HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LOCHWINNOCH CHURCH (June 2020)

POEM ~ WRITTEN BY KIM FLYNN

On Sunday we would like to go,

to the Presbyterian Church in Lochwinnoch.

Then a pandemic was declared, and the whole world was scared.

Things had changed, they weren’t the same.

We were told to STAY HOME …. To stay safe, not go out.

We weren’t used to being still and not going about.

The church had to close, and make an alternate plan,

how to reach all the parishioners with our new government ban.

The wheels then started turning to adapt to a new way,

Our minister Reverend Milton, he saved the day,

He set up live worship, so we would continue to pray.

So on Sunday mornings, for those who can,

we meet from our homes, so far it’s the plan.

From the Garden of Eden, even as far as BC, we welcome all, to come and see.

People have reached out from near and far,

By telephone, newsletter, even physical distance by car.

There’s been caring and sharing and beautiful photos displayed,

On our Facebook group setting, history is being made.

COVID-19 may have closed our Church door,
But to our great surprise, it has encouraged much more.

Ken has showed his paintings, Kyle has played the drums.

Little Matthew was a shepherd, and we celebrated dads & moms.

Milton continues to work in humble ways,

He inspires us to reach out and find PEACE in our days.

The sun rises and the sun sets, we are so thankful to God,

Jesus, he leads us with his staff and his rod.

Jeannette, Kyle and Hannah have shared in God’s word,

From the Church, to their home, their kind words have been heard.

We miss our Church handshakes, morning greetings and such,

Young Rylie’s smile and a personal touch.

The gifts to our Church have continued to be received,

and have sustained the Church building

and it’s ministry, we are relieved.

There’s so much to be thankful for, our health and our friends,

All that we share, that Love Never Ends.

Our FAITH may have waivered, but our HOPE is intact.

We had to move forward and rarely look back.

Amidst the joys of new babies being born,

There has been sadness and those who mourn.

The loss of a loved one at this time, has been heartbreaking no less,

we pray God blesses them as they deal with their stress.

We’ve seen in the news a world at unrest,

But also the good that has come with this test.

The love of God that we share at Lochwinnoch and beyond,

it’s like a magical wand.

Our Church stained glass window what a beautiful sight,

Milton’s daily messages and our shared photos are a delight.

God grant me, the serenity now,

We’re learning new ways to live, without raising a brow.

We can’t be too sure what’s ahead, what in store,

We hope and we wish that it opens the Church door.

On anniversary Sunday, 2020, we will not meet in our pews,

but our congregation will continue to share the Good News!

Happy Anniversary wishes to Lochwinnoch Presbyterian Church,

as we celebrate the beginning of its 126th year!!

Blessings to you All,

Amen