

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. We are reminded that we are a "NUT FREE ZONE" as there are people who are extremely allergic to nuts. On duty today are Pat Munroe and Linda Greaves.

Nursery

Today: Linda Greaves and Brenda Skinner
Next Sunday Sandra MacLeod and Marilyn Strickland

Sunday School Shepherd Beth Matheson

Greeter at the North Door Katherine Hardy

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Tom MacRae

Visiting the Hospital this week

Ben Furey 562-2266

Readings for next week

Genesis 45:3-11; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Margaret Melanson from John Clarke

Summary Report of Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was held Wednesday February 6th in the church hall. Along with the regular business of appointments, reappointments and reports, Rev. Lyle led us in a visioning session. Our minister encouraged us to think about where we may be as a congregation in three to ten years. Although much

discussion centered around growing the congregation and being able to maintain our infrastructure, Rev. Lyle encouraged us to think about our church family and how we may be worshiping in the future rather than where. It was agreed by those present that nothing would be solved at this meeting and that we should, as a congregation, be giving some thought to the future. It was also agreed that the session, board of managers and the minister would call occasional congregational meetings in the future to continue the discussion, and we are all encouraged to participate.

BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

Benevolent Committee is looking for a mattress for a **double bed**. If you have one you would like to donate please contact Joan Richardson or Brad Gillespie. Thank You

Volunteer Help

The Mission and Outreach Committee of the Session met last Sunday and there was a discussion concerning the fellowship times following Hymn Sings, and the Annual Meeting dessert time. The feeling was expressed that there are people who might like to do things for these events:

1. provide food
2. serve at these events
3. provide financial support to get things for these times.

The Christmas Hymn Sing and Memorial light-up is already doing this.

There are usually 4 hymn sings during the year, during the 4 seasons. If you would like to volunteer to help at 1 or more of these events, please speak to one of the committee members. (Gary Grant, David Sneddon, Susan Jessen, or Ivan Henderson)

Bulletin Reflection:

By The Presbyterian Church in Canada Archives

Heritage Sunday is a day set apart in our Presbyterian Church calendar, offering us an opportunity to reflect on all that makes up our legacy as a denomination active in the world.

By God's grace, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been like the tree in Psalm 1: "planted by streams of water" and "yielding fruit in its season" (v. 3). We have been richly nourished by the truth and inspiration of Scripture, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by our deep faith in Jesus Christ. With God's help, we have shared and continue to share the love of Jesus Christ through our congregations and ministries.

Over the years, God has blessed us with a huge yield of successful ministry and outreach initiatives: food programs, refugee sponsorships, advocacy and solidarity work, art and music programs, support and recreation for seniors, creative ministry with children and youth, evangelism initiatives... the list could go for pages!

We encourage you to celebrate your ministry milestones and successes; they are gifts from God. There are many creative and fun ways to mark significant church events: a new congregational history booklet, historical skit, church dinner using recipes from a heritage cookbook, time-line study, or a worship service in a style from the past wearing historical dress!

When planning a special heritage project, gather together your own congregational church records and photographs as these will serve as a wonderful resource. Contact the Presbyterian Church

Archives for assistance as you ponder what project you might like to try.

Heritage Sunday invites us to remember our past and rejoice in our hope for tomorrow as faithful followers of a merciful God who promises that our leaves will not wither.

“They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.” (Psalm 1:3)

Wednesday

Mission Moments - World Day of Social Justice (Feb. 20)

Ayishetu Abu had not seen her family in eight years. She was living at the Gambaga Outcast Home in Ghana—a shelter for women facing accusations of witchcraft. In many Ghanaian communities, there is a tendency to suspect witchcraft as the cause of crop failure, the death of a child or any other unexplained event. In addition to improving living conditions at the shelter, Presbyterian World Service & Development works to foster social acceptance among these communities and educate village leaders about human rights, mental illness, disabilities and other health issues often mistakenly attributed to witchcraft. To ensure more women like Ayishetu can embrace opportunities that are the right of every person, PWS&D will continue working for justice and peace.

PWS&D promotes peace and tolerance

This week

The Board of Managers will meet **Monday, February 18th at 7:30 pm** in the Shaw Room.

John Geddie AMS will meet on **Thursday, February 21st at 2:00pm** in the Shaw Room. This is our Birthday month and Group 4 will be in charge."

Next week

The Session will have its regular meeting in the Shaw Room on **Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30pm**

CUC will meet in the Shaw Room on **Friday, March 1st at 12:10 pm**.

World Day of Prayer will be held **Friday, March 1st at 2:00pm** in Holy Rosary Church, Westmount.

Northside/Harbourview Hospital Foundation is hosting an International Women's Day Luncheon on **Friday, March 8th at 12 noon** to celebrate the accomplishments of women. At the Northside Emera Centre, catered by the Black Spoon Bistro, guest speaker; Margaret Nichols-MacAdam from The Hope Project. Tickets are \$25 and are available by phoning 902-794-5402.

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