

CBAC Prayer Link
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

June 7: As many students graduate from high school, pray for wisdom and courage as they step into new seasons of life. Ask God to guide their decisions and surround them with supportive community. Pray that they would know God's presence in every transition.

June 14: Give thanks for fathers and father figures who provide care, guidance, and support. Pray for strength, wisdom, and encouragement as they serve in their roles. Remember those who experience absence or pain, asking God to bring healing and assurance.

June 21: On National Indigenous Peoples Day, pray for healing from the ongoing impacts of residential schools and colonial harm. Ask God to guide our churches in listening, repentance, and faithful response. Pray for the flourishing of Indigenous communities and nations across the land.

June 28: Pray for CBAC camps and summer ministries as the season begins. Ask God to make these places of safety, joy, and spiritual growth. Pray for campers, staff, and volunteers, that lives would be shaped by meaningful encounters with God.

First Baptist Church Amherst

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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM

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The Reflector

June 2026



Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada
news... from Jeff White

Our Annual meeting for the denomination is always in **August, this year in Wolfville the 6th – 8th**. First Baptist can have **five delegates**, plus our ministers (retired included). Two bits of business for the meeting do not bring me much joy. One is a policy for *how to* remove a Baptist congregation from membership in the denomination. Full details are on the website:

<https://atlanticbaptist.ca/news/notices-of-motion-for-oasis-2026/>

The other notice of motion is a new regulation about ministers who are fully accredited with CABAC, such as our ministers who are members of First Baptist (White, Corkum, Miller, etc.) No longer can any of us be also accredited with another group (denomination) such as the **Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)**. <https://c-abf.ca/>

I, for one, am accredited with both the CBAC and the CABF, so if this new policy is adopted, I will have one year to ‘choose whom I shall serve.’ I think I know what my answer will be.

I plan to attend the CBAC annual meeting in Wolfville, called Oasis. Will you join me?



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Stay up to date with events, announcements, and special services through our Facebook page and website.

www.firstbaptistamherst.com



CONNECT WITH US CARDS

Connect with Us Cards available in the Vestry for newcomers, visitors, or if you simply want to update your information.



RECEIVE CHURCH UPDATES

Not receiving email updates? Contact the church office to be added to our email list.

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SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Prayer Team welcomes confidential prayer requests. Contact Rev. Jeff.

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY!
Thank you for being part of our community. ♥

Welcome Our Summer Student, Mackinley Mace

We are pleased to welcome **Mackinley Mace** to our team as our **Summer Student**. Mackinley will begin her first day of work on Monday, June 22. Mackinley is a Grade 11 student with a strong commitment to community service, leadership, and teamwork. Through volunteer roles with local churches, community organizations, and the Mission Thrift Store, Mackinley has gained valuable experience working with children, supporting community events, and providing friendly customer service.

An accomplished student-athlete, Mackinley competes at the provincial level in rugby and track and field, serves as a high school rugby captain, and is actively involved in youth and community leadership initiatives. Known for being reliable, organized, and eager to learn, Mackinley brings a positive attitude and strong work ethic to the role.

Please join us in welcoming Mackinley to the team this summer. We are excited to have her with us!



Active in Mission: Hikes and Birding

Join Jeff White for a few **walks in the woods and others places**, to enjoy the birds and all creatures. Jeff will collect a **toonie (\$2) from each participant** to support **CBM's Active in Mission** campaign. Also, for every different bird species Jeff logs in eBird, he will donate one dollar. Each time we will **meet at the back door of the First Baptist building, and car pool to our location.**

'Come away to a quiet place.'

9:00-9:50 am **Mon, June 15:**
Fundy Winds Marsh (Eddy Rd.)

5:30-8:00 pm **Tues, June 30**
Shinimicas Provincial Park
(pack a picnic supper, and bug spray!)

9:00-10:30 am **Mon, July 13**
Sackville Waterfowl Park

6:30-8:00 pm **Tues, July 28**
Amherst Point (Am. Pt. Road)



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*embracing a broken world
through word & deed*

What's Blooming at FBC

Introduction to Christianity

Interested in church membership or looking for a refresher on the Baptist faith? Join Jeff White for this study series exploring what it means to be Christian, Baptist, and part of the First Baptist Amherst community.

Tuesdays | 3:30–5:00 pm

- June 9 — *Being Baptist*
- June 23 — *Being First Baptist Amherst*

Christian Education Sunday

Join us for worship on **Sunday, June 14**, led by the Board of Christian Education, and stay afterward for **lunch** as we celebrate, connect, and enjoy fellowship together.



What We've Been Up To

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST MONTH AT FBC

Thank you to everyone who participated, served, and helped make these moments so meaningful!



BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SERVICE & POTLUCK

We gathered for a special time of worship, fellowship, and encouragement during the Baptist Association Service. It was a meaningful opportunity to connect in our shared ministry, followed by a wonderful potluck meal together.



Growing Forward Together

An evening filled with food, conversation, and thoughtful discussion as we shared ideas and looked ahead together as a church family.



Plant Sale

Thank you to everyone who browsed, donated, volunteered, and supported our Plant Sale! It was a joyful day of community, conversation, and growing together.



Mary Walsh Book Launch

FBC was excited to host an evening with beloved comedian, writer, and actor Mary Walsh for the launch of her new memoir. It was a memorable night filled with humour, storytelling, and community spirit.



Spinney Brothers Concert

The Spinney Brothers Bluegrass Band returned to FBC for an afternoon of lively music, toe-tapping fun, and great fellowship enjoyed by all!

Thank you for being part of our church family!

Summer Worship Together

Combined Summer Services: Join us this summer as we gather with our friends from Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church for worship, fellowship, and community connection.



Summer COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICES

Together in Faith. Together in Community.

TSSUC will be with us here at FBC!



June 28 - July 26

FBC will be worshipping at TSSUC!



August 2 - August 30

Two Churches. One Community.

June 7	Rev. Byron Corkum
June 14	Christian Education Sunday
June 21	Rev. Jeff White (<i>Father's Day</i>)
June 28	Rev. Jeff White (<i>First Sunday with Trinity-St. Stephen visiting us</i>)

Rev. Jeff White will be at the Atlantic Seminar in Theological Education from July 15-18 in Truro.

Summer Connections



CAMP PAGWEAK
SUMMER 2026
AT CAMP PAGWEAK
 A SUMMER OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & ADVENTURE!

GROW	PATHFINDER (Ages 6-8)	July 5 th - 7 th	Fee: \$200
BELONG	TRAILBLAZER (Ages 7-10)	July 19 th - 24 th	Fee: \$380
DISCOVER	VOYAGER (Ages 9-12)	July 12 th - 17 th	Fee: \$380
SERVE	APEX (Ages 12-13)	Aug. 9 th - 14 th	Fee: \$380
	VANTAGE (Ages 13-15)	July 5 th - 10 th	Fee: \$350

Learn More & REGISTER: pagweak.org/register

Unplug. Connect. Grow in Faith. Memories that last a lifetime!

Did You Know?
 Through the support of our Board of Christian Education and the church budget, we are grateful to help sponsor children attending Camp Pagweak.
 This support makes it possible for more young people to experience a week of faith, friendship, and fun.

FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • ADVENTURE • MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME! ♥

Help Fill the Shelves!

You are invited to help support Camp Pagweak's **Food Donation Program** through a **monetary gift** in place of food items. Donations may be made through your regular offering (please mark "Camp Pagweak" on your envelope) or through the church office by cash, interac or e-transfer (ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca).

All Donations will need to be received by Sunday, June 21.

Hands & Hearts in Action

Each month, our **Food Bank** supports the community by filling **380+ food requests** for neighbours and families in need. Throughout the summer, a summer student joins the team for 12 weeks while many year-round volunteers enjoy a well-deserved break.

We continue to collect: Clean glass jars, Reusable cloth bags, Empty 12-egg cartons, & Non-perishable grocery items. Donations may be placed in the **Food Bank tote located in the Vestry.**

Food Bank Summer Closures:
 July 1; August 3 & September 7

June Volunteers at FBC: Communion Clean-up: Verna Cormier & Derek Livingstone; **Ushering & Offering—Team Two:** Marjorie Rushton, Judy Noonan-Sutherland, Kim Delong, Lloyd Munroe, Marilyn Munroe, Gordon Jackson, Derek Livingstone, Ken Embree (Team Leader). **Flowers:** Sherrill Pettigrew.




Thank You! ♥

to our Choir Members and Choir Director,
Kevin Dupuis,
 for your dedication, time, and *musical gifts* shared each Sunday morning.

Your music helps lead and enrich our worship each week! 🎵

Month of June at FBC 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 10:30 am Worship	1 11:00 am Funeral & Reception: Diane Melanson 4:00 pm IODE	2 3:30 pm Introduction to Christianity: Being Church	3 9:45 am Food Bank Mtg. 4:00 pm Bd. of CE	4 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 	6
7 10:30 am Worship: Byron Corkum	8 11:00 am Prayer Time	9 3:30 pm Introduction to Christianity: Being Baptist 6:30 pm Bd. of Management	10 	11 9:00 am Table Set Up (Board of CE) 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 am Food Bank Mtg	13
14 10:30 am Worship: CE Sunday 12:00 pm Luncheon	15 9:00 am AIM Hike: Fundy Winds Marsh 10:00 am Practice for White Birches 11:00 am Prayer Time	16 	17	18 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches 5:30 pm Choir Supper	19	20 
21 10:30 am Worship Fathers Day Summer Begins	22 11:00 am Prayer Time	23 3:30 pm Introduction to Christianity: Being First Baptist Amherst	24	25 10:00 am Bd. of Deacons	26 	27
28 10:30 am Worship with Trinity St. Stephen's	29 11:00 am Prayer Time	30 5:30 pm AiM Hike: Shinimicas P P	1 Church & Office Closed Happy Canada Day	2 	3	4 