
West River United Church

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The Annual Meeting of West River United Church will be held on Sunday, Feb 21 at 10:30, in the church sanctuary. A Zoom link will enable participation of folks at home.

We hope that you will join us in this important meeting, either in person or remotely. If you know someone who wants to participate remotely but doesn't have internet access, we invite you to reach out and see if there is a way to help them connect.



2020 Tax Receipts are now available and can be found in the Ministry Centre. The church office is open Monday — Friday, 8:30 am — 1:00 pm for pick up. Please note the church office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, 2021 for Islander Day.



Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 17th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
Music shared by Rick Burger and Todd MacLean

Lent-At-Home Kits

For anyone who is interested, we have prepared some Lent-At-Home Kits for you to help deepen your faith at home this season. They will be in brown envelopes in the church hall, and will be available starting on Sunday, February 14th. In these you will find a variety of devotions and activities, with something for all ages, to carry you through Lent. Feel free

to pick one up for just yourself or your family, and also consider sharing one with someone you know who might be in need of some extra spiritual care.

Sunday, February 14, 2021



Our West River Congregation Supports Food-banks During Lent

Your Outreach and Hospitality Committee encourages each of us to make a special effort to support local foodbanks during Lent. We are inviting you to **donate a can of protein rich food for each of the 6 weeks of Lent**. Suggested items could be canned items such as meat, fish, beans, peas, lentils, peanut butter, etc. The non-perishable items at foodbanks are frequently high in carbohydrates and low in protein. While everything donated is helpful, we are suggesting that West River's Lenten project be to help improve the nutritional quality of food at foodbanks. Your gift of 6 cans of protein rich food can be dropped off at the Church during the Easter Season or delivered to a food-bank yourself.

Wear Purple Sunday

to show your support for Family Violence Prevention

Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10 am

Volunteers needed after worship service to arrange kindness bouquets and deliver in the Cornwall area.

Physical distancing will be in place. Please wear a mask.
For details, contact Verna Lynne at macweeks25@icloud.com



Family Violence Prevention Week 2021 is February 14 to 20, 2021

Peace Begins at Home. Thank you to all children, youth, families and groups who are committed to peace in our homes and communities.

2021 Events

A series of workshops and events will be presented online. Here is a sample:

The Importance of Engaging Men & Boys in Family Violence Prevention panel discussion

Tuesday February 16 via Zoom, 7:00pm. Pre-register by emailing plshq@gov.pe.ca no later than 4pm the day before.

Interrupting Harm: Everyday actions we can take when we witness harm

Wednesday, February 17 via Zoom, 6:00pm. Please pre-register by emailing plshq@gov.pe.ca no later than 4pm the day before.

Peace, Kindness & Love Story Time

Thursday, February 18 via Zoom, 10:30 am. Please pre-register by emailing plshq@gov.pe.ca no later than 4pm the day before.

You can also find information about family violence, its effects on children and youth and what you can do as a neighbour, friend, co-worker or family member at stopfamilyviolence.pe.ca.



Camp Abegweit is now accepting applications for Summer of 2021

- Staff must be 16 years old by July 1, 2021.
- Applications and job descriptions can be found at www.campabby.ca/jobs
- Deadline is Feb. 19th

It's a great place to work and grow!

For more information please feel free to contact Pix at pixmpc@bellaliant.net



Does anyone have a projector screen that could be loaned to the church?

We are looking for a projector screen to be used in the hall in the event a second cohort is needed for a Sunday service. If you have one, please contact the church office.



Wearing of Masks: Just a friendly reminder that masks are mandatory for all events and interaction among staff, visitors, members and others while in any part of the church facility.

During worship, masks may be removed by those participating as leaders in the service, either when reading or solo singing. During any events or committee meetings, participants may remove masks to drink, if refreshments are offered. Additionally, leaders and participants may remove masks for a limited time to read, offer discussion (if spacing makes it difficult for others to hear) and/or

provide direction to the group. Strict 6-foot distancing must be in place.

Exemptions to mandatory masks include, but not limited to:

- Children under the age of 2;
- Children under 5 who will not wear a mask;
- Anyone who cannot remove a mask without assistance ; and
- Valid medical reasons, such as active breathing problems (most people with underlying medical conditions can wear a mask safely).



Several educational webinars are being offered by the Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council Affirm Standing Committee. The webinars will each take place from **2:00pm 3:00pm (Atlantic)** using zoom video conferencing.

February 17, 2021: Gender Diversity and Becoming an Ally
Register Now! Using this link: [Register Here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the event.

Future Dates (Registration and details to follow closer to the event dates):

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| March 10, 2021: | Becoming an Anti-Racist Church |
| April 15, 2021: | What is Ableism? |
| May 13, 2021: | Creating Safe Spaces |

Upcoming Worship Services – In Person and Online



Worship Service, Sunday, February 14th at 10 am

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCuEVIIdXEMPwF1kO5TkiRMnQ>

Worship Service, Wednesday, February 17th, 7 pm

YouTube Link: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCuEVIIdXEMPwF1kO5TkiRMnQ>

Worship Service, Sunday, February 21st at 10 am

Worship Service, Sunday, February 28th at 10 am

Happenings in our Local Church Community:

Jubilee UCW, Wednesday, February 17th, 11:30 am, Parlour

Trustees, Wednesday, February 17th, 7:00 pm

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 21st, 10:30 am

Church office hours for February 2021: Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Help Us to Minister: It is most helpful when members of the congregation let us know of those who are in hospital or ill at home. Should you or a family member be in hospital, please be sure to indicate you are associated with West River United Church so our minister will be sure to be informed when she visits the hospital. You can contact Rev. Barbara Cairns at West River's office, 902-566-4052 or by email at barbarajcairns@gmail.com or for emergencies at 902-393-0665. Rev. Barbara will have Monday and Friday as days off. Her office hours are Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. She can also be seen at other times. Please just reach out and call if you need to see her or drop by the church.

West River United Church office COVID

When you come to the church please remember to sign in, (contact tracing details), wear your mask, and sanitize your hands. Since the inner door is locked due to Covid protocols, please ring the bell and someone will let you in.

In exceptional circumstances such as extreme weather conditions, power outage, or facility problems it may be necessary to cancel the service. In such cases, information about cancellation will be made available via our church website www.westriverunited.com and our Facebook page as well as the local radio stations.

In case of an after hours emergency situation
please call Rev. Barbara J. Cairns at (902) 569-4259
or email barbarajcairns@gmail.com