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*Modelling faith in our communities one
conversation at a time*



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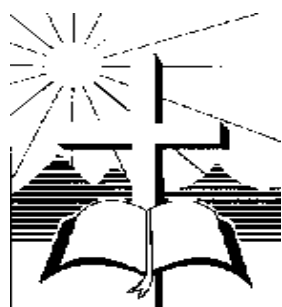
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The Church Family in Worship

Think for a moment, of a holiday celebration as several generations gather around a large dining room table. All ages are represented, from the infant and the 2-year-old to the grandfather in poor health. It's a family gathering and a time of joy.

Different people will act differently during the day as they gather for the meal. From time to time the infant will squeal, and the toddler will squirm. A teenager might lapse into surly silence, and the elderly may fall asleep as they try to appear attentive. The family adjusts on the fly throughout the meal, making sure everyone gets what they want and what they need. That's how the family works: they bear with one another, respect one another and make sure that everyone gets fed.

The congregation of a Church is another way to think about the family of God as it gathers in worship to be fed. In His mercy and grace, the Lord provides forgiveness and life for all ages, for He died for all people no matter their birthday. By His Word and Sacraments, He provides grace and life for all during our times of worship; the goal being that everyone be fed, forgiven and transformed.

As with ordinary families, we are expected to bear with one another; respect one another (even when we disagree and need to be heard), and make sure that everyone gets fed. This, in my personal view is why Church congregations are so important – they show the world what Christian love, respect and forbearance look like no matter who we are, where we come from or how we feel today.

The Church Family in Worship (con't)

In the end, we are the family of God, gathered at the table of His presence and life. So, let us take care to nurture, support and protect each other as we dine together weekly at the Lord's' invitation. If we do not, then sin will insinuate itself into our lives and reduce us to our simple, natural selves in a world that is already dark enough and growing worse.

All of this simply highlights why we are gathered together: we are the family of God, dining, learning becoming because our Saviour came to bring us the forgiveness of sins – and will come again one day to see how we did.

Rev. Greg Dickson

Interim Moderator

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As I Remember (by Evelyn McKay)

After Rev. John Finlayson left, (and again after the death of Rev. Openshaw), Rev. J. Donald McKay and Jean came to help us until we were able to get a permanent minister. He was here a little over a year. Jean told me it was the happiest time of his ministry.

I would like to mention a few people whom I remember as being great church workers and who are not with us now:

Stewart Johnston	Jack Swallow	Margie Johnston
Harvey MacDonald	Kenzie Sinclair	Jean Pitts
Donald Johnston	Clifford MacDonald	Marjorie Robertson
Elizabeth Reeves	Viola Johnstone	Joyce Livingstone
Carrie Fraser	Isabel MacDonald	Ethel Fraser
Emily Johnstone	Mrs. Harvey MacDonald	Liz Johnstone
Jean Johnstone	Aggie Hughes	Belle Kyle

There are still many stories to be told by members of other organizations. Also memories of lifting the church and building the basement, the manse and the garage, but these are memories to be shared by those who worked on these projects.

Happy memories of church life? They sure are!

And what would I do without those precious hugs on Sunday morning!!!

May God bless you as richly as you have blessed me. You are a blessing in my life. Thank you.

Sunday School Update



Above the Sunday School Students get ready with their candles to sing at the Palm Sunday Service. As well they greeted, took collection, passed out the palm and bulletins. In addition, the Junior Leaders did several of the readings. Many thanks to the parents/volunteers who helped us and to the congregation for all their support! Also thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter Egg Hunt. Much fun was had by all!

Church Happenings

April was a busy month in the life of our church. On Palm Sunday we celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Thank you to the Sunday School children who took part in this service by reading scripture, taking the offering and providing special music.

The church and community were saddened by the death of Margie Johnstone, who was a long-time member of this congregation, member of the Ladies Guild, served on the Board of Managers and a much loved CGIT leader. We remember her family in our prayers.

Our Soup Luncheon was held on the last Thursday of the month and was very well attended.

On this past Sunday the AMS ladies, with the assistance of John Reeves, took part in the annual 'Mission Awareness Sunday'. In the evening a Memorial Hymn Sing, organized by the Board of Managers, was very well attended. To date, this event took in the sum of \$7500.00. WOW!!! Thanks to everyone, both near and far, for supporting this project. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18 – 7:00 pm when the popular band 'Hannah and the Boys' will present a wonderful musical evening. All proceeds from these two events will go toward the Roof Fund.

Submitted by Gail Jordan

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School	13	14	15	16	17	18 Board of Managers Supper: 5:00 pm Hannah & The Boys: 7:00 p.m.
19 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: No Sunday School	20 Victoria Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School	27	28	29 10:00: Cradle Roll	30 11:30: Community Soup Lunch	31	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School Closing	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn Sunday School End of the Year Party (TBD)	10	11	12 10:00: Cradle Roll	13	14	15
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30 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn	"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord." 2 Peter 3:18					