Bethel Presbyterian Church

Corner of George and Brookland Streets, Sydney, NS



<u>Our Mission</u>: 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.

September 24th, 2017 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude

Announcements Donald Brown Reader Heather Furey

We Gather Together - Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

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

Hymn # 414 God, reveal your presence

Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson Exodus 16: 2-15 (p. 51) Responsive Psalm # 105: 1-6, 37-45 (p. 430)

Hymn # 499 Tell me the old, old story

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson Philippians 1: 21-30 (p. 831) N.T. Gospel Lesson Matthew 20: 1-16 (p. 697)

Sermon Working for what?

Our Response to God

Hymn # 680 Christ, of all my hopes the ground

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering Offertory

Anthem Yes, my Jesus loves me Mary MacDonald

Doxology (#830) Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn #634 Will you come and follow me

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

<u>WELCOME</u> 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 Flossie MacLean, Susan Jessen and Sandra MacLeod.

Nursery

Today: Lisa MacKenzie and Carol MacLeod

Next Sunday Mildred MacLean and Dorothy Campbell

Sunday School Shepherd William Sneddon

Greeter at the South Door Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Mac Cameron

Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306 Walter Letcher 539-0720

Ushers for October

Donnie Brown (C), Heather MacQueen, Glayne MacQueen, Alan Skinner, Brenda Skinner, Jean Gillespie

Readings for next week

Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2: 1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32

<u>Congratulations</u> to Diane McGrath, who was appointed a Judge of the Nova Scotia Provincial Court this week.

<u>Thanks</u> to all who in any way helped with our Annual Corn Boil and hot dog gathering on Thursday night.

Mission Moments - Youth in action to end hunger

Last winter, the compassionate Grade 4-6 class at St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, ON, took on Presbyterian World Service & Development's Farming for the Future Sunday School Challenge to raise money for a program that helps food insecure families in rural Guatemala. At a bake sale at the church, the class made \$350 in sales on top of the \$400 they raised through the collection of pop cans! The children donated the proceeds to PWS&D with the hope of helping vulnerable families get what they need to grow maize, vegetables and fruit trees for years to come. By working together, small actions can help families overcome challenges and build brighter futures.

PWS&D connects Canadians to the needs of others across the globe

This week

Tuesday

6:30 pm Out Reach Committee will meet in the Library.

7:30 pm Session will meet in the Shaw Room.

Thursday

7:30 pm Fall Preparatory Service in the Shaw Room.

Friday, September 29th

St. Matthew Wesley United Church, North Sydney will be holding their Annual Auction at the North Sydney Firemen's Club with Auctioneer MLA Alfie MacLeod. There will be a chili supper from 4-6 pm at a cost of \$7.00 Eat In or Take Out, dessert included, music by The Family Tree, Silent Auction 4-7 pm, Balloon Burst at 7:15 pm followed by the Live Auction.

There will also be a Home Bake Table! Free admission! All are welcome!

Next Sunday

Fall Communion Services will be held 10:30 am and 7:00 pm next **Sunday**, **October 1**st.

Monday October 2nd



David McIntosh, Japan Visiting Missionary

Presbyterians Sharing and the UCC support David McIntosh, co-director of the Centre for Minority Issues and Mission (CMIM) in Tokyo, Japan. CMIM opened in April 2017, and was established as a Christian response to a surge in racist activity in Japan since 2012. Hate speech in public places and abusive language via internet, targets primarily people of Korean and Chinese heritage in Japan, but also other minority groups. The Centre is an ecumenical initiative led by PCC mission partner the Korean Christian Church in Japan (KCCJ), in

collaboration with other Japanese churches and Christian organizations and international church partners including the United Church of Canada (UCC).

Under the motto, "Let us spread the tent of inclusion!" David and his codirector, Rev. KIM Shinya, work with ecumenical and civil society partners to combat racism and urge the government to improve legal and administrative supports for vulnerable minorities. The Centre plans events that bring youth together - "minority" and "majority" - to learn and think about the world through the eyes and stories of the vulnerable, and to pray and listen for God's calling. Through personal encounters with exemplars of service to the vulnerable and the reading of scriptures in light of these encounters, CMIM seeks to develop a spirituality of reconciliation and peace that can respond faithfully to challenges affecting minorities.

David is the son of PCC missionaries John (Jack) and Clarabeth McIntosh, who served for 40 years with the KCCJ (1961-2001). David spent his formative years in Osaka, attending local Japanese schools in a community that was largely Korean. After north-east Japan was devastated by the 2011 triple disaster (earthquake, tsunami, nuclear accident) David returned to Japan as a lay missionary supported by the PCC and UCC, to serve with the National Christian Council in Japan Ecumenical Disaster Response Office. He has since served at the Asian Rural Institute, and the East Japan Disaster Relief Projects Office of the United Church of Christ in Japan, before starting his work with CMIM.

David will visit Canada annually to speak in Presbyterian and United Church congregations, sharing the stories of this important mission. David will be visiting Cape Breton the first week of October.

Sunday, October 1st

St. Andrew's Church, North River 11:00 am Knox Church, Baddeck 7:00 pm

Monday, October 2nd

United Heritage Church, Sydney 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3rd

Shaw Room, Bethel Church Hall, 9 Brookland Street, Sydney 10:00 am Morning Breakfast Time with local Presbyterian and United Church Clergy

Wednesday, October 4th

St. Andrew's Church. Sydney Mines 7:00 pm

All are invited to attend any of these Sessions.

Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton

Winter Wear Donations Request

Event Date: Nov. 04, 2017 (12:00PM-4:00PM) Centre 200, Sydney



Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day.

Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access.

The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, , housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more.

Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (new) which we included in our comfort kit (500 kits) and. warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand)). A total of 396 people (Men, Women & Children) were able to get winter wear. We will be collecting donated items beginning Sept 22st with an end date of Oct 20th. We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Eileen MacNeil, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-371-0101 or Erin Forsey, Health Promotion Coordinator at 902-563-2410 or email underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca.

We truly appreciate your help and thank you for your time and support.

Eileen MacNeil/Erin Forsey



Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. The Festival Sale will be held **Friday, October 6**th from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm and **Saturday, October 7**th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, 6 Beech St., North Sydney. Admission is free.

The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information call Rev. John Hannem at 902-794-2094. Your purchase makes a difference!

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