

**Bethel Presbyterian Church**  
**Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS**  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**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 Jean & Dennis MacIntyre.

**Thanks** to all who in anyway helped with the arrangements for the choir that visited us on Tuesday.

## **Nursery**

**Today:** Linda Greaves and Linda Henderson

**Next Sunday** Kim Brown and Sandra MacLeod

## **Sunday School Shepherd**

Gary Grant

## **Greeter at the North Door**

Ben Furey

## **Greeter at the Choir Room Door**

Wilrod Morrison

## **Visiting the Hospital this week**

Ben Furey 562-2266

## **Readings for next week**

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

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

## **To Benevolent Fund**

- In memory of Lorraine Colborne from her friends who were members of the News from the Pews.

## **To the Current Fund**

- In memory of Lorraine Colborne from Flossie MacLean

## **Bulletin Reflection: Sent to Invite**

By the Rev. Ken MacQuarrie, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,  
Thorold

From time to time—especially in spring and summer months—passers-by drop in to experience the beauty of our church. Like many other Presbyterian Church facilities, ours has a special historic quality.

Sometimes I stand across the street and ask, “What does our building say about our congregation? Is it warm? Is it welcoming?” We seek to keep it looking fresh and inviting—good upkeep and quality landscaping offer a hint of the care and welcome that is shared weekly. That said, in all my years at St. Andrew's, I can count perhaps eight or ten people who have been drawn to worship because they were intrigued by our building.

But people—our people—they are a wealth of invitation. Those who live out Christ's call of love are a reflection of the one who sends them: the man who delivers meals to seniors and stays for a chat; the woman who greets folks at the hospital and calms their anxieties as she helps them on their way; the musician who shares a passion for music with young people who are developing their skills (this could easily become a very long list...). The people who follow Christ's call to love—they are the richest beauty of an invitational congregation.

*“Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34–35)*

## **This Week**

### **Monday 7:30 pm**

Board of Managers will meet.

### **Wednesday 6:30 pm**

C.E. Committee will meet.

On **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

St. Andrews PC, North River is having their annual Lobster Dinner on **Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Dinner at the church begins at 5pm and take-out orders are available at 3pm at the church (in North River). The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 for one lobster, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Turkey dinners are \$10.00 for turkey, potato salad, coleslaw, roll and dessert. Orders will NOT be taken this year for delivery in Sydney.

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 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## Advanced Notices

Session will meet on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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 – Dreaming of peace

For Amina, Saber and their five children, poverty had become an all too sudden reality. When bombs fell on their town of Suran in Syria, their peaceful life shattered—their home collapsed and basic necessities like water, food and electricity became scarce. Displaced within their own country, broken by over eight years of conflict, Amina and Saber were losing hope. But for the past several months, the family has been receiving monthly food and hygiene baskets through a Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. Over meals of beans and rice, Amina and Saber can find a moment of comfort as they dream of peace and security for their beloved country.

*PWS&D provides strength through food aid*