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### Special Project #1

Next Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is traditionally the first weekend of the month that we would collect for the Food Bank. Over the next 2 weeks, we are taking up donations for a family of 5, who have 4 children. Their ages range from 2 ½ to 18. They have no food allergies. You can drop off items inside the Northumberland street doors, and the door will be opened when you ring the bell. If you have fresh or frozen items, they will be put in the fridge/freezer. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, these items will be delivered. Thank you for your support!

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#### Greener Village, Fredericton Food Bank

Ph: 459-7461 Email: [director@greenervillage.org](mailto:director@greenervillage.org)

**Hours of operation:** Monday - Friday 8AM-3PM

One of the main purposes of the Food Bank, is to aid in times of a natural disaster, such as the current pandemic. We have adjusted our practices and procedures to provide a safe way to serve you!

- For a pick up, please call ahead and we will instruct you on how to proceed, open week days, 9-3PM. We do not recommend using the public transit, as the new schedule is not in sync with ours.
- Delivery service is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12-3PM but you need to call ahead to schedule it.
- If you have food to drop off, please use the back door, the food will be isolated for the required time but space is limited.
- If you would like to support our mission, donations online is the best option for all of us at this time. To e-transfer [director@greenervillage.org](mailto:director@greenervillage.org) or go to [greenervillage.org/donate](http://greenervillage.org/donate)
- Thank you for your support!

#### **GRACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Pastor of Family Ministries . . . . . Rev Dr Marilyn McCormick  
Pastor of Seniors Visitation . . . . . Rev Scott Dunham  
Organist/Accompanist . . . . . Julie Probert  
Choir Director . . . . . Erma Hawkes  
Office Administrator . . . . . Lisa Melanson

## Grace Memorial Baptist Church

### The Lord's Day

March 29, 2020

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

#### **Songs of Praise and Worship**

"King of Heaven"

"Days of Elijah"

"How Great is Our God"

#### **Prayer**

**Scripture:** Luke 19:11-27

**Message:** "Parable of the Talents"

*Rev. Peter Lohnes*

**Hymn #451** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

#### **Benediction**

"Welcome to Worship, we are so glad you chose to meet God with us today." Those are the words I more often than not use to begin a short note about the weekly message. While we may not be all in the same room this week, I pray you are meeting God with us as we journey together, even while we are apart. This week we continue the Journey from Jericho to Jerusalem as Jesus leaves Jericho and tells a story about the coming of the Kingdom of God and what His followers will do during this period of waiting. As we wait for this season of isolating to pass, we need not simply be sitting and doing nothing. This can be a productive time, spiritually and relationally. This week we consider what God calls us to in seasons of waiting.

**"Building a Community of Faith": "A Christ-Centred Mosaic"**

**"Many Peoples – One Community"**



### What's Happening at Grace? Turns out lots this week!

- ◆ We continue to provide weekly online worship.
- ◆ The online English as a Second Language group is considering breaking into two groups because of their size.
- ◆ Youth group is meeting virtually. This week they did a craft together!
- ◆ The Grace Working Group who are looking at future visioning has begun their weekly gatherings virtually.
- ◆ At least one small group/bible study has started to meet on the Zoom platform.
- ◆ A group of volunteers is calling around the congregation to just offer love and encouragement.
- ◆ The Words from Grace blog should go up in the next few days.
- ◆ We are planning some special activities and events for Holy week and Easter. The more who participate, the better!
- ◆ Keep the submissions coming in for the **WORDS FROM GRACE!** A personal devotional of 100-300 words, for our Grace Church Community of Faith, include a bible verse(s) and why it's special to you in your walk with God during this time of isolation. Email pastor Peter, [pglohnes@yahoo.ca](mailto:pglohnes@yahoo.ca).
- ◆ Look in the bulletin for **special projects 1 & 2** that you can help with over the next 2 weeks.

### Next week is Palm Sunday. Help us Celebrate Together!

**Palm Sunday is a day to praise Jesus our King  
and celebrate God's blessings.**

**Here's something you can do this week to help us celebrate.**

1. Make a paper palm branch or leaf. (One idea, perhaps the easiest way might be to fold a piece of paper in half and then cut out the leaf shape.) Google has lots of great ideas!
2. Write in big **BOLD** letters something you are thankful for or something you want to praise God for.
3. Take a digital picture of it. Send it to us. (Email [gracem@nb.aibn.com](mailto:gracem@nb.aibn.com) or Facebook message us.)
4. We'll put the photos up in a Facebook Album and on our website.



Let's celebrate Jesus together!

### Ways to Give

A few people have asked how to give their offerings while we are not worshipping in person. Here are few options.

- ◆ **Pre-Authorized Debit** – You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to Grace. We have had this option for several years and a many people are using it. If you wish to start, contact the office and we can email you the forms to fill out and walk you through the process if you'd like.
- ◆ **E-Transfer** – You can e-transfer to the church in the same way you might send other e-transfers. Send e-transfers to our church Treasurer, Jim Montieth, at [jamesmontieth@rogers.com](mailto:jamesmontieth@rogers.com).
- ◆ **Canada Helps** - Canada Helps is a registered charity that collects online donations for Canadian charities and then passes them on to the charity. You can go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and search for Grace Memorial Baptist. You will find us listed as Grace Memorial United Baptist Church Inc. Then follow the instructions to make a donation.
- ◆ **Drop-Off** – You can drop off an offering at the church building. Come to the Northumberland Street door during office hours, there will be a donation box in the entry. Ring the bell to enter and leave your envelope in the donation box.
- ◆ **Thank you!**

*Pre-authorized giving only	Week of March 22-28	Actual Giving	Amount Required
<b>Current</b>		<b>\$1,661</b>	<b>\$5,846</b>
<b>Mission</b>		<b>\$244</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Building</b>		<b>\$104</b>	<b>\$212</b>



Please note that people who have dropped off cheques or cash, the tellers will be collecting it and depositing it this week, March 30-April 5. Thank you!

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## April Birthday's

If you would like your birthday or anniversary added, please call the office.

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Apr 1	Carolyn Lovely Susan Randall
Apr 10	Lisa Lohnes
Apr 11	Dora Dunham
Apr 14	Maxine Coyle
Apr 15	Noreen Stairs
<b>Apr 17</b>	<b>Walter Currie 100th</b>
Apr 18	Janet Howland
Apr 20	Alexander Landine
Apr 21	Erma Hawkes
Apr 25	Andrew Hughes
Apr 26	Marilyn McCormick A - Frank & Florence Stokes A - Laurie & Ruth Bishop
Apr 27	Toluwalase Emmanuella Afolabi-Sanni
Apr 28	John Benigno
Apr 30	Richard Akin



**Special project #2: Attached to this email should be an extra PDF, please read it and help us with this surprise!**

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❖ **Prayer Warriors** ❖  
**Prayer Guide March 29 - April 5**

**Please pray for people in hospital and/or at home:**

**DECH:** Gregory Nickerson

**At Home:** Margaret Pollock, Helen Currie, Heather Fletcher-Switzer, James Rankine, Faye Jeffery, Teddy & Claire Randall, Sheila Martin, Norman Johnson, Rose Marie & Paul Patterson, Maureen Arp, Georgie Boldon, Ruth Sherwin

**Shannex:** Dorothy Wilson, Maureen Buckingham, Velma MacDonald

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

**Ste. Anne's Court:** Enide Smith, Lawrence & Ruth Steeves

**Farraline Place:** Phyllis Betts

**Nashwaak Villa:** Glenna Robinson

**Windsor Court:** Eileen Wallace, Dora Dunham

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**If you would like to send a card or gift to someone in the hospital, they are allowing cards and items to be dropped off to patients. Go to the front desk. It does need to be put in a sealed package (ziplock bag is fine) with the patients information.**

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## CBM Prayer Line

For more information, you can catch up with CBM online.

[www.cbmin.org/prayerline/](http://www.cbmin.org/prayerline/)

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**The Waddell's** – In the Philippines, people have suffered many calamities in recent months and now they face a rising health crisis that has the potential to overwhelm their medical capacities. We pray especially for Capiz Emmanuel Hospital in Roxas City, the mission

hospital of the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches in Capiz province. As they provide medical care, please use them and their efforts to heal those who are sick. Many hospital staff are unable to return to their homes after their shifts because of enhanced community quarantines throughout the province, but we know that you are Jehovah Jireh (the Lord will provide) so we ask that, through the generosity of your people, you will provide for the needs of these workers, such as food and shelter.

We also pray for our partner in ministry, Kabuganaan Philippines Ministries (KPM) and the Capiznon (Kasapulan) Baptist Churches Inc. (CKBC). We pray for Rev. Job & Phoebe Santiago, as they provide leadership during these challenging times. We are thankful for the local church in Capiz, and ask that you inspire them as they seek to be salt and light in the midst of these uncertain times. Most churches in the Philippines do not have the ability to broadcast worship services on the internet, so we pray that you will guide pastors and church leaders as they look for ways to minister and connect with their congregations and communities.

Finally, we ask for prayers for us and our family. It is not easy during the best of days to be so far away from family and loved ones, and especially now during this time of pandemic. We pray for protection for us, as well as all CBM Field Staff around the world. Resting in the comforting arms of the Father, the compassion of the Son, and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Leadership Development** – Strong and capable leaders are needed in our churches, now more than ever. We're committed to walking with and helping our leaders live up to their calling as they lead in our churches and neighbourhoods. Pray that God will continue to raise up leaders to lead well, and follow His calling, His way. Encourage and lift them up by emails, cards, or a quick phone call.

**Churches to pray for** – Westport Baptist Church, Westport, NS; for Rev. Emmanuel Mutale.