

First United Church

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Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday: closed
Wednesday & Thursday: 9 am – 3.30 pm
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We're able to receive bulletin info until **Thurs at 2**

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Washrooms

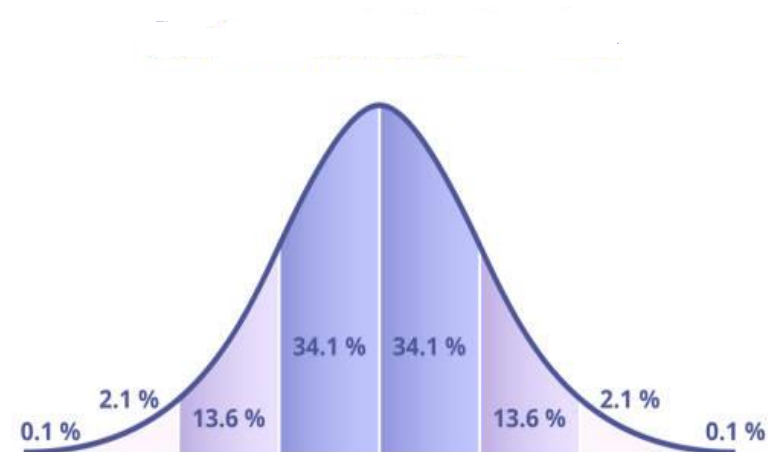
Upstairs: through the door to the right of the stage

Downstairs: through the exit between the coat racks

First United strives to be a **scent free** facility

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June 9, 2024



A standard bell curve, where about 2/3 of responses fall onto less than 1/3 of the total spectrum.

June 9, 2024 Church Union Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship: (adapted from Romans 12)

L: We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same functions.

P: In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ.

L: We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us.

Hymn: *Let Us Build a House* MV 1

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Reading: Ephesians 4: 11-16

Message: Church Union Sunday and the 21st century crisis of legitimacy

Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide* MV 145

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

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/ LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* VU 481

Blessing

Postlude

After today's service we'll take about a 5 minute break. Everyone can stretch their legs and anyone not wishing to stay can leave.

Then we'll have a **question & answer** time about the proposed amalgamation with Humber United.

We will **vote** on the proposal after the service **next Sunday**.

Paul Rumbolt is a retired United Church clergy living in Woody Point. He's an accomplished musician, with entries in *More Voices*, along with wide repertoire that includes old Newfoundland, along with modern tunes with a folky bent. He's teamed up with his cousin in a band called **Tuff**. They'll be at the Rotary Arts Centre on June 22. Get your tickets at the box office.

PAR – to keep us ‘above par’

It goes without saying that our church is sustained through the support of our congregation. We are blessed by the generosity of our membership.

The summer months are coming, and it's no surprise that lower attendance because of holiday plans and commitments means a reduction in contributions. But expenses don't take vacations, so for many churches (including ours) finances are often very tight by the end of summer. If you are interested in providing consistent, week-to-week support to First United, we encourage you to take advantage of Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

Roughly 40% of our congregation currently gives through PAR. It's an automatic withdrawal system set up through your bank ensuring you never miss contributing, which provides a consistent and reliable source of funding for our ministry. It is absolutely secure, and you can cancel or change the amount of your donation at any time.

Pamela Gill & Elaine Huxter are able to help you with the required form, along with any further information you require.

Thank you to those who are already on PAR, and also to those who are prayerfully considering it.

West Haven Camp

For those who missed the Camping Sunday service, we encourage you to help recruit campers and teen and adult volunteers to come to camp. The dates and ages are on the poster.

We also need Board and Committee members – especially a Booking Coordinator for outside groups, and a Kitchen Staff Supervisor. Committee members are also needed to help our very organized Maintenance Chair with work on the site and trails.

Donations are needed to help us get an artesian well to replace our current water supply, which is subject to disruption as the line crosses the creek. Another great need is donations toward funding our summer student staff, as we only got four gov't grants and need at least two more for the bigger camps. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

And finally, time to celebrate! West Haven's 60th anniversary is this year. Former and potential campers and leaders and anyone interested are all welcome on June 23rd between 2:00 and 5:00 for activities and BBQ.

The First United portion of voting on the proposal to amalgamate with Humber United will occur on June 16, 2024 at First United Church, immediately following the service.

Attendance will be taken to ensure we have the quorum.

“For congregations or pastoral charges with 100 or more full members, at least 20 full members must be present” (United Church Manual – B.5.5)

Who can vote?

Full members of First United Church through confirmation or membership transfer can vote.

Adherents of First United Church can vote.

“An adherent of a congregation is a person who contributes regularly to the life and work of the congregation but is not a member or full member.”
(B.3.4.1)

If you are not a full member of First United, you can decide whether you are an adherent of First United based on the definition.

All voting must be done in person.

“Voting must be by show of hands unless the congregation or pastoral charge decides on another way of voting. Proxy voting or voting by mail-in ballot is not permitted.” (B.5.6)

We are proposing that the amalgamation vote be done by secret ballot. This will require a mover, seconder, and a subsequent positive vote.

Thank you for considering the long term future of the United Church in Corner Brook through this proposed amalgamation.

The Unified Board,
June 9, 2024