

MINISTERS SINCE 1786



Rev. Dr. James MacGregor	1786-1830
Rev. Dr. David Roy	1830-1871
Rev. Dr. E. A. MacCurdy	1871-1891
Rev. Dr. James Carruthers	1892-1904
Rev. G. Ernest Forbes	1904-1917
Rev. Dr. E.H. Ramsay	1917-1925
Rev. John A. Sutherland	1926-1928
Rev. Dr. Norman D. Kennedy	1929-1942
Rev. Dr. Lloyd MacLellan	1943-1955
Rev. Hugh M. Creaser	1955-1971
Rev. Robert Cruickshank	1972-1979
Rev. Evelyn Carpenter	1980-1988
Rev. Marian A. Patterson	1995-2000
Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson	1989-2016
Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod (interim)	2016-

Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2016

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Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, was held at 12:35 noon in the upper hall on Sunday, February 21, 2016.

ROLL: 40 (forty) members were in attendance.

The meeting opened with prayer by the Chair, Rev. Dr. Matheson. Regrets were received from Congregational Secretary, Jane McDow, due to a death and funeral in her family. It was agreed by all in attendance that Sharon Mason act as secretary for the meeting in her absence.

A moment of prayer and silence was observed for members and friends of First Church who died over the past year.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting held March 1, 2015 were reviewed.

MOTION: It was moved by George Bellefontaine, seconded by Larry Ingham that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be adopted as written. **Carried.**

MOTION: It was moved by Cathy Lewis, seconded by Roger MacDonald, that the Reports for the year ended December 31, 2015 be received and considered as printed. **Carried.**

Each Report was reviewed as printed... noted amendments were made to

- (1) the Session Report, with Gordon MacNeill, Elder Emeritus, needing to be added to the elder roll.
- (2) The Treasurer for the Catherine Mair AMS and the Greg Reid/Elsie MacKay AMS should read Emma Campbell and not Ethel Porter.

FOR INFORMATION: Re: The Trustees Statement of Income and Expenses General Fund entry on page 25; specifically the James M. Cameron Bursary Fund.... Dr. Matheson described the access process for this fund with regards to financial assistance for ministry student, Katie Hubley-MacIntosh. He reported that Session will be looking into this.

The Balance Sheet on page 28 was reviewed, the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures... noting that we were blessed to end the year with a \$2,024.00 surplus! Following discussion of the Fund Balances on page 32, specifically the balance of \$1,895.00 noted for Radio Broadcasts, it was the congregation's wish to allocate these funds to a different use since local radio broadcasting is no longer available.

MOTION: Ray Webster moved, seconded by Keith Cruickshank, that the Radio Broadcast Fund be rolled over into the Building Fund to help repay the outstanding balance on the new roof. **Carried.**

The Treasurer, Brenda Tutty, assured the amount noted in the Camp Geddie Fund (\$116.00) was an oversight and the money would be passed on to the Camp.

MOTION: to adopt the Reports with noted amendments was made by George Bellefontaine, seconded by David Johnstone. **Carried.**

Discussion of the 2016 Budget ensued... with Rev. Matheson's pending retirement, there were a number of 2016 budget items that were difficult to project after the end of March 2016. An Interim Moderator is expected to be assigned to work with us by the end of February, 2016 and their expenses are as yet unknown. New staff member Sheila Dempster, Church Secretary, is budgeted into expenses under Administrative Assistant.

MOTION: to accept and approve the 2016 Budget as printed was made by Burma Marshall, seconded by Diane Bagnell. **Carried.**

Rev. Matheson acknowledged that there will be change and challenge in the year ahead, but not to lose sight of the ways the Lord has provided for us ... financially... and in the amazing people He brings to us... from generation to generation!

Before closing, since it would be Glen's last Annual Meeting with us, elder Ray Webster asked to address the meeting. He thanked Glen for his work with us... and was given "three cheers," led by Sharon Mason. There being no further business, Rev. Matheson closed with prayer and thanks at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Mason

INTERIM MINISTER'S REPORT

In the spring of 2016, Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson retired after serving this congregation for close to twenty-seven years.

The Presbytery of Pictou recommended that First Church engage in a period of interim ministry prior to seeking a called minister. I agreed to take on this task with your approval.

Interim ministry is meant to be a time of problem solving, corporate renewal, reaffirmation of faith, planning and preparing for new leadership.

In today's world, the church is faced with declining membership, and in our case in Pictou County, a declining population. This in itself raises questions about where we are going in the years ahead.

In a real sense the church today is in exile which is not new, since the early church was in the same place. Exile has a way of clarifying things. It deals with the question, "Who are we now?" It prompts us to consider another question, "Where are we going as First Church?"

This interim period, I believe, is a time for us to deal with those questions. Through the visioning meetings we are holding monthly, I pray we can, by God's grac, reorient ourselves to the essential aspect of what it means to identify as followers of Christ.

Our unity is to be found in God's mission for us and through that mission we are to reach out into the community as servants of Christ, as the body of Christ. I ask for your support and prayers in this time of change and may we all find the transforming Spirit of God in our midst.

God bless you.

Rev. Kenneth MacLeod

Nominating Committee's Recommendations for Appointments: Feb. 26, 2017

Congregational Secretary (one year term)	Jane McDow
Board of Managers Secretary (one year term)	Frances Savage
Board of Managers term expires Feb. 2020	David Johnstone Larry MacLeod Ruth-Anne MacIntosh Don Rowat
term expires Feb. 2019	Gary Ross Keith Cruickshank Philip Blackwood Shirley MacDonald
term expires Feb. 2018	Keith MacDonald Edna Fraser George Bellefontaine Don Haggart
Trustees	Larry MacLeod*
term expires Feb. 2020	Gary Ross
term expires Feb. 2020	Gary Baudoux
term expires Feb. 2020	John Zinck
term expires Feb. 2019	John Zinck
term expires Feb. 2018	Kent Williams
Treasurer (three year term)	Brenda Tutty (Term expires Feb. 2018)
Press Secretary (one year term)	Jennifer Thibeau
Auditor (for the 2016 Annual Report)	Marni Anderson, C.A.
Nominating Committee for 2018	Cathy Lewis*, Russell MacIntosh, Gary Ross

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ross

*Denotes new committee member

Note: The duties of Envelope Secretary and Memorial Secretary have been transferred to the Church Secretary.

YEAR IN REVIEW - 2016

- Jan. 5 Funeral at P&K MacDonald Funeral Home for the late Agnes Nicole Campbell, 33, of Foster Ave., Stellarton who died Dec. 30, victim of a homicide on Temperance St. Ashes were returned to the family.
- Jan. 10 Nursing Home service at High Crest, Forbes St.
- Jan. 12 Graveside funeral in Thorburn Cemetery for the late Anna Marguerite DeMont of Halifax, formerly of Linacy, who died Jan. 5 at age 73.
- Jan. 17 Church cancelled due to snow storm
- Jan. 22 Funeral at RH Porter Funeral Home for the late Peggy Von Vaters of Valley View Villa who died Jan. 19 at age 60. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Pictou Landing, in the spring.
- Jan. 31 Winter Carnival held after church with food and games for all ages, hosted by Sunday School; many areas of Pictou County without power since Friday due to the latest snowstorm
- Feb. 09 Funeral at P&K MacDonald Funeral Home for the late Evelyn Mae Richard of 6123 Hwy. 4 in Linacy who died Feb. 5 at age 51. Burial will be in Woodburn Cemetery in the spring.
- Feb. 18 Glen assisted Rev. Mary Beth Moriarity at Pictou United Church in a funeral for the late David Ferguson of Pictou who died Feb. 9 at age 59.
- Feb. 22 Funeral at McLaren's Funeral Home for the late Linda Marie Murphy of Welsford Street, Pictou who died February 19 at age 62. Burial was at Seaview Cemetery.
- Feb. 26 Funeral at P & K MacDonald Funeral Home for the late James Edward "Jim" Tree, of I.O.O.F Home in Pictou, formerly of Pine Tree. Burial was at Heatherdale Memorial Gardens.
- Feb. 28 Nursing Home service at Ivey's Terrace in Trenton.
- March 1 Second Baptist Church uses our sanctuary for the funeral of the late Robert "Bob" Dicks.
- March 3 Funeral at P & K MacDonald Funeral Home for the late Edward Lloyd Smith of Lower Barney's River. Burial was in Murray's Point Cemetery.
- March 18 Funeral at Eagles Funeral Home for the late Elaine McIsaac of Westville, who died on March 14 at age 57. Burial was held in Lorne Cemetery.
- March 19 Funeral here for Daphine Webster, who died March 12 at age 81. Reception was held in the Upper Hall hosted by Circle of Friends.
- March 20 Palm Sunday with Sacrament of Holy Communion and welcoming of six new members to the congregation. They are: Sherry Greene, Lois MacLellan, Lynne Ann MacLellan, Sam McDow, Carol Pettipas and Jennifer Thibeau.

- March 27 Easter Sunday and Rev. Glen's retirement service. Members of Green Hill-Alma choir and congregation members join us for a joy-filled service, as well as members of Glen's family from Cape Breton and his children. Members of N.N.E.C. Brass Quartet also joined us, under the direction of Andrew Alcorn. Valentia Majaka MacKay, daughter of Peter and Nazanin MacKay, was baptized. An open house was held in the lower hall until 2:00pm for members of the community that wished to come and wish Rev. Glen well.
- March 27 Private graveside service for elder, Hugh Matheson who died March 25. Burial was in Abercrombie Cemetery.
- April 3 Miss Audrey Cameron led the worship service and will be our worship leader for April, May and June.
- April 10 Spring snow storm cancels the service.
- April 19 Death of Leroy Murray with funeral held at P & K MacDonald Funeral Home, officiated by his niece, Maureen O'Hagen.
- May 3 Our choir and Alma Green Hill choir (and Lloyd) sang at the Aberdeen Palliative Care Society 25th Annual Time of Remembrance service at Summer St.
- May 9 Congregational meeting to present the Interim Ministry Covenant Agreement between the congregation, Presbytery and Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod.
- May 14 Spring outside clean up around the building and grounds.
- May 15 Second informal presentation after church to congregation members, by the Interim Moderator, Rev. Greg Dickson.
- May 22 Nursing Home service at Valley View Villa in Riverton.
- June 1 Funeral for James "Jim" MacLeod held here with Interim Moderator, Rev. Greg Dickson presiding with Rev. Glen assisting. Reception followed the service with burial in Gairloch Cemetery.
- June 13 Second Congregational meeting to present the AMENDED Interim Ministry Covenant Agreement between the congregation, Presbytery and Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod.
- June 19 We honoured graduates, Ben McDow, Kelti Matheson and Erin Fraser and said thank you and goodbye to Audrey Cameron with special readings and presentations during the service and cake after the service.
- June 26 Communion was held and presided over by Rev. Mary Anne Grant.
- July 3 & 10 Rev. Pat Rose was worship leader for these two Sundays.
- July 17 Audrey Cameron was worship leader for the day.
- July 18 Funeral for elder, Judy Thomsen held here with Interim Moderator, Rev. Greg Dickson and Rev. Dr. Glen Matheson presiding. Reception followed with burial in French River Cemetery.
- July 24 & 31 Rev. Gary Tonks was worship leader for these two Sundays.

- July 25 Work began on replacing the floor in the basement. The contract was awarded to Portland Cement with help from some of the members of The Board of Managers.
- July 30 Debbie Rundle and Lorne Moser were married by Rev. Glen in the sanctuary. Session approved this before his retirement.
- August 1 Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod begins his two year term as Interim Minister.
- August 14 Nursing Home service at High Crest Home (downtown).
- August 19 Death of member, Carl MacLaren. Funeral was held from H.W. Angus Funeral Home.
- August 31 Death of member, Evelyn Henderson. Graveside service was held at Castle Hill Cemetery in MacLellan's Brook.
- Sept. 11 Nursing Home service at Valley View Villa, Riverton.
- Sept 13-16 Volunteers worked to clean up after the new floor was installed in the basement. Cleaning cupboards, washing dishes, washing down walls, painting walls and radiator covers and moving furniture back in – all had to be done so it could be used again.
- Sept. 18 Church picnic and corn boil hosted by the MacLellan's on Terrace St. It was a rainy day but there was a good turnout with lots of fun and games and ice cream.
- Sept. 20 Church used as "muster point" for New Glasgow Academy during their code black evacuation drill.
- Oct. 2 Sacrament of Holy Communion was held with the welcoming of new member, Marilyn MacLeod. An evening Service of Recognition for Interim Ministry, with Rev. Kenneth MacLeod, was conducted by Pictou Presbytery. Refreshments followed the service, hosted by the Circle of Friends.
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving service held with the church beautifully decorated for the fall season. Some of the decorations were edible and were donated to the Food Bank after the service.
- Oct. 23 Rev. Joon Ki Kim was guest minister while Rev. Ken was the guest speaker at St. Andrew's for their anniversary service.
- Oct. 30 Our first visioning meeting was held after church with a good turnout.
- Nov. 6 Remembrance Service was held with the names of all that had fallen, from this church and from Westminster, read and printed in the bulletin. Music was provided by George Durning on the piano and Andrew Alcorn on the trumpet.
- Nov. 20 Sacrament of Holy Communion was held during the service with the second visioning held in the lower hall after. We did a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis. Again, there was a good turnout.
- Dec. 2 Soup & Dessert Luncheon in the lower hall hosted by the Circle of Friends. A Cookbook Corner was set up this year, as well as Art on the Wall which people could buy. There was also a pantry table.
- Dec. 4 Joint evening Service of Advent with Carols and Lessons and combined choirs, held at the Kirk.

- Dec. 11 Sunday School concert immediately following the service with a potluck and cooking decorating following in the lower hall. Nursing home service at High Crest on Forbes St. in the afternoon.
- Dec. 13 Funeral service held for Elizabeth “Betty” Wilson with reception following, catered by the Circle of Friends.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with carols and readings.
- Dec. 25 Regular service was held. We welcomed new members Norm & Jean McComb who transferred their membership from Calvin Presbyterian Church in Sudbury, Ontario.



MEMBERS who died in 2016:

Daphine Webster	March 12
Hugh Matheson	March 25
Leroy Murray	April 19
Jim MacLeod	May 27
Judy Thomsen	July 15
Carl MacLaren	August 12
Evelyn Henderson	August 31
Marion Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson	December 5

NEW MEMBERS in 2016:

Sherry Greene	Lois MacLellan	Lynne Ann MacLellan,
Sam McDow	Carol Pettipas	Jennifer Thibeau
Marilyn MacLeod	Norm McComb	Jean McComb



BAPTISMS

Valentia Majaka MacKay, daughter of Peter and Nazanin MacKay

The Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church
2016 Annual Report

In my role, as Clerk of Session, the word or image that comes to mind as I think of 2016 at First Church, is ROLLERCOASTER.

2016 was an emotional rollercoaster for Session and the Congregation.

The beginning months were a whirlwind of activity and planning, in **joyful** anticipation of the festivities and celebrations to come in March, as we made ready to give our minister of 26 years, **Rev. Glen Matheson**, the most wonderful **send-off into retirement** that we could! Rev. Glen preached his last worship service as our minister, Easter Sunday, March 27th, 2016. This was followed by a largely attended open reception in the lower hall. The congregation pulled out all the stops with regard to food, gifts, decorations, hugs, cards, well-wishes, ... did I mention food??? I'm sure Glen felt the love! It was a difficult, emotional, rollercoaster day for all of us. Glen included.

Glen's retirement officially began April 1, 2016. Rev. Matheson moderated Session from Jan. 5 – March 27, 2016.

Then ... the feelings of loss, sadness, aloneness and uncertainty that pervaded with the realization that First was now definitely without a minister. We were about to travel a road very few on Session or in the congregation had travelled before! For many, Glen was the only minister they had known at First. Now... many questions ... many possibilities... what are the next steps? What is the protocol?

First step, Pictou Presbytery appointed an **Interim Moderator, Rev. Greg Dickson**. As Glen was now retired, Session would be unable to constitute as a court of the church without a moderator. Rev. Dickson is currently the minister of a two point charge in rural Pictou Co. and also serves as Interim Moderator in another vacant church. His plate is very full. God Bless him, he was willing to take on another vacant church!

However, for Session, our immediate goal and concern was for the **people** of the congregation. We wanted desperately to find the best solution to help shepherd the congregation through this vacancy, the loss felt with Glen's retirement AND to be able to keep the church functioning as a church! ... on a daily basis, not just have someone fill the pulpit on a Sunday morning.

After MANY meetings with Presbytery, the Interim Moderator, Rev. Dickson, and learning the options available to us in this vacancy period, we felt blessed to have the opportunity to have someone available to us on a full-time basis. An experienced mentor, able to function in a full time ministerial capacity and at the same time lead us through the work of dealing with our immediate vacancy. This was the gift of Rev. Ken MacLeod and Interim Ministry.

Enter that rollercoaster ride again!

I've come to learn that nothing is easy or simple!... and that the wheels of the church tend to move slowly and can often get clogged! For sure, everything we plan doesn't always work out the way that we planned or expected! What Session considered a gift, the congregation wasn't so sure! After our first congregational meeting to explain Interim Ministry, and why Session thought it a good way to go ... we found ourselves muttering, "Well, that didn't go as planned!" Sometimes we need to make adjustments because our plans go a

bit haywire! We held two more congregational information meetings interspersed with Session meetings, moderated by Rev. Dickson, and Interim Ministry Covenant revision meetings. After all was said and done, I am happy to say that Session voted unanimously to accept the Covenant for Interim Ministry for a maximum period of two years, beginning August 1, 2016 to July 30, 2018. A Service of Recognition for Interim Ministry with Rev. MacLeod didn't officially begin until August, we had to find pulpit supply for the months of April, May, June and July. Rev. Dickson arranged for **Audrey Cameron** to lead worship for April, May and three Sundays in June. What a God-send she was to us! Words can't say very well what is felt in the heart ... but a heartfelt "Thank You!" Audrey. This was the last bit of extended continuity we had in the pulpit, as Audrey was no longer available. June 19 was her last Sunday with us. This was also the Sunday School closing for the summer months. Session thought it the perfect opportunity during worship to acknowledge Audrey, the Sunday School leader and our graduating young people. We presented the gift of a Bible and a small cash amount to three young people graduating grade 12 this year, and gift cards to Audrey and the Sunday School leaders, Lynne Ann and Lois MacLellan, with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Rev. Mary Ann Grant led worship and offered **Communion** the last Sunday in June. Thank you Rev. Grant. July pulpit supply was arranged by Rev. Dickson with **Rev. Pat Rose** and **Rev. Gary Tonks**. Much Thanks to God for bringing these people to us when we needed them and helping us to feel cared for. St. Andrew's Church worshipped with us for the month of August while their minister was on vacation. Then in October, we had a **pulpit exchange** with St. Andrew's when Rev. MacLeod was asked to be the guest minister at their Anniversary service. It was lovely having **Rev. Joon Ki Kim** lead worship with us!

Session added six new members to the roll by **Profession of Faith**: Sherry Greene, Sam McDow, Carol Pettipas, Lois MacLellan, Lynne Ann MacLellan and Jennifer Thibeau. Three new members were added by **Transfer of Membership**: Marilyn MacLeod and Norm and Jean McComb. **WELCOME!** We're so glad you are a part of our church family!

One Baptism: Valentia Majaka MacKay, daughter of Nazanin and Peter MacKay.

We were saddened by the death of congregational members Daphine Webster, Leroy Murray, Carl MacLaren, Evelyn Henderson and Betty Wilson. That darn old rollercoaster ride again!

In 2016, Communion was held March 20 (before Glen left), June 26 with Rev. Grant and October 20 and Nov. 20 with Rev. MacLeod. The number seated the Lord's table respectively are as follows: 107, 90, 102 and 91. The **average** number seated at the Lord's table was 97.5 ! (Not sure who the .5 was!)

Rev. MacLeod has been a very visible, visiting and pastoral presence in our midst since beginning Interim Ministry work in August. Session is very thankful he is here and excited to see and discover what this work will call us, as First Church, to be. In recognition of Ken's work with Interim Ministry, and the importance of him working closely and nurturing a relationship with us, Rev. Dickson asked Rev. MacLeod to Moderate Session in his interim period. He is still Interim Moderator and is available to us any time we need him, but has deferred until the work in Interim Ministry is finished.

There's that rollercoaster again!

Optimistic and always hopeful, but saddened again as we lost three members of session to death. Hugh Matheson, Jim MacLeod and Judy Thomsen. All long-time, faithful Elders and so grateful for having them a

part of Session. **We miss them.** Many elders are dealing with health and age related issues. Know that you are always with us in thought and prayer! Three long-serving elders resigned their active status (Larry Ingham, as

Rep. Elder, Jack Marshall and Bill Arthur). “Well done! Good and faithful servants!” You have served the church and the people in your districts well! Two Elders were received back to Session ready to resume their active status. (Brent MacQuarrie and Phoebe Fraser)

Thank you, Ruth Anne MacIntosh, for the photo session with us to update our Session photo!

Thanks to Elder, Mark Thibeau for representing First and laying the Remembrance Day wreath on our behalf, at the Cenotaph service. Our worship service of Remembrance on Sunday, Nov. 6, was all the more meaningful with trumpet solos by Andrew Alcorn and a trumpet/piano duet by Andrew and father-in-law, our own George Durning. Beautiful music that added an extra dimension to our service. Special music and guest musicians and soloists also added to the Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Our choir and organist, Lloyd MacLean continued this year with a fantastic music ministry. Their challenge is to figure out how to get more of you in the congregation SINGING!

Elder Gary Ross, has agreed to take on the role of Representative Elder following Larry’s resignation. It’s an unfamiliar role for Gary but he is doing a fantastic job! Thank you, Gary! And Thank You, to Teela Billington for agreeing to act as Alternate in Gary’s stead.

I apologize for the length of this report, but it has been a year quite like no other.

Proverbs 16:9 says – In his heart a man plans his course, the Lord determines his steps.

In hindsight, perhaps we could have done things differently, handled situations better; but this 2016, we were ALL in a giant learning curve. Sometimes in the midst of haywire plans, the only thing we could see was what seemed to be going wrong! While we all plan, GOD still determines our steps. Change, growth and finding a new purpose and calling will be hard work for us all. BUT... throughout the year, no matter what happened, we worked together, we continued on... remembering to Praise God anyway! I thank God for each and every member of God’s family in this church! I pray that God will walk with us through His plans for us. That He will enable us to trust His heart to plan what will work out for the best. God Bless us all ... every one!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Mason, Clerk of Session

Active Elders by year of Ordination

George Durning (1959)
Donald Johnstone (1973)
Ralph Foote (1977)
Russell MacIntosh (1977)
Larry MacLeod (1984) **Deputy Clerk**
Joan MacIntosh (1992)
Kent Williams (1992)
Clarice Campbell (1999)
Phoebe Fraser (1999)
Keith MacDonald (1999)
Bill Mason (1999)
Brent MacQuarrie (1999)
Sharon Mason (2005) **Clerk**
John Zinck (2005)
Dave Johnstone (2005)
Keith Cruickshank (2013)
Teela Billington (2013)
Cathy Lewis (2013)
Gary Ross (2013)
Mark Thibeau (2013)
Jamie Stewart (2013)

Inactive Elders

Wilfred Marshall (1977)
Bill Arthur (1977)
Larry Ingham (1992)
Ray Webster (1992)
Peter Searle (1995)
Jack Marshall (2005)

Alvin Sinclair (1966)
Leroy Taylor (1984)
Philip Avery (1985)
Bob Kowalski (1990)
Norman MacLeod (1995)

Sandy MacIntosh (1999)
Ken Rector (1999)

Elder Emeritus
Gordon MacNeill (1995)



2016 – CHOIR REPORT

The choir has been busy, as usual, with regular church services, funerals and Nursing Home services. We meet for practice Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

In December, we were entertained at the home of Kent and Jane Williams which was much appreciated.

We miss the presence of two valued members. Marg Guthro through illness and Vivian Ingham. Hope they will be able to join us again.

We also welcomed Linda Fraser's husband, Mike and welcome others at any time.

We also support the Music Festival every year financially.

Our current officers are:

President:	Teela Billington
Vice President:	George Durning
Treasurer:	Shirley MacDonald
Secretary:	Emma Campbell

Respectfully submitted,
Emma Campbell

CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Jan. 1, 2016		\$ 2,160.27
Receipts:	Interest	\$.99
		<u>.99</u>
		2,161.26
Expenses:	Music Festival	50.00
	Gifts	100.00
	Service charge	<u>6.25</u>
		156.25
		<u>156.25</u>
Balance on hand as of Dec. 31, 2016		<u>\$2,005.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley MacDonald
Treasurer



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – 2016

Circle of Friends are most appreciative of congregation members who assisted and supported us this year. New members are always welcome.

Circle of Friends year 2016 included:

- Hosted luncheon for Annual Meeting in February
- Assisted Second Baptist Church with funeral reception in March
- Hosted reception for Rev. Glen Matheson's retirement in March
- Hosted soup and dessert luncheon in May
- Hosted refreshments following Rev. MacLeod's induction service
- Hosted soup and dessert luncheon in December
- Catered 4 funeral receptions

FINANCIAL

Balance as of January 1, 2016		\$ 833.64
Revenue		
Catering	1,350.00	
Soup and dessert	3,505.55	
Donation	<u>150.00</u>	
	5,005.55	<u>5,005.55</u>
		5,839.19
Expenses		
Gift card	50.00	
Transfer to church operating account	<u>5,500.00</u>	
	5,550.00	<u>5,550.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2016		<u>\$ 289.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnstone

CATHERINE MAIR AUXILIARY OF THE ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The Catherine Mair Auxiliary (AMS) meets the first Monday of each month at 2:00pm at First Church. New members are always welcome. Our present membership is 11. We were saddened this year by the deaths of three life members: Bernice Cross, Jim MacLeod and Aileen Proudfoot.

Our study this year was on the Reformation and the AMS and Stories of Mission, Sowing Seeds of Hope.

Events we participated in during the past year are:

- Winter Fellowship in Springville on Feb. 20
- World Day of Prayer at St. John’s Roman Catholic Church on March 4
- Spring Executive at First Presbyterian Church, Hopewell on April 2
- MacLellan, Fraser, Young AMS Thankoffering at First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton on May 6
- Mission Awareness Sunday at St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow on May 29
- Annual Meeting of the Pictou Presbyterial AMS at Camp Geddie on June 16
- Hosted Fall Rally at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow on Oct. 1

One of the highlights at our annual meeting at Camp Geddie was the recognition of our life member, Ethel Porter for her dedication to the Pictou Presbyterial and General Society. Ethel has been a life member of the Catherine Mair Auxiliary for 64 years, and Archivist for the Pictou Presbyterial and General Society for 17 years!

During the past year we supported the Food Bank, hospital worker, Katie Hubley-MacIntosh, Blackwood family, Camp Geddie, refugee family, sent cards to our overseas missionaries and sick and shut-ins.

Our current officers are:	President	Phoebe Fraser
	Vice President	Vivian Ingham
	Secretary	Teela Billington
	Treasurer	Emma Campbell
	Message Secretary	Teela Billington

Respectfully, submitted,
Teela Billington
Secretary

CATHERINE MAIR A.M.S. – FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2015 Bank balance		\$ Nil
Offerings	\$1,074.00	
Dues	27.00	
In memoriams	<u>241.00</u>	1,342.00
May – cheque sent to AMS Presbyterial		<u>750.00</u>
December 31, 2016 – Bank balance		<u>\$ 592.00</u>

Greg Reig/Elsie MacKay AMS

President	Margaret Craig
Vice- President	Phoebe Fraser
Secretary	Laurene Mac Donald
Treasurers	Pat Mac Kay, Emma Campbell

Our AMS group held 7 meetings this past year. We have 9 members as well as 8 associate members. Our meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month @ 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church in New Glasgow. We always welcome new members.

The majority of our mission study concentrated on the theological basis of the Reformation, in particular the works of John Knox and John Calvin. This study was prepared by Rob Griffiths and was published in the Presbyterian Message. Following that, we began the study, Sowing Seeds of Hope. The work of various missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada were looked at. The Arise Mission of eastern Toronto and the Lighthouse Evangelical Arabic Church Mission in Winnipeg were described in detail.

Some of the activities we participated in were as follows:

Regional Fellowship Luncheon	Springville	February 20 th
World Day of Prayer	St. John the Baptist, New Glasgow	March 4 th
Spring Executive Meeting	First Presbyterian, Pictou	April 2 nd
Mission Awareness Sunday	St. Andrew's, New Glasgow	May 20 th
Annual Meeting	Camp Geddie	June 16 th
Closing Meeting	Pictou Lodge	June 8 th
Annual General Meeting	St. Andrew's Pres. Moncton	September 16 th -18 th
Fall Rally	First Pres., New Glasgow	October 1

Besides supporting the Mission Budget of the PCC, we donated money to Camp Geddie and gave some financial support to a student studying to be a minister in Montreal. We sent Christmas cards to many of our overseas missionaries. We also held one meeting at Havenbrook Manor as one of our members resides there.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurene Mac Donald

GREG REID/ELSIE MACKAY A.M.S. – FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2015 – Bank balance		\$ Nil
Offerings	\$ 580.00	
Dues	12.00	
Tearmann House	<u>125.00</u>	717.00
May – cheque sent to AMS Presbyterial	320.00	
cheque sent to Tearmann House	<u>125.00</u>	<u>445.00</u>
December 31, 2016 – Bank balance		<u>\$ 272.00</u>

BOARD OF MANAGERS – 2016

The Board of Managers held nine meetings this year. The meetings were well attended and member's dedication is appreciated.

The Board of Managers did not hold a fund raiser in 2016.

The following is a list of renovations and repairs completed in 2016.

During Spring clean-up on May 13th the flower beds were dug up and mulched. Debris around the church was cleaned up. Shrubs were trimmed.

Lower Hall Upgrade- Portland Residential Builders Ltd. were hired to replace the floor in the Lower Hall, kitchen and 2 bathrooms. The rotten wooden sub floor in the Lower Hall was removed and hauled away exposing the concrete which was covered in mold and mildew. Two inches of loose concrete was removed with a jack hammer to ensure the new concrete floor was solid and would not crack. The concrete removal was a big, dirty job and not in the contractor's quote but we were not billed an additional charge. The new floor was poured and after drying for two weeks, vinyl tile was installed. A sump was installed in the corner of the Lower Hall and a drain along the wall so if water seeps in it will go into the sump.

The removal created a lot of dust and thanks to Don Haggart and Diane Bagnell for keeping it under control. The removal of the floor exposed the east wall of the Lower Hall. The lower four feet was rotted out and had to be removed and replaced. New framing and plywood was installed to repair the wall. Wainscoting and trim were also installed. To do the repair, the radiators were removed, flushed and replaced. New baseboard was painted and installed all around the Lower Hall. The wainscoting, doors and all finishes in the Lower Hall were painted. All this work was a major undertaking completed by volunteers and the Board of Managers. Thanks to Dave Johnstone for the new filing cabinets to replace the old ones that were removed during construction.

Kitchen- The Board of Managers removed all the appliances from the kitchen and stored them in the nursery. The contractor removed the wooden sub floor and poured a new concrete floor. Ceramic tile was installed to match tiles in the James Street entryway. The Board of managers repaired the walls and trim around the counters and windows. The kitchen was completely painted. Thanks to volunteers for washing all the dishes and cutlery and to Ella Russell for the new curtains in the kitchen and James Street entrance.

Washrooms- The Board of Managers removed the toilets, sinks and attachments in the two washrooms in the Lower Hall entryway. The toilets had been leaking for years and the floor was badly rotted. The wooden floor was removed by the contractor exposing a hole in the ground and corroded copper water lines. A plumber was hired to install new plastic water lines for the toilets and sinks in both washrooms at an extra cost of \$600. The contractor then filled the holes with gravel, poured concrete and installed ceramic tile. The Board of Managers crack-filled and painted both washrooms, purchased and installed new high toilets and one new pedestal sink and replaced the one old sink and paper holders.

Cleaning- A major thanks to Don Haggart, Diane Bagnell and Evie Haggart for all the cleaning after construction. All the pipes and lighting fixtures were vacuumed, floors washed and sealed and all the curtains were washed and reinstalled. All the woodwork was wiped down and much more. Just a great job!

Boiler- The pressure relief valve on the steam boiler was leaking and filling the boiler room with steam and water. A new properly sized pressure relief valve was purchased from Wolseley and installed by the Board of Managers. There was no water gauge on the boiler to check the water level and adjust the low water shutoff. A new gauge was purchased and will be installed when the furnace is turned off for the year.

Fire Inspection- The Fire Inspector, Russell Mosher, completed an inspection of the church and requested the following:

Update the seating capacity signs in the sanctuary and lower hall -completed

Have all fire extinguishers checked and recharged - completed

Clean out boiler room - completed

Install Emergency Lights in washrooms - not completed

Install lock on boiler room - completed

Install lock on janitor's room - not complete

Debris and construction materials were cleaned out of the boiler room, nursery and under the bell tower.

Thanks to Don Rowat for taking this material to the landfill.

Carts - Two carts were built by the Board of Managers to move tables and chairs from the nursery to the Lower Hall when required. Thanks to Don Haggart for donating the casters. This makes the job much easier when setting up for luncheons and dinners.

Downspout Repair - Vandals tore down the downspout on the eavestrough on the driveway side of the church contributing to the water problem in the Lower Hall. The Board of Managers replaced the downspout greatly reducing the water seepage. Thanks to Murray Biggar and Don Rowat.

Door Bell - The office door is kept locked for security reasons and the old bell was unreliable with Sheila missing some people who came to the door. A new bell was installed and is working well.

A special thanks to Keith MacDonald for supplying the detailed information included in this report.

In September, Don Haggart informed the Board of Managers that he would be resigning as janitor at the end of the year. A committee of Board members was formed to develop a job description and hire a new caretaker. We are pleased to welcome Michael Fraser as our caretaker and thank the committee for their work.

The Board of Managers would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make 2016 a success. Thanks to Russell MacIntosh for keeping our driveway plowed and to all those who kept the walkways and outside steps cleared.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Savage
Secretary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAIL

December 15, 2016 to December 15, 2017

Business Insurance/Business	Interruption	
Limit of Liability	Property of every description	\$ 3,986,721
Basis of settlement	actual cash value	\$ 3,986,721
Deductible	per occurrence	\$ 2,500
Machinery Breakdown		
Limit of liability	per accident	\$ 3,986,721
Deductible	per accident	\$ 1,000
Crime Insurance		
Limit of liability	any one loss	\$ 100,000
Deductible	each and every loss	Nil
Commercial and General Liability		
Limit of liability	per occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
	with aggregate	\$20,000,000
Deductible	per claim/occurrence	\$ 1,000
Abuse Coverage		
Limit of liability	bodily injury & civil defense cost	\$ 2,000,000
	per occurrence/annual aggregate	
Deductible		Nil
Directors and Officer Liability		
Limit of liability	per claim/annual aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Deductible	per claim	\$ 1,000
Statement of Values		
Building		\$ 3,106,195
Stained glass		323,502
Contents		278,512
Organ		<u>278,512</u>
Total		<u>\$ 3,986,721</u>

The Trustees met during the calendar year 2016 on an as required basis to deal with the business of First Church. During the year, the insurance requirements for the Church were reviewed and approved, in July the Trustees met to deal with a request from the Board of Managers for funding relating to the lower hall floor. On July 22, the funding was approved and the funds transferred to the Board of Managers soon thereafter.

Respectfully submitted, William Arthur, Chairman