

Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George and Brookland Streets,
Sydney, NS



Our Mission: To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with our community in our worship and our living.

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.

Sunday, May 7, 2017
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Reader

Charles Nicholson
Gloria Anderson

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn # 11 The Lord's my shepherd
Prayer of Confession
Cursillo Women's Team *"All over the world"*
 "Smile"

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson Acts 2: 42-47 (p. 772)
Responsive Psalm # 23 (p. 392)
Cursillo Women's Team *"Less of me"*
 "Abba Father"
Reflection *Kristine Stubbert*
Children's Story *"Praise"*
 Stacy MacFadgen
N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 2: 19-25 (p. 858)
N.T. Gospel Lesson John 10: 1-10 (p. 759)
Sermon **Being Christ to one another**

Our Response to God

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession
Offering
Offertory
Anthem *My Lord is like a shepherd – Lani Smith*
Doxology (#830)
Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 650

He leadeth me

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

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. A special word of welcome to the women's team for the Ecumenical Cursillo who will be singing during the service. The weekend will be held the last weekend of May. Special thanks to Stacy MacFadgen who will be doing the children's story and to Kristine Stubbert who will give a reflection. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. The Outreach Committee is serving the lunch today.

Nursery

Today:

Sandra MacLeod and Susan Jessen

Next Sunday:

Nancy MacDonald and Brenda Skinner

Sunday School Shepherd

Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the South Door

Ben Furey

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Brian Mikkelsen

Visiting the Hospital this week

Wayne MacDonald 562-5686

Ben Furey 562-2266

Readings for next week

Acts 7: 55-60; Psalm 31: 1-15; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14

To the Current Fund

In memory of Josephine Cruickshank Gaston from Dorothy MacDonald

To the Sunday School Mission Fund

In memory of Frank MacLean from Margaret and Wayne Ryan.

This Week

Friday

10:00am – 4:30 pm Presbytery Workshop with Dr. Stan Ott will be held in the church hall \$20 (includes lunch and workbook). Regardless of size, whether a congregation is presently a dynamic, vigorous fellowship or is struggling to sustain its present level of vitality, every congregation may use the Acts 16:5 Initiative as a means of considering present and future ministry and of moving by God's grace into a new chapter of life and ministry. Participants will engage in a deliberate process of congregational transformation through conversation, leadership, counsel, and encouragement using the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

E. Stanley Ott, Ph.D. works with the Vital Churches Institute. As a pastor he has over thirty years of pastoral experience, experiencing first-hand the challenges and blessings of the transitional congregation that moves to new vitality. He has taught principles of congregational vitality, transformation, missional endeavor, and leadership throughout the United States and Canada and around the world.

Saturday

7:30 pm The Nova Voce's Provincial Men's Choir will present a Choral Concert entitled "CELEBRATING CANADA 150" at Holy Rosary Parish, Westmount, Cape Breton. Doors will open at 7:00 pm. Tickets cost \$15 and will be available at St. Leonard Pastoral

Centre, River Ryan; Glace Bay Shoe Store; Clansman Motel, North Sydney; Northside Music Store, North Sydney; Cape Breton Curiosity Show, Sydney; Martin's Convenience, Westmount; at the door on concert evening or online at

www.novavoce.com Phone 902-565-5794

Advance Notices

Board of Managers

The next meeting of the Board of Managers will be **Monday, May 15th** at 7:30 pm.

Women's Cursillo/Men's Cursillo Weekend

This is an invitation to attend a women's or men's 3 day faith sharing weekend, which is a personally rewarding and enriching experience. The women's weekend will take place **May 25-28, 2017** and the men's weekend will take place **June 1-4, 2017**.

Friday, May 26th 7:00 pm

"Beautiful Creation" – a concert featuring Barbara Fris, soprano. And Faith Daley, Accompanist. A native of Halifax, Opera singer Barbara Fris will perform Classical (excerpt from Mozart's Exsultate Jubilate and Schubert) Gospel, Traditional and Nova Scotian Song Favourites Union Presbyterian Church. \$20.00 For more information or to reserve a ticket please call 902-727-2394 or 902-562-4713. Tickets will be available at the door. Reception to follow.

It must be Spring! St. Andrew's PC, North River are having their annual **Lobster** supper on **Saturday, May 27** at their church. It is a sit-down at 5:00 pm or take-out meal at 3:00 pm. For those of you who would like to have your dinner in Sydney, please contact Margie MacLeod to place your order (either at church or call 902-270-0003 after 6pm.)

The menu and cost is as follows:

1 lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert \$20.00

2 lobsters with the above is \$28.00

Turkey dinner, potato salad, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert
\$10.00

The meals will be delivered to Sydney on the day of the supper and can be picked up at Margie's house, 37 Topshee Dr. Sydney at 2:00 pm. Thanks for supporting St. Andrew's PC, North River.

On **Saturday, June 3rd** The Cove Auxiliary will hold a yard sale. If you have something you would like to donate bring to the Hall in the morning to downstairs hall. There is a room ready for us to store things.

Sunday June 4th to Wednesday June 7th

General Assembly will meet in Kingston, Ontario. Bob Lyle will be attending General Assembly this year.

Prayer for:

- Rev. Doug Rollwage as he finishes his year as Moderator of the General Assembly
- Rev. Peter Bush, the Moderator-Elect for this Assembly
- The Commissioners reading through the reports which this week have been put on the Presbyterian Church in Canada's website.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines

You may have seen in the Cape Breton Post and/or you may have been told that St. Andrew's is in the process of putting a new steel roof on the church and the Session discussed this matter at its meeting on Tuesday. The Session is encouraging members of our congregation to support St. Andrew's in dealing with the cost of the roof.

Mission Moments – Hope for a healthy future in India

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Michelle Verwey works as a community health advisor to the Church of North India's Central Regional Board of Health Services. She advises on project monitoring, reporting and public health matters. Recently she visited a rural village in Madhya Pradesh, where she met eight-year-old Sarita. Sarita's family received five fruit trees from the PWS&D-supported community health and self-reliance project. Michelle shares, "Malnutrition is very common in Madhya Pradesh. Many children, like Sarita, suffer from stunting – a result of chronic malnutrition. But this project gives me hope that I will be able to watch babies grow to be healthy children with bright prospects for their futures."

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