

June 8: As the school year draws to a close for many, pray for those graduating high school. Ask God to guide them as they step into a new season of life, providing clarity and courage for the path ahead. Pray for wisdom in their decisions, strength in challenges, and a deep sense of His presence as they navigate this exciting transition.

June 15: Thank God for the fathers and father figures in our lives who have guided, protected, and supported us. Pray for wisdom, strength, and encouragement for dads as they fulfill their unique and vital roles. Lift up those who may feel the absence of a father or carry pain in their relationship, asking for healing and the assurance of God's unfailing love as our perfect heavenly Father.

June 22: National Indigenous People's Day is celebrated each year on June 21. Indigenous communities and families continue to deal with the intergenerational harm and trauma caused by the Residential schools. Pray for healing and restoration. Whose lands do you reside on (see native-land.ca to find out)? Which reserve community is closest to you? Pray for the flourishing of these nations and communities.

June 29: The churches and Associations of our CBAC family of churches own and operate 14 camps. As the summer season begins, pray that these camps would be places of joy, growth, and connection. Pray for the children and teens who will attend, that they would encounter God in powerful ways and build friendships that encourage and uplift them. Ask for safety, fun, and meaningful experiences that leave a lasting impact on their lives. Lift up the camp leaders and staff, praying for renewed energy, wisdom, and a deep sense of purpose as they guide and serve throughout the summer.

The Reflector

June 2025

Reflecting the life of First Baptist Church Amherst



Active in Mission Birding at Maccan Tidal Wetlands Park

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Education Sunday

The Board of CE invites you to a **Pizza Lunch** following the worship service on **Sunday, June 8**. This will be a casual Sunday, so please feel free to dress in your casual summer clothes! All donations to support the work of our Benevolent Committee.

Summer Study

Jeff is interested in Bible Study, all year round. Who would like to get together during the spring and summer? Let him know if you are at all curious. We could even meet outdoors at various places, or in various homes and cafes. Ever have a picnic Bible Study? Let's try it.

Summer Combined Worship Services

June 29 - July 27: Each Sunday we will worship at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church (1 Ratchford St.) at 10:30 am.

August 3 - August 31: Each Sunday we will be welcoming our friends from Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church to worship with us here at FBC.

Volunteers for June

Flowers: Margo Harrison; **Communion Clean-up:** Liz Hickey & Liz Purdy; **Ushering & Offering: Team Two:** Marjorie Rushton; Judy Sutherland; Kim DeLong; Lloyd Munroe; Ken Embree (Team Leader); Marilyn Munroe; Gordon Jackson; Derek Livingstone.

Prayer Team

There is a small group who will pray for prayer requests, confidentially & confidently. Contact Jeff White:

E-mail: jgwhite@ns.aliantzinc.ca Phone: 902-614-1011.

Cookie Crew

This team makes cookies in our church kitchen for the unhoused and also for church coffee time. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the church office door.

Offering Options

Pre-Authorized Giving; E-mail Money Transfer, Interac/Debit; Offering Envelopes.

CBAC Prayer Link

(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

June 1: This week we focus on hope-filled conversations for the future. Thank God for the next generation already rising and for many new believers to join them in finding faith in Christ. Pray for CBAC's Future Church ministry (directed by Kevin Vincent) as it encourages courageous conversations and action. Pray for churches to discern God's leading and respond in creative new ways, such as church plants, partnerships with other churches, or mergers, that result in fruitful ministry.

Daily Vacation Bible School & Day Camps

Rev. Marlene and our summer student, Makayla, will be offering a **summer Bible school** for children. Theme: Road Trip: On The Go With God. They are also planning to offer **Day Camps**. More details to follow.



REGULAR, REPEATING MINISTRIES

Prayer Sessions

Mondays 11:00 – 11:30: Join me once in a while (or often) to pray in various ways and join God to bless the world. We use prayer resources from a variety of books and consider many prayer requests. – Jeff White

Benevolent Fund

The **first Sunday of every month** we have **Holy Communion** during the service. We also encourage *benevolent offerings*, which can be designated as such on your envelope, for our Benevolent Fund. Through your benevolent offering, we have been able to share with those in need in a caring and compassionate way. In addition to our annual commitment to the operating budget of the Amherst Food Bank and the packing of Christmas Cheer Boxes, our church has received requests for financial assistance for prescriptions, food, and travel for medical appointments. We have partnered with other organizations to cover more expensive items such as rent, power and heating costs. **Your continued support is appreciated by the benevolent committee and the community at large.**

Active in Mission Birding

Each week, when I am at work this summer, I will take you on a **short bird-watching excursion**. It's my part of Canadian Baptist Ministries' *Active in Mission* summer project. Instead of running, or walking, or biking, or canoeing, I am simply going birding as I stroll around. Each week, we take an hour and a half to go somewhere in or near Amherst to wander and to be birders. Let me know if you have a place you'd like to go, and a certain day and time of day to go. For each different species of bird I (we) identify, I will donate \$1 to the CMB project, which is for food security this year. What will you do? And... on Sunday mornings, we decorate a birch tree with each species of bird we see.

Here is a summary of our results so far, for May.

- **May 7, 9:00 am, Downtown Amherst 8 bird species, 3 people, 1 dog**
- **May 16, 9:00 am, Amherst Cemetery 7 bird species, 1 person**
- **May 22, 9:00 am, Fundy Winds Marsh 17 bird species, 1 person**
- **May 27, 11:00 am, Maccan Tidal Wetlands 13 bird species, 6 people**

So far (in May) I have reported 45 different species of birds to eBird.org. The **first excursion in June** will be **Wednesday the 4th at 10 am**, carpooling out to Boat Launch Road.

Summer Student

Makayla Estabrooks will be our summer student Monday, June 30 - August 29. She has finished her first year at St. Francis Xavier University to become a teacher. She is a lifelong resident of Sackville, NB. Makayla has a passion for working with children. Makayla has extensive experience in running programs for children. She is eager to get started and has already started planning programs for the summer.

June 2025 at First Baptist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30 am Worship Service Communion 7th Sunday of Easter	2 11:00 am Prayer Session 1:00 pm IODE	3 10:00 am Ministerial	4 10:00 am Birding 4:00 pm Bd of CE	5 10:00 am Christmas Cheer Mtg. 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7 
8 10:30 am Worship Service CE Sunday 11:30 am Pizza Lunch Day of Pentecost	9 11:00 am Prayer Session	10 10:30 am Staff Meeting	11 	12 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 10:30 am Worship Service Trinity Sunday	16 11:00 am Prayer Session	17 10:00 am Practice for White Birches 6:30 pm Bd of MGMT	18	19 1:30 pm Singing at White Birches	20 	21
22 10:30 am Worship Service	23 11:00 am Prayer Session	24 9:30 am Staff Meeting	25 	26 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 10:30 am Worship Service at Trinity-St. Stephen 's	30	1 	2	3	4	5 