

Message From Our New Supply Minister, Ian Manson

Hi there! I'm absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to be with you at QUC as your supply minister over the next while and am very much looking forward to getting to know all of you in the months ahead. Over the past weeks, I've had a chance to meet a number of you, and have received a warm and gracious welcome. Thank you!!

As for me, I was born and raised on the prairies and grew up on a grain farm outside a small town south of Winnipeg with no streetlights and about 100 residents (including cats and dogs). On those winter nights when it was too cold to curl or play hockey, I developed a love of history - which led to two degrees at the University of Manitoba. The political bug also bit me, so I worked for a few years as a political assistant to Liberal Cabinet Minister Lloyd Axworthy. I then moved east to study theology in Toronto, was ordained, and earned a doctorate in the History of Christianity from Emmanuel College. After returning to Manitoba I served two different pastoral charges, started a successful drama group in a lively Winnipeg congregation, and taught some theology courses at the University of Winnipeg. The East then beckoned again, so I spent the next nine years at a well-established church in West Toronto. Looking for new experiences and challenges, I accepted a call to help the members of a smaller but spirited congregation figure out a new plan for the future, and developed a real affinity for transitional ministry. I then worked on several congregational renewal projects as a Toronto Conference staff person and became a designated Intentional Interim Minister who helped a troubled Etobicoke church heal and unite around a new vision. Then, in 2019, I moved to New Brunswick to begin a new chapter of my life. Before coming to Quispamsis, I did interim Supply work at Harmony, Hampton, Gibson Memorial, and Forest Hill United Churches, and really enjoyed these experiences. And my wife Kelly Galbraith (a "west-sider" from Saint John who's returned home from Ontario) and I were married in 2022.

As well, I've been teaching an online course for Emmanuel College on church governance (for soon-to-be-clergy), and am working on two book manuscripts - one on the way the United Church addressed a range of social, cultural, and spiritual questions during its first three decades - and the other on how Mainline Protestant congregations in Canada are dealing with the challenges of life in the 21st-century and exploring new ways to reinvent themselves and thrive.

Kelly and I love hiking, kayaking, reading, walking our three spaniels, and (when COVID protocols allow) attending lots of concerts, plays, and cultural events.

Kelly and I are very much looking forward to meeting all of you in the months to come, and to becoming part of the QUC family!

Weekly Announcements for Quispamsis United Church August 31, 2023

1. Faith Profile Survey
2. Pastoral Care (**NEW**)
3. Outreach Sneaker Campaign (**NEW**)
4. Choir Practice (**NEW**)
5. Sunday School (**NEW**)
6. Community Connections (**NEW**)
7. Music Lessons at QUC (**NEW**)
8. Sunday Scripture Readers (**UPDATED**)
9. Worshipping Online (**UPDATED**)
10. New Battery for AED and Instructional Video
11. QUC Office Hours
12. Dedicate a Service
13. Looking for Tech Volunteers
14. Financial Report
15. How You Can Direct Your Givings
16. Submitting Announcements
17. Sharing our Message on Social Media

1. **Faith Profile Survey:** A box marked Profile Survey is in the narthex for those dropping off their completed surveys. Your opinion is important to us. Please have completed surveys returned by September 10th, 2023.

2. **Pastoral Care:** In case of a pastoral emergency, please feel free to contact Rev. Ian Manson at 506-333-8318. He can also be reached via email: ian.manson98@gmail.com.

3. **Outreach Sneaker Campaign:** We are conducting our annual Sneaker Campaign from September 17th through and including October 8th (Thanksgiving Sunday). This project provides sneakers to an inner Saint John city school for distribution to its many students whose families are struggling to meet basic needs. If you are able to support this cause

financially, please donate through the offering plate, through PAR, or a cheque to Quispamsis United, labeling it “sneakers”. Please help us spread God’s Love in tangible ways if you can. Thank You.

4. **Choir Practice:** Choir practice will resume on Thursday, September 7th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Come one, come all and bring a friend! For more information speak to a choir member or Stephen.
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5. **Christian Life & Growth - Sunday School:** Sunday School Registration and a Welcome Back Congregational Ice Cream Social will be held on September 17th. Sunday School will begin on September 24th.
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6. **Community Connections:** This is a new program for QUC as we start to gather back. The Worship Committee is delighted to inform you of a new program. Once a month we will welcome a guest speaker from the community to share about their organization and programs they support. A donation will be given to the guest speaker in lieu of paying a lay minister. There will be opportunities for the congregation to make individual donations as they desire.

September 24th: KV Police Force, Corporal Kelley McIntyre will speak on programs they have created locally. On October 22nd Lynn MacDonald will speak on Bee Me Kidz. We hope to open our doors and hearts more to the needs of the community in this coming year.

7. **Music Lessons:** Stephen will be offering music lessons this fall at QUC. It is for ALL ages and levels. Piano, Voice, Flute, and Ukulele. Lessons will be on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons from 3:00 – 7:00. Sessions: ½ hour & 1 hour lessons. Competitive rates, family, Seniors and 1-hour lessons discount. Contact Stephen Alexander at stephenalexander313@gmail.com.
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8. **Sunday Readers for the Next 4 Services:** One of the great gifts that we have each week is your participation in Sunday Worship in the welcoming, Acknowledgement of Land, the responsive pieces (Call to Worship, Commissioning, etc.), and of course the scripture reading. You add so much to the experience of worship every Sunday! Below are the

readers for the next 4 Services. If you see your name here and are unable to be available for your Sunday, please **check the reader list and arrange a replacement and let Leslie know.**

- a. September 3: Ruth Buckley
 - b. September 10: Sally Allanach
 - c. September 17: Bob Crowley
 - d. September 24: Ben Alward
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9. **Worshipping Online:** Follow the instructions below for logging on to Zoom, getting your copy of the bulletin, and catching up on services you may have missed.
- a. **Zoom Information:** The information to join our Zoom worship is below:
 - i. The Zoom link for smartphones, tablets, or computers is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/233787625?pwd=V2gxY05oYU5NMm1YMFZKTElnM2NtZz09>
 - ii. The password for this meeting room is: **400688**
 - iii. For those who would prefer to call in the number is: **1 647 558 0588** then use the Meeting ID: **233 787 625**, and then enter the passcode **400688** when prompted (long-distance charges may apply if you do not have a plan)
 - b. **Bulletins for Sunday:** The bulletin is available for viewing on our website, and can be found at the following link:
 - i. Sunday's Bulletin: <https://www.quc.ca/s/September-3-Bulletin-wdwb.pdf>
 - c. Council Minutes: <https://www.quc.ca/congregational-minutes>
 - d. **Last Sunday's Worship:** In case you missed it, the worship service (video) and message (audio) are on the website. Just follow the links below, scroll to the date, and watch or listen.
 - i. Videos of Previous Worship Services: <https://www.quc.ca/worship/videos>
 - ii. Audio of Message: <https://www.quc.ca/worship/messages>
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10. **New Battery for AED and Instructional Video:** A new battery was acquired for the AED in the hallway (donated by Janie and Kid Zone)! An instructional video on the use of this device is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uhZPzvyu10&t=51s>.
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11. **QUC Office Hours:** Barring emergencies, the church will be accessible and Leslie will be in the office Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-12:30. Should you need access to the building

outside these times, please contact Leslie at office@quc.ca to make arrangements.

12. Dedicate a Service: CELEBRATE a member of your family or place a MEMORIAL in our weekly bulletin by making a donation. Just send your donation, details of the announcement “Dedicated by (donator) in loving memory/celebration of people/situation” and your chosen date to Leslie. She will include your message in the PowerPoint.

13. Looking for Tech Volunteers – We have regularly been updating our technical abilities at the church with new laptops, microphones, screen, cameras and are still planning future updates. We have a very small crew and we are looking for some help. If you enjoy learning and/or are a bit tech-savvy, we would love for you to join us. If you are interested, please reach out to us through Leslie at office@quc.ca.

14. Financial Report: For the Period of May

	Current Month	Year To-date
Total Receipts	\$ 17,248.82	\$77,290.64
Total Expenses	\$15,000.12	\$79,142.83
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,248.70	\$1,852.19
M&S	\$776.50	\$4,552.50

Another good surplus in May, let's keep it going!!!

15. How You Can Direct Your Givings: Did you know that when you give financially, you can direct where that money goes and how it supports the work of our church and mission? Here are some of the categories for directing your offerings: **Local, M&S, Memorial, Building, Outreach, and Special (Advent, Lent, etc)**

If you want to make any changes to where your gifts go to support the work of this community of faith, just follow the directions below:

- a. *Envelope givers* – Already divided between Local and M & S. If you want it to go to another category just write on the envelope
- b. *E-Transfer givers* – Write in the message section where you would like it recorded. If

- no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local
- c. *PAR givers* – Send Brion a message stating how much in each category. If no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local
 - d. *Mail givers* – Write on the cheque which category and how much in each. If no comment is made it will be recorded as a Local

For any queries or concerns please give Brion Crossman a call at 849-6003 or Hally Kimball at 849-9618.

16. Submitting Announcements: To get your announcement in this weekly notice, we ask that you submit them to Leslie with a **small paragraph** of detail by Wednesday of the week you want your announcement to run. Also, include the number of weeks that you want this announcement in the weekly notice (if no number is given we will run it for 4 weeks or until the event has taken place). Send all announcements to Leslie at office@quc.ca

17. Sharing our Message on Social Media: Sometimes we have some pretty amazing events going on at QUC. Sometimes we do some pretty awesome stuff in the community. Sometimes we just want to remind people of the welcoming home that they can find at QUC. We can share all of these messages through Facebook! If your **committee** has a message to share with the wider community, send that brief message (preferably with a picture) to Leslie through office@quc.ca and she will get our message out there!