

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, February 24th, 2019
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

**Our vision is to be a local community of believers where:
Jesus Christ is the 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 word 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

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 Grace MacAulay, Richard MacAulay, Sharon McLean and Harold Morrison.

Change in Church Office hours

Beginning next week, the office will be open Thursday and Friday mornings from 9-1 pm instead of Mondays and Fridays. Please have all notices for Sunday's bulletin sent in to the office by Wednesday evening of each week.

Nursery

Today: Sandra MacLeod and Marilyn Strickland
Next Sunday Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams

Sunday School Shepherd

Donnie Brown

Greeter at the South Door

Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Mike Butler

Visiting the Hospital this week

Kathy Hardy 562-8578 Tom MacRae 562-3893

Readings for next week

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Annie Penny from Flossie MacLean

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)

Also, we are looking for people interested in learning to operate the chair lift in the hall. Once we have the names of those willing to do this, a schedule will be posted. If you are willing to do this, please speak to Walter Letcher.

Bulletin Reflection: Giving Relationships

By the Rev. Peter Ma, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,
Markham, ON

For many of us, our deepest joy is experienced through the life-giving relationships we have with family, friends and community. At times, these relationships can also cause us pain, push our limits and draw out the worst in us. Our faith helps us navigate these relationships and turn these places of challenge into pathways to grow to be more Christ-like.

The scripture readings today speak about this. Joseph had trouble with his brothers. They sold him into slavery and deceived their father. Yet in Genesis 45, Joseph told his brothers not to blame themselves. Joseph understood that God had sent him to Egypt to preserve lives.

David had trouble with King Saul. Saul had fits of jealous and murderous rage. Yet, David wrote in Psalm 37, "Do not fret because of the wicked..." instead, "Trust in the Lord and do good." What amazing advice for us who can be consumed by unforgiveness!

Jesus told his followers to love your enemies and do good to those who hate you. Wouldn't it be amazing if, instead of living down to the worst in us, we could live up to all that God has called us to be?

Because of Jesus' resurrection, Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15 that what is sown in dishonour and weakness will be raised with glory and power. May we grow to be more like Christ in our relationships.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good." (Psalm 37:3)

This 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.

Advance Notice

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.

Mission Moments – A ministry of care and companionship

Jesus showed care and compassion to those living on the margins of society, teaching us how to be a neighbour to everyone in need. In the same way, Boarding Homes Ministry strives to build community in the Greater Toronto area. Volunteers practice inclusion by visiting and sharing meals with people living in low-income housing, who are often isolated due to the stigmas of mental illness, addictions and poverty. The ministry also provides educational workshops for faith communities on how to be more welcoming and supportive to people who have experienced mental illness and trauma.

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