

Bethel Presbyterian Church
Corner of George & Brookland St., Sydney, NS
Sunday, March 12th
Third Sunday in Lent



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.

Reading scriptures next week are George Jessen and Joyce MacDougall and Lent reading will be by Beth Matheson.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Kay and Roy Gallivan on the passing of Kay's sister, Ann Michele Fogarty.

To Current Fund

- In memory of Jacqueline Quinn from Catherine & David Sneddon
- In memory of Simon MacKinnon from Linda & Ivan Henderson
- In loving memory of Garfield Ross from Linda & Donnie Robertson

To Camp MacLeod

In memory of son Glenn Stuart Morrison from mother Betty, sister Joyce and nephews Nathan & Ryan

To Sunday School Mission Fund

In memory of Ann Michele Fogarty from Eileen MacLean

John Geddie AMS will meet on **Thursday, March 16th** at 2:00pm in the Shaw Room

Sunday School Easter Egg Memorial: On Easter Sunday the Sunday school will be placing brightly coloured Easter eggs in a basket in memory of loved ones at the front of the Church. The names of those being remembered will also be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. To purchase a memorial egg please put the names of those being remembered, and by whom, along with \$5.00 per name and your envelope # or address for an income tax receipt. Please mark on envelope, Sunday school Easter

Memorial. Place it on the collection plate or give to Linda Ross. We would like the donations in by April 2. The Sunday school children will also be doing a short program on Easter Sunday.

Camp MacLeod is looking for staff for the 2023 summer camp. If you are interested or know of someone, contact Sandra MacLeod 902-539-2467 or look up the website.

MINISTERIAL ASSISTANCE

Should you require the assistance of a minister, please contact the Church Office and leave a message or contact Charles Greaves, Clerk of Session, and arrangements will be made for you.

COVID 19 Protocol:

Just a reminder that because of the continued concern regarding COVID, the Session has agreed that masks be worn when entering and leaving the place of Worship. Worshipers may remove masks once seated if they wish. The north side (Left side as you enter the sanctuary) has every second pew closed off to provide separation for persons with concerns re distancing. Also, the offering plates will continue to be located just inside the doors of the sanctuary for now.

Mission Moment

When Sieglinde—a single mother living in the Little Burgundy area of Montreal, Quebec—first arrived in Canada, she wasn't sure where to turn for help to integrate her son into their new surroundings. Tyndale St-Georges Community

Centre provided a safe space where she and her son received the assistance they needed. "My son learned so much from his experience at Tyndale: how to be independent and play with other children, how to be confident and learn to regulate his emotions. But most importantly, he was happy." **Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping Tyndale St-Georges have a positive impact in the lives of people in the community of Little Burgundy.**

Prayer Calendar

Sunday, March 12 (Third Sunday in Lent) We pray for those who are keeping a Lenten devotion and discipline.

Monday, March 13 We thank God for the staff and volunteers of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, who create a safe, loving and empowering space for the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal, Quebec.

Tuesday, March 14 We pray for Donna McIlveen, serving as clerk for the Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario.

Wednesday, March 15 We pray for the members and work of the Committee on Church Doctrine.

Thursday, March 16 We pray for those in the Order of Diaconal Ministries who are called to serve the church in the areas of Christian education, pastoral care and social ministries.

Friday, March 17 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Hummingbird Ministries in Vancouver, British Columbia, and we give thanks for their ministry.

Saturday, March 18 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 116

1 I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

4 Then I called on the name of the LORD: “LORD, save me!”

5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

6 The LORD protects the unwary; when I was brought low, he saved me.

7 Return to your rest, my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

8 For you, LORD, have delivered me from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

9 that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

10 I trusted in the LORD when I said, “I am greatly afflicted”;

11 in my alarm I said, “Everyone is a liar.”

12 What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

14 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.

16 Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

17 I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

18 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the LORD— in your midst, Jerusalem. Praise the LORD.