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Vision Statement

A vibrant, inclusive community of faith striving to live Jesus' message of love and hope and promise of new life.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(▲ indicates standing if you are able)

Gathering Music

The Life and Work of the Faith Community

Lighting the Christ Candle

Sung Meditation ***Come and Find the Quiet Centre #374***

***Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead;
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.***

▲ Call to Worship

L: Young or old, slow or fast; tall or small, know-it-alls or eager learners:

P: Wonder of wonders! God has called each of us here.

L: Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped with age;
bright-eyed, smooth skinned, leapers of two steps at a time:

P: Wonder of wonders! Each of us is made in God's image.

L: Parents volunteering at school, kids playing tag,
workers stocking shelves, retirees planning a trip:

P: Wonder of wonders! God works through each of us.

**All: Come, let us worship God who invites us
into discipleship and ministry!**

(Adapted from Thom Shuman)

▲ Opening Hymn ***Teach Me God to Wonder #299***

Opening Prayer (together): **It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands. It doesn't matter how suspicious we are of you, you remove our fears with your compassion, and you accept us for who we are. It doesn't matter how often we ignore your words, you whisper to us until our ears tingle with anticipation and we follow you. Amen.**

(Adapted from Thom Shuman)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture 1 Samuel 3: 1-10
A Time for All Ages
▲ Hymn ***Shout for God #246***
Scripture John 1: 43-51
Romans 16:1-6
Reflection Discipleship and Discipline ~ Part 1
Reflective Music
Ministry of Music *Lead Me Lord (Wesley/arr. Holler)*

RESPONDING TO GOD IN LOVE

▲ A New Creed **together p918**
▲ Hymn ***Jesus Calls Us #562***
Minute for Mission
The Offering and ▲ Offering Song:
***Grant us God, the grace of giving
with a spirit large and free
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.***
▲ Prayer of Dedication
Lord, Listen to your Children Praying #400
Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer page 921

GOING OUT IN CHRIST'S SPIRIT

▲ Closing Hymn ***I, the Lord of Sea & Sky #509***
▲ Commissioning and Benediction
▲ Song of Dismissal ***Go Make a Difference***
***Go make a diff'ence, we can make a diff'ence
Go make a diff'ence in the world.
Go make a diff'ence, we can make a diff'ence
Go make a diff'ence in the world.***

Postlude

Today's bulletin is dedicated in celebration of our granddaughters Abigail & Sarah Brownell who turned 9 on Saturday January 14th.
Love from Nana Pat and Granddad Roy Nordin

The sanctuary is equipped with a **Hearing Aid Loop System**.
You may need to **set your hearing aid to T** to take advantage.

There are **Children's Activity Bags** under the Welcome Table
at the back of the sanctuary to keep little ones occupied during the service.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning.

Please **sign the book** in the foyer, visit our **Welcome Table**, and join us for refreshments in the Social Room after service.

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9 - noon. (454-0508)

Catherine can be reached at reverendcatherinemacdonald@gmail.com or at home for Pastoral Care emergencies 444-9052

In Our Thoughts and Prayers: Ken & Bernice Peach, Nancy Russell, Ron Herold, Gerald Harpell, Rev Jim Martell, Chris Amirault, Myra Freeborne, Shirley Daisley, Beth Ralston, Bruce Nickerson, Gwendolyn Daine, Marjorie Grant, Carla Gauvin, Sarah Pineo, John and Zita Murphy, Nancy Hayter

United Memorial gratefully acknowledges a **memorial gift**

In memory of parents Edith & Garfield Peach, daughter Heather Misener, mother-in-law Helen Casey, Gordon Shute, special dad Ernie Wilkes and Ruthie MacBride
from Ken and Bernice Peach.

The Life and Work of our Faith Community – January 15, 2012

Please pick up your Church Offering Envelopes for 2012 from the Information Table in the Social Room. Any questions regarding 2012 envelopes please contact Ken Grandmaison 462-7652.

“Re-Claiming the Bible For A Non-Religious World” Catherine is offering an **on-line study group** using the book named above; it is available from Chapters both as a print book and an e-book. The link to the book through Chapters is: <http://www.chapters.indigo.ca/books/Re-Claiming-Bible-Non-Religious-John-S-Spong/9780062011282/item.html?ikwid=john+spong&ikwsec=Home>

I have set up a restricted network, so content is not public, but you have to **let me know so that I can invite you to join**. This is a new venture for me; I have taken on-line courses but not led anything, so I/we will be learning the 'how to' as we go. I think the general format will be a chapter a week, with questions posed and responses invited, and since I haven't read the book, a good time to start would be the 1st week in February.

This is not restricted to folks from United Memorial, so if you have friends who you think would be interested, **please pass this information on** to them. If you have questions etc., please ask Catherine.

UCW Unit 4 will meet at Blanche Creighton's at **12:30** on Wednesday **January 18th**.

The Men's Breakfast will be held this **Saturday January 21st** at the Steak & Stein on Young Street in Halifax at **8:30am** for a time of food and fellowship. All men are welcome.

The **first Card & Games Social of 2012** will take place in the Social Room from **12:30 – 3pm** on **Saturday January 21st**.

Committee Chairs: please submit your **Annual Reports** to the church office by **January 31st** so the report can be collated, sent to the printer, and distributed by mid-February. The Annual Meeting is slated for February 26.

Community Announcements – January 15, 2012

“Evangelism for Non-Evangelicals” an online Continuing Education Opportunity from Atlantic School of Theology. Registration deadline is Jan. 31st. Find details at: <http://www.astheology.ns.ca/UpcomingEvents.html>

Summer Employment: Thinking about summer? Want to spend July & August in a leadership role at a UCC accredited camp? Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp is accepting applications for summer staff positions ~ due by January 16th. Further information and the application form are online at: http://www.campkidston.com/jobs_volunteers.htm

Public Lecture: Dementia and End of Life Care - Planning Now for the Future, **Tuesday, January 31st, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**, Shirley Burnstein Hall, **2615 Northwood Terrace**. Featuring Guest Speakers: Dr. Paige Moorhouse & Dr. Laurie Mallery. Everyone welcome. For more information call 422-7961. January is Alzheimer Awareness Month.