

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, April 28th, 2019
Mission Awareness Sunday



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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Beth Matheson

Reader

Eileen MacNeil

We Gather Together – Our Approach to God

Call to Worship

Wendy Ferguson

Leader: God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

All: Your glory is sung by all your creation!

Leader: When we look to the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, we wonder – Who are we that you care for us and for this world?

All: You are the God of life, crowning us with glory and honour to serve you all our days. Oh God, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth!

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

#321

Prayers of Confession and Approach:

Leader: Great and glorious God.

From hour to hour, from day to day, our lives ought to overflow with praise and gratitude.

All: You permeate every facet of our lives and you work out your purposes through us, despite our human faults and failures.

Leader: You create beauty out of the dust of our fallen natures. Out of the ashes of our failures, you bring forth meaning and purpose.

All: Almighty God, you exalt the humble and enrich the poor. You transform our weaknesses into channels of strength.

Leader: Our emptiness becomes a vessel of your fullness, Our spiritual poverty the basis of your eternal grace.

All: Our errors and mistakes are stepping-stones to success. Our defeats are but incidents on the road to victory.

Leader: But all this is not our doing, oh God. It is yours.

Great and glorious is your name in all the earth.

Amen.

We Hear God's Word

O. T. Lesson: 1 Chronicles 16: 23 - 29

Responsive Psalm # 150

Hymn There is a redeemer #358

Children's Story: Linda Greaves

N.T. Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1: 4 - 8 Eileen MacNeil

N.T. Gospel Lesson: Matthew 26: 6 - 13

Sermon: Glorifying God Donna Lyle

Our Response to God

Hymn I heard the voice of Jesus say #671

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession Eileen MacNeil

Offering

Offertory

Duet Missionary Prayer Hymn Ben Furey and Bob Lyle

Doxology (#830)

Prayer of Dedication

We go out in service to the Lord

Hymn To God be the glory #350

Benediction & Choral Amen Rev R. Lyle

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 members of the John Geddie AMS.

Nursery

Today: Melissa Forrest and Lucy MacKinnon

Next Sunday Brenda Skinner and Sharon Morrison

Sunday School Shepherd Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the North Door Linda Greaves

Greeter at the South Door Eileen MacNeil

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Jean MacQueen

Ushers today

Ada MacIntosh, Wendy Ferguson, Joan Richardson, Jean MacQueen, Beth Matheson & Nancy MacDonald.

Visiting the Hospital this week

Sandra MacLeod 539-2467 Larry Victory 562-0944

Readings for next week

Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Earl MacLeod, Iris Gillespie and Marguerite Gillespie from Gordon Gillespie and family
- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Don & Pat Munroe

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Gar, Myrna, and Linda Ross
- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Joan & Gary Grant

To the Sunday School Fund

- In memory of Virtue Mouland from Myrna and Linda Ross

The Cove Guest Home is collecting recipes for a cookbook to commemorate their 75th anniversary. Anyone wishing to share their favorite recipes may contact Heather Furey at 565-3747.

Bulletin Reflection: Mission Awareness Sunday: Sent to Partner

By Amy Zavitz, International Ministries Young Adult Intern

When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen the risen Lord, Thomas said: “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe” (John 20:25).

There are many things in this world that we do not see. We may hear a lot from the media or in the news, but how do we know what is true? How do we know what is actually happening in the world?

Thomas was invited to physically touch Jesus’ side; he was given the opportunity to see and believe. He became a witness who could share the good news.

The mission staff of The Presbyterian Church in Canada are witnesses to the risen Christ’s continued work around the world. By walking with our international partners, sharing experiences and learning the complexities of their stories, mission staff become our “living links” to the global community. Through them, our eyes are opened and are changed by what they have seen.

On Mission Awareness Sunday, we pray for our “living links” and the partners they serve alongside. May they continue to gather in community around the world, and may we continue to gather in Canada to share their experiences.

“And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” (Acts 5:32)

This week

Thursday

The Watoto Children’s Choir, from Uganda, East Africa, will present their concert “We Will Go” on **Thursday, May 2nd, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Sydney Mines (643 Main Street)**. This inspirational, high-energy concert is approximately 1 ½ hours in length and is age appropriate for young and old as well as everyone in between! Admission to this wonderful concert is FREE but there will be a Free Will Offering collected in support of Watoto’s mission with children who have been impacted by the AIDS/HIV crisis. So save the date that’s Thursday, May 2nd at 6:00pm at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church in Sydney Mines. If you haven’t seen these children before then this is one concert you should attend. For more information, **please contact Rita at 902-736-2508**

Friday

19th ANNUAL LEADERSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST – CAPE BRETON DIVISION

The theme of this year’s Leadership Prayer Breakfast is *“Honouring Our Healthcare Community”*.

Encouraging stories of faith and caring will be shared by guest speakers: ER Physician Dr. Laura Whyte, Cove Guest Home Administrator Cheryl Deveaux, and Mental Health Physician Dr. Scott Milligan. In addition, Shauna Doolan and the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Choir will contribute their musical talents for the event.

Each day members of the healthcare community come to work with the goal of helping to make the day better for those who need their assistance and professional care. Paramedics, nurses, doctors, medical technicians and administrative and support services, provide hope and comfort in difficult situations.

Now we can show our appreciation and support for those who are there for us, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, often in very trying circumstances.

FRIDAY, MAY 3 7:30AM MEMBERTOU TRADE AND CONVENTION CENTRE TICKETS \$30 EACH AND \$240 PER TABLE PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 1ST

For further information and to order tickets please contact:
islebusmin@gmail.com | 902.565.8786 | cbprayerbreakfast.com

This event is brought to you by Island Business Ministries, a non-denominational, registered charitable organization established in 1994 and under the direction of a local Board of Directors. The mission of the organization is to bring the message of Hope into the marketplace.

Saturday

Saturday May 4th 2-4pm Spring Tea in Bethel Hall

All are invited to attend.

Advance Notice

Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day will be Sunday, May 12th. A letter will be coming with the special offering envelope

Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church, Sydney Tuesday May 14th 7:00pm All are invited to attend

Cove Auxiliary Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 1, the Cove Auxiliary is holding their annual yard sale. If you have any items you'd like to donate, there is a small room available for storage in the church hall. (Contact person, Heather Furey 902-562-2266)

Mission Moments - Rebuilding businesses and dreams

In Malawi, Lucia and her husband care for their six orphaned grandchildren. It's a lot of work to meet the needs of a large family, but Lucia was earning a good income running a grocery store—a dream she'd always had. When her husband fell ill, Lucia used all her earnings to pay hospital bills and could no longer afford her grandchildren's school fees. When her husband was discharged, Lucia had no money left to rebuild the business she loved. An answer to her prayers, Lucia received a loan to get her store running again through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported self-help group. "I was worried about how I would pay school fees and provide for my grandchildren's basic needs," Lucia said. "Self-help groups have really helped." *PWS&D empowers families out of poverty*

The offering for last week's service was \$6158.95. In order to reach our projected expenses we will require \$5085.00 per week. **We are very thankful for your contributions for the work of Bethel Church.**