



**REKINDLING THE SOUL AND SPIRIT!**



The world has been through so much in the last year or two. Many questions have been asked and many different answers have been provided, yet the confidence of the people still dwindles. Everyone needs to feel safe and secured and our humanity requires constant refreshing and to recover from the wear and tear of life. This is hard to find anywhere else apart from turning back to our source of life and wellbeing. Many people's heart, soul and spirit need rekindling and only the joy of the Lord can truly bring the resuscitation we so crave. Our souls and spirits require rejuvenation that only God's presence can bring.

See Psalm 16:11 "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

Have you ever wondered why that the only time man began to be in need was when he left God's presence in the garden of Eden? We were created to derive our fulfilment from God's presence and fellowship in righteous lives and obedience to God. The farther we go away from God the more famished our souls become.

**Looking around for solutions reveals reasons to worry, looking down and seeing what is not working generates more anxiety and discouragement, looking up to Christ Jesus secures our future with joy and fulfilment."**



We find inspiration and encouragement from His word. Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is lamp unto my feet and light to my path" The more we chase after His will the more our relationship deepens and the more, we find peace in this tumultuous world. God is Good and life in Him is good.

**Mathew 11:28 "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."** Rest and restoration are promised in Christ Jesus. This is the truth that humanity seeks, and it is time to admit it. Please join the Bible study and Prayer Call on Thursdays at 6:30pm at the United Baptist Church, your soul and spirit is guaranteed to be rekindled and refreshed by the bread, water, and spirit of God Almighty. I pray today that you will be exempted from the burden and undue pressure of the world. May your soul and Spirit find true Joy and rejuvenation that only Christ Jesus can bring. God bless you and stay immensely blessed. Always remember that you are highly favoured. Pastor Gabriel Araba



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**HEARTS OF GOLD**

Lois and Richard Houghton have been neighbours and friends of the United Baptist Church for over 30 years. They probably know the environment better than many of us. We are immensely grateful for their caring hearts, keen eyes and many services rendered to benefit the church. Recently, they also helped to improve the look of the



church's storage shed. The Houghtons have shown us that every effort counts to move our church forward and making it welcoming for everyone. They have become very good friends with Pastor Gabriel and many people at the UBC. We are so happy and are all smiles. God bless the Houghton family.

Bentley, their Dog, is just the cutest ever 😊.



**HURRAY! UBC HIRED MEGHAN .....AS SECRETARY!**

It has been a long time coming since we have been praying and the personnel committee working relentlessly. Thanks to the keen eyes and Grace given to them to spot Meghan and find her to be the best fit for the position.

Meghan has been a contributor to the United Baptist Family, helping out whenever she was called upon. You might have seen her sometimes, helping with Church yard work, serving coffee or doing audiovisuals and more. We are happy to introduce her as our new Church Secretary. Meghan is a young and definitely multitasking lady, and she sings while at her desk.

Please welcome **Meghan Dalphy** to the United Baptist Church family.

**Covenanting Service**

**CANADIAN SHIELD REGIONAL COUNCIL**



Pastor Gabriel Araba joined many other ministers from across Sault Ste. Marie in welcoming **Willowgrove United Church's** New Minister, **(Rev.) Dr. Hati Mvundura** at his **Covenanting Service**, Sunday September 19th, 2021, 2:30pm, an in-person service at Willowgrove United Church. UBC celebrates with the Willowgrove Church family in welcoming him and pray for Grace and effectiveness in their ministry together.



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**You are invited to the Lord's Table**

*Communion Sunday Service on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please don't miss it. Communion elements are provided for the in-person attendees. We implore online attendees to please prepare your own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel would pray for the bread and wine. Most importantly, please prepare your heart as well. God bless you.*

**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 are observed and we can look forward to an awesome time, every Sunday.

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

**Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!**

**Praise & Prayer**

To help care for the spiritual growth and soul revitalization of our family and friends. We have scheduled Thursday evenings as a time to Reactivate, Refresh and Revive in the spirit and Soul.

We are looking to forward to **Praise and Prayer time to First and Last Thursdays** of the Month beginning at 6:30pm to 7:30pm. **Other Thursdays of the Month are Bible Study Evenings.**

Please, plan, pray, prepare, and invite others to attend. This is a great opportunity for our church to:

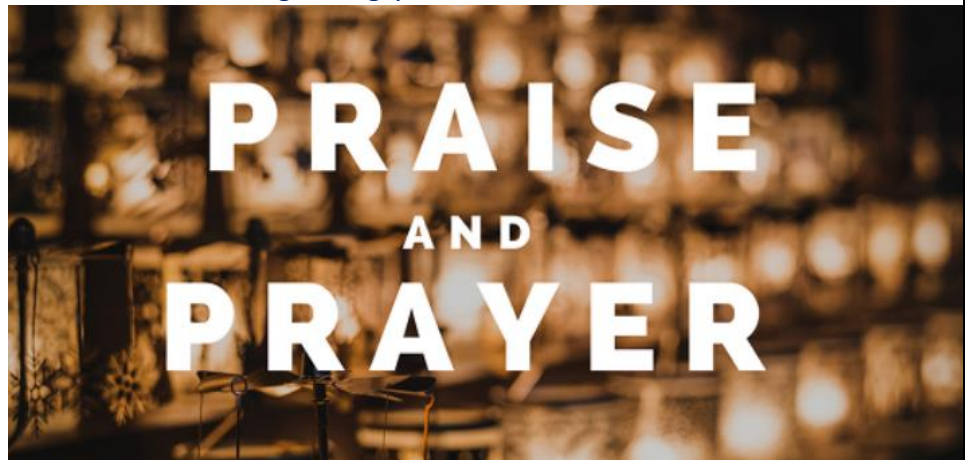
1. Stay connected with the Living word of God, which is **food for our Soul, Spirit and Light for us** which we require to grow effectively. Get Divine Wisdom and Understanding from God's word. Get Recharged and Activated by God's Spirit towards fulfilling your God-giving Purpose.

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." and John 6:35 "Then Jesus declared, **"I am the bread of life.** Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

2. This allows us to **be strong** and stay **in touch with God's Will**. James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

**Remember, A Praying and Praising Church is a Victorious Church!**

God Bless you all.  
Pastor Gabriel Araba







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**In other News, October 2021**



With November, and Remembrance Day, just around the corner, we are reminded of- *and honour* - the unimaginable sacrifices that have given us this country, Canada, to call home- never forgetting what a **privilege it is to be a Canadian.**

While the past almost two years have required a different kind of sacrifice, the end result has remained the same  
**- the privilege it is to be a Canadian.**

Some highlights of continuing monthly meetings via Zoom of your **Board of Deacons and Board of Management.**

- Our annual **Service of Remembrance** will be held on November 7th, during the Sunday Worship service with **Clifford Graham** participating in the service
- Motion passed to hire **Meghan Dalphy** as the new church secretary. **Welcome Meghan!**
- **Girl Guide Troop #14** is now using UBC for weekly Wednesday evening meetings.
- Items are being collected and ordered for **Welcome Packages** for newcomers.
- Thanks to **Lois & Richard Houghton** for the much needed staining of the exterior shed.
- Thanks to **Jacqueline Correa & Owen Dempster** for decorating the church sanctuary for Thanksgiving.
- Following final revisions, the **church Website** is expected to launch in the next few weeks.
- **Income statement** for the period ending September 30, 2021 reported Total Revenues of \$93,040 and Total Expenditures of \$91,937 leaving a Net Income of \$1,103.53. \$16,248 in CBOQ grants were received in 2021 with expenditures to occur in 2022 due to a delay in the Outreach Project.
- **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer** is Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Check the CBOQ Baptist Women's Division website at [www.baptistwomen.com](http://www.baptistwomen.com) for more details.
- With the increasing use of e-transfers for **offerings** as well as many opting for monthly or quarterly, rather than weekly envelope donations, many of our church family have excess unused envelopes. With the cost of new envelopes being substantial, *as a savings measure*, **no additional envelopes will be ordered** for 2022. To ensure that donations are properly recorded, please use any unused envelopes- *simply change the date, the important part, is that your number remains the same.* *Anyone not having excess envelopes can contact the office, and they will be provided.*
- A Subcommittee of **Sandra Lyons, Charlotte Mandolesi, Susan Van Atte, and Pastor Gabriel** met with **Anett Joseph (Project Co-ordinator)** discussing where to begin, what to start with and how to partner with other organizations. Our **Outreach Programs** are to begin January 2022.



An official **Federal printed and laminated** copy of your **vaccine passport** is available from the office of our **MP- Ross Romano**. You can visit his office on **Elgin Street** *across the street from the Fabricland parking lot*, or call ahead, **705-949-6959** and it will be prepared for you **FREE OF CHARGE.** *Easy peazy!*



**October Meeting of the Currie McPhail Mission Circle**



The Circle of Women met at the church in-person on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 12, 2021.

**Grace Araba** was welcomed back to Canada, and she gave a devotional on “**Perseverance**” citing Biblical references and examples from her own experiences, demonstrating how God is always with us. She spoke about taking time for God in our busy lives, looking to Him for help, and He will provide.

Following a brief business meeting, the women discussed and planned for the upcoming

**November 13<sup>th</sup> Sale for Missions.**

***Save the Date. Spread the word about the Sale and encourage friends to attend.***

- Susan Van Atte



It's simply a fact - *any successful event is the result of detailed planning and dedicated preparation.*

**Here's what you need to know to help make that happen.**

- With lifting Covid restrictions we are planning the return sale of our very popular **Squares**. Square **cutting and packaging** will take place **Monday, Nov.8th at 9:30am**. **UNCUT** squares can be brought to the church on Sunday Nov. 7th or Mon. the 8th, **by 9:30** Please contact **Steph Hattie (705-254-6520)** if you are bringing squares and can help. Be sure to use **parchment paper** to line you pans- **makes a big difference!** A detailed **red printout** for Squares is available from the office - **Meghan (705-253-8073)**
- As outside groups have use of the church until Wednesday evening, all **preserves, crafts, or other items** can be brought **Thurs., Nov. 11th from 9:30am-3pm** and left on the **kitchen island**
- To have it at its freshest, please bring **baking** (other than squares) on **Friday** morning.
- **Set up** for the Brunch Sale will take place, **Friday, November 12th - 9:30am to noon**. Please contact **Susan Van Atte (705-882-1369)** if you can be there to help.



If you haven't had the chance to “fill a virtual bottle” yet this year, there is still time! It's super easy – just go to their website: [www.algoma.pregnancy.com](http://www.algoma.pregnancy.com) and click on the **Baby Bottle** campaign banner to donate online using your credit card. Other options are to E-transfer, or you can send a cheque to The Pregnancy Centre 177 McDougald Street Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6A 3A9.

They are selling Poinsettias for Christmas again. Pre-order by calling the office or sending an e-mail to them

-Verna Scott



**Taking the temperature of our church - Rod Stone - Board of Deacons" Chair.**

The fifth in a series where we will discuss fifteen questions proposed by the Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec (CBOQ) in the topic '**Taking the temperature of your church**', part of the series Revitalizing Small Churches.

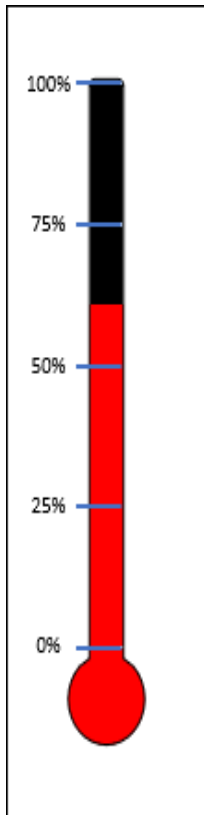
The statements that the Deacons' Board discussed at the October meeting, as follows:

***My church is unified in the type of worship style in our worship services.***

When I think back two years ago, our worship services and worship style was structured. We had to have just the right number of hymns at just the right time, a prelude to prayer, and everything to order. Was it necessarily a bad thing? Yes, and no. It didn't allow for a free flow to the worship service. I thought about this recently and how far we have come. I will openly state that I very much like a free flowing, unstructured worship style. I enjoy watching people standing, clapping, and praising God during our songs. I have not heard any objections. Am I deaf? Are we unified in our current worship style?

***My church's worship services are multigenerational, interactive, and prayerful.***

We certainly are multigenerational; however, you are only as old as you feel, am I right? Our worship service, at least in person, is interactive and our pastor leads us in prayer throughout the service. In contrast to two years ago I would confirm that the statement above does fit our church. Where we may improve is praying for or with the pastor before the worship service.



Sault Ste. Marie and area packed **1,542 shoeboxes** last year. Although this number is lower than past years. it still represents 1,542 Gospel Opportunities. Pick up date at our church is **Sunday November 15 this year**. There is a display in the basement for you to pick up and do a shoebox.

Or you can **pack your shoeboxes online** and follow your boxes at [PackaBox.ca](http://PackaBox.ca).

Please let me (705.777.3053) know if you do it online or donate online so you can be included in our total.

-Verna Scott

**Audiovisuals-Successful Launch of the UBC Zoom live Stream:**

This is to deeply appreciate the Audiovisual team for a successful launch of the zoom live stream. We are immensely grateful to God for the dedication and commitment of the team.

