



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA

## 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)	2016-2018
Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw (supply)	2018 -

# Annual Report

for the year ending December 31, 2018

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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, February 25, 2018, beginning at 12:10 pm and ending at 1:05 pm.

Rev. Dr. Ken MacLeod indicated that in accordance with section 154 of the Book of Forms, "at congregational meetings the minister of the congregation or the minister appointed by the presbytery presides...".

Jane McDow acted as secretary.

Rev. Dr. MacLeod opened the meeting with scripture, prayer and remembrance of those who passed away in 2017.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting held on March 5, 2017, were reviewed. It was noted that the first motion had been seconded by Jennifer Thibeau.

It was moved by Phoebe Fraser, seconded by Jennifer Thibeau that the minutes of the last Annual Meeting, as amended, be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brent MacQuarrie, seconded by John Zinck, that the Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2017 be received and considered as printed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sheila Dempster, seconded by Francis Savage, that the 2017 Annual Report be adopted.

The motion from Session respecting the Presbyterian Sharing goal was reviewed. It was moved by Elder Phoebe Fraser, seconded by Elder Gary Ross that the Presbyterian Sharing goal of \$9,000 be adopted in principle. Motion carried.

The 2018 budget was reviewed. The status of the search for a new minister was discussed along with suggestions to increase income and decrease expenses. After review and discussion of the budget items, it was moved by Edna Fraser, seconded by Keith Cruickshank, that the 2018 budget be adopted as printed. Motion carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Sheila Dempster, seconded by Mark Thibeau, that if needed for the Church operating fund in 2018, the Treasurer be authorized to request up to \$15,000 from the Trustees without the requirement of receiving further approval at a Congregational Meeting. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kent Williams, seconded by Mark Thibeau that the Declaration of Trust (Trust Deed) that was circulated be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jennifer Thibeau, seconded by Russell MacIntosh that the Nominating Committee Report outlined on page 3 of the 2017 Annual Report be received and considered. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jennifer Thibeau, seconded by Russell MacIntosh that the recommendations of the Nominating Committee be approved. Motion carried.

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

Rev. Dr. MacLeod closed with prayer.

Jane McDow

Congregational Secretary

## **Interim Supply Minister's Report - 2018**

It has been my privilege since last September to come and serve as your Supply Minister. I am both humbled and honored to serve these six months with you.

First Church is a small congregation in a large brick building, historic stained-glass windows, and a beautiful sanctuary. Like many churches elsewhere in the Western world, the tide seems to have gone out in our lifetime as attendance continues to dwindle. It is tempting to look back to our youth when the sanctuary was full of worshippers and several hundred were in Sunday School and lament where First Church is today. We wonder what the future holds for the next generation and beyond.

I would encourage you not to fear the future, because Jesus is the head of the church. It's his church, not mine, not yours. But we have a role to play - we are still charged to play our part. While the church may be in exile, God is ever present in the preaching of his word and the sacraments. God is alive and well today, whether the tide ebbs or flows. You may be small in attendees, but you are a great church. I believe that God has some amazing things in mind for this congregation, and I feel blessed to have been called to be part of it.

I want to say thank you to the church's secretary Sheila Dempster, organist Lloyd MacLean, and Elder Sharon Mason for their assistance, encouragement, and support. My thanks to each of you for sharing your lives, your faith and your courageous hope with me as we have made our journey together in ministry.

I hope you will look forward to discovering the future together under the leadership and guidance of your new Minister, Rev. Andrew MacDonald and his family, in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Shaw

**Nominating Committees Recommendations for Appointments: Feb. 2019**

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, Andrew Alcorn

**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, Sheila Dempster

**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  
**NOTE:** This Team will be dissolved once the new minister assumes the duties at First Church.

**\*Denotes Team Leader**

\*\* 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.2022	John Zinck
Treasurer	Feb.2021	Brenda Tutty (three year term)
Press Secretary (one year term)		Sara Fullerton
Auditor (for the 2018 Annual Report)		Marni Anderson, C.A.
Nominating Committee for 2020		Cathy Lewis , Russell MacIntosh, Gary Ross

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ross

## YEAR IN REVIEW – 2018

- January 14 Nursing Home Service at Riverview Adult Residential Center.
- January 21 Private funeral service held in the sanctuary for Lulu Mae Dunbar.
- February 11 Sacrament of Holy Communion
- February 25 Annual meeting held after church service and light lunch, followed by the Nursing Home Service at High Crest Home.
- March 25 Sacrament of Holy Communion was held during the Palm Sunday service.
- March 30 Good Friday service was held as a joint service with St. Andrew's. They hosted the service this year.
- April 1 Easter Sunday service with special music by Andrew Alcorn on the trumpet.
- April 8 Nursing home service at Ivey's Terrace in Trenton.
- April 14 Our sanctuary used by the Second Baptist Church for the largely attended funeral of Aleta Williams.
- April 18-21 New Glasgow Music Festival held classes here in the upper hall.
- May 25 Soup & Dessert Luncheon was held in the lower hall from 11:30 – 1:00, catered by the Circle of Friends.
- May 27 The Dr. Caroline Carmichael and Sir Frederick Banting chapters of the IODE participated in the service, as part of their Founder's Day.
- June 9 The Pictou County Community Orchestra held its' Spring Concert here in the Upper Hall.
- June 10 Sunday School closing followed by a joint congregation picnic with St. Andrew's held at Camp Geddie.
- June 15 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER? event was held and a nice time was had by those who participated.
- June 17 Sacrament of Holy Communion.
- June 24 We celebrated the graduates that had a connection to the congregation. They were Abby Tutty, daughter of Brenda and David; Jacob Billington, grandson of Teela and Robyn Billington, granddaughter of Teela.
- July 1 Congregation members from St. Andrew's (Kirk) joined us for worship for the month while their minister and staff take vacation.
- July 19 The largely-attended funeral for George Durning was held, followed by a reception in the lower hall.
- July 29 Rev. Ken's last service with us, followed by a potluck luncheon and social time. Appreciation for his two-year term with us was shown to both him and his wife, Marilyn.
- We were also joined by Ralph & Dorothy's Holmes' three great-grandchildren and Natalie (Alcorn) & Thaddeus Morden's daughter as we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism.
- August Church closed for the month with combined worship at St. Andrew's in order to give staff holidays.
- August 7 Funeral held for Ethel Porter in the sanctuary with a reception following.
- Sep. 2 Church opens again, with the first service being on September 2 with Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw preaching, as our Supply Minister.

- Sept. 9 Sunday School begins for the year with a picnic in the afternoon on Terrace St. Hotdogs, games and ice cream were provided. A great time was had by all.
- Sept 23 The Board of Managers sponsored a free BBQ after the service with hotdogs/hamburgers/corn and ice cream.
- Oct. 7 Thanksgiving Service with the congregation bringing edible decorations which were donated to the Pictou County Food Bank after the service. Special guest soloist was Shaun McLean.
- Oct. 14 Sacrament of Holy Communion with the Rev. Lorne MacLeod, our Interim Moderator, presiding.
- Oct. 21 No service here as we joined with St. Andrew's to celebrate their 199<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service. They will join us in April when we celebrate our anniversary.
- Oct. 28 Service held in Upper Hall, on a 4 week trial basis.
- Nov. 11 Service of Remembrance was held in the Upper Hall at 9:00 am to allow people to go to the cenotaph if they wished. The names of the fallen were read with the laying of a wreath.
- Nov. 18 Rev. Andrew MacDonald preached for The Call. The service was followed by an after- church social with voting taking place. The congregation voted unanimously to accept him as our new minister. More details to follow once it's presented to Presbytery both here and in Cape Breton.
- Nov. 24 Some members of the congregation contributed to the community on behalf of the church, by attending the Salvation Army Kettles at Superstore for the day.
- Dec. 16 Sunday School Christmas performance was held, immediately following the service. There was a potluck after, in the lower hall with cookie decorating for the children.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held with a large attendance. There was a brass ensemble, a selection by the children on the handbells, scripture readings and the solo, O Holy Night was offered.



**MEMBERS who died in 2018:**

William "Bill" Arthur	January 10, 2018
John Brandford "Brad" Smith	January 18, 2018
Peter Searle	June 25, 2018
George Herman Durning	July 12, 2018
Ethel MacKay Porter	August 3, 2018

**NEW MEMBERS:** There were no new members in 2018.

**TRANSFERS:** In:  
Out: Myrna Stewart



**BAPTISMS**

There were no baptisms this year.

**The Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church**  
**2018 Annual Report to the Congregation**

Committees of Session -2018

The following are the recommended Teams/Membership formed in 2017, near the end of the first year of our two years of Interim Ministry with Rev. Ken MacLeod. They were initiated as a means to help the congregation work towards and implement our Mission Statement; and make our vision and goal statements a reality. 2018, these teams began to have their first meetings and try to get organized. However, with such broad and generalized vision statements, it was a challenge for them to find direction and discern just exactly what their responsibilities were and the best way to achieve them. It was and is our prayer, our FERVENT prayer, that God will help us, in all our activities, to follow the example of Jesus in all we try to accomplish. Membership on a team is for a THREE-YEAR TERM. For those on teams now, your term will expire FEBRUARY, 2021.

For all intents and purposes, it is understood that the name listed at the beginning of each team will act as chairperson for the team. A recording secretary is chosen from among the team members.

**Worship & Music Team:** Gary Ross, Brent MacQuarrie, Sharon Mason, Diane Bagnell, Don Haggart, Ella Russell, Sara Fullerton, Lloyd MacLean (ex-officio).

**Pastoral Care Team:** Phoebe Fraser, Russell MacIntosh, Dave Johnstone, Jane McDow, Chet Fleming, Jackie Ross, Patrick Young, Jonathan MacIvor, Jennifer Thibeau.

**Finance, Stewardship & Maintenance Team:** Keith MacDonald, Kent Williams, Larry MacLeod, Larry Ingham, Brenda Tutty, Howie Anderson, Fran Savage, Don Rowat, Murray Biggar, Edna Fraser, Don Haggart.

**Congregational Life & Christian Education Team:** Joan MacIntosh, Mark Thibeau, Ralph Foot, Jane Williams, Lynne Ann MacLellan

**Mission, Outreach & Hospitality Team:** Cathy Lewis, Clarice Campbell, Teela Billington, John Zinck, Keith Cruickshank, Jean McComb, Brenda Zinck, Shirley Cruickshank, Marilyn Johnstone, Edna Fraser, Sheila Dempster.

**First/Kirk Co-ordination Team:** Clarice Campbell, Mark Thibeau, Sharon Mason, Ian Semple

If any teams have lost or added members, please advise Session, and please keep accurate dates as to when new members are added. This helps to keep the three-year terms in order. It will also help the nominating committee when seeking new members as terms expire. If anyone feels called to join a team please alert the chair or a member of Session or the nominating committee. God will lead you to where He can best use your gifts!

As we all are acutely aware, 2018 was another unsettled year at First as we continued through the second and final year of our Interim Ministry Covenant with Rev. Ken MacLeod. Session was dealt a hard blow early into the new year with the unexpected and very sudden death of Elder, Bill Arthur, on January 10th. I believe Bill was one of the youngest ordained members of this Session, as he was only 26 yrs. of age when ordained in 1977. We miss him. Then the 25th of June, we said goodbye to Peter Searle, an Elder since 1995; followed by our longest ordained active elder, (1959!), George Durning, the 12th of July. They have left a huge void in Session and in this congregation. We miss their faith, wisdom, leadership and the dedication they offered to First for so long! Elders Bill Mason and Jamie Stewart resigned their active roll on Session and their names were placed on the Inactive roll.



In addition to the work of Interim Ministry, Rev. Ken also guided the Search Committee through the process to prepare to Call a new minister to First. This was difficult, time-consuming work and they did a really great job! Finally, all was in order. A promising personal interview was arranged with the committee, only to be disappointed when the potential candidate declined their offer to come back to preach for the Call. Back to square one! The committee felt this person was the match for First, but God said, "not yet!"

From February 15 to April 18, our Organist, Lloyd MacLean, was off on a trip of a lifetime opportunity to Australia and New Zealand. We were happy to welcome Joy Shaw with open arms! She was a wonderful person to have lead choir practices and provide organ supply in Lloyd's absence. Joy was a sheer "joy" to work with and she or Nicole Green was always willing to fill in on the other odd occasions when Lloyd was unavailable. Session (and the choir) can't thank you enough!

Time was swiftly passing! The covenant for Interim Ministry would soon be completed. Ken would be leaving the end of July. That meant we would have No Minister, No Moderator for Session and No potential candidates for the Call! After almost two years, we seemed no further ahead! Session cannot function without a Moderator, therefore, Presbytery appointed Rev. Lorne MacLeod to this position. We were introduced to him by Rev. Ken at our June 5 Session meeting. From then on, Lorne would moderate Session, help find a minister for pulpit supply and work with the Search Committee to refocus and continue the search for a potential candidate.

At the time, when all this uncertainty and upheaval continued to plague us, I must admit the future didn't look too bright! We had agreed to share summer services with the Kirk ... First remained open for the month of July (which was Ken's last month with us) and the Kirk closed and celebrated worship with us at First. Then First closed for August and we celebrated worship with them at the Kirk. This was a good arrangement as we didn't have a minister for August!

So, during June, the search for a supply minister began in EARNEST! God's timing and His great faithfulness to us, along with the efforts of Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod, resulted in retired Baptist minister, Rev. Morley Shaw, agreeing to take on half time pulpit supply for a year OR until we had a new minister. He would be finishing a 2-year pulpit supply covenant at two churches in Pictou the end of June. He wanted the summer off, BUT was available to begin September 1st ... which was just when WE needed him!! As I said ... in hindsight I can see that God's timing was impeccable! The words to this song came to mind ... "why should I feel discouraged? ... His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me"!!! God has shown and taught us SO many things through this time of change and transition! However, one truth rings clear amidst it all. We were/ARE not alone! Not ever! Our God is Emmanuel - a "with us" God!

Wonder of wonders ... Imagine! ... Things didn't go smoothly at first for Morley or us ... but patience and persistence have produced an amazing friendship and love for Rev Shaw and his wife, Joy. Yes, that wonderful organ supply person" just happened" (???... I don't think so!!) to be his wife! The people at First have received such love, care, teaching and support from Morley. Again, we have been hugely blessed.

BUT it gets even better! The end of October, the Search committee brought us the fantastic news that they had interviewed a candidate, Rev. Andrew MacDonald, from Cape Breton and he accepted our invitation to come preach for the Call November 18th. Following this worship service, a congregational meet and greet was followed by the vote. The congregation voted unanimously to accept Rev. MacDonald as the new minister at First Church! God is so good! He's so good to us!! What a fantastic way to end the year! The New Year looks even brighter!

I suppose I could have reported these events in point form and saved you all a lot of reading, but I thought it more important to let you know a little of a LOT that went on at Session this year.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention some of the great things that happened thanks to the Teams and their efforts, in spite of the learning curves they are still experiencing! We have a new poster displaying our Mission Statement in the upper hall, we now Pass the Peace of Christ to one another in worship, we have experienced special music and guest musicians in worship,

The organist contract was reviewed and revised, and will be reviewed on a yearly basis, the congregational roll and Elder district rolls have been revised and updated, (MANY times!), we have a monthly (open to friends and the community) potluck lunch and fun/games event, we had a Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event for the first time, we met in the upper hall for worship on a trial basis for 4 weeks to try and build a closer community experience in worship, we shared a congregational picnic, an anniversary service with Rev. Shaw invited to be the guest speaker, and a choir concert event with St Andrews Church, we hosted a fantastic congregational farewell meal with great fellowship, entertainment, gift presentations and words of thanks and appreciation to Rev. Ken and his wife Marilyn, when his Interim Ministry covenant was completed with us. Some of the teams are just now meeting for the first few times. There is SO much potential once we are better organized and our new minister gets established here!

Communion was celebrated five times with the average number seated at the Lords table to be 75.

We have come through another challenging year. THANK YOU for the continued support of the Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod, the Elders on Session, Rev. Shaw, the organist, Lloyd MacLean, the choir, the Sunday School leaders, ALL the people who serve on Teams, and EVERYONE who calls First church their church family! Without your faith, devotion and support there is no church! My heart is so full with thanks to God for all of you and for all that He has done in us, through us, and even in spite of us! May we be known to be great givers, generous and kind. May we look to the needs of others and not be consumed only by our own and then we may make a difference in this world for God's Glory and purposes

The Peace of Christ be with each of you,

Sharon Mason  
Clerk of Session

## Members of Session – 2018

**Interim Minister/Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Kenneth MacLeod  
**Moderator:** Rev. Lorne MacLeod  
**Clerk:** Sharon Mason  
**Deputy Clerk:** Larry MacLeod  
**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)  
Joan MacIntosh (1992)  
Kent Williams (1992)  
Clarice Campbell (1999)  
Phoebe Fraser (1999)  
Keith MacDonald (1999)  
Brent MacQuarrie (1992/1999)  
Sharon Mason (2005)  
John Zinck (2005)  
David Johnstone (2005)  
Jack Marshall (2005)  
Keith Cruickshank (2013)  
Teela Billington (2013)  
Cathy Lewis (2013)  
Gary Ross (2013)  
Mark Thibeau (2013)

### **Inactive Elders**

Alvin Sinclair (1966)  
Wilfred Marshall (1977)  
Leroy Taylor (1984)  
Philip Avery (1985)  
Bob Kowalski (1990)  
Ray Webster (1992)  
Norman MacLeod (1995)  
Sandy MacIntosh (1999)  
Ken Rector (1999)  
Bill Mason (1999)  
Jamie Stewart (2013)

### **Lost due to death in 2018**

George Durning (1959)  
Bill Arthur (1977)  
Peter Searle (1995)

### **Elder Emeritus**

Gordon MacNeill (1995) Died 2017

### **Search Committee:**

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



## 2018 – 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 9:30 am and Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm and are always looking for new members. During the year, we lost one of our most faithful members, George Durning, not only as a choir member, but supply organist/pianist when need. Our current officers are:

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Emma Campbell

## CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Jan. 1, 2018		\$1,703.09
Receipts:		
Donations	\$275.00	
Interest	<u>.81</u>	<u>275.81</u>
		1,978.90
Expenses:		
Music Festival	50.00	
Gifts	50.00	
Music purchased	226.48	
Memorial	100.00	
Service charge	<u>6.25</u>	<u>432.73</u>
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2018		<u>\$1,546.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley MacDonald, Treasurer



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – 2017

Circle of Friends would like to thank congregation members who assisted them with endeavors during this past year. Circle of Friends year 2018 included:

- assisted Second Baptist Church with funeral reception in April
- catered to Chet Fleming's birthday party
- Hosted soup and dessert luncheon in May
- Hosted soup and dessert luncheon in November
- Catered 2 funeral receptions

### FINANCIAL

Balance as of January 1, 2018 \$ 83.40

#### REVENUE

Catering.	1,500.00	
Soup and dessert.	<u>3,333.35</u>	
Total	4,833.35	<u>4,833.35</u>
		4,916.75

#### EXPENSES

Memorial.	40.00	
Transfer to church account.	<u>4,500.00</u>	
	4,540.00	<u>4,540.00</u>

Balance December 2018 \$ 376.75

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 pm at First Church. New members are always welcome. Our present membership is 9. We were saddened this year by the loss of 2 life members: Ethel Porter and George Durning.

Our study this year was Alive in Christ Jesus: a reflection on the letter to the Ephesians.

Events we participated in during the past year are:

- Winter Fellowship, First Presbyterian Church, Stellarton (Feb. 10)
- World Day of Prayer, First Baptist, New Glasgow (April 13)
- Spring Executive, Springville (April 14)
- Dinner with Greg Reid, Elsie MacKay AMS, at Pictou Lodge (June 13)
- Annual meeting of Pictou Presbyterial AMS at Camp Geddie (June 21)
- Fall Rally at First Church, New Glasgow (Oct. 20)

During the past year we supported the Food Bank, Hospital Worker, Katie MacIntosh, Camp Geddie, sent card to overseas missionaries and cards and gifts to 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, 2017 bank balance		\$ 93.00
Offerings	\$ 600.00	
Dues	18.00	
In memoriums	<u>131.00</u>	<u>749.00</u>
		842.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	470.00	
Nov. cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>306.00</u>	<u>776.00</u>
December 31, 2018 bank balance		<u>\$ 66.00</u>

Submitted by Emma Campbell

**CATHERINE MAIR A.M.S. – WORKING FUND**

Dec. 2017 balance		\$ 1.65
March 5/18 Bring & Buy Sale	\$ 69.50	
Nov. 5 Bring & Buy Sale	75.00	
Dec. 31 Donation	<u>4.00</u>	<u>148.50</u>
		150.15
March 5 – cheque Hospital visitor		<u>50.00</u>
Dec. 31, 2018 balance		<u>\$100.15</u>

**Camp Geddie Fund**

Dec. 2017 balance		\$ 18.00
Loose offering for year		<u>72.00</u>
		90.00
April 3 – cheque to Camp Geddie		<u>50.00</u>
Dec. 2018 balance		<u>\$ 40.00</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 nine meetings this past year. Our present membership is eight and we have a few associate members; unfortunately two of our most loyal and valuable members passed away this past year –Ethel Porter on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bertha Johnston on December 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be greatly missed.

Our mission study this year was based on Stories of Mission 2018-Christ’s Light in Action.

During 2018, we participated in the following activities:

Regional Fellowship Luncheon	First Church, Stellarton	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
World Day of Prayer	First Baptist Church	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Spring Executive Meeting	Springville	April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Mission Awareness Sunday	Saint Andrew’s Church	April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Closing meeting	Pictou Lodge	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Pictou Presbyterial Annual	Camp Geddie	June 21 <sup>st</sup>
Fall Rally	First Church, New Glasgow	October 20 <sup>th</sup>

Besides supporting the mission budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, we donated money to Camp Geddie and the Pictou County Fuel Fund. Christmas cards were sent to many of our overseas missionaries. We held our March and October meetings at Havenbrook Manor as one of our members resides there. Our meetings are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. New members are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurene MacDonald, Secretary

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

December 31, 2017 – Bank balance		\$ 55.00
Offerings	\$ 385.00	
Dues	<u>11.00</u>	<u>396.00</u>
		451.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	295.00	
Nov. cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>121.00</u>	<u>416.00</u>
December 31, 2018 bank balance		<u>\$ 35.00</u>

Submitted by,  
Emma Campbell

### FINANCE, MAINTENANCE AND STEWARDSHIP TEAM - 2018

In March of 2018, the Board of Managers was renamed the Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team and our membership increased from 11 to 17 members. Nine meetings were held during the year. Most meetings were well attended and member's dedication is appreciated.

The Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team did not hold any fund raisers this year.

The following is a list of repairs completed in 2018:

- ~ a thermo pane was replaced in the office window
- ~ a broken window in the Session room was repaired
- ~MacLeod and Grant Plumbing repaired a leak in the big boiler
- ~MacLeod and Grant Plumbing checked the furnace
- ~the radiators in the Lower Hall have been cleaned
- ~ H&R Music made some adjustments to the sound system

Thanks to Murray Biggar for overseeing the repairs to the boiler and for his daily check of the church. Thanks to Ruth Anne MacIntosh and Lynne Ann MacLellan for sharing their decorating talents on several occasions including Rev. Ken MacLeod's farewell dinner and our Fall corn boil.

Thanks to Russell MacIntosh for keeping our driveway ploughed and to Michael Fraser for his care and attention of the Sanctuary and grounds.

Thanks to Brenda Tutty for keeping our finances in order and for preparing the yearly budget.

The Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make 2018 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Savage, Secretary



## Worship and Music Team Report

The Worship and Music team, one of six teams created from the Visioning Process within our church, began its journey in early 2018. Armed with a mandate to meet certain objectives identified by our congregation, we started meeting to first clarify what we are expected to do. While we still seek to define and clarify issues within our general scope, we feel much progress in meeting the expressed concerns of our congregation has been made. At the same time, it is safe to say, only the surface has been scratched.

Over the past year, the Team has reviewed and updated the job description for the church organist, introduced into the regular church service the practice of “Passing the Peace”, examined with guidance from the Interim Minister/Interim Moderator the benefits/contrasts between contemporary and traditional forms of church services. From this review, the Team has identified two factors necessary for a successful and healthy congregation, namely, the value of singing by itself and doing so in a more closely connected sanctuary environment. We continue to experiment with ways to encourage the growth of these two particular aspects of our church service and with the arrival of our new Minister sincerely hope our congregation will benefit from these changes. The Congregation has shown its appreciation in having extra musical talent perform before and during regular church services. While this musical option will never replace the value and importance of church choir and organist, a variety of voice and instrument add to the overall spiritual life of our church.

Also, The Team felt it important to stress the importance of our newly chosen Mission Statement taken from Micah 6:8, by having it made more visible within the church. A Banner supporting this effort has recently been mounted in the Fellowship Hall demonstrating our commitment to the message.

The Worship and Music Team welcomes input from our church community as we look forward to the challenges ahead and with eager anticipation, equally will welcome the presence and input from our new minister.

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Ross

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAIL

December 15, 2018 to December 15, 2019

<b>Business Insurance/Business</b>	<b>Interruption</b>	
Limit of Liability	Property of every description	\$ 4,129,821
Basis of settlement	actual cash value	\$ 4,066,455
Deductible	per occurrence	\$ 2,500
<b>Machinery Breakdown</b>		
Limit of liability	per accident	\$ 4,129,821
Deductible	per accident	\$ 1,000
<b>Crime Insurance</b>		
Limit of liability	any one loss	\$ 100,000
Deductible	each and every loss	Nil
<b>Commercial and General Liability</b>		
Limit of liability	per occurrence	\$ 2,000,000
	with aggregate	\$20,000,000
Deductible	per claim/occurrence	\$ 1,000
<b>Abuse Coverage</b>		
Limit of liability	bodily injury & civil defense cost	\$ 2,000,000
	per occurrence/annual aggregate	
Deductible		Nil
<b>Directors and Officer Liability</b>		
Limit of liability	per claim/annual aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Deductible	per claim	\$ 1,000
<b>Statement of Values</b>		
Building		\$ 3,231,685
Stained glass		329,972
Contents		284,082
Organ		<u>284,082</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$ 4,129,821</u></b>

At last year's annual meeting, the Trustees presented an amended version of the Church's Trust Deed for consideration; this document was accepted by the congregation. During 2018, the church's insurance company requested that a full inspection of the church building be conducted. This is normally carried out every five years. This inspection was conducted on July 31, 2018 with the assistance of representatives from the Church's Board of Trustees and the Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team. An inspection report was prepared and submitted to the Board of Trustees. The church has subsequently initiated efforts to implement certain improvement identified in our risk management practices.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Ross, Chairman