

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

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Sunday, June 12th, 2016



Mission Statement

Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:

- Jesus Christ is head;
- The Bible has the ultimate authority as the true, infallible and complete Word of God;
- Salvation through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and belief in His finished work on the cross is preached;
- The Gospel of Christ is spread in our community, our nation and around the world in both work and action;
- Believers encourage each other and hold others in higher regard than themselves so that each may use the gifts God has given him/her to the glory of God.

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WELCOME We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day and pray that this will be a time of blessing for all. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Darlene & Murray MacIntosh and Ada MacIntosh.

Nursery Susan Jessen and Kim Brown

Next Sunday Heather MacQueen and Heather Furey

Sunday School Shepherd

- Donnie Brown

Greeter at the South Door

- Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the Choir Door

- Michael Butler

Hospital Visitation

Beth Matheson 727-2325

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Readings for next week

1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a; Psalm 42 & 43; Galatians 3: 23-29; Luke 8: 26-39

Bethel Church,

You have done something amazing for patients all over Cape Breton ! Your donation from the Good Friday service will provide immediate support to cancer patients in treatment with prescription costs, household expenses, and travel.

Thank you all !

Rochelle Hatcher,
Community Fundraising Officer
CB Regional Hospital Foundation

This Week

Thursday

7:30 p.m. John Geddie AMS Auxiliary will meet in the Shaw Room with Group 2 in charge.

Saturday, June 18th

11:00-2:00

Fun Day... Join us for lots of fun, games, music and of course our BBQ. Bring your family and friends.

We are asking for donations of cookies for Family Fun Day. Please drop them off on the morning of the event. Thank you for your help with making our event great.

Also, we are looking for some volunteers to help out with fun day, especially in the kitchen. If you are able to help, please give your name to Carol Ferguson or Bob Lyle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session is calling the congregation to meet on **Monday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m.:**

- (1) To consider three options from the Board of Managers re: options regarding the Manse and to choose one of these options;

Housing Allowance vs Manse

1. Keep the Manse and set aside \$25-30, 000 per year to do the necessary repairs and updates, beginning this year until all the work is done.
2. Keep the Manse until the present Minister leaves/retires setting aside \$25-30,000 per year to do the necessary repairs and updates beginning this year, until all the work is done or the Minister leaves/retires. Re-consider sell/keep when present Minister has left.

3. Sell the Manse and provide the Minister with a housing allowance of \$1200.00 (including utilities) per month. Only necessary 'safety repairs' will be done on the Manse until it is sold.

If the congregation votes to 'Sell', a request is made to Presbytery for permission to sell the Manse and to have the money from the sale set aside for HA for the minister.

(Presbytery gets involved only because this will change the terms of the 'Call' that Rev. Lyle was presented when he came in 1992)

If HA is chosen, the congregation makes up the shortfall for HA and utilities from the invested money from the sale of the Manse.

(The vote on this will be done by ballot.)

- (2) To consider the need for 25 more chairs in the hall
- (3) To consider options about a new church sign for the front of the church.

Board Meeting

The Board of Managers will meet on **Tuesday, June 21st 11 7:30 p.m.** (NOTE the day is changed this month to have the congregational meeting on the Monday)

Preparatory Service and Session Meeting

Thursday, June 23rd 7:30 p.m. in sanctuary. Session will meet following the Service.

Becoming Communicant Members of Bethel Church

Anyone who is interested in joining the church at the June Communion Service should speak to the minister.

PRESBYTERY WORKSHOP

TOPIC: Narrative/Storytelling Preaching

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod

For Whom: Elders, Lay Worship Team, Ministers, Anyone involved in sermon preparation, any interested persons

Dates and Places:

Thursday, June 23rd from 7-9 p.m. Knox Presbyterian Church, Baddeck and

Friday, June 24th from 9-12 a.m. Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney

Each day's workshop will feature different material. **It would be beneficial to attend both sessions**, but if you are unable to go to both events, we hope you can come to one of them.

Before coming to the workshop, Dr. MacLeod asks us to think about how we approach sermon preparation.

This promises to be a thought-provoking and helpful event. We hope you can join us.

If planning to attend, please inform David Sneddon 567-2374 or Joan Richardson 564-5140

CHANGE OF DATE

The Session decided to have the recognition of our graduates on **Sunday, June 26th** following the morning communion service. We will also be recognizing three of our Elders from the congregation after the morning service: Donald Morrison and Bill Sneddon for their long years of service as members of the Session and Byron MacLeod, who the Session has given the title of Elder Emeritus, after having received and granted his resignation from Session.

Summer Communion Services

Summer Communion Services will be on Sunday, June 26th at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Hymnboree... a casual, intergenerational hymn sing hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main St.) on Sunday, June 26 at 6:00 pm, followed by pot-luck sundaes on the lawn! Bring your enthusiasm "to make a joyful noise" of praise together, a lawn chair, insect repellent and a favourite sundae topping to add to the table. (Ice-cream/sherbet will be provided.) Inclement weather...no problem, we will just move our lawn chairs and the sundae table inside to the hall!

Camp MacLeod

We are looking ahead to the 2016 summer season and have a few suggestions for grocery donations for anyone able to give.

Kraft Dinner	Rice	Pizza Sauce	Jams
Pasta	Ketchup	Mustard	Corn Pops
Relish	Fruit Loops	Cheese Whiz	Rice Krispies
Peanut Butter	White flour	Soap Powder	
No Corn Flakes		Canned/Bottled Spaghetti Sauce	
Hamburger helper		Sugar (white, brown, icing)	
Canned lunch meat (flakes of ham, chicken, etc.)			
Salad Dressings (Caesar, ranch, Italian)			
Cake mixes (i.e. Brownie mix, etc.)			

Mission Moments – Farming for the Future in Tanzania

Last year in Kishapu, one of the driest areas of Tanzania, the arid climate and unpredictability of rainfall left many farmers in dismay. Common crops didn't survive. "We're willing to try anything that will make us more food secure," shared one farmer from the region. The Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported food security project in Kishapu provided farmers with weather-resilient, nutritious seed as well

as training in conservation agriculture. Through conservation agriculture—a low-input farming method that helps soil retain moisture—their crops flourished despite the prolonged drought. The farmers continue to apply the methods they learned. By combining resilient seed with soil-friendly farming, they are laying the foundations of a more sustainable future.

PWS&D responds to food insecurity