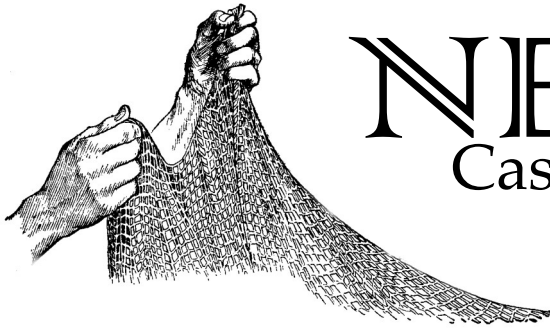


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Join us on Sunday, March 5th at 2 pm for a church sleigh ride at Potts Sleigh Rides in Bonshaw! This is free for all, but freewill donations will be accepted. Feel free to bring your own cozy blanket if you'd like. After the ride, we'll warm up in the cabin with some complimentary hot chocolate. There is also a sliding hill next to the cabin that the kids are welcome to enjoy before or after the ride!

## **Is your worship experience diminished due to hearing issues?**

It was brought to our attention that not everybody in church is able hear the service. We are eager to address the problem! One possibility we are considering is the introduction of headsets. To be able to estimate the cost involved in purchasing the headsets we would need to know how many of you require one and would like to use one during the service. Please let either Martina in the office or Rick Burger ([burgerrick@hotmail.com](mailto:burgerrick@hotmail.com)) know and we will make an effort to take the necessary steps towards improving the worship experience for you! During the next week we will have a sample headset in the office for you to have a look at. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

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## **Calling All Youth & Young Adults!**

Intermediates At Conference (IAC) and Youth Forum (YF) are places of community and of faith where United Church youth in Grades 7, 8 and 9 (IAC) and Grades 10 through Age 19 (YF) meet from across the Maritimes, the Gaspe, and Bermuda. They take place during the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference, which is a gathering of representatives who make decisions and set policies for the United Church of Canada. YF and IAC meet as two separate groups. Each group creates an inclusive, diverse and safe community of over a hundred youth in the name of Christ. Each provides a place for youth to explore their faith and to learn more about the United Church of Canada while sharing in music, worship and fun in a spirit-filled and life-changing community.

Registration for Youth Forum and Intermediates at Conference is now live!

Please use the links below to register! If needed, contact our church office to inquire about the availability of financial assistance.

<http://marconf.ca/youth-forum-registration/>

<http://marconf.ca/intermediates-conference-registration/>

## **Attention all ticket holders**

With regrets we have to inform you that there will be no new concert date to make up for the Janet McGarry concert 'Down Home for Christmas' which we unfortunately had to cancel due to the weather last December. If you purchased tickets from the church office, please drop off your tickets and we will fully refund you the money!

## **For Anyone Working With Youth**

If you are a youth leader, Sunday School teacher or helper, or someone who is interested in networking with others working with children and youth in United Churches in the Maritimes, consider coming to this retreat. It is on March 17-19 in Tatamagouche, NS. It is a great opportunity to connect with others involved in ministering to young folks to seek new ideas, share resources, and to simply connect and recharge. If interested, you can register at the link below, and please let Andrea know as well!

[Rogersandreajoan@gmail.com](mailto:Rogersandreajoan@gmail.com)

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## Mikinduri Children of Hope Presentation

Gaylene Smith who just returned from Kenya will be co-presenting a slide Presentation about the existing project work in Mikinduri, and outlining plans for expanding the mission work to Western Kenya. The presentation will take place in the St. Francis Church hall (lower level) on Tuesday, March 7th at 7 pm. For questions please contact Ted Grant [tedandritagrants@gmail.com](mailto:tedandritagrants@gmail.com).



### Attention – Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday!

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 12, 2017, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead



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**Today is Food Bank Sunday &  
Order Sunday for  
Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Chocolate**



### Top Five Most Wanted Items

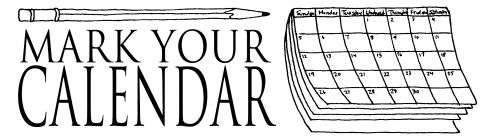
The following is a list of the most in-demand items needed by the Food Bank at the moment. Your donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Tuna  
Peanut Butter  
Canned baked beans  
Condensed Soup  
Cheese whiz

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## Upcoming Worship Services



**Worship every Sunday at 10 am**

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## Happenings in our local Church Community

**Combined Ladies' & Men's Choir, today**, Sunday, March 5th, Rehearsal at 9am around the Piano

**Church Sleigh Ride** at Potts Sleigh Rides in Bonshaw, **today**, Sunday, March 5th at 2 pm

**Faith Discussion Group**, Tuesday, March 7th, 2pm and 7pm! Parlor

**Do Drop In**— Thursday, March 9th, from 10 am — 11:30 am, Parlor

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**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. Austin at **(902) 388-7640**.

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