

to have David Dicks and nieces Lilly (13) and Ciara (9) lighting the Advent Candle this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Dennis & Jean MacIntyre and Kelly MacKinnon.

There is no Sunday School next Sunday. Classes resume on January 7th.

Christmas Eve Lesson and Carol Service will be held this evening at 7:00 pm.

Sympathy The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Helen Ferguson who died on Thursday of this week. Memorial Service will be held in the spring.

In memory of Connie “Nana” Braunmiller from her grandchildren Robyn, Lauren, Ben, Jack and Ava ““Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure” xoxoxo

Nursery

Today: Susan Jessen and Mildred MacLean
Next Sunday Ginny MacLennan and Heather MacQueen

Sunday School Shepherd Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the North Door Sandra MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Wilrod Morrison

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Isaiah 61: 10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 22-40

Ushers for January

Roy MacDonald (C), Nancy MacDonald, Keith Ferguson, Carol Ferguson,

Wendy Ferguson, Gordon Ferguson

Benevolent Fund is looking for a chesterfield and a rocking chair. If you have either of these items to donate contact Joan Richardson or Brad Gillespie.

This Week

THE MINER'S FIRST NOEL CONCERT: What a Wonderful Christmas Gift to give that someone you love. On Friday, December 29th at 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines will host *THE MINER'S FIRST NOEL CONCERT* at 7 p.m. If you want to sit and relax and enjoy some beautiful Christmas music and other lively music, then this is the event for you. This is a concert for the whole family to enjoy, young and old alike. You will get to enjoy the talent of Kevin Evans (Evans and Doherty), Lucy MacNeil and Stewart MacNeil (The Barra MacNeil's), Jennifer MacDonald (Chaulkdust), Bob Quinn, Jennifer Whalen, along with our young performers: Ameila, Kenna (Lucy's two daughters), and Cameron and MacKenzie Clarke. This is one event you will want to add to your Christmas Calendar. Tickets are going fast but can be bought at Sexton's Pharmasave in Sydney Mines, Shoppers Drug Mart in North Sydney or reserve yours by calling Rita at 902-736-2508 or at the door the night of the concert. If old man winter does not co-operate our snow date will be Saturday, December 30th at 3 p.m. So pick up your tickets today or make it a gift for that someone special.

Church Envelopes for 2018 are available in the church lobby.

Mission Moments – Gifts that make a difference

As we reflect on giving and receiving gifts this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are making a difference through their gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!* Together, we are supporting inner city missions, equipping congregations, encouraging children and youth, enabling congregational renewal and development, supporting theological education, maintaining international partnerships, sending mission staff – and so much more! Together, we are making mission and ministry happen in Canada and around the world. This Christmas Eve, we anticipate celebrating the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ our Lord – whose example of giving inspires our own. *Presbyterians Sharing is making a real difference in so many lives*

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