

Corner Brook United Church

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Monday – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm

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Washrooms

Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: the exit between the two coat racks

We strive to be a **scent free** facility.

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May 25, 2025



(Wikipedia) *The Separation of Saints Peter and Paul*, Giovanni Lanfranco c1620's -40's. Now in the Musee des Beaux-Arts, Carcassonne, France. A fanciful depiction of Paul (in the red) nearly coming to blows with Peter (in yellow) outside Antioch (which is depicted with medieval walls).

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Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 96)

L: Declare God's glory among the nations!

P: Declare his wondrous works among all people!

L: Because the Lord is great and worthy of praise.

P: Awesome beyond all other gods!

L: Greatness and grandeur are in from of him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

**P: Tell the nations, "The Lord rules! Yes, he set
the world firmly in its place".**

L: Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!

Hymn: *We Praise You, O God* VU 218

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem

Readings: Acts 15: 1 – 14, 19 – 21
Galatians 2: 11 – 14

Message: The most important event in church history?

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* VU 331

Offertory Hymn: *We Give You But Your Own* VU 542

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided* VU 274

Blessing

Postlude

Please join us downstairs for **Sunday Café**. Today is birthday Sunday – so there's cake!

Services will continue at **11 AM** on June 1st.

The Men's Club will be holding a **Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 31st. Doors open at 9 AM.

The **Used Book Sale** is set for Saturday, June 7th in the Lower Hall, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM.

Any items you wish to donate to any of the sales can be dropped off at the church during regular business hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **UCW Closing Dinner** will be on Monday June 2nd at 6 pm in the lower hall. The Men's Club is catering and the cost will be \$20/person. UCW members and any ladies in the congregation who are interested are invited to attend, please contact the church office to pay before Tuesday May 27th.

Spring into Action Food Drive

On **Thursday, June 5** the **Food Bank Network** is holding their annual food drive to feed families during the summer months. From **1:00 to 5:00** pm members of the Knights of Columbus will be accepting your non-perishable food and cash donations at these grocery store locations: **Dominion, Sobeys, and Coleman's The Gardens and Caribou Road**. Please mark your calendars and drop off your donations to the volunteers near the exits. We thank you for your continued support.

The next **Outreach Lunch** is Wednesday, June 4th from 11:30 am to 12:30. We're always looking for volunteers.

A reminder about dating the books of the NT...

Because of the way they are ordered in the bible Christians often assume that the Gospels were written first, followed by Paul's letters, and then the rest of the letters in the NT.

To best understand who was writing what, and to whom, and for what purpose – it is vital to remember that Paul's letters are the earliest stuff we have from the NT. *Galatians* and *1 Thessalonians* were written probably before the year 50, followed by his other letters as the decade went on. The first gospel written was by Mark, probably in the late 60's; followed by *Matthew* and *Luke* about 15-20 years later, and *John* about 10 years after that.

Luke wrote *Acts* at roughly the same time as his gospel account (c 85). His goal was to tell the story of the earliest church, but as was common with authors of his time he worked hard to smooth over the rough patches, and didn't hesitate to change or ignore unflattering episodes. In this way Luke's 'history' is a very partisan account – more like evangelism than the kind of objective, factual reporting we expect today. (Although hyper-partisan reporting certainly has been making a comeback in some quarters....)