

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, May 12th 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day



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
Reader

Carol Ferguson
Heather Furey

APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn The Lord's my shepherd #11
Prayer of Confession

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson Acts 9:36-43
Responsive Psalm 23
Children's Hymn Saviour, like a shepherd lead us #485
Children's Story
New Testament Epistle Lesson Revelation 7:9-17
New Testament Gospel Lesson John 10:22-30
Sermon *Together with the risen Lord*

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn My shepherd is the King of love # 691
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession
Offering & Offertory
Anthem *Your love compels me*
Doxology # 830
Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn All the way my Saviour leads me #699
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. Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship in the hall following the service. On duty today are Jean MacQueen and Beth Matheson.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Lorraine Colborne who passed away last Tuesday. Funeral will be held at Memorial Chapel on May 20th at 11pm.

Nursery

Today: Eileen MacNeil and Thelma MacKillop

Next Sunday Linda Greaves and Linda Henderson

Sunday School Shepherd

Beth Matheson

Greeter at the South Door

Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Brian Mikkelsen

Visiting the Hospital this week

Duncan MacLeod 564-4306

Walter Letcher 539-0720

Readings for next week

Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

To the Choir Fund

- In memory of Ollie MacAulay from Carol & Glenn MacLeod and family
- In loving memory of a dear Mother, Evelyn MacGillivray, from daughters Geraldine MacLeod and Joan Jessome.
- In memory of a loving mother and mother-in-law, Clara MacLeod, from Byron & Iylah MacLeod.

To Camp MacLeod

- In memory of Wendy MacDonald from Sandra MacLeod
- In loving memory of our mother Peggy Ross from Myrna and Linda

To the Current Fund

- In memory of mothers Florence MacQueen and Jessie Hardy, love always Kathy Hardy
- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Gordon Gillespie
- In memory of Karen Halliday Kickman from Linda & Donnie Robertson
- In memory of Marguerite Gillespie from son Gordon and family
- In memory of Iris Gillispie from daughter Jennifer, sons Gordon Jr., Stephen and Kenneth and husband Gordon

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of our mothers Florence MacQueen and Alice Penny from Wayne & Mary Penny

To the Sunday School Fund

- In memory of mothers Florence MacQueen and Annie Robertson from Linda & Donnie Robertson

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: Christian Family Sunday: Gathered to Contribute

By the Rev. Matthew Ruttan, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Barrie, ON

In 1961, John F. Kennedy said, “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.” It was an invitation to think about more than just your own personal needs.

Let’s apply this to the church and substitute the word fellowship for country. “Ask not what your fellowship can do for you—ask what you can do for your fellowship.” In the New Testament, the word “fellowship” has a few different implications: getting together with other believers, sharing a common bond (the resurrected Jesus), and contributing to the well-being of the group.

In other words, the community of faith is something you need to contribute to—not just receive from. Should you be fed? Yes. But you also need to feed. Should you be blessed? Yes. But you also need to bless.

In our consumeristic society it’s easy to treat the church like any other product which exists to serve us and make us happy. As a result, fellowship with other Christians can seem optional. But let’s be counter-cultural and live out the principle in Hebrews 10:25: “let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...”

It is helpful to ponder this spin on Kennedy’s memorable dictum from 1961, and to think about how we might respond as a part of Christ’s body on earth: Ask not what your fellowship can do for you—ask what you can do for your fellowship.

“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

This Week

Tuesday 7:00pm

Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church. All are invited to attend.

Thursday 2:00 pm

John Geddie AMS will meet with Group 3 in charge. Please remember that we collect an offering for Camp MacLeod at this meeting.

Advanced Notices

Board of Managers will meet on **Monday, May 20th** at 7:30pm.

C.E. Committee will meet on **Wednesday, May 22nd** at 6:30pm.

Coffee & Tea Party: On **Saturday, May 25th from 10am to 12pm**, the Ladies Fellowship of United Heritage will be hosting a Coffee & Tea Party at United Heritage Church in Sydney. For \$5 per person, you will be treated to a display of items fashioned by the "Time Out" ladies while enjoying coffee, tea, and an assortment of rolls, etc. We hope to see you there!

The Board of Stewards of the United Protestant Church of Sydney River will be once again be hosting their "Annual Dessert & Auction" on **Saturday, May 25th**. Dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m. with live auction to follow at 7:00 p.m. Auctioneer: Alfie MacLeod. Come and join us for dessert, browse the silent auction items, and have a lot of fun with the live auction! Tickets: \$6.00 and are available from any member of stewards or by phoning the church office at 902-562-4145.

Session will meet on **Tuesday, May 28th** at 7:30pm

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)

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 \$8.00. There will be free entertainment during the supper provided by The Family Tree Band. There will be a 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. There will also be balloon prizes, home bake table, and some surprises! Come join us for an evening of fellowship and fun! Everyone welcome to attend! Free admission!

Mission Moments - Envisioning malaria-free communities

In Thimalala village in Malawi, Jimmy Gondwe was not sleeping well. He was concerned about the mosquitoes inside his home, fearing they carried the deadly malaria virus. While malaria rates have gone down in Malawi, it remains a significant health challenge, especially among pregnant women and children. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes mostly bite at night, with more than 80 per cent of transmission occurring indoors. To help ensure more households stay healthy and malaria-free, a Presbyterian World Service & Development project is helping to safely treat homes with insecticide. Jimmy reports that since the project, he feels safer inside his home—a now mosquito-free environment. "I am grateful for the support," Jimmy said.

PWS&D envisions malaria-free communities