

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 2:5)

There are times when I would rather retreat to my farm and spend time with the sheep than be with people. Sheep are easy to be around. They don't argue, have opinions, negotiate or need compromise. They want their food and water and protection, and other than that are happy to be left alone.

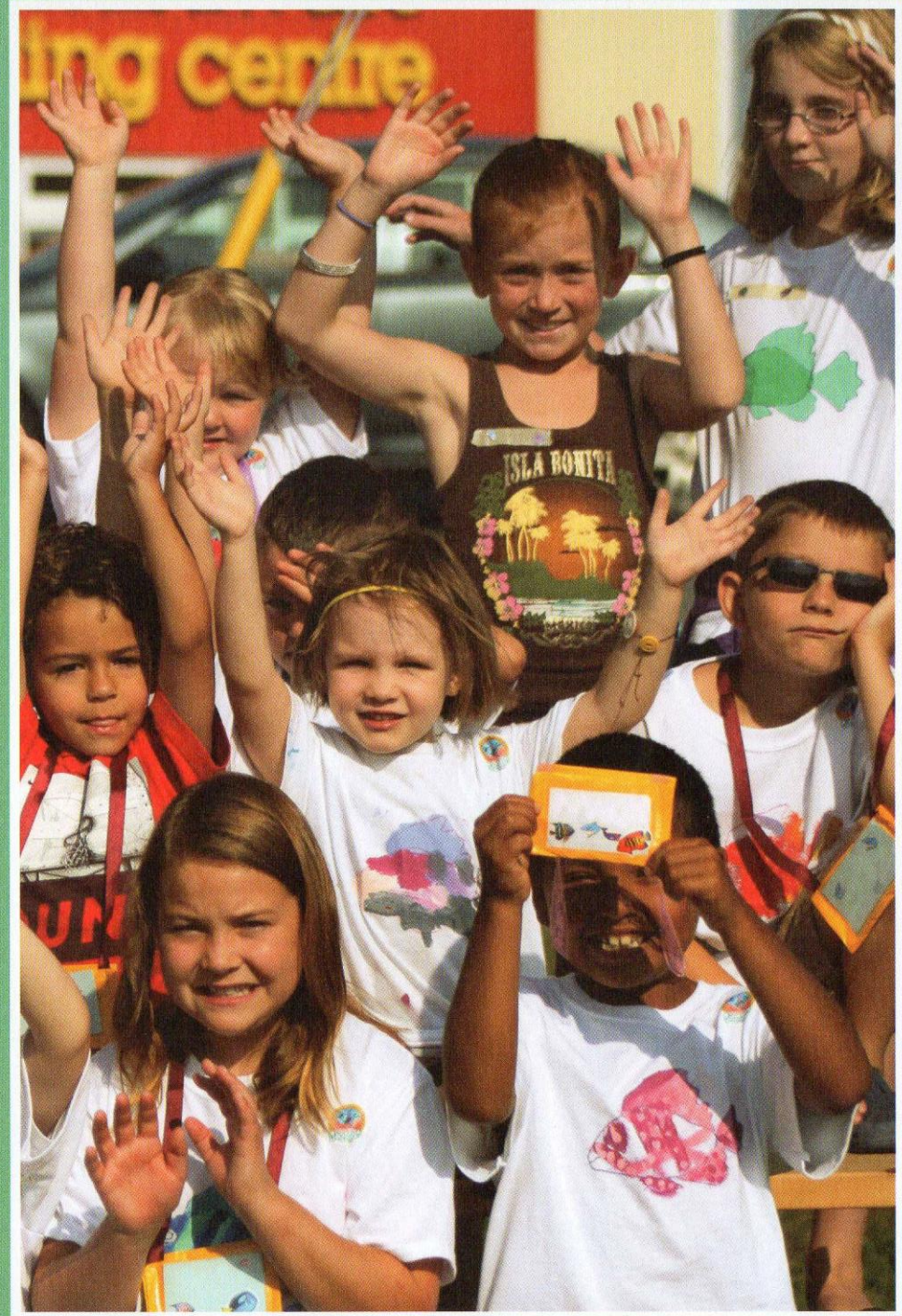
But I am continually reminded that God calls us to community. To be like Jesus. While Jesus spent some time alone in prayer, we most often find him with people – listening, serving, healing, helping, walking with people and contemplating together the big questions in life.

Presbyterians Sharing is about being in community with one another. We join together to do God's work. We share the good news of the gospel with mission partners around the world. We take time to discuss theological issues and make decisions at General Assembly. We learn together and share our experiences. We support one another's ministries across Canada. We walk with theological students in their journey to become ministers. We speak out on matters of justice. Together we are a church bigger than ourselves. And somehow God works through us, enabling us to work for God's "good pleasure."

And so, while I enjoy quiet moments on my farm, I don't hide out there. I participate in community: go to church, volunteer, invite people over, engage in study and discussion. It isn't always easy, but it is where we are called to be.

Karen Plater is Associate Secretary for Stewardship. In her spare time she looks after her sheep, horses and chickens.

Photo: St. Matthew's, Elmsdale, NS



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church
September 28, 2014 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

**Those who are able, please stand*

PRELUDE

* ENTRY OF THE WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Elder, Kevin Russell

The church lives to praise God.

We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be!

Come, let us worship God together!

*PRAISE Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Hymn #96

PRAYER OF APPROACH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient people.

We have honoured you with our words, but have denied you with our actions.

We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant, for we have acted with selfish ambition and have put our interests before the interests of others.

Forgive us and awaken our hearts to repentance that we might follow your way.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has taught us to pray saying

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts, debtors)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA

Hymn #298

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, God almighty, Three-in-One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory, while eternal ages run.**

*THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

With one another: The Peace of Christ.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE Children of Jerusalem

Hymn #415

WORD IN CONVERSATION (Children's time)

PSALTER Psalm 25:1-9 Refrain #1

Kevin Russell

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (p.872,874)

Kathy Shields

EPISTLE Philippians 2:1-13 (p.210 NT)

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32 (p.24 NT)

ANTHEM Lead Me Lord

Wesley

SERMON "The Way of the Lord"

Brent Ellis

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*PRAISE May the Mind of Christ My Saviour

Hymn #644

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise father, son and holy ghost.**

*PRAISE And Can it Be

Hymn #352

*BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE *(please remain seated)*

WELCOME TO MACNAB

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning.
Thank you to Brent Ellis for leading our Worship Service this morning in Rev. Cathy's absence.

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)

Hearing assistance is also available. Ushers will be happy to assist with any questions.

Everyone is invited to Johnston Hall following the service for fellowship and refreshments.

NEWS 'N' VIEWS IS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

Please pick up your copy- the remainder will be mailed this week.
Additional questionnaires regarding shared summer worship are available also, along with a box for completed copies.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY BIBLE TEXTS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, October 2, 2pm-5pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- ❖ The Search Committee
- ❖ Don & Carole MacVicar's Inner City Ministry
- ❖ All who are grieving, facing health uncertainties, lonely or jobless

FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR:

The Search Committee appreciates your on going support and prayers.
We have had the opportunity to review profiles of a number of candidates and are preparing serious follow up on some of them.
I have also appreciated receiving suggestions of candidates from some of you, and ask that you continue to participate in this way.

NEW! AT MACNAB

Roster for the Reading of Scripture:
Anyone interested in reading scripture, please call
The office- 905 529-6896 or let Rev. Cathy or the Church Office know.

ASSISTING US TODAY

Church School: Lynda Milmine
Greeters: Jean Hartman, Grace Maynard, Gerda Wolf
Ushers: Diane Hopkins, Don & Sheila Campbell
Coffee Servers: Doug & Nancy Coutts, Josephine Patterson
Duty Elder: Kevin Russell

ASSISTING US NEXT WEEK

Church School: Rebecca Teeuwsen
Greeters: Bill Stanfield, Mina Beatt
Ushers: Jim Myers, Myrtle Inwood,
Claire Salmon, Myrna Cumberbatch
Coffee Servers: David & Jean Stone, Kathy Shields, Lila Stanfield
Duty Elder: John Shields



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please bring non perishable food items for distribution to the needy in our community.
Cereals for the Inner City Breakfast Program are also needed.

THIS WEEK AT MACNAB:

Mon	Sept 29	7:45pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
		7-8:30pm	Over-comers-Church House
Wed	Oct 1	7:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Thur	Oct 2	1:30pm	RSCD-Johnston Hall
Sat	Oct 4	8:30am	Session Retreat-St. Cuthbert's
		7:30pm	Choir Practice-Sanctuary
Sun	Oct 5	10:30am	Communion

LOOKING AHEAD

Mon	Oct 6	7:00pm	Maintenance Meeting-Parlour
		7:00pm	Congregational Life-Choir Room
Sun	Oct 12	10:30am	Thanksgiving Service
Tues	Oct 14		Hamilton Presbytery Meeting-Johnston Hall
Wed	Oct 15	7:00pm	Session
Sun	Oct 19	10:30am	Worship –Rev. Cathy Stewart
			Mitten Tree collection begins
Tues	Oct 21	10:30am	Prayer Group-Parlour
		12 Noon	Friendly Circle resumes led by Colleen Johnson

COMMUNITY NOTES

MANA DAY AT CRIEFF WITH REV. BOB GEDDES

"Science, God and Evangelism." Join us at Crieff Hills Retreat & Conference Centre as we explore how our probing of this amazing cosmos is a key for understanding how much God loves us. We will share time of learning, singing, fellowship and a great lunch!
Thursday, October 16th 10:30am-3:00pm

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Sept 28th

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

Luke 19:45-46

PSALM 25:1-9

Refrain #1: The Lord will come and not be slow,
God's footsteps cannot err.

To you, O Lords, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust;

Do not let me be put to shame;

Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord! R

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches them the way they should go.

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