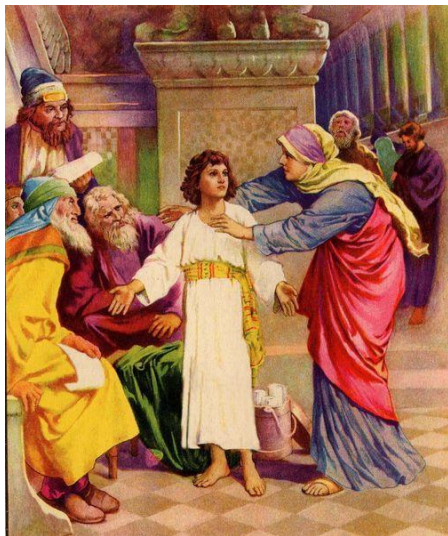


Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 10th, 2019
First Sunday In Lent



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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Offering

Offertory

Anthem

At Calvary

Newell/Fettke

Doxology

830

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Closing Hymn

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

654

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. This morning we are receiving Benedict Ayden Furey son of Ben Furey and Cheryl Barries through the Sacrament of Baptism. We are pleased to have Catherine Sneddon leading the Lenten responsive reading this morning. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Beth Matheson, and Jorelle Tsogo.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Debbie Denny and family on the passing of her sister Karen Kickham, in Windsor, ON. Karen was the daughter of the late Katherine & George Halliday.

Nursery

Today:

Heather MacQueen and Vivian Morrison

Next Sunday

Susan Jessen and Carol MacLeod

Sunday School Shepherd

Carol Ferguson

Greeter at the South Door

Duncan MacLeod

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Gordon Ferguson

Visiting the Hospital this week

Linda Ross 562-2961

Gary Grant 567-1411

Readings for next week

1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Psalm 133; Ephesians 2:4-10; James 2:14-1

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Karen Halliday Kickham from Roy & Nancy MacDonald

To Loaves & Fishes

- In memory of Karen Halliday Kickham from Sandra MacLeod
- In memory of Karen Halliday Kickham from Florence MacLean and George & Susan Jessen
- In memory of Karen Halliday Kickham from John Clarke

Scripture Pages

Scripture page numbers are not being printed in the bulletin as there is two different NIV translations in the pews and there are three or four different size Bibles.

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: Sent to Share

By the Rev. Heather Malnick, Living Faith Community
Presbyterian Church, Baxter, ON

On this first Sunday in Lent you may be thinking about meaningful ways to observe this time of preparation and reflection. Some people may adopt practices such as “giving up” certain things (like chocolate) as a form of sacrifice to God or drawing closer to God in prayer and meditation during their time of abstinence.

It’s interesting to read in Deuteronomy 26:1-11 that Moses instructs the Hebrews to bring to God their first fruits—the first and the best from their crops—as an expression of thanksgiving in response to God’s deliverance and provision. Moses declares that through this offering, “you shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.”

I wonder if our Lenten celebrations this year could reflect this idea of rejoicing in all God’s good things. So, perhaps, instead of giving up something for Lent, we could give away something for Lent—sharing a portion of the good things the Lord our God has given us with those who may be struggling to find reason to rejoice. This Lent, may we rejoice in God’s goodness, but also share that goodness with others.

“You shall rejoice in all the good things the Lord your God has given to you and your household.” (Deuteronomy 26:11)

This week

Monday @ 7:00pm

Bible Study will begin during the season of Lent. It will be a Max Lucado study on the theme of Lent based on his book: He chose the nails.

March 11	Session 1	He chose to be one of us
March 25	Session 2	He chose to forgive us
April 1	Session 3	He chose to invite us into his presence
April 8	Session 4	He chose to love us forever
April 16***	Session 5	He chose to give us victory

*** The last Session will be on the Tuesday April 16th

Thursday @ 2:00pm

John Geddie AMS will meet in the Shaw Room with Group 1 in charge. **Please note change of date for this month's meeting.**

The Men’s Brotherhood of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be hosting a “Fish Cakes & Beans Supper” on **Saturday, March 16th from 4 – 6 p.m.** Tickets: \$12.00 and are available from any member of brotherhood or by calling the church office at 902-562-4145. Eat-in or take-out.

Advance Notice

Annual Winter Fun Day

We will once again have a Winter Fun Day on **Saturday March 23rd (1-3)** – a time for us to relax and have some fun together. All are invited to come!!!

Registration for the Spring Session of TIME OUT along with the first class, will be held at United Heritage Church, 500 Charlotte St., on **Wednesday, March 27th** from 9:30–11:30 am. Registration Fee \$20. Courses available: Needle Point, Gardening, Quilting, Tarabish, Crocheting, Knitting & Scrapbooking. For further information, please call Rosena @ 902-562-5890.

Mission Moments – Serving a mission hospital in Malawi

Sending people to serve internationally is one of the ways the PCC nurtures relationships with partner churches. Claire Fowler, a first-year medical student at the University of British Columbia and a member of Langley Presbyterian Church in BC, volunteered with David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Malawi for four weeks in June 2018. Working alongside Malawian doctors, nurses and clinical staff, she gained valuable experience and built relationships. The hospital staff and patients appreciated Claire's enthusiasm and dedication. Claire is grateful for the PCC's support and for the opportunity to gain a more global perspective on medical work.

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