

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.

October 15th, 2017
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Organ Prelude
Announcements
Reader

Bradley Gillespie
Chris McCall

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship
Prayer of Adoration and Approach (The Lord's Prayer)
Hymn # 638 Take time to be holy
Prayer of Confession

We Hear God's Word

O.T. Lesson	2 Kings 5:14-17	(p. 263)
Responsive Psalm #	Psalm 98	(p. 426)
Hymn # 347	There were ninety and nine	
Children's Story		
N.T. Epistle Lesson	2 Timothy 2:8-13	(p. 842)
N.T. Gospel Lesson	Luke 17:11-19	(p. 741)
Sermon	Coming back in thanks	

Our Response to God

Hymn # 640	Softly and tenderly	
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession		
Offering		
Offertory		
Anthem	Sing to the Lord a new song	Mark Hayes
Doxology (#830)		
Prayer of Dedication		

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn # 626	Lord of all power
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. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Marilyn Strickland, Melissa and Rachel.

Nursery

Today:

Angela Gillespie and Heather Furey

Next Sunday

Susan Jessen and Joan Richardson

Sunday School Shepherd

Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the North Door

Bradley Gillespie

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Katherine Hardy

Visiting the Hospital this week

Charles Nicholson 562-3855 Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

Readings for next week

Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Leslie Dancsecs from Garfield & Marilyn Strickland.

Samaritan Shoe Boxes are available following the service. Gift suggestions: toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene supplies, a personal note and photo. DO NOT include food, candy, toothpaste or other liquid items. Refer to enclosed pamphlet for full instructions. Please return your box by November 5th, 2017. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions contact Nancy MacDonald or Joan Richardson.

Tonight 7:00 pm

When was the last time you sang *"'Tis the blessed hour of prayer". "Since Jesus came into my heart", "Pass me not, O gentle Saviour", "It is well with my soul", "Hark! 'tis the Shepherd's voice I hear", "O that will be glory for me", "In my heart there rings a melody", and "There is sunshine in my soul today"*? We will sing them tonight at the Fall Hymn Sing in the Sanctuary. There will be an offering taken to support Loaves and Fishes and a time of fellowship will follow in the hall.

On October 10th a Special Congregational Meeting received information from the Board of Managers on our much needed upgrade to both the church pipe organ and the sanctuary lighting. It was agreed that the Board replace the electric motor for the organ at an estimated cost of ten thousand dollars. It was also agreed that the twenty-three light fixtures in the sanctuary, choir loft, balcony and vestibule be replaced at a cost of \$26,548.90. Special offerings will be received to pay for these necessary upgrades. If you wish to give or make a memorial donation to either the Organ Motor or the Church Lighting, place your donation in a plain envelope and mark your name, envelope number and amount on the envelope and information if this is a memorial. Indicate on the envelope if you prefer one of the projects for your gift or simply mark "Special Fund" and place on an offering plate. (Please make cheques payable to "Bethel Church".)

This Week

Monday 7:30 pm

The Board of Managers will meet in the Shaw Room.

Monday, October 16th – Wednesday, October 18th.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces will be held at Calvin Church, Halifax.

Mission Moments – World Food Day (October 16)

Today, 800 million people worldwide go to bed with an empty stomach. The majority of the world's hungry people are subsistence farmers. These farmers struggle to cultivate plentiful harvests in the midst of a changing climate, which brings unpredictable and extreme weather events that devastate crops. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank's Climate Fund is a way for Canadians to respond to families impacted by climate change. This year, donations to the Climate Fund will support PWS&D's agro-ecological and food security project in Guatemala. The project has been transformative for Catalina, a farmer who received support to adapt to climate change, grow more vegetables and improve her family's nutrition. "I am grateful that we can see another way to live a healthy life," she says.

PWS&D helps small-scale farmers adapt to climate change

Thursday

John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room on Thursday, October 19th at 1:00 PM with Group 2 in charge. Our message subscription fee of \$12.00 is due this month.

Advance Notices

Sunday, October 22nd Annual Harvest Soup Luncheon

Following the morning service all are invited to come over to the hall to share in fellowship at table.

Monday, October 23rd – Monday, November 13th 7:00 pm

A 4-week Bible Study on prayer based on Max Lucado's Book *Before Amen* will be held in the Hall each Monday night.

October 23	Father, you are good
October 30	I need help
November 6	They need help
November 13	Thank you

Friday, October 27th

The Cape Breton-Victoria Child Advocacy board seeks to engage the community in realizing the full potential of children through supportive programs and services that will improve the lives of children and their families. Our strategic goal for 2017 -2018 is to educate and raise awareness on two topic areas.

- The implementation of a stand alone independent child advocate's office
- Children and youth living in poverty in Cape Breton

On October 27, 2017 we will be hosting a community meeting to highlight two these issues. Our special guest presenters are Marv Bernstein, an expert in child advocacy (formerly Children's Advocate for Saskatchewan and Chief Policy Advisor for Unicef Canada) and Dr Monika Dutt, Executive Director of UpStream and a local family physician. This event will take place at Horizon Achievement Centre, 780 Upper Prince St, Sydney, N.S. from 11am – 2pm.

Saturday, October 28th at 9:00 am.

The next regular meeting of Session will be held in the hall. **Please note the change of day and time.**

St. John's Anglican Annual Bazaar/Silent Auction, 28 King Street, North Sydney
Saturday, October 28th 9 am - 2 pm. Turkey burgers / dessert \$7.00. Eat in / take out. Tickets available at church office at 902-794-3392 or from any member of Parish Council. Free Admission to Bazaar!

Celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on Sunday October 29th at 7pm at Knox Church, Baddeck featuring guest choirs and guest speakers from different Protestant churches. All are welcome.

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



A Mental Health First Aid Workshop sponsored by the Presbytery will take place from November 20-21 at St. Giles Church in North Sydney, from 9:00-4:00 each day. The workshop is limited to 25 participants. The cost of the course and the lunch will be covered by the presbytery. To register please contact Rev. Ritchie Robinson at 794-1886 or revritchie@syd.eastlink.ca.

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