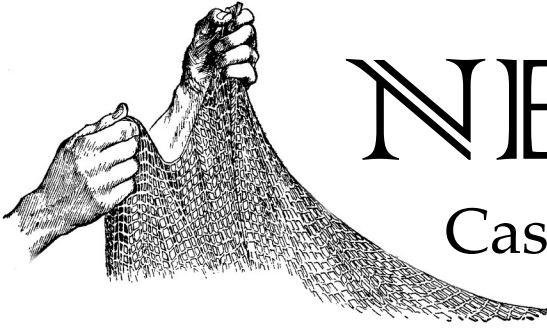

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Exciting News

West River United Church is excited to announce the arrival of our new full-time minister, Reverend Barbara J. Cairns. Please join us when we welcome her to the pulpit on Sunday, July 16th.

In preparation of the arrival of Rev. Barbara we would like to ask you to make sure to wear your name tags the next coming Sundays, to make it easier for her to put a name to all the new faces. Thank you!

West River United Annual Strawberry & Ice Cream Social 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Wednesday, July 26th



The planning of our popular summer event is well underway! We will need lots of volunteers to make it as successful as in the past! Sign up sheets and tickets will be available in the fellowship hall following the service. If you have sold tickets in the past or wish to sell we encourage you to pick them up on Sunday. Also, individual tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday as well as during the week in the church office. For ticket information or questions about volunteer duties, contact Winnie MacArthur at ericandwinnie@hotmail.com or (902) 675-2462.

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Refugee Sponsorship Update

It's time once again to bring you an update on what is happening with the activities of the Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group. The Group is a cooperative effort of 6 Churches to sponsor Syrian refugees. The member Churches are: York, Trinity Charlottetown, Spring Park, Saint Pauls Anglican, Central Queens, and West River.

The first family, Feyyad and Mehe Abdulhey and their nine children arrived last August. They have been renting the Trinity manse and will continue to live there for at least another year. They are all doing well and integrating in to the community quite well. All the school aged children have completed 1 year in our system. The two high school aged girls are going to go to summer school to continue their study of English. Feyyad has finished his language studies and is ready to work as a painter. So, if anyone needs painting, or odd jobs, done his phone number is 902-978-0543. The end of July marks the end of our financial commitment to the Abdulheys. To observe this milestone, there will be an **afternoon social at Spring Park Church on Saturday, July 29th from 2-4 pm**. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. All are invited.

Our second family, Suliman and Sabah arrived last December. They are a young couple in their late twenties. They live in an apartment on Prince Street. After an initial adjustment period last winter, they are doing quite well. Suliman attended language classes and is mastering English quite well. He is a cabinetmaker and is available for work this summer. Our financial commitment to this family will end in December.

The third family is due to arrive in 4-10 weeks. Their names are Mohammad and Malake Al Rahal. They have 4 sons- Khaled(20), Houzaifa(11), Omar(1), and Bara(1 month). They will be living in the co-op housing on Hensley St. The apartment that they are moving in to will have some furniture, however, more will be needed along with other basic housekeeping supplies. More information on what is needed will be available soon.

Various members of the Congregations of the 6 Churches have been busy helping the first two families get established - furnishing their living quarters, entering and adjusting to the school system, finding medical and dental treatment, providing transportation, assisting with grocery and other shopping, and assisting with volunteer language training for mothers and young children. There will be a continuing need for assistance particularly for the Al Rahal family after they arrive. Anyone who wants to find out how they can become involved and/or added to the email list can contact West River's representatives on the executive committee- Eric, Larry, Ron, Ernie, and Rev Barbara Cairns.

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The Interfaith Refugee Sponsorship Group was very fortunate to have received very gratifying financial support when the appeal was made in late 2015. After the financial commitment is completed for the 3 current families, there will likely still be enough money left to sponsor a 4th family.

Submitted by Ernie Stavert, Chair of West River's Outreach and Hospitality Committee

Pastoral Care

With all the changes our Pastoral Charge went through and in preparation for the arrival of Rev. Barbara we want to ensure that the pastoral care needs of our congregation are looked after as we head into July. We are looking at the broad spectrum of pastoral care including hospital and senior's residence visitation, a phone ministry to the home bound as well as home visits, accompaniment for the dying, taking food to families in time of need etc. If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit or who requires help, please contact Winnie MacArthur at ericandwinnie@hotmail.com or (902) 675-2462 or the church office.

Vacation Bible School

Calling all Super Heroes! Registration for our Vacation Bible School is now available! It will be on Monday, August 28th through Thursday, August 31st in the mornings, and there is no charge! Pick up your registration form in the church hall or contact the church office if interested! The registration form is also available online on our website or via Facebook.



We will also need a few volunteers, please contact Andrea at 902-6289436 or rogersandreajoan@gmail.com if you are able to help out!

Watering your plants just got easier

We are happy to inform you that the rain barrel was just installed at the back of the church by our wonderful caretaker Doug.

The rain barrel is already full and ready to use to water your plants in the cemetery.

Are you able to help from time to time?

We are creating a list; a list of folks who may, from time to time be able to help out around the Church.

We are inviting folks to indicate that they are prepared to receive an email or a telephone call to help out around the Church to set up tables and chairs for short notice events such as a funeral or a meeting; or a fundraiser. Placing your name on the list is not a commitment to volunteer, only an indication that you are prepared to be asked, if needed.

You may indicate your willingness to be added to our volunteer list by calling Martina at 902-566-4052 at her office or emailing the office at “office@westriverunited.com” or by adding your name and contact information to the sign up sheet in the Hall. Thanks for your support to West River United Church.

Upcoming Worship Services

Worship every Sunday at 10 am

Worship today—Rev. Nancy Price

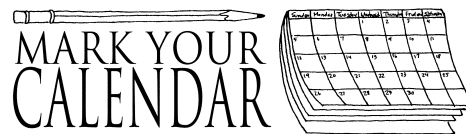
(DVD's of every Worship are available to borrow from the church office.)

Happenings in our local Church Community

Annual Strawberry and Ice Cream Social, July 26th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Vacation Bible School, Monday, August 28th to Thursday, August 31st

All Groups and Sunday School are finished for the season!



Please check the bulletin board at the hall entrance for more info on great programs and events starting soon and events happening in the community!!!! In a case of an after hour emergency please call Rev. Barbara J. Cairns at (902) 569-4259 .
