

Today`s bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Edgar David Adams**

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From Marina and family

February 12, 2012

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**Organ Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Introit:** Jesus, Stand Among Us 396

**Prayer of Approach:** (unison) (See back of bulletin)

**Opening Prayer:** (responsive)

L: Come and catch your breath.

**P: We can really come and take a "time out"? We are allowed to slow down and rest?**

L: Come and breathe.

**P: We can really come and slow our hurried rush? We are allowed to take the time to become?**

L: Come and inhale the breath of life.

**P: We can really come and concentrate on life's rhythms? We are allowed to be inspired by the Divine?**

L: Come and exhale the tensions and tasks of living.

**P: We breathe in God's grace; we exhale our pain. We breathe in God's grace; we exhale our pain. We breathe in Christ's promises; we exhale our brokenness. We breathe in the Spirit's insight; we exhale our preconceptions.**

L: Come; let us catch our breath in the timelessness of prayer:

**P: God who breathes life into our souls, who takes our everyday struggles and transforms us, incarnate your hope within us that we might grow in wisdom and in faith, that we might become ever more your disciples, that we might walk in your Way. Amen.**

**Hymn:** Come In, Come In and Sit Down



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**Time with the Children:**

**Hymn:** We Shall Overcome Some Day

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
We shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.**

The Lord will see us through, The Lord will see us through,  
The Lord will see us through someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We are not afraid today.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
We shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We shall live in peace someday.

**Offertory Invitation:** (unison)

Where we see scarcity, you see abundance, O God. Where we see limits, you see possibility. Where we see endings, you see beginnings. Where

we doubt, you bring hope. Open our hearts, Gracious God, to know gratitude for your abundance in our lives, and to share hope and abundance with others, as we offer the gift of ourselves and the work of our hands.

**Offering:**

**Offertory Hymn:** Spirit of Life 381

**Offertory Dedication:**

We give thanks that we can befriend people we have never met through the offerings we bring today. We ask your blessings upon these gifts. Send them out into the world with a message of hope and love, a message that you are a friend who is always near, and offering new beginnings. Amen.

**Hebrew Scripture:** 2 Kings 5: 1-14  
Commander Naaman is healed of leprosy by Elisha

**Responsive Psalm:** Psalm 30 757



**Anthem:** Everywhere I Go

**Gospel:** Mark 1: 40-45  
A leper begs to be healed and proclaims the news

**Solo:** He Turned The Water Into Wine Emily Nolan

**Meditation:**

**Prayer of Confession:** (unison)

God of birth, God of Love, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the Life you set among us. Forgive us Gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and our hands to share with all humanity, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Words of Assurance:**

God made us; we are creatures made in the image of the Divine. Christ has redeemed us; we are a people forgiven and blessed, the Holy Spirit sustains us; to be open to the future with confidence and hope. Be assured that whenever we confess in the name of Christ, God is there to bless and guide us.

**Communion Hymn:** Eat This Bread and Never Hunger 471

Sacrament of Holy Communion

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Sanctus and Benedictus (sung)**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power of life and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.



**Lord's Prayer:**

**Statement of Faith:** We Are Not Alone 918

**Institution Narrative  
Distribution of the Elements**

**Post Communion Prayer (unison)**

For the bread we have eaten, for the juice we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you, God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here may so put its mark upon us that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may become mature Christians that ours may be a faith which issues into action; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** There Is a Balm in Gilead 612

**Commissioning:**

Jesus says that you are the light of the world. Let your light so shine that people around you will be moved by the good things you do to give God glory. May the grace of God, who made the light, the love of Christ, who is the true light come into the world, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whose light shines within us, be with you today, tomorrow, and always. Amen.

**Choral Benediction: My Peace**

**Organ Postlude:**

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- Usher in Charge:** Barry Cutler
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- Ushers:** Bill and Cindy Pike Sandra Thistle  
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***The United Church reaches out to all ages through Mission and Service. Here is a story from Kevin J. Bourque, Protestant Ecumenical Chaplain at the University of New Brunswick.***

What an exciting year of campus ministry here at the University of New Brunswick! In response to the ever-challenging question of how to make this ministry relevant for university students, we decided to move in a radical new direction.

For many, a campus ministry office can be a daunting place to visit, so we took the chaplain to someplace more comfortable—the university pub. “Thursdays on Tap!” was a pleasant success as students from across the campus became regular participants.

We also responded to students’ high levels of stress by offering the “Student Exam-time Stress Buster Social.” Phew, that’s a mouthful! In the middle of exams, we offered a timeout with free food, conversation with the chaplain, and a chance to take a break from the stress of studying. It was a huge success because it gave us an excellent opportunity to meet hundreds of students, learn about their experiences, and talk with them about campus ministry! Really exciting!

The weekly gathering and exam-time social were only two aspects of a Christian ministry that is visible, compassionate, and present. In the coming years, we will continue to provide diverse and imaginative ways of drawing students to campus ministry and ultimately to God!

This ministry continues to thrive thanks to United Church Mission and Service. We are abundantly grateful that you support student ministry with your Mission and Service gifts!



	<u>Weekly Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>
Today	Nursery and Sunday School	
Monday	Yoga	9:30 am
	Intercultural Study Group	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Singing Group	10:00 am
	Youth Choir	7:00 pm
	Men's Choir	8:00 pm
	Guitar Group	11 – 12:30 am
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:30 pm
Saturday	Youth Group	7:00 pm

### Coffee Hour

Join us following the worship service for coffee and refreshments. The coffee hour is being hosted by St. James Senior Choir. All are welcome!

**The AOTS Men's Club** will hold its next dinner meeting on February 15 at 5:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. David Vardy who has had a distinguished career in public policy. He will speak on the Muskrat Falls project. Any member of the congregation who would like to attend this presentation can contact Les Dean at 753-3994 or David Hapgood at 576-4075 by February 16 to accommodate meal preparation.

### Valentine's Day Tea... Escasoni Ministry



There will be a time of fellowship after the Escasoni service on Tuesday, February 14 from 3 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Room at St. James United. This is a small way to say thank you to those who volunteer with the ministry at Escasoni. If you have been involved in any way with this ministry (carol sing, monthly worship, etc.) please come along for a cup of tea and conversation. For more information contact Rev. Pamela at the church office.

**Pancake Supper** – Tuesday, Feb 21 at 5 p.m. Cost is \$5.00/ children \$3.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. Don't be disappointed! Get your tickets now!



### 2012 Go Project

Youth ages 14-19 are reminded to contact Susan if they are interested in participating in this year's Go Project.

### Memorial Fund

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Nina Hatcher* from the following:

Verico East Coast Mortgage Brokers Inc.                      Doug Bursej

### Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund

We acknowledge a donation in memory of *Bethany Pike and Olive Pike* from Karen Pike and Jeremy Squires.

### PAR Cards – Pre Authorized Remittance

Persons using the PAR Program are reminded that there are special cards available to be used during the collection of the offering. (Please check with one of the ushers or the church office)

**Memorial University Chaplaincy presents:** "As We Forgive" ... can mercy restore what genocide destroyed? This is a powerful documentary based on the search for reconciliation in the aftermath of the Rwandan Genocide. (More information about this movie is available at [www.asweforgivemovie.com](http://www.asweforgivemovie.com).) 6:30 p.m. Sunday, 12 February at St. John's Chapel (School of Social Work Building). All are welcome. Admission is Free, and so is parking! For more information on this and other University Chaplaincy events, please visit: [www.mun.ca/chaplaincy](http://www.mun.ca/chaplaincy)

**World Day of Prayer - Let Justice Prevail** – Worship service will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Queen's Road on March 2 at 7 p.m. (The service was written by women of Malaysia)

### Congregational Meeting

A meeting will be held on February 19 following the worship service to discuss replacement of the shingles on the church roof and the annex.