

Congregational Life

The Mission of the Congregational Life Committee is to support the Minister and congregation in their worship and service of God. This is achieved by strengthening the sense of community among members through social and supportive activities.

From the time you are ushered with a smile into the sanctuary at Iona Presbyterian Church until you leave after coffee hour, the Congregational Life Committee strives to help you feel a part of our Iona family. We ensure ushers are present every Sunday to hand out bulletins and coordinate a weekly time of fellowship following the 10 o'clock service. From September to June coffee, tea and juice are served in the hall, and in June and July its lemonade on the lawn. On our anniversary, the first Sunday in December, we also serve cake during the fellowship time. We are also working on upgrading our nursery facilities.

We decorate the sanctuary at Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving. As well, on Easter morning we host a hearty breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, toast, coffee, tea and hot chocolate so everyone can warm up after the 6:30 sun-rise church service. At Christmas, we look after putting up the tree and nativity scene and organize an evening of carol singing to shut-ins which finishes with fellowship at a congregational member's home. At Thanksgiving all the produce used for decorating is donated to the Food Bank.

We liven up January with a Robbie Burns' dinner and evening of Scottish entertainment. The traditional menu includes meat pie, mashed potato, turnip, haggis and trifle. The entertainment varies from year to year and can include: The Kilted Choir from our sister Church, St. Andrews, The Shamrocks Band, bagpipers, dancers, singers etc.

We recognize Mothers' Day with carnations and Fathers' Day with candies. In June we also have a "Graduate Sunday" where we recognize all those who have graduated from Secondary School or higher with a small gift. In 2005, along with the Scouts, we recognized the Year of the Veteran with a letter and badge for our veterans on Remembrance Day. We also coordinate in memoriam announcements in the bulletin for flower donations or bulletin dedications.

We have traditionally operated the fish tank at our summer fun fair and have hosted different summer events such as picnics, golf and dinner events and car rally picnics.

We also try very hard to keep everyone informed and are responsible for putting out a monthly calendar of events and 4 Newsletters a year as well as look after subscriptions to the Presbyterian Record.

We usually meet the final Tuesday of the month at 7:00 at the church. If you want to join us, or are interested in knowing more, please contact Irene Rose, Convenor at 829-2783

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other. Amen