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BRIGHTER DAYS ARE HERE! SHARE YOUR JOY!

Seasons come and seasons go, so make the best of it.



Have you looked outside lately? Even as I write this article, the sun is shining so brightly. This is a reminder that like the flowers, it time for us to blossom, wear your smiles and greet someone warmly and share your joy people... the joy of the Lord is your strength. Most importantly, let them know how special they are; blessed and wonderfully made by God (Psalm 139:14).

**Remember you can only give what you have - so give joy, a helping hand and the good news of Christ kingdom. Let only goodness flow from you.
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

It is simple, just let someone know that God loves them and has great plans for them (Jeremiah 29:11).

We now have a huge opportunity to make a difference and impact community with grace and mercy. As we begin to meet friends and family in BBQ gatherings, taking a walk, bicycle riding and visiting the parks make every conversation count; let your words be seasoned with salt as stated in Colossians 4:6 *“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one”*.

Be intentional about speaking life-given words and full of hope. Extend an invitation to your church community and let Christ do the rest.

Remember you are the light of the world and Matthew 5:16 says

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and. ... that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven).

The true light shining on our community is you so turn it on. Our community outreach could gain great momentum this way. God bless you immensely.

Pastor Gabriel Araba.

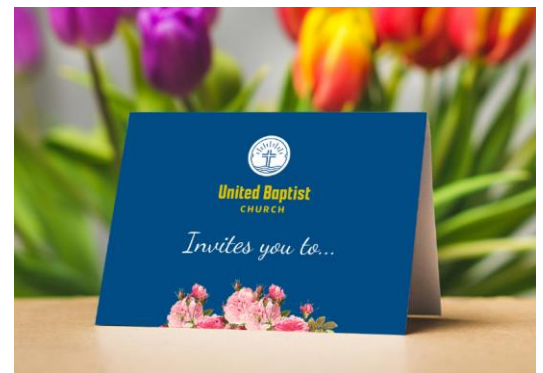
SUNDAY SERVICE VIA ZOOM PLATFORM, YOUTUBE & IN-PERSON

Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am on the zoom platform and in-person service as well. Please be a part of this amazing time. Please watch the recording later on YouTube - Search United Baptist Channel.

All safety precautions will continue to be observed and we can look forward to an awesome time, every Sunday.

Please join online church services using the Zoom link below. Zoom link details:

Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!





UBC members extend their congratulations to all graduates at Sault College and Algoma University, for the 2020/21.

Graduation calls for celebration of achievement, resilience, hard work and perseverance. It's a time to celebrate answered prayers and a time to look forward to many possibilities in the future.

Special mention for our members- Nicole (Honours), Nicy, Sharon and Saumia (Honours). Congratulations! We are proud of you and wish you all the best for the future.



UBC YOUNG ADULTS – Career Talk- June 2021

Young adults met via zoom on Friday, June 25 from 7pm to 8pm.

Topics of discussion included Getting into the workplace, thriving in the workplace and seeking new opportunities.

Teni facilitated group discussions on how to look for a job; steps towards securing a desired outcome and UBC's prayers and support for young adults.

The next career talk will focus on writing the right resumes. Discussions around this in the month of July.

Nicole Rahaman on Soo Today

Nicole and her daughter Celina, were recently featured in Soo today. In the article, Nicole is recognized as a honours graduate of Project Management from Sault College.

Nicole expressed her appreciation for UBC, Sault College; most especially God's divine support for her and her family during a difficult time.

We celebrate you Nicole! We hope to see you back in the Soo, soon!

Nicole joined UBC in November 2020 and has now moved to Toronto, with plans to travel home to Trinidad and Tobago in July. Nicole and her husband, Brentt, still attend service online every Sunday.



To read the full article, click on this link- <https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/no-in-person-graduation-ceremony-but-these-college-students-excelled-3872639>



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We would like to thank Rod and Roger for their hard work and dedication setting up the audio-visual department and equipment.

We are immensely grateful!

COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE - JULY 2021



Communion Sunday Service on July 4, 2021. Please don't miss it. Please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. We would have Pastor Gabriel pray for the bread and wine. Please prepare your heart as well.

SPECIAL THANKS



We would like to thank every member the young adult group for an historic step taken to anchor two Sunday services back to back on June 13th and 20th, 2021. It was a indeed a great experience for us as a church and sign of greater things ahead.

Thanks to all that participated especially to Anett Joseph, Nicy Biju, Kathy Tumuhairwe and Romi.

We would have a taste of this from time to time. Watch out!

Our deep appreciation also goes out to Jaque and Owen for sharing the sermon during this time. They were very inspirational and a huge blessing.



It was March 17th, 2020, when the Premier declared a State of Emergency for the Province of Ontario and every aspect of life *as we knew it* - forever changed.

Not that anyone's counting, but that was 470 days or - *put another way* - 1 year, 3 months and 18 days ago as of June 30, 2021. And, it is only in recent weeks, with Covid numbers falling and vaccinations increasing, as the province *slowly awakens* from shutdowns, Public Health protocols and restrictions, that possibilities of actual *Good Mornings* and Days are far more likely.

Ever cognizant and vigilant of Algoma Public Health Guidelines and Requirements, your Board of Deacons and Board of Management have continued to meet monthly via the safety of Zoom and express gratitude that such technology and options have been available to us.

Following are some highlights of those meetings:

- With the great strides regarding Covid numbers being made in the province, the **Personnel Committee** is looking to safely resume **in person interviews** for church staff - Office Secretary, Bookkeeper and Project Coordinator.
Alternative - *at no cost* - areas for posting the positions are further being sourced.
- Current **deficit** is approximately -\$9,000 to -\$10,000 with expenditures **covered** by funds in the current account.
- **Thank you** to the **Young Adult Group** for capably leading worship on two consecutive Sundays - June 13th and 20th while Pastor Gabriel was taking some vacation time.
- With the opening of the economy (Phase One COVID re-opening and soon Phase 2), *upon request*, outside groups are being given permission and beginning to use the church building once again, always in accordance with Provincial Guidelines, APH requirements and established UBC COVID protocols.
- Increasing the church's **WiFi bandwidth** is being explored to support Live Streaming.
- As there are issues with **floor** in the main floor **accessible washroom**, its replacement will be overseen by the **Property Committee**. THANKS!

Watch for these informative articles to come in the July issue:

- Currie McPhail June meeting highlights by Verna Scott.
- A report on the business aspects of Spring Assembly and upcoming events.

Spring Assembly of the Northern Associations

On Saturday, May 29th, 2021, The **Northern Association of Baptist Churches** again held its Spring Assembly and AGM by **Zoom**. This marks the **second year in a row**, that the COVID -19 Pandemic has kept this assembly from congregating in the Sault -at The United Baptist Church.

Following the 9:30am welcome by **Moderator Dick Blackwell**, a Devotional by **Pastor Gabriel** and a time of Praise and Worship, attendees were afforded the opportunity to choose between 3 **Breakout Rooms**.

Representing UBC as delegates were Pastor Gabriel, Rod Stone and Steph Hattie. Pastor Gabriel's and Steph's reports follow - **Rod's on Technology will be in the July Issue**.



Discussions on **LGBT+** matters within the Baptist churches occurred and was led by Pastor Patrick Garret of Immanuel Baptist Church, Blind River.

These spotlighted ways to move forward, considering the recent exit of Elliot Lake from CBOQ. How can our churches stay Christ-loving and welcoming without being judgmental? Taking into account the impact of other stakeholders: Human Rights organizations, community and the government may have about churches who refuse to make accommodations, and Pastors who have LGBT+ members within their own family circle. While **CBOQ does not support the LGBTQ+ lifestyle**, a committee will be looking into how member churches may choose to approach the matter individually.

Our approach is to love our neighbour and live our lives as guided by the word of God. We will find wisdom in His word - **Pastor Gabriel**.

Prioritizing Church Unity in COVID Controversies.

This session, led by Pastor Stephen Speer of New Liskeard First Baptist and Rev. Kevin Serviss of Sudbury - First Baptist, focused on the differing points of view of individuals, groups, families and church families in regards to the mandated pandemic protocols, and how to maintain church (and family) unity in the light of these often, **hot-button issues**.



As an example of the challenges, one attendee to the session *reported that his father had already had his first dose, and his mother **would not** be getting one at all!*

The final consensus was to diligently and in prayer - try to see the other person's point of view- whether it related to the *wearing of masks, social distancing, getting the vaccine, the safety of the vaccine, medical and emotional concerns, sanitizing, or that the pandemic was even a true situation*, with compassion and respect, fully recognizing that it was not an issue that would easily be resolved. - **Steph Hattie**.

We look forward to actually hosting an **In Person Spring Assembly, May 27-28, 2022**.

Hopefully - Third time's a Charm!

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Saturday, November 13, 2021

To raise funds for Missions both locally and beyond our community, a **Fall Sale** will be held with a variety of items available: craft and gift items, preserves, baking, as well as other prepared foods and snacks.

Help us support special Mission projects in India, the Congo, and Ontario in collaboration with CBOQ's Baptist Women's Division and Canadian Baptist Ministries. In addition, during the past year *and in our own community*, we were able to support **summer camp programs** for children from low income families, assist **Helping Hands** in keeping their doors open, and donated to **United Way** (food security and community assistance programs) and **Christmas Cheer**.

Looking ahead, we hope that individuals will consider **sharing their talents** and **donate items** for the Sale (e.g., craft items, jewelry, gift baskets, handmade cards, jams, preserves, knit and sewn items, baking and of course, the ever so popular and always in demand, **Scrubbies!**

Some of us are already hard at work!

Ontario COVID guideline permitting, we may also be looking for **volunteers for work sessions** in advance of the Sale e.g., cutting and packaging squares, making chili, and Dipped Pretzel Rods.

Keep an eye and ear on alert for announcements of upcoming events as allowed.

Just a note:

For a second year now, UBC's Women **will not** be hosting the Annual Christmas Brunch. It is our sincere hope and wish, that this popular event will be able to return in 2022.

Susan Van Atte - Brunch Committee Chair



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