

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, May 5th, 2019
Third 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 members of the Out Reach Committee.

Nursery

Today: Brenda Skinner and Sharon Morrison

Next Sunday Linda Greaves and Thelma MacKillop

Sunday School Shepherd

Gordon Ferguson

Greeter at the North Door

Mac Cameron

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Tom MacRae

Visiting the Hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325

Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for next week

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

To the Current Fund

- In memory of Ruby MacAulay from Eileen MacNeil

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: Sent to Reconcile

By Rob Griffiths, Hartsville Presbyterian Church, Hartsville PEI

Like Saul on the road to Damascus, there are times when we need to be shocked into seeing that our current way of doing things is not what God desires — we must change. When confronted by Jesus, Saul changed from a persecutor of Christians to a leader who brought countless people to Jesus. It was not an easy change, especially because Saul had a bad reputation among the Christians.

Our risen Lord challenges us to see the wrongs we've been part of and the need to reconcile with those around us. When we have hurt or caused pain, we must be willing to be corrected and allow the love of Christ to transform us.

The Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) gathered last April to explore the theme of reconciliation. Our worship and teaching encouraged us to learn about reconciliation in our own lives; reconciliation with God, our families, friends and co-workers, and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

For Christians, entering into right relationship with our neighbours begins with an encounter with Christ and allowing that encounter to change us and renew our relationships with all people. In doing so, we are taken off pathways that lead to harm and placed on a journey that leads to new life.

“He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting’” (Acts 9:4–5)

Advance Notices

On **Saturday, May 11, 2019**, Westmount United Church will be having a basement to attic sale from 9:00 to noon. Admission: \$1.00

Munro Academy will be holding its fifth annual **Mother's Day High Tea on May 11th**. Come and enjoy homemade sandwiches, fruit and sweets and imported Irish tea. Gluten free is available upon request. There will be two sittings at 1pm and 3pm. Tickets are available from Munro Academy 902-270-7771.

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

Centenary College Choir, Shreveport, Louisiana Concert at Bethel Church, Tuesday, May 14th 7:00 pm. 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 – An opportunity for joyful giving

The *Stewards By Design* conference wraps up today after three days of intensive keynote presentations and workshops. The conference focused on connecting stewardship to the mission and ministry of the church and growing generous givers. Led by enthusiastic keynote speaker Dr. Kennon Callahan, participants learned how to nurture faithful giving and abundant living; expand and strengthen their mission and ministry; make generous giving an ongoing, joyful experience; and develop a concrete plan suited for their unique situation. A past participant shared, “The sessions were a true blessing for us all. We learned much and now we have much to teach.”

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