Pierpoint

**Feb 21** Gabrielle Tang

**Feb 23** Emily Lohnes

**Feb 24** Ronald Hawkes  
Lisa Melanson

**Feb 25** Kylah Lohnes  
Valerie Thompson

**Feb 26** Sarah Beattie

**Feb 27** Ed Corey  
Isaac Dunham

**Feb 28** Judy Corey  
James Monteith



*If you do not see your celebration date and would like it to be added, please contact the office.*



# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>WC = Welcome Centre</b> <b>Par = Parlour</b> <b>FC = Family Centre</b> <b>BR = Board Room</b> <b>Sa = Sanctuary</b>						<b>New Year's Day 1</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Communion &amp; Food Bank</b> 10:30 Worship	<b>3</b> <b>Office Open</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 Grace Mem String Ensemble concert	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10:30 Worship Online	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 Youth Group, gym	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:30 Worship Online	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7 Youth Group, gym	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10:30 Worship Online	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 Congregational Online Meeting, Zoom	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 Youth Group, gym	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:30 Worship TBA	<b>31</b> 					

SMALL GROUP STUDIES & OTHER ACTIVITIES — NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

<b>Sun Jan 9</b>	
Worship service Online	10:30 AM
<b>Fri Jan 14</b>	
Youth Group	7:00 PM
<b>Sun Jan 16</b>	
Worship service Online	10:30 AM
<b>Fri Jan 21</b>	
Youth Group	7:00 PM
<b>Sun Jan 23</b>	
Worship service Online	10:30 AM
<b>Wed Jan 26</b>	
Congregational Meeting Online, Zoom	7:30 PM
<b>Fri Jan 28</b>	
Youth Group	7:00 PM
<b>Sun Jan 30</b>	
Worship service TBA	10:30 AM

**GRACE YOUTH GROUP** — Friday's from 7:00 - 9:00 PM, starting on **Jan 14th**, this high energy community of middle and high school students meet from the beginning of September to Mid-June.

We focus on helping students to think more deeply about what God is saying to us in His Word and helping them to form their own opinions about Christ. New youth are always welcome! Contact Robin Mohle; [robin.mohle@gmail.com](mailto:robin.mohle@gmail.com) or the office for more information.

\* **PLEASE NOTE** due to current Covid restrictions, youth under the age of 12 are not allowed to attend at this time and youth over 12 must be fully vaccinated to attend.

Day/Time	Leader	Meeting Place	Study	Group Participants
Every Monday, starting Jan 10th @ 6:30 PM	Rita Monteith & Janet Howland	Janet's home 60 Harley Ave	TBA	Group is mostly age 50 plus
Every Monday, starting Jan 10th @ 7:30 PM	Kate Thompson	Zoom	Study on the book of Ruth	Group is mostly young professionals (under 40)
Every other Tuesday, starting Jan 10 @ 7:30 PM	Ed Corey	Zoom	Study on 1 Corinthians	Group is mostly age 50 plus

**MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE** — Due to Covid at this time, these music selections are currently all on hold, however please keep them in mind in the future. In the following months, we hope to be able to offer these again and will be sending updates.

**GRACE SENIOR CHOIR** — 7:00 - 8:00 PM on Thursday's, rehearsals in the Choir Room, start date for 2022 TBA. The Grace Senior Choir provides a wonderful opportunity for those who love to sing to become part of Grace's Music Ministry. Open to new members and former members, teen's welcome. Contact the Choir Director, Erma Hawkes; [ehawkes1015@rogers.com](mailto:ehawkes1015@rogers.com), 457-1015.

**GRACE MEMORIAL WINDS & STRINGS** — 10:30 AM on Saturday's, rehearsals in the Sanctuary, start date for 2022 is TBA. If you are musical and are interested in playing your instrument for services with us, please come and join in the fun. Contact Julie Probert; [juliet.probert@yahoo.ca](mailto:juliet.probert@yahoo.ca) or the office.

**Harding Smith Memorial Handbell Choir** — 12:00 PM on Sunday's, rehearsals in the Sanctuary after morning service, start date for 2022 is TBA. If you or anyone you know would be interested in forming a choir, or even learning to play handbells in a group setting mid-week, we are looking for new people. Contact Julie Probert; [juliet.probert@yahoo.ca](mailto:juliet.probert@yahoo.ca) or the office.

**NEW TO GRACE?** If this is your first or second time coming to Grace, welcome! We would love to meet you and get to know you. The pew in front of you should have a yellow Connection Card. Please fill it out and drop it in the one of the offering boxes as you exiting the sanctuary. Check out our website [gracememorial.ca](http://gracememorial.ca) for updates, services and much more.



**WAYS TO GIVE** – Thank you for your faithful giving during this period when many find it difficult. It is a blessing to our Grace Community of Faith.

We currently have four methods of giving:

**AT WORSHIP** — At each of the three doors to the sanctuary, there are offering boxes just inside the room. You can drop your offering into one of those boxes at any worship service.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT** – You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. If you wish to start, contact the office.

**DROP-OFF** – You can bring your offering to the Church Office. Use the Northumberland Street door during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm).

**E-TRANSFER** – Please clearly note in the message section of the e-transfer how much you are directing to particular funds (For example: Current, Missions, Building, Easter). Funds that are not designated will be directed to Current expenses. Send e-transfers to our **Financial Treasurer**, at [treasureratgrace536@gmail.com](mailto:treasureratgrace536@gmail.com).

**CANADA HELPS** - Canada Helps is a registered charity that collects online donations, then passes them on to the charity. Go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org), search for Grace Memorial Baptist. Then follow the instructions to make a donation.

**BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF GRACE;  
A CHRIST-CENTRED MOSAIC**

**MANY PEOPLES – ONE COMMUNITY**

**GRACE WORSHIP & NEWEST PROVINCIAL COVID PRECAUTIONS:** As you may know, the provincial government has brought in new procedures requiring Proof of Vaccination and Mandatory Masking. These policies do apply to our worship gatherings. We are implementing the following in compliance with the provincial government regulations.

- Please use the Welcome Centre doors to enter the building.
- Those age 12 and older will be asked to provide suitable proof of vaccination. The government website reads: "Proof of vaccination may be provided by showing an immunization record or a photograph of an immunization record from a regional health authority clinic, pharmacy or Public Health. New Brunswickers' can also show proof of vaccination by using the [MyHealthNB portal](#). People who have been vaccinated outside the province may provide proof of vaccination from that jurisdiction."
- Masks are required to be worn while in the building, including during the worship service and at children's church.
- Print copies of the monthly Bulletin and weekly Grace Notes are available in the entry to the sanctuary.
- If you are feeling unwell or feeling uncomfortable with in-person events, please avail yourself of the online worship option. You can find the worship live stream service online on our [YouTube channel](#) or watch a recording later.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and prayers through these everchanging times.