

# Corner Brook United Church

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**Ministers Emeritus:** Rev Clayton Parsons  
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**Music Director:** Jennifer Billard

**Office Staff:** Cathy Quigley

## Office Hours:

**Monday – Thursday 10 am – 2 pm**

We're able to receive bulletin info until **Wed. at 1 pm**

Rev van Vliet's email is [firstministercb@gmail.com](mailto:firstministercb@gmail.com)

His phone is **632-7129**. He tries to take Fridays off

Rev Cook's email is [13scoutie@gmail.com](mailto:13scoutie@gmail.com)

Her phone is **689-6795**. She tries to take Mondays off

## 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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**January 12, 2025**



Jesus' baptismal site at the Jordan River. (Looking across to the Jordanian side.)

## January 12, 2025

Prelude

Introit

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship:

(adapted from Isaiah 43, John 7, 1 Cor 12, and John 4)

L: I have called you by name; you are mine. Those who believe in me will have rivers of living water flow from within them.

**P: From one spirit we were all baptized into one body – and were all made to drink of one spirit.**

L: Whoever drinks from this water will never be thirsty again.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving for God's Presence

Anthem: *Water Flowing From the Mountains* MV 87

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

Hymn: *I Have Called You By Your Name* MV 161

Readings: Genesis 1 :1 – 5  
Luke 3 :15 – 18, 21 – 22

Message: From Promise to Action

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

Offertory Prayer

Community Prayer/LORD's Prayer

Hymn: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* VU 659

Blessing

Choral Anthem: *Guide Me ... Great Jehovah* VU 651

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**Humber United building closing service** is scheduled for this afternoon at 2:30. We strongly urge everyone to be there today to support one another through what will be a difficult time for some.

There is no **Coffee Hour** scheduled for the next two Sundays – but January 26 is Birthday Sunday.

Our **Outreach Lunch** is set to begin again on this Wednesday, from **11:30 am to 12:30**. Volunteers always needed.

\*\*Please see back of **Jordan River insert** for more announcements.



The Jordan River in high water, probably in spring, taken from the Israeli side. The Jordanian side across the river receives fewer visitors – although this photo seems to be a particularly low day.

The most probable location for the site of Jesus' baptism is on the Jordanian side of the Jordan River. This is the place that the gospel writer John called Bethany-Beyond-the-Jordan. (John 1: 28)

But as the river is really little more than a small brook for most of the year, the Israeli site of *Qasr al-Yahud* is literally only a few swim strokes away. (Don't try this – both sides of the international border are heavily guarded, and they tend to be very serious about border security.)

Both locations receive tourists – some of them willing to brave the unsanitary waters for a rebaptism ceremony.

**New Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 10-2. Please get your announcements in by Wed afternoon.

**Offering Envelopes** are on the back table. Please take yours, along with any family or neighbours who aren't likely to be here in person.

Believe it or not, it's that time of year again when we are beginning to assemble the **Annual Report**. Committee and group chairs – please get your **reports** in to the church office as soon as possible. One page per committee is optimal.

The **Website** and **Facebook page** are still being worked on. We'll get to it as soon as we can.

**Corner Brook United Men's Club** will have a dinner meeting on Wed Jan 22 at 5:30pm. Cost is \$15 for the meal. We will select an executive at a business meeting immediately afterward. Please contact Bruce Penney, bpenney53@hotmail.com or 638-5549, on or before Sun Jan 19 if you plan to attend.

## Clergy Work Schedule for 2025

On January 1, 2025 First and Humber United Churches officially amalgamated to create **Corner Brook United Church**. In addition to a larger congregation we are also blessed to have two ministers who will enrich our church community.

Obviously, some changes are required to adjust to two clergy. Rev van Vliet has moved to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, and Rev Cook will be  $\frac{1}{2}$  time. Rev Cook also serves half-time at Humber Valley United in Pasadena, where she leads worship on a monthly rotation of 9:30 or 11:00. As a result, she cannot be here at exactly 11:00, so the time of her services here will move to 11:30.

There's a schedule of services for 2025 on the back. Please note that the rotation is roughly on a month-to-month schedule – although it's not exact. So be sure to consult the schedule.

We know and fully understand that this is somewhat unsettled in regard to worship times and overall scheduling, but this is the best we can do for 2025. In the fall of 2025 we will see how things are working out and make possible adjustments for 2026.

Undoubtedly, there will also be a few other things we'll have to resolve along the way, but we feel that the main things are taken care of until we get to the Annual Meeting, sometime around late February.

Questions? Contact Jeff Follett at [jefffollett@icloud.com](mailto:jefffollett@icloud.com) or Mimajoan Saunders at [mimajoan@hotmail.com](mailto:mimajoan@hotmail.com)

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**Rev van Vliet at 11:00**    **Rev Cook at 11:30**

**January 1 – February 5**

(Jan 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2)

**February 5 – February 26**

(Feb 9, 16, 23)

**February 26 – April 2**

(March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

**April 2 – April 30**

(April 6, 13, Holy Week: MT, GF, Easter Sunday, April 27)

**April 30 – June 4**

(May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1)

**June 4 – July 2**

(June 8, 15, 22, 29)

**July 2 – August 6**

(July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3)

**August 6 – September 3**

(Aug 10, 17, 24, 31)

**September 3 – October 1**

(Sept 7, 14, 21, 28)

**October 1 – October 29**

(Oct 5, 12, 19, 26)

**October 29 – December 17**

(Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7, 14)

**December 17 – December 31**

(Dec 21, Christmas Eve, Dec 28)