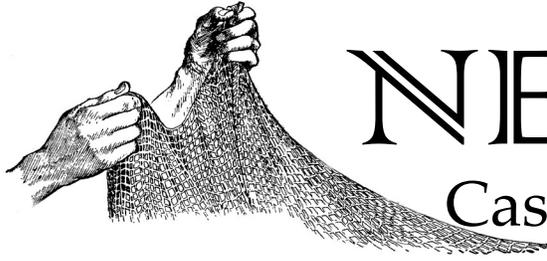


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# West River United Church



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### WRUC 2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 offering envelopes are ready for pick-up! They will be placed in the entry-way so you can pick them up without going into the church. The main door will be unlocked Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am till 1:00 pm.

### 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 January 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.



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. The proposed dates are February 2nd — March 9th, 6:30 pm — 7:30 pm. 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](mailto:barbarajcairns@gmail.com).



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry needs you. If you knit or crochet we would like to have you make some prayer shawls. They are used in a number of ways. 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. Please contact the office if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Sunday, January 17, 2021

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Rick Burger

An avid Elvis fan sat in their room next to some Elvis memorabilia, when Rick walked in. At first, when they mentioned their King, Rick thought they were referring to religion, but quickly realized that they meant the King himself, Elvis Presley.

Through Rick's time volunteering with them, he could see that his client was disengaged in daily activities and conversation. One day, Rick went on the hunt for a guitar and started to play some Elvis classics. He was only a beginner at the time and says since music was such a large part of his client's life, that they must have only "tolerated" his attempt at playing.

He started to play one chord after the other and began to sing the lyrics he could remember. Soon, the patient started to chime in. They sang Elvis classics together such as Teddy Bear and Jail House Rock. Although Rick didn't know all the words, the patient remembered every lyric. Rick remembers this moment fondly because it became clear his patient was becoming engaged once again. Their smile as they sang along is something Rick says he will always remember.

Rick Burger has been a volunteer with Hospice PEI for a whopping 15 years! He has provided support in both the old and new Palliative Care Centres, in personal homes, and has helped with our Let Their Light Shine campaign for many years.

Working in the hospital as a Speech-Language Pathologist is ultimately what brought Rick to volunteering with Hospice PEI. He wanted to spend more time with patients and provide a deeper level of support than he could while working. After seeing the work our volunteers were doing at the hospital, he was sold on becoming a volunteer! To this day, Rick says "the most valued time of my week is when I am volunteering with Hospice PEI, I am able to find myself in that moment, and I am extremely present."

Thank you Rick, for your many years of service, and the continued support you provide for your clients! To find out more about Hospice PEI services in the Queens region, or to become a Hospice PEI volunteer, please call 902.368.4095 or email [queens@hospicepei.ca](mailto:queens@hospicepei.ca)

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## Upcoming Worship Services – In Person and Online



Worship Service, Sunday, January 17th at 10 am

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/AGKKOhpMX64>

Worship Service, Sunday, January 24th at 10 am

Worship Service, Sunday, January 31st at 10 am

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## Happenings in our Local Church Community:

**Trustees Meeting**, Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00 pm, Room 301

**Outreach & Hospitality Meeting**, Thursday, January 21st, 10 am, Rm 301

**Worship Committee Meeting**, Thursday, January 21st, 6:30 pm

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

**Annual Congregational Meeting**, Sunday, February 21st

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

**Minister's Office hours:** Tues./Wed., 10:00am – 12:00 pm & Thursday, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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**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.

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## **West River United Church office COVID**

If you wish to come to the office please ring the door bell (to the right of the door) and wait for a member of staff to come and open the door. The staff member will inquire as to the reason for your visit. If you need to come into the building, you will be required to wear a mask. Please bring your own if possible. You will be asked to sign a sheet with contact details for contacting tracing purposes and to sanitize your hands.

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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](http://www.westriverunited.com) and our Facebook page as well as the local radio stations.

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