

Union and Sutherland's River Presbyterian Churches

Thorburn and Sutherland's River, NS

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

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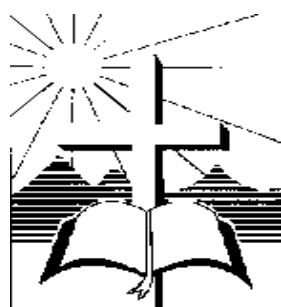
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Developing Generosity

All of us know about the financial needs of our churches these days. For many Christians, the days of hope and joy in the midst of church-centered activity and purpose have been replaced by a feeling of decline: of community; of shared ideas and of openness and accountability, one to another. Added to this, the apparent scarcity of generous people bearing the warmth of interpersonal regard seems to be leading us both as members of God's kingdom and as citizens of Canada into fear, doubt and uncertainty. And this is reflected in declining church attendance and resources.

This sad reality, I think, appears to have two effects. First, it paralyzes some of us and tempts us to act on our own understanding. This results in some of our church buildings looking more like community centers; places of entertainment and convenient locations for local groups to gather between Sundays – on payment of rent - simply so they can remain available for Sunday worship.

The second effect is the opposite. Scarcity and decline also encourage and even force us to try something new: to seek new opportunities for leadership and new applications of our spiritual gifts to build up the church and further establish the Kingdom of God. Hospitality. Helps, Administration, Music, Exhortation and Teaching, Prayer, Visitation, Meditation and exercising the Spiritual Disciplines are all ways Christians can overcome our fear of decline and replace it with a spirit of generosity.

Friends, we know that when there is a big project like a new roof to buy or someone's burned-out possessions require replacement that we can focus and see it to completion like the good stewards we are.

Developing Generosity (cont'd)

In the Church of Scotland, there is a new initiative called the Narrative of Generosity. It is a modular-based approach to teaching and developing the great biblical theme of stewardship through the use of stories aimed at developing the local church in our modern time. By engaging in this kind of activity, the Scottish Church believes that through our relationship with the God who loves us and whose church will never fail, has chosen us to be his stewards.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Rev. Greg Dickson, Interim Moderator

Church Events



Left is Warren Mason preparing the vegetables for our Soup Lunch. Warren has been a dedicated volunteer at the lunches since their beginning. Centre is one of our dedicated members, Evelyn McKay at this year's Thanksgiving Day service. Right is a picture of the capacity crowd at one of our Board of Managers Suppers.

The fall season is speeding up with events and activities here at our church. Our Soup Luncheons have started again on the last Thursday of each month. September's luncheon had fewer people than we expected; however, we had good soup and lots of it. The excess was delivered to various shut-ins and others in the community. So, get your appetites ready for our next Soup Day on Thursday, October 31th.

Cradle Roll and Sunday School have both restarted for the year. If you know anyone who may be interested, please pass the word on for these two fun activities.

The Board of Managers served another delicious supper, after which everyone enjoyed music provided by Clary and Marilyn Morrison and Family from Lochaber and Joy and Frankie Cumming from Denver. Thanks to all our volunteers who make them such a great success!

Thank You, Lord

As the busy holiday season approaches, go through your days offering little "Thank yous to our Lord" every time you see, hear or experience the blessings around you. Gratefulness brings peacefulness!

An encouraging conversation... "Thank you, Lord", A beautiful tree... "Thank you, Lord", A moment of rest... "Thank you, Lord", A laugh... "Thank you, Lord", A mouthful of turkey... "Thank you, Lord", A breath of fresh air... "Thank you, Lord", A happy memory... "Thank you, Lord", A safe drive... "Thank you, Lord", A word from the Bible... "Thank you, Lord", A helping hand... "Thank you, Lord"

James 1:17 says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."
(Adapted from Matthew Ruttan)

Happy 143rd Anniversary to Union Presbyterian Church



As testament to those who went before us and the dedication of our members, adherents and community, Union Presbyterian Church celebrated 143 years. Much enjoyment was had by all as we enjoyed God's word and music, good food and fellowship. Let's continue our work of keeping our beautiful church here for the next 143 years.

Happy Birthday. Mary



Many friends and relatives, young and old alike, gathered at the church hall on Saturday, October 26th to help Mary celebrate her 90th Birthday. Everyone had a story to tell when they greeted her, and it made her day very special. Happy Birthday to a wonderful lady. May God bless you.

November 2019

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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn No Sunday School | 11  Remembrance Day | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 5:00pm: Board of Managers Supper 7:00pm: Concert featuring Hannah and the Boys |
| 24 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School | 25 | 26 | 27 10:00: Cradle Roll | 28 11:30: Community Soup Lunch | 29 | 30 |

December 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Services:  Communion Sunday 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn 11:00: Sunday School | 9 | 10 | 11 10:00: Cradle Roll Christmas Party | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn Sunday School joins us for a presentation. Refreshments to follow. | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn No Sunday School | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve Services: 6:30: Thorburn 8:00: Sutherland's River | 25 Merry Christmas  | 26 Boxing Day | 27 | 28 |
| 29 Services: 9:30: Sutherland's River 11:00: Thorburn No Sunday School | 30 | 31 | | | | |