

# **Bethel Presbyterian Church**

Corner of George & Brookland Streets  
Sydney, NS

[www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca](http://www.bethelpresbyterianchurch.ca)

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## 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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## Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306

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## Readings for next week

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11; John 4: 5-42

There will be no Sunday School during the March break, **March 12-19**. Nursery care will still be available.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

The next BOM meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 pm.

John Geddie AMS will meet on **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. This is one week late due to March Break. Group five will be in charge.

**Benevolent Fund Committee:** Looking for household items such as linens, dishes, pots and pans, etc. If you have any you wish to donate please call Joan Richardson at 902 564-5140 or Brad Gillespie at 902-577-1969. Thank You.

## Mission Moments – Welcoming the stranger

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Jackie Bannerman is serving as a young adult intern in Budapest, Hungary with our long-standing partner, the Reformed Church in Hungary. Jackie is excited about helping the Kalunba Refugee ministry to build relationships with refugees in a safe environment. She teaches English lessons and helps with Kalunba's website, providing English content to connect international readers. Jackie shares, "I hope to help create a sort of home, if only a temporary one, and provide a much needed sense of hope to people coming from fearful situations with uncertain futures."

*Presbyterians Sharing supports refugee work*

# WOMEN LEAD THE WAY IN RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN NEPAL

Almost two years after the earthquake destroyed 600,000 buildings throughout Nepal, close-knit villagers in Sanoguan have revived many broken homes. Places of ruin are now alive with the sights and sounds of restoration. There has been another transformation. Many women — used to doing household work and farming — are taking the lead in rebuilding efforts.

“When I first came, women hardly spoke in meetings,” says emergency response officer Madhu Sunam. “The earthquake pushed them out of their comfort zone. The women are now quite vocal.” The small business development program Presbyterian World Service & Development is supporting through the ACT Alliance is also promoting women’s empowerment.

Saru Shrestha received a grant to open a small shop, which is helping her pay school fees for her siblings. “My dream is to open a second shop, selling cosmetics,” says the inspired young entrepreneur. This Lenten season let us faithfully respond to Christ’s call to serve those in need. Support for PWS&D is helping women improve their livelihoods as they recover from the earthquake.

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