



EASTER NEWSLETTER

2012

Looking Back 40 Years – 1972

- ❖ Rev. Gordon MacBeth was the minister of Bathurst Pastoral Charge and Rev. Ruth Stewart was the assistant minister.
- ❖ Quoting the minister in the 1672 Year Book, "1972 saw many of our people facing new circumstances or positions following the unemployment concerns that marked the year's beginning."
- ❖ He mentioned the departure of families who had been very active in the work of the church and community. He said there were personal adjustments and a rising confidence in the future as the year advanced. New families added to the brighter side.
- ❖ Other staff members included Barbara McLellan, secretary, William Brown, caretaker, Lorne Poitras, organist, Lyndia Shirley, supply organist; Ann Morrison, organist and junior choir director; and Marjorie Wallace, treasurer.
- ❖ Other in key positions included Douglas Johnson, Mission and Service Treasure; Hugh Parrott and Bill Winton, auditors, Hallett Winter, clerk of session; Geoff Greenough, board of stewards' chairman; Kenneth Jamieson and Rev. MacBeth, board of trustees co-chairmen, Gordon Branch, property committee chairman; Reese Dickie, recording steward and Gordon Watling, memorial fund committee chairperson.
- ❖ There was a major reconstruction of Donald Eddy Memorial Hall at the time, Ralph Willis was chairman of the building committee.
- ❖ The UCW observed the 10th anniversary of its formation and conducted the church service on May 7. Isabelle Johnson was the president. There was 130 members and they made 2,568 visits to the bereaved, sick and shut-ins.
- ❖ The Men's Association had two Jiggs dinners during the year and realized over \$7,000 from the annual nut blitz. Robert Archibald was the president of the Association known as A.O.T.S, (As One That Serves). Cleveland Jagoe was secretary-treasurer.
- ❖ Among the 1972 statistics were 22 Marriages, 47 baptisms and 18 funerals. There were 417 envelope contributors.
- ❖ Lois Good, Ralph Good, Mae Branch, Helen M Knowles, Elizabeth (Eddy) Branch and Ruth Laszewski were among those on the Fellowship Group executive.
- ❖ Hayden Hatheway chaired the Scout Committee. Lois Tower chaired the Manse Committee and Jennifer(Oliver) Lavigne was baptized that year.
- ❖ The names of others who are still in our congregation and who are mentioned in the 1972 annual report in an active capacity include Milton (Mick) Knowles, Peter Watling, Percy Branch, Elmer Hinton, Chesley Eddy Jr., Doug Henderson, Jack MacKay, Isabel MacLaggan, Jack Nicholson, John Moerman, David Gammon, Derwyn Scott and Hugh Young.
- ❖ Among the Church School teachers at First Untied were Alice Jagoe, Helen Norton, Kathy Mullin. Jean Smith, Cathy(Branch)McLaughlin and Helen A. Knowles.
- ❖ Names included in the South Tetagouche report were Harvey Murchie, Ronald Good, George Good and Joyce Bond. For the Big River Church School the current names are Betty (Branch) Scott, Haines Scott, Dora Glendenning, Laura Branch, Lois Garrett, Betty Lavigne, and Shirley Jardine.
- ❖ The present situation has changed compared to 40 years ago as have the challenges. Together in faith we will continue to carry out God's work in this community. In many ways our situation has improved.

And Easter reflection

in our Easter newsletter Isabel MacLaggan has shared with us a picture of what life was like in the Bathurst Pastoral Charge in 1972. It was interesting to note that Rev. Gordon MacBeth who was the minister here at that time was the conference personnel Minister when I started my theological education Atlantic School of Theology. 1972 was a time of rapid change in our world. Our industrial infrastructure was changing and we were at the threshold of massive technological change. Our communities and our church families were changing.

We indeed have a strong faith heritage that is the foundation for our faith community in 2012.

Gordon MacBeth spoke about the significant changes that were taking place here in Bathurst at that time. One of the greatest challenges that was faced in 1972 was adapting to change.

On his journey with a small band of followers Jesus help them to deal with all the changes and uncertainty in their lives. This is the gift that he shares with you and I as we approach Holy week, Good Friday, and the miracle of Easter Sunday!

How does this message resonate with you and I as we live our lives in 2012?

In the 1970s Ruth that I visited with two artists that had cottage at Boutilires Point on St. Margaret's Bay. They often share thoughts about the important role that their sketchbook played in their artwork. In the art class, the goal of the sketchbook us twofold:

1. To teach students to look and to attend to what is really in front of them; and 2. to develop the connection between the eye and the hand, to teach one's hand to draw what one sees. I think our worshiping community provides us with the same opportunity. It will develop our ability to see life in ways that are engaging and alive and to choose colour filled life giving options in and for the future.

The wonderful thing about the sketchbook is that the more you do, the more confident you become. You will see the details of life that you would have easily missed. You will begin to notice the grace all around you and it will be firsthand, not secondhand reporting.

In life we move forward and we do so with the assurance that is spite of all the unpredictable elements of living we have the confident assurance of our Easter faith

May a life giving Easter faith be our hope for tomorrow.

Rev. Blair Lewis



Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood he gave,
 Green is for the grass he made
 Yellow is for the sun so bright
 Orange is for the edge of night.
 Black is for the sins that were made
 White is for the grace he gave.
 Purple is for the hour of sorrow
 Pink is for a new tomorrow.

A bag of jelly beans
 Colorful and sweet
 Is a prayer, is a promise,
 Is an Easter treat

Upcoming Events

Sunrise Breakfast	April 1, 2012
Fashion Show	April 12, 2012
Beef BBQ	June 9, 2012

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LIFE	CONDEMN	SAVED
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