

News & Notes

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

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ST. ANDREW'S CALENDAR

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

May 23	10:30 a.m.	Pentecost; Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. <i>Please allow lots of time to get to church</i> because of the Bluenose Marathon; consider parking on side streets
May 30	10:30 a.m.	Celebration of Pentecost. Please consider wearing something red! The Church School is preparing a symbol of the Holy Spirit to present to worshippers as they arrive; Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
June 6	10:30 a.m.	Preacher: Rev. Jonathan Tait of Campbellville, Ontario; he was our student Sept. 2001-August 2004.
June 13	10:30 a.m.	Church School Closing – presentation of Certificates; Congregational Picnic after service in Hall and yard; please bring sandwiches or veggies or fruit or cookies ready to serve! Birthday Cake will be served. Hotdogs for children and youth and drinks for all will be provided.
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Anniversary Service – Musquodoboit Harbour
July 12-16	9:15 to 11:45 a.m.	Vacation Bible School. Registration forms in the lobby.

Annual Meeting, February 7, 2010

The accepted allocation for Presbyterians Sharing (national budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada) was \$35,000. A brochure is enclosed in this letter. The congregational budget includes money for six new basement windows in the nursery and lower front lobby area. Some money from the Memorial Fund will be used to fund improvements to the garden area between the main door and the church sign.

On February 4, 2010 the Session adopted a new way for St. Andrew's to live together as a community and to fulfill its mission. The work of the Board of Managers was absorbed by the Session and a new committee structure was established. Consequently several persons were nominated at the annual meeting to serve with the elders on six of the seven new committees. The Committees and those elected at the annual meeting to serve on the Committees were:

Worship & Fellowship: *(responsible for worship, music, Elder Districts, events such as Fellowship Hours, Congregational Picnic and Luncheons, pastoral care)*

Elders: Cheryl Weeks, Convenor, Marg Bingley, Ivan Currie, Norma Fallows, William Fisher, Eric Gray, Mike Laveck.

3 years: Janice Mumford

2 years: Megan Douglas

Naomi Walker

1 year: Whitney Pyche Melanson

Education: *(responsible for Church School, Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups, Bible Study, Profession of Faith classes, Christmas Concert, Summer Church School, Nursery, Prayer Circle)*

Ian Murray, Convenor, Gerry Archibald, Alex Bruce, Mary Pyche, Linda Russell, John Bartlett-Visser.

Church School Superintendents

3 years: Heather Barkhouse

2 years: Heather Ferguson

1 year: Mary Mattatall

Outreach: *(responsible for Prison Ministry, White Gifts, recording of services for shut-ins, Christ Church Clothing and Food Bank, F.O.O.D., Hope Cottage, Christmas Project, promotion of Presbyterians Sharing and PWS&D, justice issues, evangelism, Camp Geddie, Prayer Shawl Ministry, wheelchair tabs, Leprosy Mission)*

Barbara Cruickshank, Convenor, Jean Boyd, Sadie Hurst, Catherine Picco, Byron Sarson, Ricky Sloan, Carol Stevenson.

3 years: Dawn Hemsworth

2 years: Lee Walker

1 year: David Campbell

Finance & Stewardship: *(responsible for Budget preparation and monitoring of budget, monthly financial reports, Treasurer and Offering Receipts Secretary oversight, insurance matters, care & counting of the offerings, invitation to congregation to review their level of support, Planned Giving)*

Susan Burris, Convenor, Andrew Kennedy, Jim Russell, Isabel Sarson, Kathy Sloan.

3 years: Jamie Walsh

2 years: Gary Dodge

Margaret Anne Ferreira

1 Year: Lorena MacDonald

Helen Paterson

Alex Stevenson

Treasurer

Property: *(responsible for maintenance of building & property, janitorial issues)*

Wade MacDonald, Convenor, Gord Hurst
Bill Langley.

3 years: Lois Dewar

Gordon Ross

John Stone

2 years: Sean Hiscock

Robert Maskell

1 year: David Fallows

Donna Lee Laveck

Nominating: *(responsible for. 2 non elders chosen at previous annual meeting, 4 elders, work begun in November or as required if vacancies occur, slate of non elders for committees, church treasurer & auditors, reports to annual meeting)*

Norma Fallows, Convenor, Gord Hurst ,
Andrew Kennedy

Byron Sarson.

Non-elders: Nancy Archibald

Sheila MacDonald

The Session also has a Personnel & Policy Committee *(responsible for administrative issues, nomination of elders to Session Committees, including Convenors; relating to Minister/organists/choir director, planning/vision matters, history, Leading With Care, Website)*

Gerry Archibald, Convenor, Marg Bingley, Alex Bruce, Ivan Currie, Norma Fallows, Mike Laveck, Wade MacDonald, Ian Murray, Clerk of Session

The Annual Meeting re-elected Joyce Ross as the Treasurer and Russell Trimper as one of the auditors. Keith Phillips of Iona Church was elected as the second auditor. Six new elders were elected: Andrew Kennedy, Bill Langley, Mary Pyche, Jim Russell, Linda Russell, Ricky Sloan.

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Offerings to April 30, 2010

Operating Fund

4 month budget goal: \$47,632.69
 Actual gifts: \$42,847.00
 Amount under budget: \$ 4,785.69

Presbyterians Sharing

2010 goal: \$35,000.00
 Actual gifts: \$10,694.00
 Needed to reach goal: \$24,306.00

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Bereavements: Recently the mother of Ian Murray, the father of Donna MacRae & Heather Ferguson, the mother of Sheila MacDonald, the



mother (Betty Scharf) of Patricia Stone (the Scharf family were a part of St. Andrew's for many years), the father and two uncles of Cindy Roy, a cousin of Bill

Langley and of Isobell Langley and of Margaret Bacon, the father of David Wiggin, a grandfather of Sean Hiscock, a son-in-law of David Hope, an uncle of Terry Smith, a grandmother of Kent Hudson, an aunt of Madelyn Simms, the step-grandmother of Cheryl Weeks, a sister-in-law of Ken MacDermid and an aunt of Ken MacDermid (Jr.) and of Laura Jean Sarty, the husband of Roma Cooper, an uncle of Robert Moser and Cecil Smith died.

Mr. H. Keith MacKay, who became a professing member of St. Andrew's on November 28, 1954, died on March 8.

Mr. MacKay was a charter elder of St. Andrew's; he was inducted as a member of Session on October 16, 1955. He also served as Clerk of Session for a brief period of time. He resigned from the Session when he was transferred out of town because of his work. On January 22, 1978 he was inducted again as a member of the Session, serving until the time of his death. May God encourage and sustain those whose loved ones have died.

From the Presbytery of Halifax & Lunenburg: The Presbytery was saddened by the death of Rev. Kenneth Wild on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Mr. Wild was Minister of St. Andrew's, Lunenburg and St. Andrew's, Rose Bay. P.A. McDonald is the Interim Moderator of St. Andrew's, Lunenburg and St. Andrew's, Rose Bay. Rev. Michael Henderson was inducted as the minister of the Upper Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge on May 6, 2010. The Charge consists of Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean, St. James' United Church, Upper Musquodoboit and Higginsville United Church. Mr. Henderson came from St. Paul's Church, Glace Bay. A Presbytery Retreat was held on April 21 at the Fairbanks Centre, Locks Road, Dartmouth; the Centre is located in Shubie Park. The focus of the retreat was spiritual direction. The Presbytery will be visiting our congregation on June 16. The visitation will be conducted by a committee convened by Rev. Jean MacAulay. Presbytery will meet next on Tuesday, June 15 at St. James', Truro.



Dylan, son of Trevor & Seana Jewer was born on May 6 Congratulations

Ladies' Guild is very grateful to all who helped with the Tea and Sale on March 27 and the Coffee Party and Craft Sale on April 13. The Guild raised \$2,723 after expenses. Recently, the Guild gave a generous gift of \$2500 to the congregation. Thanks so much!



Favourite Recipes

Broccoli – Cauliflower Salad

(submitted by Joyce Ross)

3 cups broccoli florets

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½ cup sour cream

2 tsp vegetable oil

1 clove garlic, minced

1 tbsp. chopped fresh dill or 1 tsp. dried dillweed

¼ tsp. Salt

Blanch broccoli florets in boiling water for 1 ½ minutes or until tender crisp.

Drain and immediately refresh under cold running water.

Repeat with cauliflower florets, cooking for 2 minutes or until tender crisp.

In large bowl, combine sour cream, oil, garlic, dill and salt.

Stir broccoli and cauliflower florets into sour cream mixture.

Cover and refrigerate at least ½ hour or up to 6 hours. Makes about 6 servings.

Spinach Dip in a Basket

(submitted by Hilda Visser)

1 cup (250 ml) sour cream

1 cup (250 ml) Miracle Whip

1 10- oz. pkg. (285 g) frozen spinach, thawed and very well drained

1 10-oz. can (285 ml) water chestnuts

1 pkg. Knorr vegetable soup

2 loaves pumpernickel round or 1 loaf pumpernickel and 1 round white bread.

Chop spinach until fine. Combine sour cream, Miracle Whip, spinach, water chestnuts and Knorr vegetable soup. Mix well. Let sit overnight. Before serving, cut the top off bread and hollow the inside. Pour dip into the hollowed-out bread.

Cube bread for dipping, using the inside of the pumpernickel and the white bread.

Happy Cooking!

Prayer Circle

The co-ordinating committee is Gord Hurst, 435-0160; Claire Gillespie, 434-0474; Bonnie McLellan, 434-4978; P.A. McDonald, 469-4480. This is how the Prayer Circle works: (A) Being a part of the circle:



If you would like to be a member of the prayer circle, call one of the persons on the Committee and “register” as a member. When the Committee receives a request or prayer, this request will be sent to each member of the Prayer Circle by telephone or e-mail. The member will then include this request in his/her own daily prayer.

(B) Wishing to have Prayer Circle offer prayers:

If you have a request for prayer, e.g. because of illness, sadness, a challenge, a job-related problem or a desire for prayers for a leader in the community or nation or church, please call one of the Committee members and give that person your prayer request; you may place your request on the Offering Plate.

If you so desire, your request for prayer can be distributed to Prayer Circle members anonymously, i.e. those in the Circle will not be told who has made the request for prayers

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It is exciting to have a beautiful Yamaha Compact Grand Piano in our sanctuary. We are very grateful to Edward & Martha Yang for this generous gift. Thank you very much!

Mission Breakfast, May 1 – The Youth Group prepared a marvellous breakfast which was enjoyed by many folk on Saturday, May 1. \$562.50 was forwarded to the national office of Presbyterian World Service & Development for a water/clean sanitation project in Malawi. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

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.

A Smile For You

Jesus and Satan were having an on-going argument about who was better on the computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all the bickering. Finally fed up, God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough. I am going to set up a test that will run for two hours, and from those results, I will judge who does the better job." So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away. They faxed. They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments. They downloaded. They did spreadsheets. They wrote reports. They created labels and cards. They did some genealogy reports. They did every job known to man. Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell. Then, ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, rain poured, and, of course, the power went off. Satan stared at his blank

- **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.
- **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.

screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld. Jesus just sighed. Finally the electricity came back on, and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming:

'It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!' Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours of work. Satan observed this and became irate.

'Wait!' he screamed. 'That's not fair! He cheated! How come he has all his work and I don't have any?' God just shrugged and said, JESUS SAVES!