



MIRROR! MIRROR!!



Whenever I hear the word “Mirror”, said consecutively! It recalls the fairy tale about the princess snow white and the question posed to the magic mirror “Mirror, Mirror, who is the fairest of them all?”

According to an article in Glassiaimpex.com “A mirror is an object such that each narrow beam of light that impacts on its surface bounces, is reflected, in a single direction.

When looking at a mirror, one will see a mirror image or reflected image of objects in the environment, formed by light emitted or scattered by them and reflected by the mirror towards one’s eyes.” https://www.glassasiaimpex.com/?page_id=174

It turns out that every time we turn to look in the mirror, we are asking a question to which we are going to get a frank and straight forward answer.

The mirror says it as it is. For example, your hair needs combing, your eyelashes need trimming, your lipstick is a little overdone or you may need to adjust your tie a little more to the right or left.

We can also agree that most of us obey the mirror’s unvocalized words of command given to us in its reflected images of what we currently look like and the change we need to make.

It’s nice to mention that sometimes though, when we look in the mirror and we can’t but smile or at least feel good about ourselves because we like what we saw, you might even think to yourself, hmm! Wow! Looking good 😊.



Ever stopped to wondered what it will feel like to see the actual reflection of your character in the mirror, would you like what you saw? We must be brave to look in the mirror often to check what image your current character is reflecting. See if it is righteousness, peace and joy. Check if it looks anything like Humility, Kindness, Joy, Patience, gentleness or goodness to keep the list simple. On the other hand, is the mirror showing you as angry, proud, pompous-self important you? Is it showing an hypocritical-judging others and selfish-me myself and I? This requires urgent adjustment.

James 1:23-25

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

..... Pastor Gabriel Araba



THE YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH BBQ



“Amazing” and “Remarkable” are two words that describes the young adults social gathering on May 27th, 2022. The outreach committee members stirred towards obtaining ideas for creating an enabling environment to positively engage the young adults at UBC, within the Sault community and beyond.

With the creation of CREO-An artistic platform for talent expression and hand-on talent development an engagement, which was already suggested by Laolu Olatunbosun and Alice Tendo, that was a good start. The committee will continue to look forward to more opportunities for the young adults to flourish in all aspects of their lives. It was a successful event attended by a hand full of new people from the sault community and many of them who new to Canada from nations such as Turkey, Pakistan, India, Uganda, Nigeria and The Philippines.

Many thanks to Anett Joseph-Outreach Coordinator, Susan Van Atte- the Committee Chair, Nicole Rahaman and Pastor Gabriel for this successful event that will only surely continue to grow.

THE NEWCOMERS SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday May 28th, 2022 was an evening of lots of fun, warm fellowship, joyous laughter AND an international buffet at the social gathering of the UBC Newcomers meeting with long-standing members-after being prevented by Covid restrictions over the last two years. We are so blessed with many beautiful people who have joined our church family. This event was designed not only to meet and greet but also to introduce newcomers to the various volunteer opportunities within UBC.

The attending 40 adults and 15 children were the beneficiaries of the dedicated planning by an innovative committee-Nicole Rahaman, Marino Beija and John Hipe. ***And, this is just the beginning!***





GOD REWARDS WHEN YOU SERVE



A special THANK YOU to all who serve at UBC. We have good news! What you do in secret, God will reward openly! Now that's exciting!

Matthew 6:4 NIV “so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Many times, when we give of ourselves to serve in the house of God, nobody sees it or even thanks us. But God sees everything. He's keeping the records. Like Anna, the prophetess in Luke chapter 2; she was a senior who did not depart from the temple but served God night and day. Despite being advanced in age,

she got to see the birth of Jesus! This was her prayer and the Lord answered. She was consistent and she served.

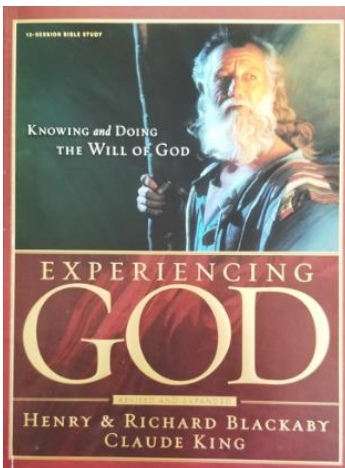
I encourage you today not to give up or be tired of serving God's people. Don't worry if you're not getting credit. Don't get discouraged if people don't thank you. God sees your sacrifice. He sees you supporting strangers. He sees you taking care of that neighbor who's not feeling well. He sees you getting up early to sing in the choir.

He knows how to thank you. He knows how to open the windows of heaven.

So keep on keeping on board member, Pastor, Musician, Singer, Prayer Team, Outreach Team, Children's Teacher, Greeter, Driver. When you make it your business to serve, you're going to see breakthroughs, promotion, and doors open that you could not open. Keep going the extra mile, and the blessings comes to you.

..... Teni Araba

INTERACTIVE BIBLE STUDY



Our souls were nourished and lifted last Thursday in a very interactive bible study time at 6.30pm. Happy to have more people attend this awesome time.

Remember, you can get this inspirational experience weekly. It is Worth Every Second You Spend

2 Timothy 2:16- Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

Still on the text- **Experiencing God**, topic for the day “God Speaks with a Purpose”, page 45. When He speaks to you it is because he wants to do something amazing, and it would require your obedience. It was great to have Fabio and Carina present. It was a great time.



The Lord's Table

Communion Sunday Service - June 5th, 2022. Thank you for participating. Communion elements are provided for the in-person attendees. All others, prepare their own bread or biscuit and Juice/wine to share the Holy Communion together. Pastor Gabriel prays for the bread and wine and invites members online as well. Everyone is blessed.



Sunday Service Via Zoom Platform & In-Person

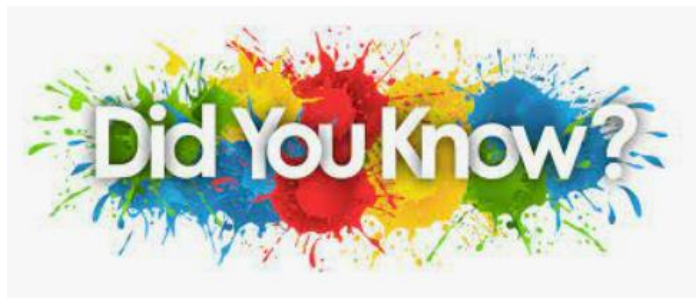


Our Sunday services will continue every Sunday at 10.30am in-person as well as on the zoom platform, in accordance with current APH guidelines.

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!



Five fun facts about our Church

(Because Inquiring minds wants to know)

- *Our Sundays school has increased from a highlight of three children to over twenty beautiful Children in the last couple of years?*
 - *The young adults group has now formed to over a dozen consistent people.*
 - *We are a multicultural church family with many attendees including Chile, Brazil, The Philippine, Columbia, Nigeria, Ghana, India, Trinidad and Tobago, Nepal, so far...*
 - *A Praise and worship team that was once only a dream, but is now a reality!*
 - *Our church family is steadily growing and we welcome more.*



IN OTHER NEWS, MAY, 2022.....



As this Newsletter is being prepared, the forecast is for **warm and seasonal, sunny days** ahead, with possibilities of gentle **nourishing rains** and no overnight frost warnings to harm those **tender colourful annuals** that abound in nurseries and grocery stores, and are rapidly disappearing off the shelves, bringing that **pop of colour** to our gardens and patios, and **smiles to our faces.**

A Google search tells us that the **first full moon in June is the 16th**, and the **Farmers' Almanac**, advises to avoid the temptation of putting those tender annuals into the ground until that danger of frost has passed.

We are reminded that **“to everything there is a season”**. (Ecclesiastes. 3:1)

For close to a decade, UBC's main goal was **“to survive until we could thrive”**, and as a church, we **give thanks and praise** that **our season of thriving** is upon us – these are **exciting and challenging times at UBC**, moving forward as these highlights of the **monthly Zoom Board** of Deacons' and Board of Management meetings indicate.

- **The Northern Association's Spring Assembly**, on hold in person since 2020 due to Covid, was a **very successful event**, with many positive comments received from the participating delegates and visitors from all around the North. Special **thanks to Pastor Gabriel, the Music Team, and Social Committee**. All **food costs** were covered by the **Northern Association and John Neely**.
- With the **growth** of our **Sunday School**, costs were approved to **paint a second classroom** with plans to prepare the room over the summer. Painting both stairwells is also under consideration.
- The **new flooring** for the upstairs washroom is on back order and will be **installed upon arrival**.
- A new **Chair for the Personnel Committee is needed** - interested persons can contact Pastor Gabriel or any Deacon for a job description. We again express **deep appreciation** to **Lloyd Beilhartz** for his past dedicated and knowledgeable leadership in this position.
- With **Anett Joseph choosing to participate in a supporting role**, the **paid position of Project Co-Ordinator is now open to applications**. In order for our Outreach plans to move forward, and for which UBC received *substantial grant monies from CBOQ, it is vital to full this position ASAP*. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Pastor Gabriel or any Deacon for a job description and details before the position is posted outside the church family.
- The **Outreach Committee** hosted a **BBQ for young adults** with new friendships made. They are looking forward to a **potluck dinner on June 10th** when they can share their favourite recipes.
- Looking ahead, the church **BBQ/Potluck and Annual Meeting is Sunday, June 26th**. The **Annual meeting** will be **held in the sanctuary** following the morning service, available both **in person and on Zoom**. In accordance with our newly revised **Constitution/Principles and Guidelines**, **only those who have been baptized by immersion and formally received into church membership may vote**, but **EVERYONE** is encouraged to participate. *Each person's voice matters and it is important that it be heard.*
The annual **BBQ/Potluck will follow in the lower hall**.
- As of April 30th, the finances of the church are **healthy** with a **16% increase in revenue** over the same period last year. Total year to date expenses were **\$49,773.43** and slightly exceeded revenue, leaving a deficit of **- \$155.59**.

-with appreciation for Minutes from Mary Ellen Johns and Susan Van Atte.



SPRING ASSMEBLY FOR CHURCHES OF THE NORTHERN ASSOCIATON, MAY, 13-14, 2022

Saturday morning, the sun shone bright and warm - *some might even say "hot-"* as delegates and visitors arrived for **light refreshments** before the day's sessions started at 9:00am.

The morning began with our dynamic and inspirational **Praise and Worship team** again leading through their powerful and encouraging music that was a **consistent highlight** of the 2022 Assembly.



The keynote speaker for the morning was Pastor **Cid Latty of CBOQ** (Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec) with which UBC is an affiliated church. His **topic**, based on Isaiah 61:1-3 was **Restitution, Restore and Reset** our churches after COVID. This was followed up by group discussion in the **Breakout Room** that the **majority of delegates attended** held in the Sunday School Room.

Some of that discussion, shared by **Charlotte Mandolesi** – one of UBC's delegates:

- ❖ A concern that their church was comfortable with their traditional worship – will not be easy to change
- ❖ **Zoom** had become **convenient** – when and if would members **come back in person?**
- ❖ Most agreed that this is the season for churches to move forward with **Prayer & Fasting, Outreach to the Community and Evangelism.**

Beyond heartfelt thanks to the dedicated committee –*an awesome team effort!* -of **Dean and Linda Mador, Lois Houghton, Sandra Lyons, Shirlianne Morrison, Susan Van Atte and Steph Hattie** for an evidently enjoyed lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, a variety of potato chips and slab apple pie with vanilla ice cream, as well as **Verna Scott and Virginia Dickson** who, while unable to attend, provided baking for the light refreshments. Much appreciated also, the work and input of our church secretary, **Megan Dalphy** and caretaker, **Roger Johns**, who made things happen as they needed to. Thanks also to these local businesses, **City Meat Market, the bakery at Metro Churchill** and the **Wholesale Club** for their support.



At noon, **the 2022 AGM for Churches of the Northern Association**, led by the **moderator Pastor Stephen Speer**, was held in the Sanctuary. Following an opening prayer by **Vice Moderator, Percy Jackson**, a highlight given here of the motions originated by the **Executive Council**, were discussed and passed:

- ❖ Continue the **Constitution Revision** process to create a committee for the purpose of drafting an appropriately inclusive **statement of faith** along with accompanying **references to Scripture** and the bylaws to reinforce its centrality for our Association
- ❖ A **Draft revision** be available for discussion at a **Special Council meeting**, Sat. Oct.22, 10am on Zoom, and **following legal advice**, be distributed **via email to the Association by March 31, 2023** and vote to adopt at **2023 AGM in May.**
- ❖ Spend up to **\$700** to create a **password protected website** for the Northern Association with efforts made to seek a **CBOQ grant** to cover costs.
- ❖ Once the website is created, begin to **digitize archives** presently in the **sole possession of our Clerk.**
- ❖ **Concerns** were raised regarding **financial affordability of participating in Assembly.**

For UBC, **third time was indeed a charm**, and **Spring Assembly 2022** was a **rewarding, welcoming, and memorable** time of **fellowship**, renewing old **friendships** and making new ones, with others who share **our faith** as well as our concerns **as Northerners**. Plan now to attend **Spring Assembly 2023 – First Baptist, Garson (Sudbury) May 12-13.**