



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Newsletter-December 2017

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – DECEMBER 17

On September 24 - There was an after-church corn boil/BBQ (hamburgers & hotdogs) held in the lower hall sponsored by the Board of Managers. There was no charge to the congregation. It was well attended and enjoyed by all!



*We lost a member of the congregation since our last newsletter in October. We extended our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Kay Jardine. Her funeral was held from here on September 18.*

*May God gently comfort all who grieve.*

YOU CAN NOW SPONSOR A WEEKLY BULLETIN IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR IN CELEBRATION OF SOMEONE'S ACCOMPLISHMENT. THE COST IS \$20.00 PER WEEK. YOU CAN ALSO SPONSOR MORE THAN ONE WEEK OR EVEN MONTHLY. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR TO SPONSOR A BULLETIN.

**FOUND – in the sanctuary – a stone from a piece of jewellery. Contact the office if you are missing this.**



**TO ANY OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE (OR YOUNG AT HEART):** “IF SOMEONE WANTS TO RING THE BELL WITH ME OR SHARE THE JOB, I WOULD NOT MIND AT ALL. ACTUALLY, THE OPERATION OF THE BELL IS KIND OF INTERESTING. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO EXPERIENCE THE RINGING OF THE BELL ON SUNDAY, JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE ADVANCED NOTICE. “ ~MICHAEL FRASER (CUSTODIAN).

**Due to the shortage of ordained clergy in Pictou Presbytery, some changes were made at the September Presbytery meeting. As of September 12, Rev. Ken Macleod, interim minister, replaced Rev. Greg Dickson as our Interim Moderator. This freed Rev. Dickson to serve in other areas of the Presbytery.**



At our Thanksgiving service, members of the congregation brought fall decorations that were edible and were donated to the Food Bank after the service.



Keith MacDonald and Michael Fraser started “Jam Sessions” for anyone young or old who has their own instrument and wanted to get together to play for fun with the possibility of having some carols ready for the Christmas season.

**On November 10, there was a Beans & Brown Bread Take Out sponsored by the Board of Managers. \$805.00 was raised for church expenses.**

**On November 24** - Circle of Friends hosted their Christmas Soup and Dessert Luncheon. There was an excellent response to this Luncheon, with \$1,946.18 being raised for the Circle of Friends. Thank you to everyone who helped out in any way to make this such a success!

The Session has approved the following people to serve as a **Search Committee**: Mark Thibeau, Gary Ross, Phoebe Fraser, Chet Fleming, Lynn Simpson, Ruth Anne MacIntosh, Gary Baudoux, Roger MacDonald and Patrick Young.



*On December 3 - there was a Dinner and a Comedy Skit - put on by new members, Norman & Jean McComb. It was a great evening of fellowship and fun.*



**2018 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the upper hall on a table. They are filed alphabetically. If you see some for anyone who doesn't get out much, please feel free to deliver theirs to them. Thank you! If you would like yours delivered, please call the office.

**December 17:** Sacrament of Holy Communion during service

12:00 children's concert immediately after service

12:15 potluck with cookie decorating for the children

A-M please bring main course and

N-Z bring dessert

3:00 Christmas Cantata "Comfort and Joy", presented by the combined choirs of First, St. Andrew's (Kirk) and Green-Hill Alma United here in the sanctuary. Sandra Johnson is conducting with Lloyd MacLean on the organ. Opening piano overture is by Sophia Kim.

**December 24:**

11:00 am service with special music

7:00 pm – Candlelight Christmas Eve service



AGAIN THIS YEAR, WE WILL HAVE THE CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE (SEE NEXT PAGE). IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BALL(S) IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE, SIMPLY FILL OUT THE FORM AND DROP IT, ALONG WITH THE MONEY IN THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR YOU CAN MAIL IT TO 208 MACLEAN ST., B2H 4M9/ THERE WILL BE AN INSERT IN THE CHRISTMAS EVE BULLETIN WITH ALL THE NAMES IN IT. THE DEADLINE IS DEC. 13.



## CHRISTMAS MEMORY TREE



\$5.00 places one ball on the tree  
\$10.00 places two balls on the tree  
(\$20.00 four balls etc. -  
or any donation amount you want)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Env. #: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of balls: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Donated by:

\_\_\_\_\_

*There will be an insert in the Christmas Eve bulletin with all the names  
on it and who made the donation.*

*No dollar amounts will be used.*

*Your donation will be on your receipt of givings  
at the end of the year or by separate receipt if you don't have an  
envelope number. **DEADLINE DECEMBER 15.***