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Newsletter - October 2018

OCTOBER 14 - SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION. PLEASE JOIN US, AS WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION WITH THE REV. LORNE MACLEOD PRESIDING, WHILE REV. SHAW PREACHES IN LITTLE HARBOUR AND PICTOU LANDING FOR A PULPIT EXCHANGE FOR THAT WEEK.

Regular monthly potluck luncheons are starting up again after the summer. This is free because it's potluck and everyone brings something that's ready to eat. It will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. It's a social time and will be followed by games, so bring your checker board, crib board etc. You are invited to bring a friend or neighbor, as this is not just for our church. Please use the James St. entrance. This is a new endeavor by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team. Future dates are: October 19, November 16 and possibly December 21.



If you knit or crochet, the Circle of Friends is restocking their supply of shawls for their prayer shawl ministry to people ill or in hospital. They can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you – we appreciate all donations!

We have received 2 thank you notes from Rev. Ken and Marilyn, one to Hospitality Team and one to Session for the meal and gifts given to them when their ministry term was completed with us.

September 23 – The Board of Managers had a free BBQ with hotdogs/hamburgers, corn and ice cream. Thanks to the Board!



On behalf of the congregation, Session is DELIGHTED to welcome Rev. Morley Shaw as our ½ time pulpit supply beginning this week! We can feel comforted and cared for as we take yet one more step along the journey to finding the right match in a new minister for First.

His term will run from September 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. It will automatically be terminated, should we receive a new full-time minister in the interim. The covenant is not signed yet but he has agreed to the terms of the covenant and so has Session. The covenant will be signed and will then be approved by the Ministry and Pastoral Oversight Committee of Presbytery and then will go on to Presbytery for final signature by the Clerk of Presbytery.

Rev. Shaw will lead in planning and conducting weekly Sunday morning worship, nursing homes services and the special services of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. He will carry out pastoral visitations for funerals, crisis care and hospital visitations as might be associated with pastoral ministry. He will officiate at weddings and funerals.

He will report regularly to the Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod, with updates regarding any matters pertaining to the health and ministry of First Church.

~ Sharon Mason, Clerk of Session

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.



We lost some members of the congregation since our last newsletter in June. We extended our Christian love and sympathy to the families of George Durning and Ethel Porter. May God gently comfort all who grieve.

Christmas Parade – If anyone is interested in helping create a float from First Church to enter in the Christmas Parade (Dec. 8 – 5:30 pm), please leave your name at the office and we'll put together a team.

Men's Breakfasts will start up again in October. We will announce the date later on.

Presbyterian Church in Canada wall calendars are available for purchase at \$4.00 each. (If we order 50 or more, they are \$3.50). If any groups are interested, please contact Sharon Mason at 752-0724. Money must be paid when they are ordered. They could be used for:

- to sell at Christmas Luncheon as part of the bake table
- to be included in Christmas packages to shut ins.
- given as a gift



Oct. 8 - Thanksgiving Sunday. We are once again decorating our sanctuary with edible decorations, so please bring carrots, potatoes, apples, turnips, oranges, squash, zucchini etc and put them on the table at the front of the church. They will be decorations for the day and then donated to the Pictou County Food Bank.

Oct. 21 - No service here, as we join St. Andrew's for their 199th Anniversary Service. Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw is the guest speaker. They will come here for our Anniversary Service in April. You can still use your envelopes and they will be returned here.

