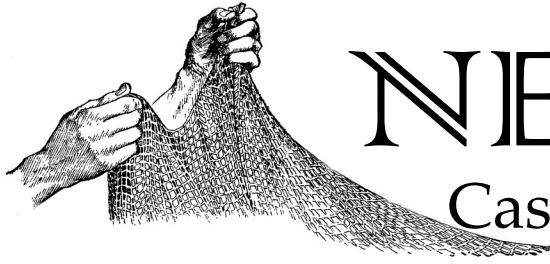

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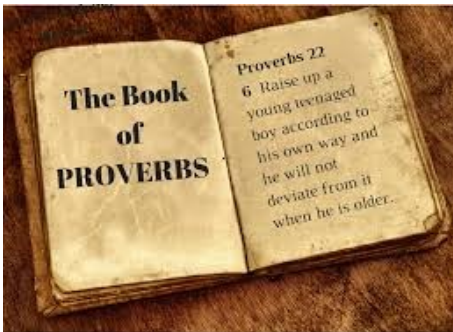
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SAVE THE DATE
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FAMILY CHURCH

On Saturday, Feb. 6th at 3 pm, we will be offering a Family Church style worship in our church hall. Each family will be seated at their own table in the hall to ensure physical distancing between households, and any materials needed will be provided at each table. Non-medical masks will be required, and regular church protocols for COVID-19 will be followed. It will include (all ages friendly) music, scripture, message/story, craft and prayer. Registration will be necessary in order to plan for spacing and materials by emailing Andrea at westriveryouthminister@gmail.com or texting/calling 902-628-9436. Please indicate how many people will be attending from your family, and number of adults/

children. We will update folks if there are still spaces available for drop-in families closer to the date.



You are invited to join Rev. Martin Dawson during Lent to learn more about Proverbs. He will have a new podcast on Wednesdays, Feb. 17th, Mar. 3rd and Mar. 17th. These old Biblical proverbs just might be handy to learn discerning wisdom during our time of Covid-19, entitlement and fake news. You can listen on your smartphone, computer or tablet at your convenience. Contact the office at West River United if you are interested.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet Friday, January 29th, 7:30 pm — 9:00 pm at the church. Hope to see you then!!!



Sunday, January 31, 2021



LANDSCAPES OF THE SOUL:

a Lenten small group study.

A warm invitation for adults of any age to attend an in-person group experience. Landscapes of the Soul, written by Rev. Janice MacLean of The Prayer Bench, is based on the Celtic Christian tradition which talks about 'thin places' where the boundary between heaven and earth is permeable. These are not just places designated as holy. They are places where we feel more whole within ourselves and closest to God. They are our places of 'heaven on earth.' Come on this journey where each week we'll visit a sacred place: desert, sea/ocean, mountains, and trees of the field. There will be space for reflection, small group sharing, and silence to nourish our souls. We will meet on Tuesday afternoons, 2-3:30pm, in the church hall. Dates: February 23, March 2, 9, 16. Maximum number of participants: 10. Please contact the church office to register: 902-566-4052. Carol Stevenson Seller will facilitate the group.



There will be a Confirmation Program at West River United Church. We plan to learn together, grow together and explore together what it means to be a Member of the United Church of Canada. The program will be online and in person., dates to be determined. If you are 13 years or older, please join us. Confirmation will be on Easter Sunday, April 4th at 10:00 am. For more information, please contact Rev. Barbara at barbarajcairns@gmail.com.



Thank you to everyone who created and donated prayer shawls. Each shawl is a blessing that is given to a person who may need a little extra tender care. "They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their trouble" - Janet Bristow – 1998 ©2005. Thank you all for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated.



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.

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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9—noon. 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.

Volunteers Needed

Public Health guidelines require that West River United Church have a large cast of supporting volunteers every Sunday. We are in immediate need of assistance into February for greeters, readers, announcers and ushers. If you would like to assist, please call the church office at 902-566-4052 or Rick Burger at 902-940-5347. Thank you!!



West River United — helping support those in need

The Outreach and Hospitality Committee reminds everyone that we still collect food for food banks. Currently we are donating the food to the UPEI Food Bank.

Although the first Sunday of the month is promoted as Food Bank Sunday, non-perishable donations can be made any Sunday or during office hours (8:30 am—1:00 pm). We have also become aware that Blooming House (a women's shelter in Charlottetown) is in need of basic supplies and food items such as: dish soap and laundry detergent, liquid hand soap, floor

cleaner, toilet paper, paper towels, beans, cereals, pasta sauce, tuna or other food items. If we were to receive more items than Blooming House needs, we would donate them to another need. Shortly we will be inviting you to participate in a Lenten project of weekly donating a non-perishable high protein item such as beans, lentils or canned sandwich meat. This project will emphasize through the Lenten season the need of a variety of a variety of nutritional foods at food banks.

PARK ROYAL UNITED CHURCH TAKE-OUT ROAST BEEF DINNER – Treat your sweetie on Saturday, February 13 at Park Roal United Church. Adults \$18 and Children under 12 - \$9.00. Tickets available by calling church office at 902-894-9656. *Menu includes tender roast beef, mashed potatoes (side of gravy), carrots, turnip, peas, roll, and a giant delicious cupcake for dessert.* We ask that you come in to the office to pick up and pay for your tickets and please have a cheque made out to Park Royal United Church or the correct change as we will not be handling change. **All tickets must be picked up and paid for by Tuesday, February 9.** Pickup times (at Headstart Door) for dinners, indicated on your ticket, will be 4:30 – 5:00 **OR** 5:00 – 5:30 pm on February 13.

Upcoming Worship Services – In Person and Online



Worship Service, Sunday, January 31st at 10 am

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/1-ixkfc-4D4>

Worship Service, Sunday, February 7th at 10 am

Worship Service, Sunday, February 14th at 10 am

Happenings in our Local Church Community:

Youth Group – Friday, January 29th at 7:00pm – 8:30 pm

Church Council – Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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

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

Visiting at the QEH: Rev. Barbara is available for visits during this time. If you would like her to visit a loved one, please let the office know or contact Rev. Barbara at 902-569-4259.

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.

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
