

Easter is behind us.


The feast enjoyed. The chocolate consumed. The church perhaps a little more empty. Following Christ's resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room. They were behind locked doors – scared. In this place, Jesus says to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21).

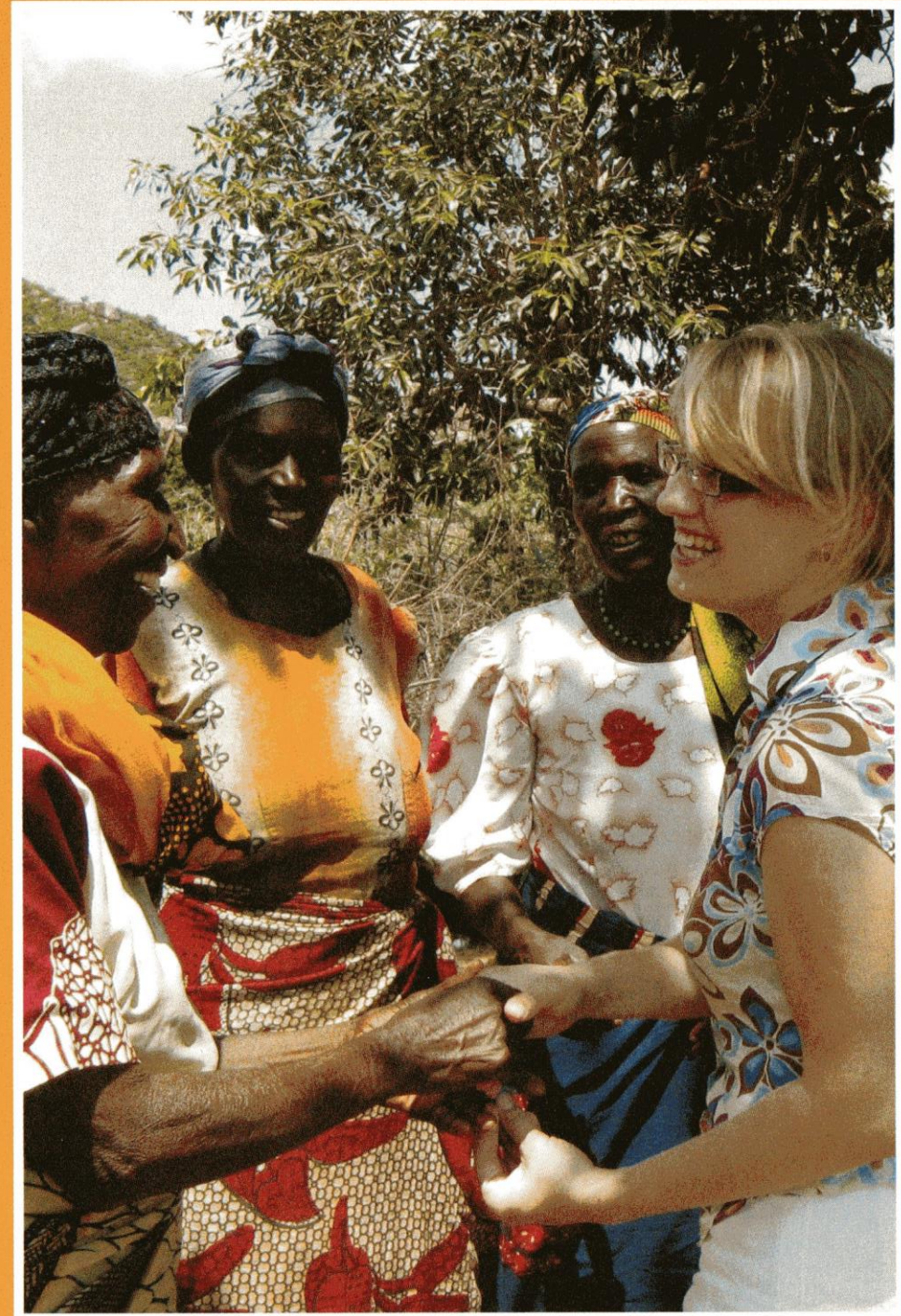
Like the disciples, we keep our faith behind locked doors. We are too tired, too busy or too scared to share it with others. We doubt. We don't know enough. We don't want to offend. We lack the confidence. I expect these feelings were shared by the disciples. Like them, we have heard the good news of Christ's resurrection and we have been sent, with the Holy Spirit, to share that news.

Easter is behind us, yet we are an Easter people. Share the good news of Christ with the world. Peace be with you.

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Photo: The PCC supports student interns like Leah Adema, who worked with the Africa Inland Church of Tanzania.

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*PRAISE The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns Hymn #270

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

CHORAL POSTLUDE Witness Spiritual arr. J. Halloran

CELEBRATING 160 YEARS - WELCOME TO MACNAB!

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. David Sutherland, Moderator of the General Assembly, and thank him for his presence here today. Since 1999, The Rev. Dr. David Sutherland has served as minister of St. Andrew's Church (The Kirk) in downtown St. John's, Newfoundland. He also has also served congregations in Central Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He has been on several national church committees and is currently part of the General Assembly Nominating Committee. Dr. Sutherland and Irma began their married life in the outreach ministry of Scott Mission while he studied at Knox College. They have two children, The Rev. A.D. (Sandy) Sutherland (married to Marly) and Shelagh Walsh (married to Andrew) and four grandchildren. David Sutherland is an avid outdoor enthusiast.

We also welcome Redeemer College University Concert Choir as our guest musicians this Anniversary Sunday.



The beautiful yellow roses on the Communion Table today are placed to commemorate this special occasion.

MacNab is a child friendly church. The church school is located in the parlour (through the front door in the sanctuary -lectern side- and to your right - children who wish to stay with their parents for the church service will find colouring materials in the narthex (entrance) Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.

Everyone is invited to Johnston hall following the worship service for a light lunch, Anniversary Cake, and a Q & A and power point presentation with Rev. Dr. David Sutherland.

FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR: we would like you to please return the pastoral skills inventory form that accompanied the recent congregational letter, today. We will accept these after today as well, but we are anxious to get a start at reviewing them. Additional forms and an appropriately labeled box is available in the Narthex to deposit the form.

THANK YOU for the many cards, prayers and other expressions of sympathy in the recent death of Nan Davidson, sister to Jack Brown. They were very much appreciated. Jack & Joyce.

COPIES OF SERMONS are available, hard copy or electronically, on an occasional or regular basis. Call the church office if you would like to make an arrangement.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday 1-5pm May 1 (She will be in the parlour but can be fetched.)

OFFICE HOURS:

Colleen will be away April 28-May 3

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ John Baxter recovering from a heart procedure in a London, Ontario hospital
- ❖ Alex Cree recovering from heart surgery (if all goes per schedule)
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

ASSISTING US TODAY:

Church School: Seona Moore, Abrielle Teeuwssen

Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt

Ushers: Jim Myers, Kay Robertson, Myrtle Inwood, Juanita Taylor

Coffee Servers: Frank & Irene Mills; Harry & Annette Callaghan

Duty Elder: Ken Hopkins

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Lynda Milmine

Greeters: Juanita Taylor, Lynda Milmine

Ushers: Alex Abraham, Lila Stanfield, Doug & Nancy Coutts

Coffee Servers: David & Jean Stone, Kathy Shields, Lila Stanfield

Duty Elder: David Milmine

CREATIVE RECYCLING: We can turn what nobody wants into treasure!
Come join in a work bee Thursday afternoon May 1 1:30-4:30 in the parlour making wind-chimes from MacNab silverware. See our “model” hanging in the gym today. No particular skill needed. Everyone can help! Bring needle nose pliers if you have some. We will sell them at Doors Open (May 3&4) and “Downton Downtown” (July 6) for \$20. RSVP (helpful but not necessary): phone church office. Questions: talk to Kathy Shields.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DOORS OPEN MAY 3RD & 4TH

Please let Kevin Russell know if you can spare some time to help with this Annual Event : Saturday, 10am-4pm; Sunday 12 noon – 3pm. No amount of time is too little or too much. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	April 28	7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
Thurs	May 1	1:30pm	Wind chime work bee-Parlour
		1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall (prev. Tues pm)
		7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sat	May 3	10am-4pm	Doors Open
Sun	May 4	10:30am	Easter 3
			Sacrament of Baptism
			12 Noon-3pm Doors Open

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING DONATIONS
OF CEREAL FOR THE INNER CITY BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

MacNab Prayer

Loving God, by your Spirit
the congregation of MacNab was
formed, 160 years ago.

This congregation has loved and
served the city of Hamilton and the
world in many ways over the years.

Now we are in a new place
and we need the help of your Spirit
to see what you are calling us to do
and be.

Open our eyes and our hearts, we
pray, so we can, Like Abraham and
Sarah, find life in this new land.
Help us both “hold on to what is
good” and let go of what we no
longer need.

Christ, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

MacNab Prayer

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PSALM 16 Refrain 1

Our name an everlasting name, our joy the joy of heav'n.

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.

**Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows,
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.** R

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me;

**The Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.**

For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**You show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.** R

FROM THE KIRK SESSION

(meeting April 16, 2014)

- Study continued from "Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership" by Ruth Haley Barton
- Congratulations were expressed to Alex Abraham on the birth of a 2nd grandson, Avery on April 10th to Dennis & Jessica Abraham
- It was agreed that the MacNab vacancy will be noted in the Presbyterian Record and the National Church website
- Dedication of the Manse Studio space will take place on May 25th with an open house after worship. Meghan Hers (one of the artists) will be guest preacher that day.
- The Congregational Life Committee reports that MacNab has accepted the invitation from Whitehern Museum to join with them for "Downton Downtown" on July 6th. (See note re making of wind chimes.) More details to follow.
- June 4th will be "A cup for camp Kintail" day
- The Sacrament of Baptism will take place May 4th
- Cathy provided an overview of her numerous and various meetings and visits through March and April
- Cathy will be serving the National Church as a counsellor for a guidance conference (for candidates for ministry) May 5th - 8th
- The Maintenance Committee is looking for volunteers to maintain the church gardens through the growing season
- An extensive Presbytery Report was received relative to the report of the Futures Task Force: plans are moving ahead quickly with the appointment of Rev David Moody as "Lead Family Pastor" and Alex Douglas (to be ordained May 25th) as the "Children and Family Pastor" for Heritage Green Church beginning July 1.
- The October 14th meeting of Presbytery will be held at MacNab.