



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Newsletter - February 2019

*Feb. 24 - Communion Sunday (for this service we will move back into the Sanctuary) along with our Annual Meeting following the service. There will be a light lunch of sandwiches and sweets immediately following the service and before the meeting. The congregation is asked to please contribute for this luncheon.*



**On Feb. 17, we will day THANK YOU to Rev. Dr. Morley Shaw for his last six months with us. We have received such love, care, teaching and support from Morley. We have been hugely blessed. Please remain after the service for light refreshments and cake, as we thank him and Joy for their time with us.**

**Feb. 15- Monthly potluck luncheon** will be held at noon in the lower hall. **If you miss this one – the next one is March 15.** This is free because it's potluck and everyone is asked to bring something that's ready to eat. It's meant to be 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 an endeavor by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.

**PASSING THE PEACE:** Perhaps you have wondered why we "Pass the Peace of Christ" during Sunday worship in church. "Passing the Peace" is an ancient tradition going back to the early church, whereby brothers and sisters in Christ share a hug or handshake, or a "holy kiss," as a sign of our love. Often the embrace is accompanied by a wish for the "peace of Christ" to be with another. (This is often said out loud as hugs or handshakes are exchanged.) It is also a sign that we have reconciled wrongs with one another and with anyone who might be holding something against us.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In the case of stormy weather, it is the minister and Session who decide whether or not to cancel church. It will be put on the radio as a cancellation (94.1) and we will put it on the church voice mail (902-752-5691), as early in the morning as we can. Please check these sources if you're not sure.

**JAN. 20 – MAR. 31-** Worship services are being held in the Upper Hall. THANK YOU to the congregation. The survey results helped the Worship & Music Team, and subsequently Session make the decision to move worship for the winter months



**UPDATE:** March 2 - 2:00 pm- Induction service for Rev. Andrew MacDonald, as we welcome him (and his wife and two young daughters) to be our new minister. Let's fill the pews and give them a warm welcome.

**March 3 - Rev. Andrew MacDonald's first service with us. Let's show him and his family a First Church welcome!**

On Feb. 10, we said a **big thank you** TO ELLEN JARDINE FOR TEN YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE OFFICE EVERY FRIDAY MORNING. SHE STARTED HERE ON FEB. 12, 2009. WELL DONE ELLEN!

*March 3 - This year the World Day of Prayer service for the town will be held at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend especially choir members. Choir practice will be at 1 pm.*

