

2013 Newsletter/ Report

Hello Everyone

We have had a very busy and wonderful 2013. God was certainly watching over us (as He always does) this past year. Our biggest event was being in our Church for our 2012 Christmas Eve service. Seeing so many people at this very special service made everyone realize how blessed we are. Donations for the new church continued to come in all year. July 21,2013, we held the "Dedication of New Church Building by the Presbytery of Cape Breton" . Our Guest speaker for the day was Rev Dr. David Sutherland. Other special guest speakers were; Rev. Ian Mac Millian (I would like to add Rev. Ian's church in Ontario were the first church to make a donation within days of our disastrous fire), Rev. Bob Lyle, Rev. Andrew MacDonald and our own Rev. Louis Ihasz also there were numerous clergy from Cape Breton and surrounding communities joining us also members of Presbyterian Church Sessions of the Presbytery of Cape Breton. The Gaelic choir led by,Ms Parsons also joined us and sang a gaelic song (sung for the first time) . I don't understand gaelic; but, it was very fitting for our event. We cannot express how much we appreciate everyone's prayers and support as we took on the project of moving forward and rebuilding our Church. Thanks to everyone out there for your support and prayers as we moved forward. It is amazing to be having worship in a new church when there are; unfortunately, so many churches closing. We happily have three new families joining for worship on Sunday. We have elected two new elders this year; Cecil MacQuarrie and Gary Shields. We also had one person become a communicant member. It is so heartwarming to see people returning to church after years of being absent.

We also had five christenings this year. So far no weddings in our new church, maybe this year!! We are starting to be a mostly senior population.

All news is not happy news; two funerals and one committal took place this year; Wayne MacLean and Fred MacKinnon passed away in 2013. Freddie bravely fought cancer, was very positive as the disease progressed. We also had a committal service for Wayne's brother, John Alexander (Jackie).

We wish everyone a healthy, happy 2014. You will all, near and far,be remembered in our prayers. With all the wars and turmoil in the world we have so much to be Thankful for; unfortunately we take so many things for granted.