
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.



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 by Monday, February 8th, 2021 Carol Stevenson Seller will facilitate the group.

Sunday, February 7, 2021



Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 17th, 2021 at 7:00 pm.



Confirmation classes will be held in person at the church on the following dates, with an additional day/date to be determined at the end of these for an outreach/social justice project:

Dates: February 10, 24, March 10, 24

Time: 7:30—8:30 pm



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.

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!



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

Youth Group



Youth Group will meet Friday, February 12th, 7:30 pm — 9:00 pm at the church. Hope to see you then!!!

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.



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.

Upcoming Worship Services – In Person and Online



Worship Service, Sunday, February 7th at 10 am

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

Worship Service, Sunday, February 14th at 10 am

Worship Service, Sunday, February 21st at 10 am

Happenings in our Local Church Community:

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 17th, 7:00pm

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 Tuesday, 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