Bethel Presbyterian Church Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS Sunday, September 29th, 2019 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Organ Prelude

Announcements Jennifer March
Reader Zaria Dulvy

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn Praise to the Lord # 73

Prayer of Confession

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

O.T. Lesson Numbers 13:1, 17-21, 25; Numbers 14:1-4, 26

Responsive Psalm # 73:23-29

Children's Hymn There is a redeemer # 358

Children's Story

N.T. Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1-2 N.T. Gospel Lesson Luke 22:25-30 Sermon Heirs of God

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn And can it be # 352

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Presbyterians Sharing
Offering & Offertory

Anthem Sanctuary arranged by Bruce Greer

with Take my Life and Let It Be Consecrated

Doxology #830

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Hymn Hail, our once-rejected Jesus #353

Benediction & Choral Amen

Postlude

Welcome

We welcome everyone to this service of worship this Lord's Day. We 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.

Flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Vivian K. Shaw from daughters Ainslie and Alyson and son Bill.

Nursery

Today: Vivian Morrison and Sharon McKay **Next Sunday** Nancy MacDonald and Susan Jessen

Sunday School Shepherd

Donnie Brown

Greeter at the South Door

Kathy Hardy

Greeter at the Choir Room Door

Ben Furey

Visiting the hospital this week

Beth Matheson 727-2325 Ivan Henderson 564-1050

Readings for Next Sunday

1 Kings 18:1-2, 17-24; Psalm 5; James 5:17-18; John 16:23-30

To the Benevolent Fund

• In memory of Joanne Simon from Diane & Fred Lynk

To the Choir Fund

 In memory of John Angus & Alice MacLeod from Philip & Donna Lee MacLeod

To the Current Fund

 In memory of Stewart Nickless's brother-in-law Danny Moules and Eileen MacNeil's sister Connie Wolschlag from the Board of Managers

This afternoon, 1:00pm

A Celtic Covenanting Service with Rev. Heather Wright, the new minister at United Heritage Church, will take place. There will be special musical guests and a reception following. All are welcome to attend!

This Evening 7:00pm

Anniversary Service at Union Church, Albert Bridge. Bob Lyle will be the speaker. All are invited to attend.

This Week

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Preparatory Service in the Sanctuary

Friday 12:10pm

CUC will meet in the Shaw Room

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday, Oct. 6th 10:30am and 7:00pm

Thanksgiving/Fall Communion services

Empowering Artisans Around the World!

Ten Thousand Villages is coming to Calvary Baptist Church! Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America.

The Festival Sale will be held **Friday**, **October 11**th **from 1pm-8pm** and **Saturday**, **October 12**th **from 9am-4pm** at Calvary Baptist Church, 6 Beech St., North Sydney. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. For more information, call John at 902-794-2094. Your purchase makes a difference! If anyone would like to be involved in setting up the sale is asked to be at the Church at 9am. All help is appreciated.

UNDER ONE UMBRELLA: a box has been placed in the church hall to collect items for this project. Please refer to write up in bulletin for details.

<u>Under One Umbrella-Cape Breton Winter Wear</u> <u>Donations Request</u>

Event Date: Oct 5, 2019 (12:00PM-4:00PM) Centre 200, Sydney



Under One Umbrella Cape Breton is a special event designed to give people, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, access to a wide range of health and other support services all under one roof in one day. Our goal is to provide easy access to services people may not otherwise have an opportunity to access.

The range of services offered at this event could vary from foot care, dental screening, eye care, hearing, medical, mental health and addiction services, housing, haircuts, legal information, food security information, winter clothing, a hot meal and more.

Last year many churches gave donations of warm socks (new) which we included in our comfort kit and warm winter wear for all ages including mitts, gloves, winter hats, jackets, boots or other foot wear (winter boots are in high demand). Bed linen, especially warm blankets are also needed. Last year, a total of over 900 men, women & children were able to benefit from this event. We will be collecting donated items beginning Sept 23rd with an end date of Oct 1st. We hope your faith community will once again answer our call for help.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, Ken Bickerton, Coordinator Under One Umbrella at 902-565-7220 or Diane Gillis, Clothing Chair at 902-862-8065 or 902-574-1748. You can also email <u>underoneumbrella@nshealth.ca</u>.

We truly appreciate your help and thank you for your time and support. Ken Bickerton and Diane Gillis







Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

Working with refugees

Stephanie Chunoo is a young woman from Leaside Presbyterian Church. After graduating with a degree in Communications and a certificate in refugee and migration studies from York University, Stephanie wondered if there was something she could do to serve the church. She was accepted to the PCC's one-year young adult internship program, which receives support from gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

Stephanie was assigned to work for a year with the Kalunba Social Services, a ministry of the Reformed Church in Hungary, that helps refugees and asylum seekers integrate into Hungarian society. It's a challenging and even dangerous time to be helping refugees in Hungary. Many Hungarians are suspicious of newcomers, especially since the Hungarian government regularly portrays migrants and refugees as people linked to crime and terrorism. This provokes fear among the people, many of whom are convinced that their Christian country will turn increasingly Islamic with each incoming migrant. The prime minister strongly supports an anti-migration platform, and in April, Hungary's parliament passed laws which make claims for asylum almost impossible and criminalize individuals or groups who offer to help a person who has claimed asylum. The legislation was passed in defiance of the European Union regulations and human rights groups.

Yet in the midst of fear, Stephanie and the staff and volunteers at Kalunba continue to serve the refugees who come to them, providing them with Hungarian language classes and support in their search for employment and housing. Among her many tasks, Stephanie offers child care, English classes, advocacy services and helps plan activities for the children. She recently wrote, "The work here is very stressful, but these situations remind me why God has put this opportunity in my path." Like Jeremiah, Stephanie and the others at Kalunba have hope for a world where one day all will be welcomed. They are putting their hope into action, with the support of Presbyterians Sharing.

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