

Union and Sutherland's River Presbyterian Churches

Thorburn and Sutherland's River, NS

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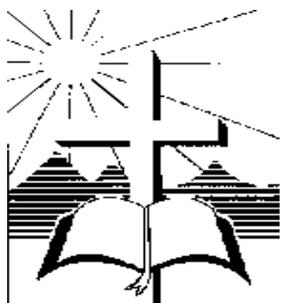


Sutherland's River

How Should We Give?

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Among the many things that require our attention, especially in the church where mission, stewardship, prayer, spiritual formation, leadership, and mutual support out of giftedness demand so much, we also need to think about how – and how much – we should be giving.

Of course, we are not to think about the church in business terms. But the reality is that every church needs financial support in addition to personal commitment to its various internal and external ministries. We are invited to give back to God a small portion of all God has given us so that his church can continue to grow and thrive month to month and year after year.

So how should we give? Leaving aside the amount you might consider (including the ideal of tithing 10%), here are some things to think about. We should give:

Gratefully, recognizing the joyous recognition that all we have come from God in the first place; it is a response to God's grace in our lives.

Intentionally and freely, in a planned way after thoughtfulness and prayer. We give not out of duty, but because we want to give.

Off the top, as an expression of trust in God's providential care. "Honour the Lord your God with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce." (Proverbs 3:9)

How Should We Give? (cont'd)

Regularly, and with generosity as we develop the habit of giving. 1 Corinthians 16:2 tells us, "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn ..."

Proportionally - We covenant to give a certain percentage of our income to

God's work, according to what we have been given. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have." (2 Corinthians 8:12)

Cheerfully, knowing that we are not asked to give until it hurts, but until it feels good. We learn that giving is a joyful act. "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7)

God bless you in your giving,

Rev. Greg Dickson, Interim Moderator

150th Anniversary Kiosk Update

The plans for the construction of a 3-part Kiosk in honour of the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the village of Thorburn are moving right along. The actual work on the Kiosk will begin shortly. The committee is busy collecting and sorting pictures, newspaper articles, etc. for use on the structures. We have a lot of research to do yet and if you have any item/items you would like to share we would be happy to look them over and determine if they can be used on the Kiosk.

The unveiling of the Kiosk is scheduled for the middle of August - the exact date to be determined. This will take place on a Saturday and on Sunday there will be a "Homecoming Church Service" held in Union Presbyterian Church. Please spread the word as we would like to have a 'full-house' for the service.

Submitted by: Gail Jordan

Beautiful Music



We really appreciated the special music provided by Katie and Pierre Aucoin at our Camp Geddie Service. Jillian Roy also did a lovely tribute to her mom and grandmother and sang with the Sunday School students. Unfortunately, we didn't get a picture of those pieces but we all really enjoyed the music by the sea at beautiful Camp Geddie!

Village Blacksmith

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur McIntosh
 created: Dec 1941
 Waldren Studios
 Photograph Collection
 PC2 Box 325 Folder 288
 Dalhousie University Archives
 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada



Arthur James MacIntosh was the blacksmith of Thorburn for his entire life. It is interesting that he lived right across the road from our church. The house has changed over the years but the front part, with the door and window and 2 windows upstairs, remains the same.

His blacksmith shop was on the right side of the house which is now a part of the parking lot for the Thorburn Fire Department.

There must have been a barn, maybe it was behind the shop? What about a garden, or a well? And an outhouse, of course! That was the way of life in the early 1900s. Families had to work hard and had none of our modern conveniences! When it was time for church service though, they had no excuses for being late!

He was born in 1880, at a time when everyone owned a horse and buggy, but also lived to see the automobile industry taking over as the preferred mode of transportation.

A. J. MacIntosh was a member of the Union Presbyterian Church, even being appointed to the Board of Church Managers in 1914. He was also a Mason at the Hudson Lodge No. 17 in 1914 but we do not know for how long.

Arthur James MacIntosh was married by the Rev. J. A. MacKenzie in 1902 at Thorburn, to Jessie Fraser MacInnis, at the age of 21. They raised their large family and remained in our community throughout their entire lives.

Even after a lifetime together, Arthur and his wife Jessie rest side by side at the Thorburn Cemetery. These photos are treasures of the old days; absolutely wonderful to have them and share them.

Submitted by Manon Potvin

Your faithfulness is to all generations. You have established the earth, and it remains. Psalm 119.90

Worship at Camp Geddie



A special Sunday Service replacing the regular services for Thorburn Union, and Sutherland's River Presbyterian Churches was held for family and friends at Camp Geddie on June 12, 2022. This idea originated with the volunteers at U.C. Friends as they had really enjoyed services that were held in years gone past. Despite calling for bad weather, God smiled on us with a beautiful day for our whole event. Volunteers from U.C. Friends, Sunday School and many other people from our church helped us have a great day! It began with an outdoor service including beautiful music from Katie and Pierre Aucoin and Jillian Roy. This event coincided with the Sunday School Summer Closing where the students' received certificates and a book. All the young people received goodie bags including bubbles to remind them of John's message during the sermon of the importance of looking to God for true happiness. Worldly things like blowing bubbles, playing video games or eating snacks can bring fleeting happiness but true joy comes from faith in God. Afterwards a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. We were worried we wouldn't have enough food but the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 came to mind as a huge amount of food arrived! Later a beach scavenger hunt, hand painting and games were held for the young people. It was a wonderful day, many thanks to everyone who made it possible!

John and Darlene would also like to give a huge thank you to Gerald for his touching words at Camp Geddie and the congregation for the lovely card and beautiful plants on behalf of the Church and Sunday School. They look so lovely each day as we spend time in our yard or come and go on our daily activities. Many visitors have commented on these pretty additions to our property. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean the world to us both and are most appreciated!

Service Times

Sunday Service Times: Sutherland's River: 9:30 a.m.
Thorburn: 11:00 a.m.

Website: <https://unionchurchthorburn.ca/>



Please join us for a service in person or online. You are always most welcome!