

United Baptist Church of Digby
Holy Week **Newsletter** 2022

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Glory be to God for the holy days that are ahead of us. The scripture quotation at the top of this letterhead urges us to glorify God. A dictionary will tell us that *glory* is ‘high renown or fame; honour; praise and thanksgiving; resplendent majesty or magnificence...’ Our scriptures suggest that *glory* implies holiness, beauty, goodness, light, and the presence of God. Shall our April journey to remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus (Good Friday & Easter) point to Him and give God the glory?

Perhaps, for these eight years I have been with you, there have been many moments of giving glory to God. There have been moments when our music lifted us above and beyond ourselves. There have been moments when our kind actions and generosity have blessed others. There have been moments when our teaching and training has helped people have the mind of Christ. There have been moments when our prayerfulness has proved that God still heals and guides and works miracles.

The pinnacle of our faith is found in the form of the Bible stories we tell. In Holy Week we find our ways to tell the story again, to one another and to our neighbours. We are also meeting up with the glorious presence of God, who touches us amid all the storytelling. May you be enabled to take part in our worship and fellowship and service as much as possible, this year. I have been so grateful for the ways you have followed my lead to worship God together, in these years we’ve shared.

1 Corinthians 10:31 was written about how the believers ate and drank together, how they had fellowship, though they differed in some of their habits and opinions. May you, Digby Baptist, do all your activities to the glory of God, whatever you do together, no matter how diverse you are.

I will leave you, at the end of May, with confidence in you. With the Spirit of truth, you may face your future with great purpose and great compassion. Thank you for being partners with me in the Gospel. And thank you for being friends to me and Sharon.

Love, in Christ,

Jeff White, Pastor

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elcome to the Digby Baptist's Newsletter!

A place for you to get more information on the events and occurrences that surround Digby Baptist. The next edition of our Newsletter comes out in June 2022.

Holy Week Events

Sunday, April 10	11 AM	Palm Sunday Service
Monday, April 11	1:30 PM	Monday Study Group
	3:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
Wed., April 13	2 PM	Communion Service at Tideview Terrace
Friday, April 15	7 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday, April 16	2-4 PM	'Easter Tea' Sunday, April
17	7 AM	Sunrise Service at the Gazebo
	11 AM	Easter Service

'Easter Tea!' Saturday, April 9 2-4 PM
Tickets (\$10) available beforehand or at the door.

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Worship Schedule

Sun April 3				Don Robertson
Sun April 10	Palm Sunday	John 19:16b-22		Jeff White
Fri April 15	Good Friday	John 19:31-42		Jeff White
Sun April 17	Easter	John 20:1-18		Jeff White
Sun April 24		John 20:19-31	Seeing & Believing	Jeff White
Sun May 1		John 21:1-14	Come & Have Breakfast	Jeff White
Sun May 8	Mothers Day	John 21:15-19	Feed My Sheep	Jeff White
Sun May 15		Acts 17:16-31	Good Preaching	Jeff White
Sun May 22		Philippians 1:1-18a	Gospel Partners	Jeff White
Sun May 29		Philippians 2:1-13	Christ in You	Jeff White
Sun June 5				<i>to be announced</i>

A Pilgrimage from Digby to Amherst

by Pastor Jeff White

Yes, I am planning to walk from my home here to my new home, four hundred kilometres away. I want to make a 'spiritual pilgrimage' of it, and walk as a spiritual practice. I plan for it to be a sabbath (or sabbatical) between these chapters of my life. I plan to keep it simple, and take time each day for prayer, for reading, for visiting special places, for meeting people, for being alone, for taking notes, for making art or collecting mementos and photographs. I will be visiting my own past fifty-one years by walking on much familiar ground. I will visit churches and chapels that have been part of my life story. I will visit the burial grounds of my ancestors. I will walk with friends. I will be pondering my past eight years in Digby, and letting go of the past. I will be looking towards my next years in Amherst, imagining what is quite unpredictable.

I have a route planned out, walking about twenty kms a day for about twenty days. For the most part I will stay each night with friends and family. I will rely upon them to get me to and from my starting and ending places each day. Here is the tentative schedule; it will be flexible and allow for any terrible weather to be avoided or extra rest days if needed. You can follow along as I blog about it at www.jeffinthepulpit.blogspot.com

Mon, May 30 Digby - Upper Clements
 Tues, May 31 U. Clements - Bridgetown
 Wed, June 1 Bridgetown - Wilmot
 Thrs, June 2 Wilmot - Aylesford
 Fri, June 3 Aylesford - Coldbrook
Sat, June 4 (conference in Wolfville)
 Sun, June 5 Coldbrook - Wolfville
 Mon, June 6 Wolfville - Mount Denson
 Tues, June 7 Mt. Denson - Mantua
 Wed, June 8 Mantua - Clarksville
 Thrs, June 9 C'ville - Upper Kennetcook
 Fri, June 10 U. Ken. - South Maitland
 Sat, June 11 South Maitland - Green Oaks
 Sun, June 12 Green Oaks - Bible Hill
 Mon, June 13 Bible Hill - Lower Debert
 Tues, June 4 Lower Debert - Bass River
 Wed, June 15 B. R. - Economy Mountain
Thrs, June 16 (day on Moose Island)
 Fri, June 17 Economy Mt. - Hidden Falls
 Sat, June 18 Hidden Falls - Newville
Sun, June 19 (day in Parrsboro)
 Mon, June 20 Newville - Athol
 Tues, June 21 Athol - Amherst

To begin my pilgrimage, I think it will be important to receive whatever blessings you folks of the Digby area would offer. So you can see me off at **twelve noon on Monday, May 30th**, in the churchyard. And you are welcome to walk with me, be it for one hundred metres, one kilometre, or twenty. Friends will join me from time to time all along this pilgrimage.

Finally, I must say I have not planned this to be about any cause or need; it is not intended to be a fundraiser for anything. But I also expect some people will ask if it is, and how they can donate. So I will come up with an answer for that. My reason for undertaking this is simply personal. It is an opportunity to take up an ancient Christian practice I have never tried before: to walk a pilgrimage. ¡Buen Camino!

Luke 9:2 [Jesus] *sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there.*

New address for Sharon and Jeff White, as of June, 2022
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