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Genesis 1:26-31

All people are equal before God. No one is more special than the other

Todas las personas son iguales ante Dios. Nadie es más especial que el otro.

Todas as pessoas são iguais perante Deus. Ninguém é mais especial que o outro

The United Baptist Church Sault Ste Marie
Welcome the nations of the world into the
unity and love of Jesus Christ.

You are Unique and Specially Made by God



Eres Único y Especialmente Hecho por Dios

Você é único e feito especialmente por Deus

God's Divine Powers works in you. You have Eternal Life, Knowledge and a bright future.

Los Poderes Divinos de Dios obran en ti. Tienes Vida Eterna, Conocimiento y un futuro brillante

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Mas vosotros sois linaje escogido, real sacerdocio, nación santa, heredad especial de Dios, para que anunciéis las virtudes de aquel que os llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable.

Spanish

Mas vós sois geração eleita, sacerdocio real, nação santa, propriedade exclusiva de Deus, para proclamardes as virtudes daquele que vos chamou das trevas para a sua maravilhosa luz.

Portuguese

1 John 5:4

for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Esta es la victoria que ha vencido al mundo, incluso nuestra fe.

pois todo nascido de Deus vence o mundo. Esta é a vitória que venceu o mundo, até mesmo a nossa fé.

1 Peter 1:23

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Porque habéis renacido, no de simiente corruptible, sino de incorruptible, por la palabra viva y duradera de Dios.

Pois você nasceu de novo, não de semente perecível, mas de impercível, pela palavra viva e permanente de Deus.





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With ongoing news, I ask that we pray for the country of Ukraine and all friends with Ukrainian heritage. We are praying as we watch the sadness and confusion displayed through the media. Let us not be discouraged but stand in the gap and declare PEACE in the name of Jesus!

“So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11 NIV

<https://isaiah.bible/isaiah-55-11>

Remember to pray for the 3400 Canadian military personnel who are on standby and their families.

If there are any specific names or families you need us to pray for, please send.

May the truth of Jesus shine!



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The United Baptist Church celebrates that three of the four Sault College students who are the recipients of a new scholarship in support of Black post-secondary students in the Sault Ste. Marie community, the African Caribbean Canadian Association of Northern Ontario (ACCANO) are members of our Church Family.

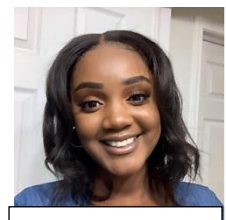
Each student wrote an inspiring essay demonstrating deep levels of community service as part of their submission for the scholarships, and as a result, they each received \$500 towards their post-secondary education.



Ijeoma Oaikena



Osa Laura Ukuegbe



Vimbai Muridzi

Our prayer for them is for their continued success in all future endeavours.



You're Invited to this Special Online Event

Join us on March 8 for a special one-hour online event to celebrate International Women's Day. See into some of the dangers and challenges faced by women worldwide and be inspired by their stories of strength, hope, and dignity. Hear from Samaritan's Purse staff on the frontlines of walking with these women in Jesus' Name, including Anna Zatsepina, protection program manager for Samaritan's Purse in Cambodia.

Learn how you can [make a difference](#) in women's lives around the world. We look forward to seeing you.

Join Us Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 PM MST (9:00 PM EST)

Invite your friends, family, and church to join you.

[Register Today](#)

.... Verna Scott, Missionary Chair



IN OTHER NEWS, FEBRUARY 2022.....



As this Newsletter is being prepared, the weather forecast for the coming days is for a **Significant Weather Event**, with **hazardous** conditions, so, like this **adorable charmer** – prepare to bundle up.

We are Northerners, we will most likely complain, but will take it in stride, will even **smile** and embrace it.

Similarly, your Board of Deacons and Board of Management continue to meet monthly, via the safety of Zoom as we celebrate the progress that has been made so far and plan for those yet to come. Some **Highlights** of those meetings follow:

- Required by our Insurance Company is an updated “**Statement of Values**”, listing the church’s contents and their replacement costs. Our thanks to **Rod Stone** who is spearheading this extensive report.
- As **church clerk- Susan Van Atte** has prepared the requested **CBOQ Statistical Report** as well as well as the more detailed and comprehensive report to the **Northern Association for Spring Assembly**. Both will be available at the **Annual Meeting**. **Thank you, Susan!**
Details for **Spring Assembly**, which UBC is scheduled to **host**, are yet to be confirmed.
- The **Praise and Worship team** continues to practice on Thursday at 5:30pm- welcome back **Lorraine- you were missed**. Interested in being a part of this awesome group- - contact **Lorraine** or **Teni**.
- The annual update of the **Church Directory** is underway. If there are any changes to your information, please contact **Meghan** in the church office.
- It was our church’s turn in the scheduled rotation of the hill area churches, (Community of Christ, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Holy Trinity, St Gerard Majella, and Willowgrove) to host the **International Ecumenical 2021 World Day of Prayer Service**, not feasible due to COVID.
In **2022**, while an in-person event remains inadvisable, it will instead be held as a **Zoom meeting**, with **Pastor Gabriel** as the **host**, allowing for a time of **fellowship following the Service**, always a much-welcomed part of this event. *Specific details of how to log in have been emailed to all members of the church family.*
- Once COVID restrictions are lifted, a work crew will be needed to conduct a thorough **cleaning of the kitchen, as well as the church in general**. Our thanks **to Liz Moran** for organizing. Anyone available to **help** – let Liz know!
- The Board reviewed quotes for replacement of the floor in the main floor washroom and for locks on the doors on the mezzanine, approving moving forward on these items.
- Under **Sandra Lyons’** leadership, classes are to begin to support newcomers to Canada who will write the **comprehensive permanent residency exam**; classes to be held on Saturday afternoons in the lower hall.
- Plans for the **African-Caribbean Praise Night- 2022** are ready to go on March 18TH, 2022 at 6.30pm in the sanctuary.
- **Communion** brought to your home continues to be available. Contact the **office, Pastor Gabriel** or any **Deacon** to make arrangements.
- For the period ending January 31, 2022, **Total Revenue** was \$15,141.08 with **Total Expenditures** of \$10,354.73. Net Income was \$4,786.35.

-Thanks to Minutes from **Susan Van Atte** and **Mary Ellen Johns**.

Footnote- And sometimes, by God’s grace, the storm and the storms of life, pass us by.....



On Tuesday **February 8, at 1:30 pm** the **Currie McPhail Mission Circle** met once again, with **Sandra Lyons** and **Nicole Rahaman** leading the meeting. It was a continuation of the previously started Bible Study, **Titus' Call to Women**.

In our reading of Titus 3, we focused on Paul's instructions as shared to the Church of Crete through Titus' mentorship. We noted that Paul's instruction placed **great prominence upon the sense of community, rather than individualism**. In this study, we were called to examine our own strategies for supporting and mentoring one another in (and out of) the body of Christ.

In our walk as Christians, **we are encouraged to mentor and support others**. Examination and discussion of this chapter of Titus brought out some key points with regard to mentorship. They are as follows:

1. As Christians, we are called to **humility**. We should aim to be void of pride and arrogance.
2. Taking into account the changes in our behavioral patterns along **our walk with God**, can help when encouraging others.
3. If asked to encourage another in the topic of **baptism**, gently sharing its significance to us and our personal experience, can be helpful.
4. Refraining from quarrelsome behaviour, whilst maintaining **healthy discussion** is important. Always be mindful of others' feelings.

In summary, these chapters offer great reminders of God's call for us **work together in one accord** as to Christians, and **encourage one another**. When we represent Christ in this way, we continue to contribute to the **expansion of our Christian community!**

On to the business of our meeting:

Shirlianne Morrison reported that we have **\$1,884.42 in our general account**. A motion was moved, seconded and accepted, for the contribution of **\$400.00 to families and children in Bolivia**.

In celebration of **The World Day of Prayer on March 4th, 2:00pm** - all are invited to join in to this International **on-line** service, which **Pastor Gabriel** has graciously agreed to host. **Mark** the date – hope to “see” you there.

We are reminded of the Women's Convention “**Shaped by Love – Shaped to Love**” to be held April 22 and April 23. Details to participate to come.

Our next meeting will be **March 4**, when we join together to celebrate The World Day of Prayer. We welcome all interested (friends and family included) to join with us and experience the beauty of fellowship and learning.

Special thanks to Shirlianne Morrison for the preparation of the **Minutes**.

- With appreciation to **Nicole Rahaman** for this report.



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 **World Day of Prayer**
Journée mondiale de la prière 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland Angleterre, pays de Galles et Irlande du Nord

"I Know the Plans I have for You"

Artwork by Angie Fox (artist)
 - Explanation
 Freedom: open door to a pathway across an endless open vista
 Justice: broken chains God's Peace and
 Forgiveness: the dove of peace and a peace lily breaking through the pavement
 Love: rainbow, a symbol of the overarching love of God.



« Je connais les plans que j'ai pour toi »

œuvre d'Angie Fox (artiste) -
 Explication
 Liberté: la porte ouverte sur un sentier qui mène vers un horizon ouvert
 Justice: les chaînes brisées Paix et pardon de
 Dieu: la colombe de la paix et un lys qui perce les pavés
 Amour: l'arc-en-ciel, symbole de l'amour primordial de Dieu.

Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

2022 Virtual World Day of Prayer Service, Friday, March 4th, 2:00pm,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9585989328?pwd=TG1FUeIvc2tJcjJCZHMwTC84T2hDUT09>

You are invited to the Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service on March 6th, 2022. Please don't miss it. Communion elements are provided for the in-person attendees.

All others, 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



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Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am in-person as well as on the zoom platform, in accordance with current APH guidelines.

Please be a part of this amazing time.

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



Meeting ID: 958 598 9328 and Passcode: YmvCuoXa!



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It's Back!

**THE SOUND OF
AFRO-CARIBBEAN**

A Christian Worship Event

Live Praise and Worship in
song in the Afro-Caribbean
style

**Welcoming all
nations and
races**

Mar 18 | 6:30 PM
United Baptist Church
41 Malabar Drive

Call 705 206 5354 for more
details. See you there!

