



# News 'n' Views



MacNab Street Presbyterian Church Newsletter  
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## FROM THE INTERIM MODERATOR

Dear Friends,

MacNab Street Presbyterian Church is in for an exciting autumn season. It is my delight to either remind or inform you of the Worship Service of Induction for the Reverend Steve Baldry on Sunday September 13 at 3.00 pm at the church. You have waited a long time for this, and you have worked hard for it. You have worked hard through your patience, through your participation in discernment exercises, and through your support of the on-going work and witness of the MacNab congregation. You are to be congratulated.

As Interim Moderator for the past two and one half years, I wish to thank you for the experience! I am personally very thankful for the leadership of the congregation. This includes the clerk of session Kevin for his stalwart and wise guidance, the associate clerk Alex for his leadership with the Vacancy Committee, the church secretary Colleen for her administrative and pastoral gifts which kept things humming, and to Chris as Director of Music who kept worship inspiring through a variety of circumstances, and special events. I have appreciated the behind the scenes dedication of staff like Jim and Barry, and I have marveled at the work of the various committees and groups, their members and conveners. I also wish to personally thank all the members of the Vacancy committee. It was an intriguing exercise, and often we weren't sure of the way ahead.

As time went on, however, it was clear that God was leading us, challenging us, and guiding us to a wise decision.

It was a delight for me to work with a dedicated group of elders who are highly motivated and worked tirelessly through the vacancy to study, review, reflect and direct. Much of this came through the inspired dedication of Interim Minister Cathy, from whom I have learned a great deal. In the time ahead, and as you adjust to new circumstances from within, and in the surrounding community, I urge you to remember and reflect upon the lessons you have learned through Cathy's teaching and leadership.

I will continue to have the MacNab congregation and its leadership in my prayers. I look forward to hearing about new life and practical ministry. You are in a good position to lead others in our Presbytery through some very challenging times ahead. I urge your support for your new spiritual leader Steve. I know he will be welcomed warmly. I pray that you will be attentive to his thoughts, plans, and spirit, and that you will be open to receiving the same gifts of ministerial leadership that convinced the Vacancy Committee that his was the name to come forward.

I wish you all of God's blessings in the time ahead.

Bob Geddes

**FRIENDLY CIRCLE RESUMES  
TUESDAY, SEPT 15TH**  
No Prayer group this meeting

**POTLUCK LUNCHEON  
12 NOON**

**Ladies: bring your favourite salad  
Meat and 1 hot dish will be provided  
Guest Speaker: Peter Middleton  
With slides of latest trip to Africa**

**Collecting brushes & combs for the  
needy this month**

**Come & enjoy a great luncheon, a  
slide presentation and  
warm fellowship!**

## FRIENDLY CIRCLE EVENTS

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 17 - 2PM**  
Fashion Show & Afternoon Tea  
(more details to follow)

**NOVEMBER 17 - NO MEETING**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19**  
Set up Magic of Christmas Tea

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21**  
MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS TEA  
(more details to follow)

**DECEMBER PLANS TBA**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH**  
10:30AM Prayer Group  
12 NOON Bag lunch,  
dessert provided  
Guest Speaker: Bob Williamson  
Slides of Hamilton Then & Now

**CHOIR NOTES**

By Jack Brown



We all mourn the loss of Aubrey Falladown on Thursday, August 13th at Juravinski hospital. Aubrey was a stalwart of our church and particularly of our choir where he was an invaluable member of our bass section for

many, many years. He was a faithful singer and musical reader of whatever music was given to tackle.

Aubrey was ordained as an elder in 1951, and served as a most diligent Roll Clerk for several of those years.

He retired from the busy office of counting and accounting of weekly and other periodical offerings.

I remember well his instructing Joyce (and me) when we first took over in that area. Aubrey will be sorely missed in his busy Christian life. Good bye Aubrey!

As you know, MacNab hosted St. Paul's in July this year and last, and in return, St. Paul's did likewise for MacNab in August. Thanks are due to Gerald Smink for filling in so ably at the organ in St. Paul's.

Changes in our chancel, positioning chairs, etc., area just about completed

At the time of this report, we are not sure when the Fall choir season will officially get started, but the choir hopes to have a little outing somewhere before we return to serious rehearsal under Dr. Teeuwesen.

Details to follow. Changes in our chancel, positioning of chairs etc. are just about completed. (for dedication)

We look forward to welcoming and working with our "new" minister Rev. Steve Baldry early in September.

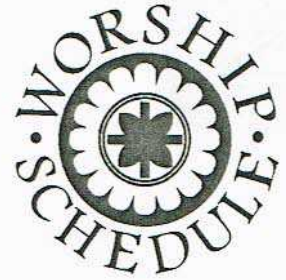
I don't want you to miss my weird sense of humour, so here are a few examples of my easily forgettable one-liners!

**Do you like ballet? I don't understand all that toe dancing. Why don't they just get taller girls?**

**Joyce says she used to wear tight jeans, but she stopped. Why? Hindsight.**

**Why is an empty coin purse always the same? Because there is no change in it.**

**To keep young stay around younger people—to get old try to keep up with them!**



10:30am

Sun Sept 6  
Worship with David Milmine

Sun Sept 13  
Worship with Steve Baldry  
3:00pm Induction Service  
Of Steve Baldry to ministry at  
MacNab. Presbytery of  
Hamilton officiating. All  
welcome.

Sun Oct 4  
World Wide Communion

Sun Oct 11  
Thanksgiving Service

Sun Oct 18  
6:00pm Victory Band  
return performance



Jeanne & Rick Rutherford are pleased to say that our Calgary brood was increased by one beautiful little girl in August, Everly Alison Watt at 7lb7oz. Baby & Mom doing just fine