

Greetings Everyone,

 As the Summer is now coming to an end and the Fall will be slowly moving in, it is time to take stock of the year so far and look towards the future. Our recent history has been very productive and has seen some improvements to our Church building.

 The Board of Managers have been busy organizing repairs and upgrades. The MacLean St. Main Entrance staircase has been replaced and looks wonderful. A few repairs from the damage from Fiona took place, drains and gutters were repaired or replaced. Also a very welcome addition to the sanctuary and building was the installation of Heat Pumps. I know, personally speaking, I have noticed a difference in the comfort and temperature within the sanctuary.

 We have started to implement a few fundraising efforts to help resupply the coffers. We once again held our Bi-Annual Memorial Hymn sing, which realized a nice donation of $2855.75 for the general fund. Also, in the early spring we held a yard sale with many happy customers, raised $1032.40.

 As the need for more fundraising has become evident, the Session and Board of Managers are open to suggestions if you have them. We are all aware of the beautiful building that has been entrusted to us, and throughout the week our church, for the most part, sits unused. If you know of a group or organization that might benefit from using/renting our facility please let Rev Andrew, Jane, or an Elder know. This could be a possible source of revenue for the church.

 It is so great to be slowly getting back into the swing of church life after the interruption of the last couple of years. In June, we held a special coffee hour in commemoration of the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. As well we have resumed coffee hours following the service on the 3rd Sunday of the month, organized by Cathy Lewis.

 We hope that you will join us this year for our Anniversary Service to be held on September 17th at 11 AM, the Sacrament of Communion will be served. The congregation is celebrating 237 years of Christian ministry and over 109 years in the current sanctuary. Pictou County is rich in its history and we have a lot to celebrate. In 1773, 250 years ago, the Hector landed in Pictou bringing some of the first settlers to our area. Our congregation was the First Presbyterian Church established not long after the Hector arrived. To honor the rich Scottish heritage of our area, you are encouraged to represent your Scottish roots by wearing a kilt or a piece of your tartan for the anniversary service.

 I look forward to seeing you on Anniversary Sunday September 17th, and throughout the year for regular Sabbath worship. It is my constant hope that God continues to bless you and those you love from this time on and forever more. I hope that you always remember to be good to one another, care for one another, comfort one another, and always remember to love one another.

Yours in Christ,



Rev Andrew MacDonald

**September-** Barry Fraser, Laura Macumber, Judy Marshall, Clarice Campbell, Sandra Arthur, Murray Biggar, Renee Fraser,

**October-** Betty MacDonald, Joy Shaw, Sharon Keay

**November-** Sandy MacIntosh, Ella Russell, Fannie Porter

**December-** Jack Marshall, Ray Webster, Keith Cruickshank, Evie MacLellan, Chet Fleming



**September-** Bill and Carolyn Mason, Anthony and Jane McDow, Kris and Sheila Fagan, Kim and Heather Conrad

**October-** David and Brenda Tutty, Barry and Renee Fraser, Don and Jan Rowat, Tom and Suzanne Makin, Andrew and Janice Alcorn, Larry and Vivian Ingham

**November-** Kevin and Margaret MacLeod

**December-** Jim and Marie Battist, Michael Heighton and Cristal Van De Pol, Troy and Julie MacLaughlin, Ralph and Claire Foote

**September 17, Anniversary Service and Holy Communion**

**Communion Services:**

January 29, April 30, October 29, December 31

**Nursing Home Schedule: All Services at 2:30 PM**

September 24- High Crest Home

 October 22- Ivy’s Terrace

 November 19- Valley View Villa

 December 31- Riverton Adult Residential

**Advent and Christmas Services:**

Advent 1-December 3; Advent 2- December 10; Advent 3-December 17; Advent 4-December 24

 Blue Christmas Service- December 21 7:00 PM

 Christmas Eve Service- December 24 7:00 PM