

# News & Notes

The Presbyterian Church in Canada  
*St. Andrew's, Dartmouth & Musquodoboit Harbour*



**December, 2009**

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**Services at St. Andrew's**  
 Each Sunday 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
 8 a.m. service is 30 minutes  
 and is held in the Chancel



**Services at Musquodoboit Harbour**

Dec. 20 - 4 pm- Holy Communion  
 in church  
 Jan. 24 - 2 pm - Worship & Annual  
 Meeting at a home - to be  
 announced

## ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

Dec. 13	6 p.m.	Church School Concert
Dec. 20	10:30 a.m.	Annual Carol Service - Lessons, Carols & Anthems; Fellowship & Birthday Cake in Hall after service. White Gift Sunday.
Dec. 24	5- 5:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Worship with Pageant & Holy Communion by dipping bread in chalice (Some may choose to take only the bread.) Carols by Candlelight; Communion by dipping bread in chalice (Some may choose to take only the bread.)
Dec. 27	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Worship - lots of carols!
Jan. 3	10:30 a.m.	Celebration of Epiphany (The Visit of the Magi/Wise Men)
Feb. 7	10:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting followed by a potluck luncheon in the Hall - with birthday cake for those with birthdays in February. Annual reports will be ready on January 31.
Feb. 17	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday. One-half hour service in Chancel.
March 28	10:30 a.m.	The Road to Calvary - Readings, Drama, Music
April 1	6:15 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Supper & Service in Hall
April 2	10:30 a.m.	Good Friday Service
April 4	Easter Day	Easter Day Sunrise Service & Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion

## Congregational Life

**Milestones:** Russell & Betty MacDonald marked their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Congratulations!

**Changes:** Gean Ross is moving early in 2010 to Shelburne; she has been a member of St. Andrew's since June 19, 1988 and an elder since 1998. She has given leadership in so many ways since coming to St. Andrew's. Thank you, Gean!  
Ian, Elaine, Daniel & Sarah MacInnis moved to Truro recently. Ian is retiring as the Education Convenor and as a member of the Session on December 31, 2009. Thank you, Ian, for your leadership!  
The Session regrets to announce that Elaine MacInnis has resigned as a Church School Superintendent. We are very grateful for her work since her appointment in February. For the period January 1 to June 30, 2010 the co-superintendents will be Judy Morrison and Linda Wagner assisted by Nancy Heighton. The Session is grateful for the work of all the Church School staff.



**Bereavements:** Robert Burbine who became a professing member on January 20, 1957, died on July 13. His spouse, Pearl, and his daughters

Debbie Burbine-Cooke and Sandie Currie, are professing members of

St. Andrew's. Marcia Currie, a professing member since April 25, 1957, died on July 28. Her spouse, Ivan, has been an elder for over 50 years; her son, Paul, is a professing member of St. Andrew's. Nora Moser who became a professing member of St. Andrew's on June 17, 1956 died on October 30. Her spouse, Robert, and her son, Wayne, are professing members of St. Andrew's. Claude Langley, a professing member of St. Andrew's, since June 4, 2006, died on September 24; his spouse, Mary Mattatall is a professing member of St. Andrew's. Recently, an uncle of Cecil Smith, an uncle of Robert

Moser, a brother of W.G.(Buster) Yetman, the stepfather of Isabel Langille, an uncle of Gerry Archibald, a cousin of Paula Sarson and a niece of Isabel Sarson, a sister of Gean Ross, a sister of Lola MacKenzie, the mother of Cindy Roy, the mother of Catherine MacVicar, a grandmother of Terry Bartlett-Visser, a grandmother of Robyn Murray, the father of Mary Trimper, a brother of Jean Boyd, the father of Bill Short, and Dan Townshend, husband of Mildred and father of Heather died. May God grant to those who have lost loved ones the comfort of His peace and the blessing of rich memories.

**Birth:** Kerr Darren, son of Darren & Krista Foster was born on October 30, 2008. Belated congratulations!

**Weddings:** Mark Kenneth Scott & Ericka Clarke, August 8. Darren Kevin Leslie & Chandra Lynn Murphy on August 29. Christopher Bruce Moulton & Dorothy Lisa Yang on November 24. Congratulations!

### Session News:

- Profession of Faith classes will be held for teens between January 15 and May 31.
- Adult Bible Study - 2 classes - they will begin in late January. Theme: The Beatitudes.
- St. Andrew's is now using Fair Trade Coffee for most of its functions. Fair Trade is an alliance between producers and consumers that cuts out the "middlemen". In

the process, it empowers producers and gives them greater dignity and a fairer price for their products and it provides consumer with high quality products that they know are more sustainable from a social and ecological point of view. The coffee is purchased from Just Us Coffee, Grand Pré, NS. The Session is offering folk in the congregation the opportunity to order Just Us Coffee for personal use. *Mexican Morning* is a medium roast coffee and described as light and a bit nutty. To order, please contact Norma Fallows, 462-2872, by January 8. The cost will be \$6.80 plus a share in the shipping for one 12 oz. bag.

**Used Stamps**

Please save used stamps for the Leprosy Mission; they are trimmed and sent to the Mission by the Guild. Please leave them in the front lobby.

**Tabs for Wheelchair**

Please continue to save can tabs to help Archie in New Glasgow to buy another wheelchair. Please leave the tabs in the front lobby. We are aiming for 1 million! We now have 800,000.. enough to put them end to end for 20¾ kilometers!

**Ladies' Guild** is grateful to all who helped with the Tea & Sale and the Coffee Party & Craft Sale in November; \$3,637 was the amount raised and \$3200 was given to the Board of Managers for the Exterior Repair Project. Thank you very much!

**Board of Managers**

13 new windows were installed in the lobby in August; the walls of the upper and lower lobbies and the main entrance were painted in September. Repairs to the bricks on the Golf Course Parking Lot side of the church were made in July. New front doors and six windows for the lower front lobby & nursery will be installed in 2010. An individual has graciously agreed to pay the cost of the new doors! Thank you very much!

*Offerings to November 30, 2009*

**Operating Fund**

11-Month Budget Goal	131,280.00
Actual Gifts	<u>121,779.65</u>
Amount under Budget	\$9,500.35

**Presbyterians Sharing**

2009 goal:	34,500.00
Actual gifts:	<u>29,524.85</u>
To reach goal:	\$4,975.15

**Ways to give**

If you wish to give by PAR (pre-authorized debit), call Joyce Ross, 435-4801; if you wish to have a box of

envelopes for your gifts, call Madelyn Simms, 461-9393.

**In Memoriam**

If you are interested in making an In Memoriam donation to St. Andrew's, there are cards available in the front lobby for this purpose.

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**Camp Geddie:** Camp Geddie very much appreciates the gifts that it receives! Whitney Pyche-Melanson and Fiona Watson served as staff during the summer. Mary Pyche was recently appointed by the Presbytery to serve on the Camp Geddie Committee. Several youth and children from the congregation attended camps during the summer. Please use the "Other" section of your envelope if you wish to make a donation to the Camp! PAR donors can use a plain envelope.

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**Our Community**

**Circle of Care Furniture Bank:** They need volunteers. Pick-up and delivery on Tuesday and Wednesday. The bank will take drapes, etc., but no mattresses. Call 404-9074 for Hector or Margie.

**Margaret's House** (F.O.O.D. House): Clothing including underwear, socks, mittens, boots, toques, blankets and sleeping bags are needed. Please leave what you bring in the choir room.

**Face of Poverty Consultation** held an Interfaith service at St. Andrew's at 7 p.m. on November 22. The Shining Lights Choir sang 3 anthems. This choir is composed of homeless folk or those associated with the homeless. Barbara Cruickshank has served for several years on the Consultation as the representative of The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg; the Presbytery is most grateful for her devoted service.

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**Do You Know Your Hymns???**

**Politician's Hymn**.....Standing on the Promises

**Doctor's Hymn**.....The Great Physician





## Favourite Recipes

### Bacon Cheddar Cheese Appetizers

Submitted by Norma Fallows

½ loaf of white bread

Mix together the following:

1 cup shredded old cheddar cheese

10 slices bacon, fried crisp and crumbled

4 oz (100gm) package of slivered almonds

1 small onion

½ cup mayonnaise and a heaping tbsp of  
Miracle Whip

Mixture must be of consistency to spread  
on bread

1) Remove crusts

2) Spread mixture on each slice of bread

3) Place on baking sheet and freeze until  
firm

4) Place in plastic bags and store in  
freezer

5) To serve - Cut each piece of bread into  
4 squares & bake on cookie sheet at  
400deg for 10 min or until golden.

### Poke 'N Pour Ginger Cake

Submitted by Donna Lee Laveck

#### Cake

2 1/4 cups all purpose flour

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 tsp. baking powder

1 tbslp. cinnamon

1 tsp. ginger

1/2 tsp. soda

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. nutmeg

1/4 tsp. cloves

3/4 cup water

3/4 cup oil

3/4 cup molasses

2 eggs

#### Butter Sauce

1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1/2 cup margarine or butter

1/3 cup water

Heat oven to 350. Grease and lightly  
flour (or Pam) fluted tube pan. In large  
bowl, blend all cake ingredients at low  
speed until moistened. Beat 3 minutes at  
medium speed. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake at 350 for 45 to 55 minutes or until toothpick inserted  
in centre comes out clean. In small saucepan, combine  
sauce ingredients; heat until margarine melts. Prick hot  
cake deeply every inch with long-tined fork. Spoon hot  
sauce over hot cake in pan. Let stand 30 minutes; invert  
onto serving plate. Serve warm or at room temperature.  
Delicious served with butter sauce and garnished with  
pomegranate seeds. Delicious!!

## Bits & Bytes

- The sanctuary has an audio loop for those who have a T switch on their hearing aids.
- Many cushions are available in the lobby for those wishing to have one during the service.
- Please avoid the use of scented products.
- Each Sunday worshippers are invited to bring to the lobby foods (e.g. rice, canned goods) and hygiene supplies for the Christ Church Food & Clothing Bank. *Please do not bring perishable foods.* If you prefer to make a cash donation, there is a container in the lobby.
- **Library** – in the Church Hall. Please feel free to browse at what is available and to borrow any materials.
- **F.O.O.D.** Feeding Others of Dartmouth – a lunch is provided by us on the last Wednesday of each month; if you can help with providing sandwiches or juice or crackers or soup, it would be very much appreciated. For more details, please call Joyce Ross, 435-4801.
- **Hope Cottage** – an evening meal is provided by our folk on the second Wednesday of each month. If you can help with providing beef stew or fruit or margarine, it would be greatly appreciated. A recipe for stew is available. Call June Yetman, 435-1471 for more details.  
**Parking** – The Brightwood Parking lot adjacent to the church and across the street from the church is available to us for parking on Sundays until April 25, 2010.
- **Recycling** – (a) Please continue to bring plastic grocery bags, margarine, yogurt, ice cream containers to the church for F.O.O.D. (b) Books, dishes, etc. can be left on the green trunk at the lower entrance. They are given to a Resource Centre on Albro Lake Rd. (c) When at the church, please use the recycling containers in the lower rear lobby and kitchen to recycle.

## Smile for the Month



A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned, he found a ticket from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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**Canada Youth 2009** – 5 youth and leaders from St. Andrew's very much appreciated attending Canada Youth 2009 from July 20-25 at Brock University in St. Catharine's, Ontario. Reports were given on November 22 and December 13.

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## Stained Glass Windows

These 13 new windows were installed on the inside of the new lobby windows on September 7, 2009. They were dedicated on November 1, 2009. The theme that the special committee chose for these windows was: *Our Journey in Faith*. The Session is very grateful to the Committee that did the planning and to Scott Watson who served as a consultant to the Committee: Gerry Archibald, Convenor, Norma Fallows, Gean Ross, Eric Gray, Barb Cruickshank, Bill Langley, Frank Stevenson, Madelyn Simms, Jamie Leck, P.A. McDonald.

**BELL** – *Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.* Psalm 95:6  
In loving memory of Margaret E. Bruce 1915-1989(given by Alex Bruce); In loving memory of Thelma (Dean) Burriss 1923-2008 (given by Susan Burriss).

**PALM BRANCH** – *Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.* John 12:13b  
In loving memory of their parents Jeanne & Rick Rutherford

**ANCHOR** – *We have this hope; a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.* Hebrews 6:19  
Ivan & Marcia Currie, Paul, Sandie & sons

**SHIP** – *Some went down to the sea in ships....God brought them to their desired haven.* Psalm 107: 23&30

Carl & Sandi Kennedy in loving memory of their parents.

**KEYS** – *I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.* Matthew 16:19

Ken & Gwen MacDermid & family

**DOOR** – *Knock, and the door will be opened for you.* Matthew 7:7

Eugene & Barbara Mattatall & family

**BUTTERFLY** – *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.* 2 Corinthians 9:17a

To the glory of God Donald & Freda MacIntyre, Lisa, Laurel & David

**LILY** – *Consider the lilies; even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.* Luke 12:27a&c

In memory of Rita Henderson from Eric & Christine Gray

**CROSS & PATH** – *Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with your God.* Micah 6:8c

To God be the glory Eldon & Cheryl Weeks

**HILLS** – *I lift my eyes to the hills....my help comes from the Lord.* Psalm 121:1a,2a

In memory of Jean & Louis Crooks

**BRANCH & FRUIT** – *Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.* John 15:5

In honour of Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) & Chris McDonald Given by their family

**PLOWSHARE** – *They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.* Isaiah 2:46

In loving memory of Betsy Armstrong, wife and mother

**YOKE** – *Take my yoke upon you and learn from me....And you will find rest for your souls.*

Matthew 11:29

Peter, Shelagh, Alex, Jennifer & Rebecca Dodge

## FROM THE MINISTER

**W**hile in Ontario November 11-15, Chris & I saw Rev. Jonathan Tait and his family at his church in Campbellville; we attended the service on November 15. We also saw Rev. Debbie Dolbear-Van Bilsen and her spouse and 2 children at their home in Glencoe (near London); her congregations are in Glencoe and Wardsville. Both Jonathan and Debbie were student interns at St. Andrew's. We visited Jeanne & Rick Rutherford who have just moved to 52 Greentrail Drive, Mount Hope, ON, L0R 1W0 905-679-6356; Mt. Hope is near Hamilton, Ontario.

I am grateful to everyone who helped with our hosting the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces October 19-21; the Co-ordinator was our Session Clerk, Cheryl Weeks; she coordinated the many arrangements in a very effective and efficient manner.

During the last four months, a few changes have been made at worship to respond to the challenges posed by the H1N1 flu and to try some new ideas for receiving the offerings, receiving communion, and greeting folk as they arrive and leave. Several of the ideas seem to have accomplished more than one purpose, e.g. several folk - but not all-

find the manner of receiving the offering to be simpler, less confusing and more efficient. The Session will reflect these changes at a future meeting.

At the time of writing this letter, we have surpassed our goal of \$1500 for the 2009 Christmas Project of providing meals for 25 households through FEED NOVA SCOTIA. \$1,804.60 has been received and more is anticipated. The congregation is to be commended for its interest in and support of this project.

I would like to express my thanks to the five persons who attended Canada Youth 2009 in July and for their presentations to the congregation recently.

Chris and I trust that through the grace of God your marking of the Nativity of Jesus will be memorable and enriching for your faith and your relationships.

Peace,

P.A (Sandy) McDonald

The Kirk Session of St. Andrew's send the coming of the Child of

you greetings as you prepare to celebrate Bethlehem.

