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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA

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, 2017

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Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, was held in the Upper Hall on Sunday, March 5, 2017, beginning at 12:00 noon and ending at 12:52 pm.

It was moved by Kent Williams and seconded by Jennifer Thibeu that Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod chair the meeting and Jane McDow act as secretary.

Rev. MacLeod opened the meeting with prayer of thanksgiving.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on February 21, 2016, were reviewed.

It was moved by Cathy Lewis, seconded by Brent MacQuarrie that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Edna Fraser, seconded by Berma Marshall, that the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 be received and considered as printed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phoebe Fraser, seconded by Jennifer Thibeu, that the 2016 Annual Report be adopted.

The motion from Session respecting the Presbyterian Sharing goal was reviewed. After discussion of the purpose of the General Assembly budget and the declining contributions, it was agreed that a good attempt should be made to meet the goal. It was moved by Elder Mark Thibeu, seconded by Elder Gary Ross that the Presbyterian Sharing goal of \$9,000 be adopted in principle. Motion carried.

Purchase of a new headset microphone for the pulpit was discussed and Jonathan MacIvor graciously offered to pay for the microphone.

The 2017 budget was reviewed. Suggestions to increase income were discussed including increasing fundraising, membership and offering. It was also suggested that funds collected and funds required to meet budget be reported in the bulletin on an ongoing basis. After review and discussion of the budget items, it was moved by Edna Fraser, seconded by Shirley MacDonald, that the 2017 budget be adopted as printed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gary Ross, seconded by Russell MacIntosh that the Nominating Committee Report be received and considered. It was noted that George Bellefontaine had resigned from the Board of Managers. The Nominating Committee's recommendations were presented. Upon motion, the recommendations of the Nominating Committee were approved.

The inclusion of the Year in Review section in the Annual Report was discussed and it was agreed that this section should continue to be included in the Annual Report.

Rev. Dr. MacLeod thanked everyone for their kindness, support and volunteer work.

There being no further business, it was moved that the meeting adjourn.

Rev. Dr. MacLeod closed with prayer.

Jane McDow

Congregational Secretary

INTERIM MINISTER'S REPORT

On October 2, 2016, the Presbytery of Pictou conducted a service of recognition here in First Church. The service recognized a covenant between myself and the congregation to work together in an interim period to search for Christ's direction for First Church: examine where we are and discover our mission.

Since that time, we have developed a Mission which can be found within the weekly bulletin. We then developed from that mission, a vision for the congregation over the next three to five years. The vision was broken down into goals.

The Session then appointed a series of teams that would work on carrying out those goals. The teams are: Worship and Music, Pastoral Care, Finance and Stewardship, Congregational Life and Christian Education, Mission, Outreach and Hospitality and First/Kirk Co-ordination team. These teams composed of elders and other members of First Church, will be responsible to the Session.

In the fall of 2018, the Presbytery of Pictou found itself short of clergy to act as Interim Moderators. The Interim Moderator at First, Rev. Greg Dickson, was replaced by your Interim Minister, to free up Rev. Dickson to work in other areas of the Presbytery.

A Search Committee was duly appointed by the Session and has been meeting weekly to schedule and develop a profile of the congregation as required in a church vacancy.

The profile, approved by the Presbytery of Pictou contains the mission, vision and goals that the church agreed upon over the interim period.

As we move forward in seeking a new minister, I am aware that there are many concerns about the future, not the least of which is survival.

The Christian community of First Church was never called to "survive." We were called to follow Jesus Christ. We were never guaranteed security. All we were ever guaranteed by Jesus, is a cross like his.

We are called to life abundant, risen life, not to mere institutional survival. So, my prayer for First Church is to have the courage to fear the right things and by God's grace embrace the future.

Peace,
Kenneth MacLeod

Congregational Secretary (one year term) Jane McDow
Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team
Secretary (one year term) Francis Savage

NEW TEAMS CREATED IN 2017 AS A RESULT OF FIRST CHURCH VISIONING PROCESS

(Three Year Terms expiring February 2021)

Worship and Music Team

Session Members: Gary Ross*, Brent MacQuarrie, Sharon Mason,
Congregation: Diane Bagnell, Don Haggart, Lloyd Maclean(Ex- Officio), Ella Russell, Sara Fullerton

Pastoral Care Team

Session Members: Phoebe Fraser*, Russell MacIntosh, Dave Johnstone
Congregation: Jane McDow, Chet Fleming, Jackie Ross, Patrick Young, Jonathon MacIvor, Jennifer Thibeau

Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team

Session Members: Keith MacDonald*, Kent Williams, Larry MacLeod, Keith Cruickshank, Gary Ross
Congregation: Brenda Tutty, Howie Anderson, Fran Savage, Don Rowat, Murray Biggar, Edna Fraser, Don Haggart, Chet Fleming, Jonathon MacIvor, Ruth-Anne MacIntosh, Philip Blackwood, Shirley MacDonald

Congregational Life and Christian Education Team

Session Members: Joan MacIntosh*, Mark Thibeau, Bill Mason
Congregation: Jane Williams, Lynne Ann MacLellan

Mission, Outreach and Hospitality Team

Session Members: Cathy Lewis, Clarice Campbell*, Teela Billington, John Zinck, Keith Cruickshank
Congregation: Jean McComb, Brenda Zinck, Shirley Cruickshank, Marilyn Johnstone, Edna Fraser

First/Kirk Co-ordination Team

Session Members: Clarice Campbell*, Mark Thibeau, Sharon Mason

Minister Search Team

Session Members: Mark Thibeau*, Phoebe Fraser, Gary Ross
Congregation: Chet Fleming, Jean McComb, Lynn Simpson, Ruth Anne MacIntosh, Roger MacDonald, Patrick Young

***Denotes Team Leader**

Please Note : As a result of a decision from a Session Meeting held on February 6, 2018, the Board of Managers was dissolved and its members merged with the Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team.

Trustees	term expires Feb.2021	Kent Williams
	“ “ Feb.2020	Larry MacLeod
	Feb.2020	Gary Ross
	“ “ Feb. 2020	Gary Baudoux
	Feb.2019	John Zinck
Treasurer	Feb.2021	Brenda Tutty (three year term)
Press Secretary (one year term)		Sara Fullerton
Auditor (for the 2017 Annual Report)		Marni Anderson, C.A.
Nominating Committee for 2019		Cathy Lewis , Russell MacIntosh, Gary Ross

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ross

YEAR IN REVIEW – 2017

- January 8 Sunday morning service cancelled due to a snow storm.
- January 13 Funeral service for Mrs. Aileen Proudfoot, 90, of Parkland Truro and formerly of New Glasgow. Presided over by Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod, with a reception following, in the upper hall.
- January 29 Visioning meeting after church. The following **Mission Statement** for First Church was accepted: “But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously.” Micah 6: 8 - *The Message*
This mission statement will be the foundation for the vision we develop over the next 6-8 months.
- February 5 Sacrament of Holy Communion held during regular service.
- February 26 Visioning meeting after church. In preparation for the next meeting on April 30, we agreed that each of us would attempt to write a vision statement based on the mission we adopted at an earlier meeting. (The mission is printed in the bulletin and can also be found on the wall in the upper hall). Our statement should be a clear, compelling picture of the preferred future to which God is calling First Church. It should seek to answer the question, what is God’s call for our congregation? The statement should be one or more paragraphs.
- March 5 Annual meeting held in the upper hall after a light lunch.
- March 26 Nursing home service was held at High Crest Home (formerly Sunset) at 2:30 pm.
- April 1 Office hours reduced by 2 per week. They are now Tues/Wed 10-1 and Thurs/Fri 9-12.
- April 9 Palm/Passion Sunday with the Sacrament of Holy Communion held during the service.
- April 13 Maundy Thursday – a joint service held at St. Andrew’s (the Kirk), with both ministers participating.
- April 14 Good Friday – a joint service held here with St. Andrew’s (the Kirk) with both ministers participating.
- April 16 Easter Sunday service with guest violinists Haley MacLeod and Doris Hiltz.
- April 21 Beans & Brown Bread Take Out, sponsored by the Board of Managers.
- April 20-27 New Glasgow Music Festival held woodwinds, Jr vocal, sight reading and folk song competitions here.
- April 30 Visioning meeting after the service with a shared lunch. We set a vision path.
- May 28 Rev. Ken preaching in Sydney. Service led by A.M.S. as Mission Awareness Sunday.
- June 4 Next session in the visioning process. We discussed the vision path (where we want to go and what we want to do and offer). A good turn-out of people attended.
- June 11 Sacrament of Holy Communion. We welcomed new members Iain MacLeod, Betty MacDonald and Melanie Dickson to the congregation. New Glasgow Presbyterian Churches Annual Picnic was held at 2:00 at Camp Geddie with St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church and us, on a beautiful warm sunny day.

- June 18 Congregational potluck after the service. This was followed by honouring George Durning for his many years serving as an elder. Musical entertainment was provided by the Alcorn family and a trio from Pictou County Community Orchestra provided background music during the luncheon. The hall and the tables were beautifully decorated with the black and white piano keys theme, and various presentations were made.
- June 25 During the service we honoured graduates that had any connection to the church with the presentation of a bible. There was a short program after the service by the Sunday School children, as part of their closing for the summer. Refreshments included a grad cake for all to enjoy. This was the last service here until August. For the month of July, we will be worshiping with the Kirk at the Kirk and then they will join us for worship in August. This allows for staff vacations.
- July 14 Funeral service for Gordon Mac Neill , 82 of Halifax and formerly of Stellarton, was held here with a reception following in the upper hall.
- July 17 Private graveside service held at the Abercrombie Cemetery for Robert K. (Inky) Porter, 85 of Abercrombie.
- Sept 10 Sunday School began for the year, with the children, congregation and teachers being commissioned.
- Sept 16 Wedding of Mark van Veld and Savanna MacEachern by Rev. Ken. Mark is the grandson of Hank & Hendrika van Veld.
- Sept 18 Funeral held here for Kay Jardine. Reception followed in the upper hall catered by The Circle of Friends.
- Sept 24 Board of Managers hosted an after-church corn boil/BBQ in the lower hall. There was no charge to the congregation.
- Oct 1 Sacrament of Holy Communion was held.
- Oct 8 For Thanksgiving Sunday, the congregation was asked to bring “edible” decorations that would be given to the Food Bank after the service. The front of the sanctuary was filled to overflowing with potatoes, carrots, apples, onions etc that people donated, and the church looked beautiful. The service included piano/organ duets by George Durning and organist, Lloyd MacLean.
- Oct 13–14 Joint Session retreat at Camp Geddie with the Sessions of First and St. Andrew’s, New Glasgow.
- Nov 5 Service of Remembrance was held with trumpeter, Andrew Alcorn taking part in the service. A list of casualties from both wars was read for both our congregation and Westminster.
- Nov. 10 Beans and Brown Bread take-out was held by the Board of Managers.
- Nov. 24 Christmas Soup & Dessert Luncheon was held in the lower hall with a good turn out. Hosted by the Circle of Friends.
- Nov 26 The final Visioning Meeting was held after the service.
- Dec 3 Dinner and a Comedy Skit was held in the lower hall.
- Dec 16 Pictou County Community Orchestra concert in the upper hall.

- Dec 17 Sacrament of Holy Communion was held during the service. The Children's concert followed immediately after the service followed by a potluck with cookie decorating for the children. In the afternoon, a Christmas Cantata "Comfort and Joy", was presented by the combined choirs of First, St. Andrew's (Kirk) and Green-Hill Alma United in the sanctuary.
- Dec. 24 11:00 am service with special music
7:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve service



MEMBERS who died in 2017:

Aileen Proudfoot	January 8, 2017
Mary Greene	February 24, 2017
Gordon MacNeill	July 10, 2017
Robert K. Porter	July 14, 2017
Kathryn Jardine	September 14, 2017

NEW MEMBERS in 2017:

Iain MacLeod

Betty MacDonald

Melanie Dickson



BAPTISMS

There were no baptisms this year.

The Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church **2017 Annual Report to the Congregation**

The Session of a congregation consists of its minister (a teaching elder), and those elected, ordained, (ruling) elders who are in active service. In the Presbyterian Church, the Session is concerned with the rule and pastoral care of the congregation. As had been the custom of the session of First, we met regularly bi-monthly.

Looking back through the minutes of 2017, how soon we can forget and how good it is to remember! With the exception of the retirement of Rev. Matheson in 2016, rarely has one year involved so much change! But it was GOOD change! Moving **forward** change! and **so well planned and carried** out change! All this forward momentum was the result of the hard work and direction of our Interim Minister, Rev. D. Ken MacLeod, AND the energy and commitment of you, the congregation! The work of Interim Ministry is hard work and heart work! Interim Ministry caused us to look back, remember, and then vision who we are as First Church, where God was calling us to go and the really hard work of how we would actually get there! We worked together through many congregation visioning meetings in 2017 and adopted Micah 6:8 from “The Message” as our Mission Statement.

... But He’s already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It’s quite simple. Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don’t take yourself too seriously – take God seriously....

How to implement the fundamentals and goals of our mission statement and vision statements into action resulted in Session approving the formation of six teams recommended by Re. MacLeod: Worship and Music; Mission, Outreach and Hospitality; Finance and Stewardship; Congregational Life/Christian Education; Pastoral Care; First/Kirk Co-ordination Team. Each team is made up of three elders plus three to six members from the congregation. Team membership is recommended for a three year term. Session was so thankful for the men women willing to be on a team and for their commitment to use their gift to serve Christ’s church. This was the first concrete step to actually help First DO what it takes to make our visions and goals a reality.

As the work of Interim Ministry progressed with Rev. MacLeod, the congregation moved closer to being ready to form a Search Committee to begin the process required in order to call a new minister to First.

We encountered a bit of a glitch with regards to this as our Interim Moderator, Rev. Greg Dickson, was called by Presbytery to fulfill other duties created by new vacancies in the Presbytery. However, God didn’t leave us orphaned! Presbytery asked if Rev. Ken would take on the role of Interim Moderator in addition to his Interim Ministry duties... and he agreed!! We have been so blessed to have this man travel this journey with! “Thank you, Rev. Ken,” seems so inadequate! With the formation of the Search committee and their duties involved in calling a new minister, session’s meetings were moved to the first Tuesday of EACH month and as needed.

In addition to Interim Ministry work and Search committee work, regular church functioning and Sunday morning worship, weddings, funeral, new members and Holy Communion were ongoing. Communion was served five times with attendance fluctuating between 72 and 99. The **average** attendance was 86. There was only one pulpit supply Sunday that Rev. Ken was away. Special services were held in November for Remembrance Day and on Christmas Eve. Two university students (Allister Mason and Dianne Billington) and three high school grads (Victoria Robertson, Lawrence Billington & Adam Johnson) were recognized in June and each presented a card and a Bible during morning worship. Sunday school teachers Lynne Ann MacLellan and Lois MacLellan were presented gifts on behalf of the congregation in June and at Christmas. The sanctuary was beautifully decorated for the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Session presented a card and gift to

Rev. Ken at Christmas and gifts to George Durning from Session and one on behalf of the congregation during the dinner held in his honour.

We held a number of joint events and services with St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow (the Kirk). These were great times of fun and fellowship at a joint congregational picnic at Camp Geddie in June, a summer pulpit exchange in July and August, shared Easter services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, a joint session retreat at Camp Geddie in the fall led by Rev. Ken and Rev. Kim, a joint choir Christmas Cantata held in the sanctuary at First, directed by Sandra Johnson, Kirk organist and First's organist, Lloyd MacLean, accompanying on the organ. We can sometimes do so much more together than individually and enjoy such great fellowship at the same time! 😊

Thank you to our secretary, Sheila Dempster, for scheduling the scripture readers each Sunday and especially to the dedicated team of readers willing to share scripture during worship. The Sunday school children did a fantastic job of leading scripture and candle lighting during Advent.

I have to say a big "Thank You!" to Jean and Norm McComb for the wonderful dinner and comedy night fundraiser. I think this might have been a first of its kind event at First, and it was a great time! It doesn't fall under "session business" as such, but it certainly fits under the guise of members of Christ's church wanting to share their love of the church and sharing their gifts with others. Session was so enthused and happy to approve their request to host this event.

Through all the images we can remember of this past year, we all recognize that whatever we have given, we can give thanks in so many ways for all we have received in return. I am so grateful for all of God's blessings this past year and grateful for the support, encouragement and devotion of so many who are called here to worship and serve as members of our First Church family! First Church is indeed Blessed to have each and every one of you! As we complete our Interim Ministry work into the new year and the Search Committee completes the work they need to do to issue a "call", Session looks forward with hope and anticipation to the new minister God is preparing for us!

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Mason
Clerk of Session

Members of Session – 2017

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod
Deputy Clerk: Larry MacLeod (1984)
Clerk: Sharon Mason (2005)
Representative Elder: Gary Ross
Alternate Rep. Elder: Teela Billington

Active Elders by year of Ordination

Donald Johnstone (1973)
Ralph Foote (1977)
Russell MacIntosh (1977)
Larry Ingham (1992)
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 (1992)
Sharon Mason (2005) Clerk
John Zinck (2005)
David Johnstone (2005)
Keith Cruickshank (2013)
Teela Billington (2013)
Cathy Lewis (2013)
Gary Ross (2013)
Mark Thibeau (2013)
Jamie Stewart (2013)

Inactive Elders

George Durning (1959)
Wilfred Marshall (1977)
Bill Arthur (1977)
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)

Search Committee:

Mark Thibeau Chet Fleming
Gary Ross Lynn Simpson
Phoebe Fraser Ruth Anne MacIntosh
Roger MacDonald Patrick Young



2017 – CHOIR REPORT

The choir has been busy, as usual, with regular church services, funerals and nursing home services. We meet for practice on Sunday morning at 9:20 am and Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm and are always looking for new members. We support the Music Festival financially. In December, we were entertained at the home of Kent and Jane Williams and a good time was had by all. 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, 2017		\$ 2,005.01
Receipts:	Interest	.87
		<u>.87</u>
		2,005.88
Expenses:	Music Festival	50.00
	Gifts	240.29
	Service charge	<u>12.50</u>
		<u>302.79</u>
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2017		<u>\$ 1,703.09</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley MacDonald, Treasurer



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – 2017

Our thanks is extended to members of the congregation who assisted and supported us this year. New members are always welcomed.

Circle of Friends 2017 activities included:

- hosted luncheon for Annual meeting
- hosted soup and dessert luncheon in May
- hosted soup and dessert luncheon in November,
- assisted with kitchen duties for pot luck luncheon in honour of George Durning's service to First Church
- assisted with kitchen duties for several Sunday luncheon meetings in Lower Hall
- catered 3 funeral receptions

FINANCIAL

Balance as of January 1, 2017. \$ 289.19

Revenue

Catering.	1,200.00	
Soup and dessert.	3,146.83	
Donations	45.00	
	4,391.83	4,391.83
		4,681.02

Expenses

Coffee pot.	97.62	
Transfer general funds.	4,500.00	
	4,597.62	4,597.62

Balance December 31, 2017 \$ 83.40

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Johnstone

CATHERINE MAIR AUXILIARY OF THE ATLANTIC MISSION SOCIETY

The Catherine Mair (AMS) meets the first Monday of each month at 2:00 pm at First Church, New Glasgow. Our present membership is 11. New members are always welcome.

Our study this year was Sowing Seeds of Hope and stories of mission from the Presbyterian Message.

Events we participated in during the past year:

Winter Fellowship, Pictou Landing, February 18, 2017

World Day of Prayer, Christian Fellowship Church, March 3, 2017

Spring Executive, First, Pictou – April 1, 2017

MacLellan Fraser Young AMS Thankoffering Service, First Church Stellarton

Mission Awareness Sunday, First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow, May 28, 2017

Allan Pollock Thankoffering and Song Service, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, New Glasgow, Oct. 22/17

Annual Meeting Pictou Presbyterial AMS at Camp Geddie, June 15, 2017

Fall Rally, St. Andrew's, Pictou, October 21, 2017

Closing meeting, Pictou Lodge, June 14, 2017

On Sunday, June 18, 2017, First Presbyterian Church honoured George Durning for his long-dedicated service as an elder and musician. As a life member of the Catherine Mair Auxiliary of the Atlantic Mission Society, the members presented George with a corsage and gift. George always made himself available with special music for our meetings and events over the years.

During the past year, we supported the Food, hospital visitor, student minister, Katie Hubley MacIntosh, Camp Geddie, sent cards to our overseas missionaries and sick and shut-ins.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Teela Billington

CATHERINE MAIR A.M.S. – FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2016 bank balance		\$ 592.00
Offerings	\$ 643.00	
Dues	24.00	
In memoriums	<u>52.00</u>	<u>709.00</u>
		1,301.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	936.00	
Nov. cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>272.00</u>	<u>1,208.00</u>
December 31, 2017 bank balance		<u>\$ 93.00</u>

Submitted by Emma Campbell

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 had 9 meetings this past year. We have 9 members as well as 5 associate members. The AMS Mission study for 2017 was centred on stories of Mission as printed in the Presbyterian Message. Some of the activities we participated in were as follows:

Regional Fellowship Luncheon -Pictou Landing	February 18 th
World Day of Prayer -Christian Fellowship Church	March 3 rd
Spring Executive Meeting -First Church-Pictou	April 1 st
Mission Awareness Sunday -Saint Andrew's- New Glasgow	April 30 th
Closing Meeting -Pictou Lodge	June 14 th
Annual Meeting - Camp Geddie	June 15 th
141 st Annual General Society-North Sydney	Sept. 15 th -17 th
Fall Rally -St. Andrew's Presbyterian -Pictou	October 21 st

Besides supporting the mission budget of the PCC, we donated money to Camp Geddie and to “Warm Hearts”(a group working to bring a refugee family from Iraq to Pictou County). We sent Christmas cards to many of our overseas missionaries. We held our March and September meetings at Havenbrook Manor as one of our members resides there.

Our meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month @ 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. We always welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurene Mac Donald
Secretary

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

December 31, 2016 – Bank balance		\$ 272.00
Offerings	\$ 550.00	
Dues	<u>12.00</u>	<u>562.00</u>
		834.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	552.00	
Nov. cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>227.00</u>	<u>779.00</u>
December 31, 2017 bank balance		<u>\$ 55.00</u>

Submitted by,
Emma Campbell

BOARD OF MANAGERS – 2017

The Board of Managers held ten meetings during the year. The meetings were well- attended and members' dedication is appreciated.

The Board of Managers held three fund raisers in 2017:

~ April 21	Beans and Brown Bread Take-out	\$ 669.10
~ June	Silent Bake Sale	\$ 635.30
~ Nov.10th	Beans and Brown Bread Take-out	\$ 805.00
~ Donation from The Bible Society (use of lower hall for yard sale)		<u>\$ 243.00</u>
		<u>\$ 2352.40</u>

The following is a list of renovations and repairs completed in 2017:

MacLeod and Grant Technicians replaced an expensive water level control valve and other controls on the steam boiler. Thanks to Murray Biggar for managing this job.

A water level gauge was installed in furnace.

Lawn mower was repaired by Michael Fraser and a replacement mower has been donated by Chet Fleming.

Hot water boiler was drained and leaks repaired.

Covers were removed from radiators in the nursery, so fins could be cleaned.

Fall clean-up was held on Sat. Nov.4th

Michael Fraser placed mulch around shrubs and installed stakes to support them.

Branches were removed from transformer wires supplying power to the church by NS Power.

The pressure relief valve on the dishwasher was replaced.

Soap dispenser in dishwasher was repaired.

The Board of Managers would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make 2017 a success.

Thanks to Russell MacIntosh for keeping our driveway ploughed and to all those who kept the walkways and outside steps clear.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Savage
Secretary

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAIL

December 15, 2017 to December 15, 2018

Business Insurance/Business	Interruption	
Limit of Liability	Property of every description	\$ 4,066,455
Basis of settlement	actual cash value	\$ 4,066,455
Deductible	per occurrence	\$ 2,500
Machinery Breakdown		
Limit of liability	per accident	\$ 4,066,455
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		\$ 3,168,319
Stained glass		329,972
Contents		284,082
Organ		<u>284,082</u>
Total		<u>\$ 4,066,455</u>

The Trustees met during the calendar year 2017 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 for payment. In November, the Trustees met to update the Declaration of Trust (Trust Deed). An amended version of the Church's Trust Deed will be presented to the congregation for their review.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Ross, Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have reviewed the balance sheet of First Presbyterian Church as at December 31, 2016, and the statement of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended including the statement of the Board of Trustees. My review consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by the Church.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

New Glasgow, N.S.
February 2, 2017

Marnie Anderson, C.P.A., C.A. (Ret'd)