

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, June 2nd, 2019
Seventh Sunday of Easter



That They May Be One

John 17:20-26

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. On duty today are Chris & Larry Victory and Chris McCall.

Nursery

Today: Donna Mikkelsen and Angela Gillespie

Next Sunday Sandra MacLean and Shirley Adams

Sunday School Shepherd Roy MacDonald

Greeter at the North Door Ivan Henderson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door Michael Butler

Visiting the Hospital this week

Charles Nicholson 562-3855 Wilrod Morrison 562-3573

Readings for next week

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34; 35b; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17, 25-27

The Property Committee has a propane fireplace insert available to anyone who may be interested. This is free for the taking or a donation would also be gratefully accepted. Please contact Walter Letcher at [902-539-0720](tel:902-539-0720) for further information.

To the Property Fund

- In memory of Lorraine Colborne from Jim & Andrea Beckingham, Lower Sackville, NS

To the Current Fund

- In loving memory of Lorraine Colborne from her cousins Doris, Georgina and Phyllis, Ottawa, ON

This Week

Bulletin Reflection: Ascension of the Lord Sunday / General Assembly Sunday: Gathered for General Assembly

By the Rev. Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk of the General Assembly

This evening in Waterloo, ON, the General Assembly will begin with worship around a communion table. Our own David Sneddon is one of the commissioners. Anyone who is interested can watch the opening worship service or the daily sessions by going to <https://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2019>

Each year, elders and ministers, ecumenical and interfaith guests, young adult and student representatives, and resource people gather together at the General Assembly. Their role is to discern together the will of Christ for our church today. That might seem like an impossible task, but with prayer and worship, with a sense of community, and most of all, by trusting in the power of God, we will be helped to do just that.

Everyone thirsts for something. It is wonderful when that thirst is quenched through faith in Jesus Christ who promised: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living waters” (John 7:38).

So for our church. As we thirst to be: Disciples of Christ:

Empowered by the Spirit

Glorifying God and

Rejoicing in Service

Pray that living waters flow freely through the Assembly and The Presbyterian Church in Canada so that, in turn, we may be participants in the Mission of God in the world.

Mission Moments - Receive the Holy Spirit

This theme for this year’s General Assembly is “Receive the Holy Spirit.” Last year, a first-time commissioner shared, “I came home

feeling very blessed and encouraged about our Church. I loved the music and the praise team. They added so much to worship. The speakers and the messages were just what I needed to hear. It was an incredible experience and one I would gladly repeat." Please pray for those gathered as they work together to plan the future of our church with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *Presbyterians Sharing brings Presbyterians together at General Assembly*

Friday, June 7th

CUC will meet in Shaw Room at 12:10pm.

St. Matthew Wesley United Church will be holding their Annual Auction on **Friday, June 7th**, at the North Sydney Firemen's Club. It will begin with a chili supper from 4-6p.m. Eat In or Take Out, dessert included. Price \$8. Free entertainment during the supper provided by The Family Tree Band. Silent Auction from 4-6:45pm followed by a Live Auction with MLA Alfie MacLeod as Auctioneer with some great items including seafood, BBQ, homemade quilts, etc. Balloon prizes, home bake table, and some surprises! Everyone welcome, free admission.

Saturday, June 8th

AMS Presbyterial will be held in St. James, Boularderie and the Executive Meeting is at 1:00pm and the Annual Meeting will follow at 1:30. **Please note that these meetings are in the afternoon this year.**

Sunday, June 9th 3:00pm 19th Memorial Hymn Sing Calvin Church, Loch Lomond Special Music: Richmond County Men's Choir, Special Hour to follow at Loch Lomond Community Hall

Advance Notices

Presbytery Workshop for Session Members

Saturday June 15 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Don Muir – Deputy Clerk

The Theology of Presbyterian Governance (God and Governance)

The Role of the Session (What's an elder to do?)

The Relationship between Session and Board of Managers
(Session and Board – Conflict and Cooperation)

Jim MacDonald – Stewardship & Planned Giving – Development
Manager

Growing Steward Leaders
(The Stewardship Committee in your church)

Preparing for Legacy Gifts
(Setting up your church to receive gifts)

Helping your Congregation to Give
(Teaching people about legacy gifts)

There will be a soup and sandwich lunch

To register please contact

Rev. Ritchie Robinson @ revritchie@syd.eastlink.ca or 794-1886

Tuesday, June 18th Session will meet at 7:30pm in the Shaw Room.

Thursday, June 20th 7:30 pm Preparatory Service in the Sanctuary.

Saturday June 22nd 11:00-1:00
Annual Fun Day



Join us for lots of fun, games, music and of course our BBQ. Bring your family and friends. We are asking for donations of cookies for Family Fun Day. Please drop them off on the morning of the event. Thank you for your help with making our event great. **We are looking for some volunteers to help out with fun day.** If you are willing please speak to Carol Ferguson or the minister.

Sunday, June 23rd, 10:30am Summer Communion Service and recognition of our graduates following the morning service in the Hall. If you have a name of a graduate please give that name to the minister so the names can be printed in the bulletin on that day. Also, there will be communion at 7:00pm that night.