



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 -2019
Rev. Andrew MacDonald	2019 -

# Annual Report

## for the year ending December 31, 2019

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## Minister's Report - 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once again it is time to welcome a new year. As we look back on the previous year, we have a lot to be thankful for and a great deal to meditate and reflect upon as well.

At one time or another we might have heard a comment or a remark by someone along the lines of: "Why do things have to change, why can't everything remain the same as it always has been?" Sometimes this notion can be very nice to think about, but we must not become too hung up or focused on nostalgia. While you are looking back at the past, and fondly focusing on the way things used to be, you are not looking ahead to the future, nor are you paying attention to the present. There is the old saying: "You can never go home again.", and this is very true. It is ok to look back at the past with fond recollections, but the world is continually moving and changing. "Time and tide wait for no one." You have to keep moving or get swallowed up in the waves of change.

If we were to look back at our own history in Pictou County, some might remember what it was like to have the pews filled, as well as a vibrant and active Sunday School. If we expect the same results to recreate themselves today, however, we will surely be let down and disappointed. Over time, the community and the congregations have changed. Lack of employment opportunities have forced our youth and young people into the cities or out of province. People's priorities have changed, and unfortunately, regular attendance in a service of worship is not high on their list.

We have to ask ourselves; Why? Why are numbers down? Why are people not coming to church or supporting the church?

We, as Presbyterians are known for a number of characteristics or traits. Our commitment to God and the Bible and maintaining our traditions. As Presbyterians, we have to also remember that we are a part of the Reformed Tradition. Have we forgotten what this means? To Reform: the improvement or amendment of what is wrong, corrupt, unsatisfactory. A new year brings new opportunities to change and grow, and one must not be afraid of change. If we are not happy with the current state of the church, we need to reform. Our Religious Forefathers knew this. Nothing except God can remain constant or unchanging. When we see needs for improvement, we shouldn't be afraid to mention them. Nothing is written in stone, with the exception of the 10 Commandments. The Church is an entity that needs to adapt with the changing times in order for it to survive. It might take a lot of hard work, but I know I will be with you along the way. I would not ask any of you to do something that I would not do myself. Let us not think about change as a bad thing, we can allow changes and reforms, as long as we remain true to our Faith and our beliefs.

I look forward to many exciting endeavors for us to pursue as a Church in the coming year. If there is a project or idea you would like to introduce, please don't remain silent, let myself or your Elder know. Let us welcome new ideas and changes with open hearts, minds, and arms. We all want the Church to survive, and we need to work towards this goal. You only get out of something what you put into it.

Are you satisfied or do you want more?

Yours in Christ,



**Nominating Committees Recommendations for Appointments: Feb. 2020**

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: Don Haggart, Lloyd MacLean (Ex- Officio), Ella Russell, Sara Fullerton, Andrew Alcorn, Jennifer Thibeau

**Pastoral Care Team**

Session Members: Phoebe Fraser\*, Russell MacIntosh, Dave Johnstone  
Congregation: Jane McDow, Chet Fleming, Jackie Ross, Patrick Young, Jennifer Thibeau

**Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team**

Session Members: Keith MacDonald\*, Larry MacLeod, Keith Cruickshank, Gary Ross  
Congregation: Brenda Tutty, Chet Fleming, Fran Savage, Murray Biggar, Edna Fraser, Don Haggart, Ruth-Anne MacIntosh, Shirley MacDonald

**Congregational Life and Christian Education Team**

Session Members: Joan MacIntosh\*, Mark Thibeau  
Congregation: Jane Williams, Lynne Ann MacLellan, Roger MacDonald

**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

**Board of Trustees**

Trustees	Term expires Feb. 2021	Kent Williams
	Term expires Feb. 2023	Larry MacLeod
	Term expires Feb. 2023	Gary Ross*
	Term expires Feb. 2023	Gary Baudoux
	Term expires Feb. 2022	John Zinck
Treasurer	Term expires Feb. 2021	Brenda Tutty (three year term)
Press Secretary (one year term)		Sara Fullerton
Auditor (for the 2019 Annual Report)		Marni Anderson, C.A.
Nominating Committee for 2020		Cathy Lewis **, Russell MacIntosh, Gary Ross*

**\*Denotes Team Leader**

**\*\* Denotes Temporary Leave of Absence**

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ross

## YEAR IN REVIEW – 2019

- Jan. 18 Monthly potluck luncheon was held at noon in the lower hall.
- Jan. 20 - Mar. 31 - Worship services were held in the Upper Hall. The survey results helped the Worship & Music Team, and subsequently Session make the decision to move worship for the winter months. THANK YOU to the congregation.
- Feb. 10 the congregation said thank you to Ellen Jardine for 10 years of volunteering in the church office.
- Feb 17 Rev. Morley Shaw's last Sunday with us. Myla Borden and several drumming students participated in the service in honour of Black History Month. After church, a social time was held to thank Rev. Shaw & Joy for their time with us.
- Feb. 24- Sacrament of Holy Communion with Rev. Lorne MacLeod leading the service. The St. James Brass Quintet provided some spiritual music in recognition of Black History Month.
- March 2 Induction of Rev. Andrew MacDonald as the new minister for First Presbyterian Church.
- March 3 Rev. MacDonald's first service as we welcomed him and his wife and two daughters to the church.
- April 18 Joint Maundy Thursday service held with St. Andrew's congregation in the Upper Hall.
- April 19 Joint Good Friday service held with St. Andrew's.
- April 21 Sunrise Service held at 8 am in Laurie Park beside the Fire Station. Organist Lloyd played his accordion to accompany the hymns. Coffee and muffins were served in the Upper Hall after. Regular service held at 11:00 am with the jubilant sound of the trumpet.
- April 28 Mission Awareness Sunday with members of the AMS groups in attendance.
- May 4 Cantata held here with choirs from here, St. Andrew's and Green Hill-Alma United. Proceeds went to Canadian Foodgrains Bank to support an end to global hunger.
- June 16 There was a congregational sing-a-long before the service led by Brent MacQuarrie, Justin Savage and Keith MacDonald. The joint congregation picnic was held at Camp Geddie in the afternoon with a good attendance.
- June 23 The Sunday School closing was held at the end of the service with a short presentation.
- June 30 The service included the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and we celebrated two graduates from our church family during the service. Sam McDow and Clark Robertson were presented with bibles from the congregation. There was a Family Fun Event held after the service, in which we welcomed Rev. Andrew, Lori, Natalie and Bridget to the community.
- July Church was closed for the month with the congregation joining St. Andrew's
- July 5 Funeral of long-time church and choir member, Franklin Campbell.

- August 4 Church re-opens with the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian joining us for the month.
- August 25 Two new members joined – Michael Fraser by profession of faith and Linda Fraser by transfer of membership.
- Sept. 8 Church didn't open for the service, following the after-effects of hurricane Dorian.
- Sept. 15 joint service with St. Andrew's to celebrate our anniversary – 233 years as a congregation and 105 years in this sanctuary. Sunday School began for the year with four children in attendance. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was given, followed by refreshments in the upper hall for all.
- Sept. 22 Finance, Stewardship & Maintenance Team hosted an after church lunch consisting of a corn boil and hotdogs.
- Sept. 29 The Sacrament of Holy Communion was held during the regular service. In the afternoon there was a service at the Loch Broom Church. This was an Historical Recreation of an Open- Air Communion Service as it might have been celebrated over 100 years ago.
- Oct. 13 Harvest Sunday with the Sanctuary decorated with "edible decorations" which were then donated to the Pictou County Food Bank.
- Oct. 20 Joint service at St. Andrew's Church to celebrate with them on the occasion of their 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Oct. 28 Funeral for Margaret Guthro was held at P&K MacDonald Funeral Home.
- Nov. 10 Service of Remembrance with special music presented by United Brass Quintet.
- Dec 22 Children's Sunday School concert immediately following the service, followed by a congregational Potluck downstairs.
- Dec. 25 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with special guests and the Children's Handbell Choir. There was a good attendance.
- Dec. 29 During the service there was a Rite of Healing and Anointing. This rite was deeply meaningful and affecting. It was rewarding and important that ongoing teaching about healing and prayer was done in the congregation so that as many people as possible have a full and sufficiently informed understanding of how the Bible and church understand the practice of healing, as people gathered for the laying on of hands.



**MEMBERS who died in 2019:**

Franklin Alexander Campbell	July 1
Helen Jean MacLeod	August 13
May Victoria Wallis	August 19
Blanche Margaret Steeves	October 10
Margaret Isabel Guthro	October 25

**NEW MEMBER:** Michael Fraser

**TRANSFER:** In - Linda Fraser



**BAPTISMS**

2018 Baptisms (missed last year)

Lily Holmes-Cook, daughter of Kevin and Allison Holmes-Cook

Brady Gerald Holmes, daughter of Phillip & Lisa Holmes

Haley Rae Holmes, daughter of Phillip & Lisa Holmes

Willow Margaret Morden, daughter of Thaddeus & Natalie (Alcorn) Morden

2019 Brier Glory Violet Wright, daughter of Justin & Melissa Wright

**The Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church**  
**2019 Annual Report to the Congregation**

The Kirk Session of First Presbyterian Church NG

2019. A New Year... and still no Called Minister to First! We were SO close to completing the process by the end of 2018! CLOSE! ...but not quite there! However, God willing, this would be the year! We were blessed to have Rev. Morley Shaw continue with pulpit supply and Rev. Lorne MacLeod as Interim Moderator of Session. The paperwork prepared for the Call had yet to be reviewed by the Business Committee of Presbytery before it could be formally presented to Presbytery by their January 15th meeting date. Representative Elders, Gary Ross and Teela Billington; and Elder, Larry Ingham, were given a time on Presbytery's agenda in order to speak on behalf of the Congregation, in favour of our Call to Rev. Andrew MacDonald.

The "process" seemed SO slow, and felt like things took forever to get done, but Presbytery accepted our Call to Rev. MacDonald! The Induction Service was scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 2, 2019! It was OFFICIAL! Rev. MacDonald preached his first sermon as our new Minister the very next day, Sunday, March 3, 2019! Our first Session meeting moderated by Rev. MacDonald, was held on March 5th! Nothing like jumping in with both feet right away!! We were ecstatic! The completion of many years' work at last! However, this also marked the end of pulpit supply with Rev. Shaw and the "official" support Session and the congregation received from Morley and Interim Moderator, Rev. Lorne MacLeod. A great debt of THANKS goes to these two wonderful individuals. We couldn't have done it without them!! We held an emotional farewell following Rev. Shaw's last worship sermon, February, 17. However, we were given a "silver lining" when Rev. Shaw indicated he would like First to be his "home" church and worship with us whenever he was not obligated nor providing supply elsewhere. What a gift to have Morley and his wife, Joy, a part of our church family! Also "officially" added to our family roll were Michael Fraser, by Profession of Faith and his wife, Linda Fraser, by Transfer of Membership from Trinity United, NG. Always a Blessing, the Baptism of Brier Glory Violet Wright, infant daughter of Justin and Melissa Wright.

Session met regularly the first Thursday of each month, with November being the only exception. Holy Communion was celebrated six times. The first in the New Year, Feb. 24th, but the last one celebrated with Rev. Lorne MacLeod. Special Easter services were held with Rev. Andrew officiating. 22 attended a new to us 0830 Sunrise Service and an Open-Air Communion service held on the property of the Log Church in Loch Broom; which coincided with our 233rd Anniversary Service celebrations, were initiated by Rev. Andrew. The Open-Air Service had 20 souls brave the sunny but windy and cool, September afternoon in Loch Broom! He hopes to make these two services a yearly tradition.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, NG, was our invited guests for our Anniversary service. This was our largest attended Communion service of the year with 112 seated at the Lord's table! All Communion services were well attended, ranging from 70-112 people.

There were MANY special events, services and commemorations in 2019! You will find most of them listed in the "Year in Review" section.

We are blessed to share a wonderful association with St Andrew's Church, NG., holding many joint events and sharing summer services. The organ duo and school choir concerts held in the Sanctuary were outstanding! ... as was the Sean Dayton "Music for the Soul" concert in the upper hall. Much, much effort and planning by the Worship and Music Team and the support of the Hospitality Team and the congregation was involved with these concerts! Thank you to Janice Alcorn for filling our Sanctuary with such fabulous musical talent and the

thrill of hearing the beautiful music and angelic voices of so many young people! Thank you to Session for taking a bit of a risk and lending your support of these events! Music is such a universal language and can touch a soul like nothing else! ... even without words! As fund-raisers, with the exception of the organ concert, they weren't great! BUT ... that wasn't the motivating factor! It was the worship and music team's intention to try to bring people into the church that perhaps were not "church goers" per say! Expose them to the beautiful sanctuary we have, great" First" hospitality and fellowship. In this regard they were all most successful!

Two congregational members were acknowledged this year; Ellen Jardine for 10 years of volunteering in the office at First and a plaque was unveiled in the Sanctuary to commemorate the lifelong commitment and love Ethel Porter had for First.

First was supposed to host the Presbytery event "Church Connections" but it was postponed to a later date due to the weather, Don Haggart hosted a successful Bible Society fundraiser concert in the lower hall, at least three people were trained and certified in use of the AED machine, and Session records were examined by Presbytery and "have been attested as neatly and correctly kept".

Cards and gifts were presented to Sunday school leaders, Lynne Ann and Lois MacLellan, at June's Sunday School summer closing and at Christmas time. Our Sunday School is a small and diverse group. The children and young people did a fabulous presentation at their summer closing and Christmas programs. Thank you for sharing your gift of the "BELLS"! It was the closing highlight of the Christmas Eve service! You are all awesome! We thank God for each one of you ... as we do for teachers, parents, grandparents, friends and all who encourage you in your faith journeys.

We can smile and celebrate thinking about all the successes we had in 2019. And thanks for the faithfulness and Grace of God to see us through another year! Session would like to thank you all for your faith and the support you showed First Church throughout the year. To the people who supported us with organ supply and choir rehearsals during our organist, Lloyd MacLean's emergency surgery the end of November, JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS!! ... No words can express how panicked we were nor how thankful we were for you, Diane Patterson, Pierre Aucoin, Katie Aucoin and Lynne DeCoste. Janice Alcorn, the choir is deeply indebted to you and was SO happy to have worked with you!! So happy for your great recovery, Lloyd! The Alcorn "family" singers, Jodie, Robyn and Natalie, I hope you have started a new Christmas Eve tradition at First with your" O Holy Night" trio arrangement!! Fabulous!! Thank you so much!

Our office administrator, Sheila Dempster, has given notice of her decision to retire. She has given us ample notice to find her replacement, but that will not be an easy task. Sheila has done a fantastic job in the office. We have big shoes to try and fill. Thank you for stepping up when First needed you most, Sheila!

There are still many issues and decisions that face First Church. Sometimes what we consider problems or obstacles just need a little rearranging to make them passable! What gives us hope is that the Spirit, the breath of God, comes along and blows away the lines that divide faith communities. Our new Minister has not been with us for a year yet! We are still in the celebration/transition/getting to know you stage of our relationship. What a great way to end the year! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

The Grace and Peace of Christ be with each of you!

Sharon Mason, Clerk of Session



## Members of Session – 2019

<b>Interim Moderator:</b>	Rev. Lorne MacLeod (completed March 2, 2019)
<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Andrew S. MacDonald (began March 3, 2019)
<b>Clerk of Session</b>	Sharon Mason
<b>Deputy Clerk:</b>	Larry MacLeod
<b>Representative Elder:</b>	Gary Ross
<b>Alternate Rep. Elder:</b>	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	(2005)
Teela Billington	(2013)
Cathy Lewis	(2013) <i>(requested leave of absence end of 2019)</i>
Gary Ross	(2013)
Mark Thibeau	(2013)

### **Inactive Elders: by their year of ordination**

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)

### **Elder Emeritus**

Gordon MacNeill	(1995) Died 2017
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## 2019 – CHOIR REPORT

The Choir has been busy, as usual, with regular church services, funerals and nursing home services. We meet for practice on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and are always looking for new members. When our organist, Lloyd MacLean, was on vacation we were fortunate to have Joy Shaw fill in for him. Also, when Lloyd underwent emergency surgery in December, we were thankful for the services of Janice Alcorn, Diane Patterson, Lynn DeCoste, Pierre and Katie Aucoin. As usual in December, we were entertained at the home of Jane & Kent Williams and an enjoyable time was had by all. Our officers are:

President	Teela Billington
Treasurer	Shirley MacDonald
Secretary	Emma Campbell

## CHOIR FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Jan. 1, 2019			\$1,546.17
Receipts:	Donations	\$423.25	
	Interest	<u>.72</u>	<u>423.97</u>
			1,970.14
Expenses:	Music purchased	297.00	
	Music Festival	50.00	
	Gift	50.00	
	Memorials	100.00	
	Service charge	<u>6.25</u>	<u>503.25</u>
Balance on hand as of December 31, 2019			<u>\$1,466.89</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Shirley MacDonald, Treasurer



## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – 2019

Circle of Friends year 2019 included:

- Hosting luncheon in honour of Rev. Morley Shaw's last service with us, 17 February
- Hosted the annual meeting in February
  - Hosted Induction Service for Rev. Andrew MacDonald, 2 March
  - Hosted Easter Sunday with muffins, tea and coffee
  - Hosted Spring Soup and Dessert
  - Catered to MacLeod funeral reception, 19 August
  - Hosted Christmas Soup and Dessert

Thank you to all who helped with our endeavors.

### Financial Report

Balance as of January 2019		\$ 376.75
<b>Revenue</b>		
Catering	225.00	
Soup and Dessert.	<u>3,202.40</u>	<u>3,427.40</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Transfer to church operating account towards new dishwasher.		<u>3,800.00</u>
Balance as of January 2020.		<u>\$ 4.15</u>

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 Presbyterian Church, New Glasgow. Our present membership is 8. New members are always welcome.

Our study this year was Alive in Christ, part 4,5 and 6 and stories of mission from the Presbyterian Message.

Events participated in during the past year are:

Winter fellowship – First Church, New Glasgow	Feb. 16, 2019
World Day of Prayer – St. Andrew’s, New Glasgow	March 3, 2019
Spring Executive – St. Andrew’s, New Glasgow	April 13, 2019
The Fall Rally – Pictou Landing	Oct. 5, 2019
Annual Meeting – Pictou Presbyterial AMS at Camp Geddie	June 20, 2019
Closing meeting – Pictou Lodge	June 12, 2019

During the past year we supported the Food Bank, hospital worker, Camp Geddie, Viola’s Place (homeless shelter) and sent cards to overseas missionaries and sick and shut-ins.

Current officers are:

President	Phoebe Fraser
Vice President	Vivian Ingham
Secretary	Teela Billington
Treasurer	Emma Campbell
Message Secretary	Teela Billington

Respectfully submitted,  
Teela Billington

### CATHERINE MAIR A.M.S. – FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2018 bank balance		\$ 65.00
Offerings	\$ 334.00	
Dues	15.00	
In memoriums	<u>40.00</u>	<u>389.00</u>
		454.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	222.00	
Dec. cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>232.00</u>	<u>454.00</u>
December 31, 2019 bank balance		<u>\$ Nil</u>

Submitted by Emma Campbell

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

Dec. 2018 balance		\$100.15
May transfer to Camp Geddie a/c	\$ 7.00	
May sent to hospital visitor	<u>50.00</u>	
	57.00	<u>57.00</u>
Balance		<u>\$ 43.15</u>

**Camp Geddie Fund**

Dec. 2018 balance		\$ 40.00
2019 offerings	28.00	
Transfer from working fund	<u>7.00</u>	<u>35.00</u>
		75.00
May – cheque to Camp Geddie		<u>75.00</u>
Dec. 2019 balance		<u>\$ Nil</u>

Delitso “Blessings” Fund		
Sept. – Dec. 2019 offerings		<u>\$ 42.00</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 had six meetings this past year with an average attendance of six people. We have seven members and a few associate members. We had various mission studies this year ; one being on the disasters in Haiti; another on Easter in the Holy Land and one on the transformation of Montreal West Presbyterian Church from a declining membership in 2004 to over 150 people with 60 children in church school in 2018. During 2019,we participated in the following activities:

Annual Fellowship Luncheon	First Church	February 16 <sup>th</sup>
World Day of Prayer	St. Andrew’s	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Spring Rally	St. Andrew’s	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Mission Awareness Sunday	St. Andrew’s Church	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Closing Meeting	Pictou Lodge	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Pictou Presbyterial Annual	Camp Geddie	June 20 <sup>th</sup>
Fall Rally	Bethel Presbyterian Church	October 5 <sup>th</sup>

Due to the deaths of several of our members and the changing circumstances of others, our enrollment is reduced to 6 people. Of these 6, 4 are members of other mission groups. Thus after some discussion it was decided that our auxiliary should close as of December, 2019. Margaret has contacted Bonnie Langille , president of the Pictou Presbyterial to inform her of our decision. Our working fund will be divided between the two churches. The Elsie Mac Kay AMS from St. Andrew’s and the Greg Reid AMS from First Church held their first joint meeting in November, 2008. Since then we have worked well together under the fine leadership of Margaret Craig. We want to thank Margaret for her dedication and hard work. We have contributed generously to the Presbyterian Mission Fund as well as supporting Camp Geddie, some local charities and students studying to become ministers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurene Mac Donald, Secretary

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

Offerings	\$ 195.00
May cheque to Pictou Presbytery	<u>175.00</u>
December 31, 2019 bank balance	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Submitted by, Emma Campbell	

**FINANCE, MAINTENANCE AND STEWARDSHIP TEAM - 2019**

The Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team met eight times during 2019.

The following is a list of maintenance items and repairs for 2019:

- ~ leak in James St. bathroom repaired
- ~ whistle on oil tank was replaced
- ~ chestnut tree was removed by Lucas Tree Removal
- ~ sign at MacLean St. entrance was updated
- ~ light at MacLean St. entrance was repaired
- ~ floodlights were repaired
- ~ railing at the office entrance was tightened
- ~ flower gardens were cleaned up and maintained
- ~ the door to Sanctuary at James St. hallway was reinstalled
- ~ the large and small boilers were cleaned
- ~ dishwasher was purchased and installed
- ~ emergency lights were inspected and repaired
- ~ boiler tank room was cleaned
- ~ door sill at James St. was repaired
- ~ the organ billows equipment was checked, greased and the filters were changed
- ~ AED unit was purchased and installed
- ~ plaque honouring Ethel Porter was purchased and installed

The Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team had one fund raiser and two rental donations. The team also helped with setting up for events in the Lower Hall.

~ silent bake sale	\$484.00
~ Bible Society rental of Lower Hall	\$100.00
~ Don Haggart's rental of Lower Hall	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$684.00</u>

The Finance, Maintenance and Stewardship Team would like to thank all those who helped in any way to make 2019 a success.

Respectfully submitted, Frances Savage, Secretary

## Worship and Music Team Report

The newly created Worship and Music Team has enjoyed a busy year learning more about its intended purpose along with pursuing the task of introducing changes identified during the visioning process.

The planning and organizing of additional musical events using musical talents from both inside and outside the church was identified as a major goal of the Team at the beginning of the year. A High School Concert in May hosted by our church but organized and directed by Janice Alcorn was very successful in bringing a large and enthusiastic audience to our sanctuary. The Duo Organist Concert in June enabled two talented young women (Rachel Mahan and Sarah Svendsen) to demonstrate the incredible capacity of our pipe organ, again showing how fortunate we are, as a church to have such a very special musical instrument in our midst.

The Dayton concert in October as presented in our Upper Hall, offered a more spiritual choral experience from a talented couple touring Canada. The Canadian Bible Society musical performance in October was organized by Don Haggart and the Pictou County Community Orchestra again performed in the Upper Hall in December. Rounding out the year's musical events was the annual Christmas Eve Church Service featuring our own choir plus additional local and wonderful talents.

These events were anchored on a weekly basis by our able and dedicated church choir with regular special guest performances both before and during church services. A large thank you to our Church organist Lloyd Maclean for his ongoing efforts in leading the choir and assisting with the arrangement of special singing guests for Sunday services. (A note of thanks also to Joy Shaw who kindly filled in for Lloyd on occasion.)

The Worship and Music Team is ever mindful of our goal to have the congregation sit closer together and more to the front of the church. There are enormous musical and social benefits to sitting in the areas noted above. Please give it a try.

The Church has recently been advised the church pipe organ is in need of some long overdue cleaning and maintenance. The estimated cost of such work is in the vicinity of \$15,000. This estimate is currently being assessed but it is expected financial assistance for this maintenance will be necessary in the not too distant future. Accordingly, it is felt that funds raised from musical concerts for example, should be directed to this need.

Over the past year, the addition of two new members, namely Andrew Alcorn and Jennifer Thibau were welcomed to the Worship and Music Team. Thank you to all our Team members for their enthusiasm and dedicated efforts and to our church community as we seek to enhance our worship experience.

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Ross

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH INSURANCE COVERAGE DETAIL**

December 15, 2019 to December 15, 2020

<b>Business Insurance/Business</b>	<b>Interruption</b>	
Limit of Liability	Property of every description	\$ 4,194,455
Basis of settlement	actual cash value	\$ 4,194,455
Deductible	per occurrence	\$ 2,500
<b>Machinery Breakdown</b>		
Limit of liability	per accident	\$ 4,194,455
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		\$ 3,296,319
Stained glass		329,972
Contents		284,082
Organ		<u>284,082</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>\$ 4,194,455</u></b>

Note: Several policy sections have varying limits of liability coverage and deductibles.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Ross, Chairman