

CBAC Prayer Link
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

April 5: On Resurrection Sunday, celebrate the victory of Christ over death. Pray that hearts would be filled with joy, gratitude, and living hope as we proclaim the risen Christ. Ask God to use this good news to draw many into transforming relationship with Jesus.

April 12: Pray for the partnership of Canadian Baptist Ministries as Baptists across Canada join in God's mission. Ask God to bless their work locally and globally in building the Church, responding to crisis, seeking justice, and caring for those at risk. Pray that the world would see signs of renewal through this shared witness.

April 19: Pray for CBAC's Leadership Development department as they equip and support leaders across Atlantic Canada. Ask God to raise up healthy, wise, and Spirit-led leaders. Pray that churches would be strengthened through ongoing formation, mentoring, and learning.

April 26: As university and college students approach the end of the semester, pray for focus, perseverance, and peace. Ask God to grant clarity as they complete assignments and prepare for exams. Pray for rest and encouragement amid the pressures of this season.

First Baptist Church Amherst

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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The Reflector

April 2026

Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



Holy Week is a sacred time of reflection, renewal, and remembrance. Join us for special services as we journey together through this meaningful season.



Holy Week Chapel Services: These **four** short services will be at **12:10 pm**, hosted by **Christ Church, Anglican**. Each service offered by a different local congregational leader.

The Way of the Cross: A walk around a few blocks, downtown, with stops for prayer and thought. Beginning at **11:00 am** on **Good Friday** at **Trinity-St. Stephen's United**.

Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast: Outdoor service at **7:00 am** at **Victoria Square**, beside First Baptist, for the whole community. A **light breakfast** will be served at First Baptist at **7:30**, inside.

Make It Meaningful—Sponsor a Bulletin

You can sponsor a **bulletin** in **honour or memory of** someone special—a meaningful way to celebrate, remember, or give thanks. For more information, chat with Angela at the church office!

Caring Hearts in Action

Benevolent Fund: On the first Sunday of each month, we gather for Holy Communion during our worship service. At this time, we also invite you to share in a **benevolent offering**, which can be designated on your envelope for our Benevolent Fund. Through your generosity, we are able to support those in need in caring and compassionate ways. Your gifts have helped provide assistance for prescriptions, food, and travel for medical appointments. As a church family, we also:

- Support of the Amherst Food Bank
- Prepare and share Christmas Cheer Boxes
- Partner with other organizations to help with essential needs such as rent, power, and heating costs

Your continued support truly makes a difference!

OFFERING OPTIONS

You can give in several convenient ways: Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer; Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes. For more information, please reach out to Angela at the Church Office!

*Tax receipts are issued for income tax purposes.
Thank you for your faithful generosity
and support of our ministry.*

Fill the Basket, Feed a Neighbour!

Sharing Kindness, One Donation at a Time

Our local Food Bank is in need of the following items. Please drop off donations in the tote marked “**Food Bank**” located in the Vestry.

Needed Items:

Dried Lentils Canned Mushrooms Canned Tomatoes
Canned Fruit / Fruit Cups Cake Mixes & Baking Items
Crackers Canned Chickpeas & Canned Beans
Dried Soup Mixes or Gravy Mixes Hamburger Helper
Oatmeal Egg or Rice Noodles Pasta Sauce
Macaroni & Spaghetti Noodles
Broth (chicken, vegetable, or beef)
Spices & Spice Mixes
(for meatballs, chili, stews, boiled dinners)

*Thank you for helping us fill the basket
and feed a neighbour in need!*

SERVING TOGETHER

April Volunteers: Communion Clean-up: Liz Hickey & Derek Livingstone; Ushering & Offering—Team Three: Carol O’Regan, Nancy Allen, Norma MacGregor, David Lusby (Team Leader), George Godfrey, Marina Godfrey; Flowers: Pam Dupuis

Prayer Team: A small, dedicated group is available to pray for your requests with care, confidentiality, and compassion. To share a request, please contact Jeff White: jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca 902-614-1011

What’s Happening This Month!

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser: Support the **Crohn’s & Colitis Gutsy Walk** and enjoy a great meal in the **Christie Room** here at **FBC! Friday, April 10 at 5:00 pm—Tickets: \$15.** Includes spaghetti, garlic bread, coffee/tea & dessert. Bring your family and friends for a delicious evening supporting a great cause!

Live Bluegrass at FBC! Don’t miss **A Bluegrass Dream Concert** featuring **Ray Legere & Acoustic Horizon** and **The Janet McGarry Band** — an afternoon of outstanding bluegrass music! **Sunday, April 12 2–4 pm—Tickets: \$25**

Join Us for a Delicious Congregational Brunch! Come enjoy a warm and welcoming time together with pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes on **Sunday, April 19**, following the morning worship service. All donations to support the Benevolent Fund.

Study Group:
“Hearing God”

Tuesdays at Noon, led by Jeff White
Featuring a video curriculum by Dallas Willard

There will be six sessions:
April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 & 12

*You are welcome to
bring your lunch
with you.*



DALLAS WILLARD
ALSO FEATURING RICHARD J. FOSTER
AND JOHN ORTBERG
Hearing God
DEVELOPING A CONVERSATIONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



Prayer Time with Rev. Jeff



Take a pause in your week and join us for a peaceful, welcoming time of prayer and connection. **Every Monday at 11:00 am.** A gentle space to reflect, pray, and be still in God's presence. Whether you come with joys, concerns, gratitude, or simply a need for quiet fellowship—you are welcome here. Come as you are... all are welcome.

Earth Day Stroll:

"Walk the Green Carpet" with Jeff!

Step outside, breathe in the fresh spring air, and celebrate God's beautiful creation with us! **Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 am.** Meet at the church. Come for a relaxed, joyful walk filled with good company and gratitude for the world around us. All are welcome—bring a friend!



Plant Sale

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 23 • 9-12

Get in the mood to bring some plants in the week before. **Contact Jeff W** for more info.

Thank You Volunteers!

Grateful Hearts, Joyful Thanks!

THANK YOU to all who serve in any way—your kindness, generosity, and dedication bless our church family in so many ways.



♥ *Baking with Love & Care!* ♥

This dedicated team bakes delicious cookies in our church kitchen for the un-housed and for coffee time!

Thank you for your dedication & time!



Looking to Volunteer? We'd Love Your Help!

There are many ways to get involved and share your gifts:

- Scripture Readers
- Nursing Home Services
- Choir
- Coffee & Conversation
- Events & Luncheons
- And so many more!



Every helping hand makes a difference

Grateful Hearts in Bloom!

Celebrating Our Amazing Volunteers at the Amherst Food Bank

APRIL is National Volunteer Appreciation Month—a special time to recognize, thank, and celebrate the vital contributions volunteers make to our communities.

We are especially proud to share that **Marilyn Munroe** of our congregation, who has faithfully served as Secretary of the Amherst Food Assistance Network since 2011, has been selected by the Board of Directors as their **2026 nominee** for recognition of her outstanding volunteer work with the Foodbank. This nomination reflects deep gratitude for her energetic spirit and dedicated service over many years in so many meaningful ways.

A Special THANK YOU! We also extend heartfelt appreciation to our incredible volunteer teams who serve each Friday on alternating months at the Foodbank. Your time, energy, and teamwork make a real difference in our community, and your efforts are truly valued and celebrated.

With Gratitude we recognize Kevin, Lynda, Margo, Elaine, Dave, Brian, Helena, Karen J., Karen F. *Along with spares:* Rev. Jeff, Louise, Verna, and Sharon T.


*“Love cannot remain by itself—it has no meaning.
Love has to be put into action and that action is service.”*
— Mother Teresa

You're Invited! Join us for a special and joyful occasion as we celebrate the **Induction Service of Rev. Bernadette Benson**, new Minister of Oxford Baptist Church and Little River Baptist Church. **Sunday, April 24 at 4:00 pm Oxford Baptist Church** (89 Jackson Street). Come be part of this meaningful time of worship, and celebration. All are warmly invited to attend!

Stay Connected

Want to stay in the loop and feel more connected? We've got you covered!

 Pick up a **“Connect With Us”** card in the Vestry

 Visit our website: www.firstbaptistamherst.com

 Follow us on Facebook for updates, events & inspiration

Stay informed, get involved, and be part of all that's happening in our church family!



From the Vestry

Looking for something meaningful to read?

A variety of free reading materials are available in the Vestry—devotionals, magazines, community information, support resources, and materials for all ages—something to encourage, inform, and inspire. 🌻

Pick one up today and take it with you! 📖

April at First Baptist Church Amherst

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 am Worship Service Palm/Passion Sunday	30 11:00 pm Prayer Time 12:10 pm Chapel Service (Christ Church) 1:00 pm Line Dancing 2:00 pm The Travelers Mtg. 4:00 pm	31 12:10 pm Chapel Service (Christ Church)	1 11:00 am Tant. Seniors College 12:10 pm Chapel Service (Christ Church)	2 10:30 am Tant. Seniors College 12:10 pm Chapel Service (Christ Church) 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service (TSSUC) 7:00 pm Choir	3 10:00 am Good Friday Service 11:00 am Walk with the Cross Office Closed	4 
5 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 am Sunrise Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Service Easter Sunday	6 Office & Church Closed 	7 12:00 pm Study Group "Hearing God"	8 4:00 pm Board of CE	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner: Gusty Walk	11
12 10:30 am Worship Service 2:00 pm Bluegrass Concert 2nd Sunday of Easter	13 10:00 am Practice for White Birches 11:00 am Prayer Time	14 12:00 pm Study Group "Hearing God" 6:30 pm Board of Management	15	16 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 	18
19 10:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Congregational Brunch 3rd Sunday of Easter	20 11:00 am Prayer Time	21 12:00 pm Study Group "Hearing God"	22 10:00 am Earth Day Stroll 	23 10:00 am Tant. Seniors College 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
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