

# NEWS & NOTES

**The Presbyterian Church in  
Canada  
St. Andrew's, Dartmouth**  
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**Minister:** Rev. Dr. P.A. (Sandy) McDonald  
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**Clerk of Session:** Cheryl Weeks  
**Organist:** Dr. Ken Cameron



**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

We provide a safe and  
caring place for all.

**Wheelchair accessible & elevator**

### **Church School**

**Co-Superintendents:** Judy Morrison,  
Linda Wagner & Nancy Heighton  
Classes for Kindergarten to Grade 9 each  
Sunday from Sept. 11 to June 9 at 10:30  
except for Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & May 20/12

### **Nursery**

**Leaders:** Robyn Murray & Doris Manuel  
Nursery is provided at the 10:30 service for  
children 3 years and under; Nursery not  
provided on Dec. 25, Jan. 1 & May 20/12.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Sunday, Sept. 25 – *Presbyterians Sharing Sunday...Presentation* in Church Hall after 10:30 service by Rob Maskell who served on a Mission in Rwanda in November 2010. Tea, coffee & cold drinks will be served.
- Saturday, October 1 – **Potluck Supper** - 5:30 for 6:00 pm! Come one and all to enjoy a variety of foods and good fellowship. Offering for Presbyterians Sharing.
- Sunday, October 9 – **Harvest Thanksgiving** – services at 8 & 10:30 Holy Communion
- Sunday, October 16 – 10:30 – **Speaker: Barb Summers** from our national Presbyterian World Service & Development Office; Fellowship Hour & Birthday Cake in Hall after service.
- Monday, October 17 – 7:00 pm – First Sackville Church, Lower Sackville – **Opening service** of The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces. All are welcome. Our minister will be the preacher and his term as Moderator of Synod will end when the Synod elects a new Moderator after the service.
- Sunday evening October 30 – (tentative) Dialogue with a **Rabbi** from a Halifax Synagogue.
- Saturday, November 5 – **Tea & Sale** – 2 to 4 pm; sponsored by the Ladies' Guild.
- Sunday, November 6 – (Atlantic Standard Time!) 59<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Service** – 10:30am – Guest Preacher: Rev. Lara Scholey of Bethel Church, Scotsburn and Burns Memorial, West Branch. After the service, come to the Hall for fellowship, lunch & birthday cake; please bring finger foods, e.g. sandwiches, fruit, cheese & crackers, cookies. Details about the Anniversary Offering will be provided in upcoming bulletins.



## *Advent & Beyond*

Sunday, November 27 Advent 1	10:30 Holy Communion – the bread & wine will be served by the Kilted Choir
November 27, 7:00 p.m.	The celebration of St. Andrew's Day (Nov.30) Guest Preacher: Rev. Sarah Raeburn, minister of Stairs Memorial United Church. 8:00 pm Ceilidh in Hall led by the Kilted Choir. Refreshments, including haggis, will be served.
December 11, 10:30 a.m.	White Gift Sunday
December 11, 6:00 p.m.	Church School Christmas Concert
December 18, 10:30 a.m.	Carol Service led by St. Andrew's Choir & Men's Choir
December 24, 5:00-5:45 p.m.	Pageant, Story, Carols & Communion; no nursery
December 24, 7:00 p.m.	Communion & Carols by Candlelight; no nursery
December 25	No Service
January 1, 2012	Epiphany Service 8:00 & 10:30
January 29 - tentative	Annual Meeting during 10:30 service; potluck luncheon after service

### ***Finance & Stewardship Committee***

Report to August 31, 2011

(a) Presbyterians Sharing - \$38,000 is the 2011 goal; \$22,588.53 has been given to help our national church fulfill its ministry and mission commitments.

#### ***(b) Operating Income:***

Operating Fund, Envelopes	49,594.25
Operating Fund, PAR	33,649.00
Other Income	<u>10,755.84</u>
Total Income	\$93,999.09
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>	
Personnel & Planning	66,448.30
Outreach Committee	430.24
Education Committee	7,926.95
Finance & Stewardship	338.11
Worship & Fellowship	2,036.35
Property Committee	13,151.90
General Administration	<u>18,129.91</u>
Total Expenses	\$108,461.76
<b><i>Total Deficit for 2011</i></b>	<b>\$14,462.67</b>

(a) Offering Receipt Secretary – Cindy Roy moved to Victoria, B.C. in June; her work as our Offering Receipt Secretary was much appreciated. Naomi Walker was named to replace

her; we welcome Naomi to this position; telephone: 466-2919.

(c) PAR – Any wishing to make their offerings monthly (20<sup>th</sup> of each month) by Pre Authorized Remittance are invited to call the Treasurer, Joyce Ross, 435-4801. This is a paperless way to help the bookkeeping. 55 households are enrolled.

(d) Offerings: Those who use offering envelopes are invited to use cheques rather than cash to help reduce bank charges.

#### ***More Ministries within our congregation:*** *We welcome your participation*

St. Andrew's Choir & Men's Choir; Director:

Cheryl Weeks, Accompanist: Helen Martin

Kilted Choir: Director: Scott Watson, Accompanist: Chris McDonald

Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary: Norma Fallows, President

Ladies' Guild: Sandy Osborne (Secretary)

Youth Group: Leaders: Andrew Kennedy, Whitney Pyche-Melanson; Ass't: P.A. McDonald

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Madelyn Simms

Prison Ministry: Byron Sarson

Feeding Others of Dartmouth: Joyce Ross

Hope Cottage: June Yetman

Bible Studies: P.A. McDonald

## ***Highlights of 2011 to August 31, 2011***

- Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch on Jan. 30
- 7 week Bible Studies in the Lenten and Easter seasons
- Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm
- Winter Picnic with delicious pizza on March 13
- Banner Making event & Potluck Lunch after service on April 3
- a Tea & Sale and a Coffee & Craft party in April (both were sponsored by the Guild)
- “The Road to Calvary” on Palm Sunday, a Maundy Thursday supper and service, Good Friday worship, early service and breakfast on Easter Day
- The Kilted Choir sang on April 26 at Jamieson Hall, Parkland Retirement Living, on Baker Drive, where 3 of our parishioners live
- Presentation on Mission Awareness Sunday (May 1) by Norma Fallows, President of the AMS Auxiliary and by Mike Barkhouse on his service in Sudan for nine months in an United Nations Mission to help with policing services
- Anthems by the Men’s Choir on June 5
- Special service on June 12 including the presentation by Church School pupils of a symbol for Pentecost and certificates were presented to all pupils; pupils sang an anthem with the Senior Choir and picnic was held after the service.
- Vacation Bible Camp from July 25-29 with 21 pupils registered and a brief concert was presented by the pupils in the sanctuary on July 29
- 6 baptisms
- A Mission Breakfast on May 14 sponsored by the Youth Group – \$228 was received for an “End Hunger” Project of PWS&D

- In the spring, pictures were taken for a Congregational Directory; it will be ready in the fall

## **Milestones**

On July 1, John & Hazel Mitchell celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary; Clara MacDonald was 95 on July 7, Helen Frew was 102 on June 28. Vivia Stewart & Margaret MacKinnon were 90 in April. Cassandra Grace, daughter of Ricky and Erin Sloan was born on April 3; Caitlin Ava, daughter of Alex and Natalie Stevenson was born on October 18, 2010. *Congratulations to all!*

### ***From the Kirk Session***

1. On June 20, 2011, the Session accepted with regret the retirement of Jean Boyd as a member of the Session. She was ordained as an elder on April 25, 1982. Jean has been very active in the life of St. Andrew’s: Senior Choir member, first director of Kilted Choir, member and chair of the Board of Managers, Offering Receipt Secretary, Atlantic Mission Society Auxiliary member and President, Session Committee Convenor and involved for many years in the stenographic work of the congregation. The Session is very grateful to Jean for all her labour in Christ’s Church particularly for her work as an elder. Thank you, Jean!
2. A special congregational project will get underway in the fall; funds will be sought to help Margaret’s House, Ochterloney Street, Dartmouth, operated by FOOD (Feeding Others of Dartmouth); more about this in the next few months.
3. Once again there will be a Christmas Project: Christmas support for households through FEED NOVA SCOTIA; our goal is \$2,000...already someone has given \$400 towards the project!
4. Christ Candle – we started using this candle in June; it is lit at the beginning of the Service to symbolize the light, joy, and presence of Christ in our worship and in our lives. The candle was given in memory

of James Bingley by his wife, Marg. The stand was built by John Stone.

5. Cheryl Weeks was re-elected as the representative elder for Presbytery & Synod. She continues as the Assistant Clerk of Presbytery and Synod Treasurer.
6. The Session received, with regret, the retirement of Sheila MacDonald. The Session is very grateful to Sheila who has done a great deal of the secretarial work of the congregation for over 20 years: annual report and newsletter preparation, congregational lists, elders' districts, letters, etc. Sheila was very thorough in her work and has made a very significant contribution to the life of St. Andrew's. Thank you Sheila!
7. Kathy Sloan, one of our elders, is now the Bulletin Secretary, replacing Cindy Roy who moved to B.C. The bulletin can be found each week on the church website.

### Bereavements



On April 22 (Good Friday), Suzanne Darrach died in hospital. She had been a professing member of St. Andrew's since December 4, 1960. During that period she sang in the Senior Choir for almost 50 years; she was active in the Atlantic Mission

Society, serving as Treasurer for many years and was a Life Member. Sue represented St. Andrew's on the Christian Relief & Development Coalition for over 25 years and took a very active interest in the FOOD Society and its ministry to aid those who have few resources; food and some clothing are provided through this ministry. Sue was very much a part of our many Dinner Theatres. A service was held in the church on April 27.

Marian Channon died on May 6. She had been a professing member from March 15, 1970 until September, 1972 and since November 22, 1985. She was active for some years in the Atlantic Mission Society. A service was held on May 29 in the church. Her spouse was Rev. Owen Channon on died in September, 2004.

Freda MacIntyre, a professing member of St. Andrew's since June 17, 1973, died on September 9; funeral September 14 at 10 a.m. Freda was very active in St. Andrew's, serving as an elder from February, 1988 to May 2004. Freda has served as President of the Ladies' Guild and was President at the time of her death. Freda taught in the Church School and was involved in Bible Studies and other activities.

Recently the following persons died: the stepmother of Isabel Sarson, the mother of Ken Sloan and the grandmother of Ricky Sloan, a sister of Arnold Visser, a brother of Roma Cooper, the mother of Sharon St. Pierre, the mother of Nancy Campbell, a sister of Russell MacDonald, a grandmother of Carla Livingstone, a sister in law of Carol Stevenson, a cousin of Bill Hattie, an uncle of Krista Foster, the mother of Paul Sarty, a brother and a cousin of Bill Fisher, a niece of Donna Lee Laveck, a brother in law and two sisters in law of Donald Wilcox, a sister of Ray White, a brother in law of Alex Bruce, an aunt and an uncle of Susan Burris, the mother of Shauna Mattatall.

We commend to God those whose loved ones have died, trusting that God will grant to them a measure of His peace.

### Prayer Circle

The coordinator is Bonnie McLellan (almac@ns.sympatico.ca) (434-4978), assisted by Sadie Hurst (435-0160). 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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Recipes submitted by Bill Langley

### Blueberry Muffins

Preheat oven 350°

2 ¼ cups flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp baking soda

1 ¼ cups sugar

1 tsp cinnamon

2/3 cup milk

2/3 cup oil

2 eggs

1 cup blueberries

Mix dry ingredients; add in mixed wet ingredients, then fold in blueberries. Fill muffin tin ¾ full; bake for 30 minutes.

Should make 1 dozen.

### Halibut Steaks

Preheat oven to 375°

Sauté for 5 minutes:

1/2 cup chopped onions

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/2 cup chopped fresh mushrooms

in 3 tbs butter

Stir in

1 tsp salt

pinch pepper

pinch dried tarragon

pinch dried rosemary

Arrange in large shallow greased baking dish:

halibut steaks, sprinkled with lemon juice and spread dressing over them. Cover them with skinned sliced tomatoes.

Bake covered for 35-40 minutes.

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### 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.
- **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.
- **Furniture Bank** – Circle of Care Furniture Bank is happy to receive furniture donations (no appliances); call 463-9074.
- **Bluenose Recycling Depot** – 99 Woodlawn Road; St. Andrew's has an account at this location and your recycled bottles can be designated for St. Andrew's.

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### 2010 Annual Report

An addition to the Kilted Choir Report: Keith MacKay, a charter member of the Kilted Choir, died in March, 2010.

## The False Prophet

The weatherman's dead hopeless  
He really is a twit!  
He promises us a heat wave  
And what we got ain't it!

The weatherman's quite useless  
I'd love to tell him that.  
He said we'd have a dry spell,  
And a cloudburst drowned the cat!

He claims to be an expert,  
But I think he's a goof!  
He said we'd have a gentle breeze  
But what blew off the roof?

Satellites and weather ships  
To help the chap along;  
So why is it, I wonder  
He always gets it wrong?

Written by Suzanne Darrach