



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Newsletter - September 2019



*Sept. 29 - Communion Sunday - 11:00 am - Please join us for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*At 3:00 pm, there will be an open-air Service and communion at the Log Church in Loch Broom. This is a tribute to the first open air Communion service led by Rev. James Drummond MacGregor and three Elders previously ordained in Scotland, to commemorate the establishment of a congregation here at First on September 17, 1786.*

Our church was closed for the month of July to allow staff vacations. We welcomed members of The Kirk as they worshiped with us for the month of August. We also enjoyed various local soloists for the month during the Sunday services.

**AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR HAS BEEN PURCHASED FOR THE CHURCH. IT WILL BE INSTALLED SOON AND TRAINING IS BEING OFFERED. WE INVITE PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO USE IT, TO COME FORWARD FOR TRAINING. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.**

**THANKS TO ALL FOR THEIR SUPPORT.**

**Open Choir Enrollment:** NOW is the time to join us for a wonderful Fall/Winter/Spring season of singing! Rehearsals are held each Wednesday night from 7:30-9:00 pm and each Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 in the upper hall beginning Wednesday, September 4. Call the church office Tuesday-Friday at 902-752-5691 to sign up **OR** just come out and give us a try! We are growing together!



*We lost some members of the congregation since our last newsletter. We expressed our love and sympathy to the families of Franklin Campbell, May Wallis and Helen MacLeod.*

We welcomed new members, Michael (profession of faith) and Linda Fraser (transfer) to the church family on August 25.



**We are looking for scripture readers. If you would like to read in church every few months or so, please contact the office.**

**SEPT. 28** - 3:00 PM. BIBLE SOCIETY CONCERT IN THE LOWER HALL, FEATURING DON HAGGART, AMANDA MACINTOSH & KEN ROCKY. TICKETS ARE \$12.00 WITH CHILDREN BEING ADMITTED FREE. THERE WILL BE A BIBLE DISPLAY AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE CONCERT.



**On September 15, we welcomed** members of St. Andrew's church as they joined us to celebrate our Anniversary Service. We celebrated 233 years as a congregation and 105 years in this sanctuary. The unveiling of a plaque honouring Ethel Porter for her long-time commitment to the church, took place during the service. Following the service, there were refreshments and cake.

We welcome back guest organist, Joy Shaw who is replacing Lloyd for a few weeks. He will be in BC playing concerts and services with Common Cup ([www.commoncup.com](http://www.commoncup.com)).

**Sept. 20 - Monthly potluck luncheon** will be held at noon in the lower hall. 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 checkerboard, 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. These will be held monthly on the third Friday. This is an endeavor by the Mission/Outreach and Hospitality Team.



**SEPTEMBER 22 - FINANCE, STEWARDSHIP & MAINTENANCE TEAM IS HOSTING AN AFTER CHURCH LUNCH CONSISTING OF A CORN BOIL AND HOTDOGS. THIS IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVERYONE. PLEASE STAY FOR SOME FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD!**

ELLA'S YOGA has started up again in the lower hall.  
Call 902-752-8029 for information or to join.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL** was supposed to start on September 8, but the service was cancelled due to the after-effects of hurricane Dorian, so the first day of Sunday School was Sept. 15 with four children in attendance.