

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George & Brookland Streets
Sydney, NS

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Sunday, March 5th, 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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First Sunday in Lent
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Carol Ferguson

Reader

Dennis MacIntye

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)

Hymn # 27 As the deer

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7 (p.2)

Responsive Psalm # 32 (p.395)

Hymn # 328 This is my Father's world

Children's Story

Litany for First Sunday in Lent Debbie Denny

Reader: The Lenten journey has begun.

All: Lent's questions confront us.

Reader: Where will the road take us?

All: What kind of people will we be?

Reader: Will we have the courage to withstand temptation?

All: Will we trust in God's faithfulness as we travel through the wilderness?

Reader: The quest will test us and try us.

All: We pray that Jesus will be our guide.

Reader: Let us pray.

God of the wilderness: We experience your call compelling us to join the Lenten journey. We hear your voice inviting us into the wilderness where the journey begins. We know that the wilderness is a frightening place, a place where we need courage and your grace.

All: Stay with us as we face our own demons.

Greeter at the South Door

- Tom MacRae

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

- Katherine Hardy

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Genesis 12: 1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17; John 3: 1-17

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Joan (MacIntyre) Getson of OakHill, Lunenburg Co., former member of Bethel Church, from Kay Gallivan.

This Week

Tuesday

John Geddie AMS are reminded they are providing the noon lunch for Cape Breton Presbytery on Tuesday, March 7.

Wednesday

Registration for the spring session of TIME OUT will take place at United Heritage Church hall, 500 Charlotte St., Sydney on Wednesday, March 8 from 9:30 to 11:00 am. Registration Fee \$20. Various courses available.

Friday

Anyone who is interested in learning CPR and how to use the AED, a course will be held from 1-3 pm in the church hall. For more information you can contact Carol Ferguson, 902-564-8422.

Evans and Doherty "RAISE THE ROOF" Concert: At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines at 7:00 pm the legendary duo of Evans and Doherty will be performing a St. Patrick's Day Concert. They will delight you with stories and songs throughout the evening. This will be their only St. Patrick's Day Concert in Cape Breton, so it's your only chance to enjoy this wonderful duo. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased from Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or Pharmasave in Sydney Mines or reserve yours by calling 902 736-2508. All proceeds will go toward RAISE THE ROOF FUND to help with the expenses of our new roof.

Annual Winter Fun Day

We will once again have a Winter Fun Day on the **Saturday March 11 (1-3)** – a time for us to relax and have some fun together. All are invited to come!!!

Please note that the time is 1-3, not 2-4 as was previously advertised.

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

Mission Moments – International Women’s Day (March 8)

Deeba teaches chemistry at a high school in Afghanistan, where cultural barriers frequently limit opportunities for women and prevent them from entering the workforce. While she has the support of her family, Deeba experienced challenges as a woman working outside the home. One challenge was the lack of training she received in educational methods, making it difficult to teach her lessons. Thanks to a Presbyterian World Service & Development program that supports training for teachers in Afghanistan, Deeba is participating in workshops to help her improve the quality of lessons for her students. Because of this program, she is inspiring students to reach their full potential and setting examples for women. “I can feel the respect for myself in my students’ eyes.”

PWS&D supports equal opportunities for women

Growth Beyond the Community

Juan Ramirez Cardon, a farmer in Guatemala, was very reliant on the use of costly fertilizers to ensure he could

grow enough food for his family.

But the expense soon became more than he could bear. Juan could see no alternative and feared for his family's future.

With the goal of helping farmers who are struggling to provide food for their families, Presbyterian World Service & Development partners started agro-ecology groups in Juan's community to teach environmentally sustainable farming methods that increase yields and improve nutrition.

Training in crop diversification and grafting fruit trees helped Juan transform his plot into nourishment for his family — without chemical fertilizers.

But what Juan is most proud of is being able to share what he's learned far beyond his own farm. Part of being in the group meant promoting soil-healthy farming in other communities — and ensuring vulnerable families have abundant food for the long-term.

This Lenten season, let us faithfully respond to God's call to serve those in need and create brighter futures for generations of farming families in Guatemala.

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