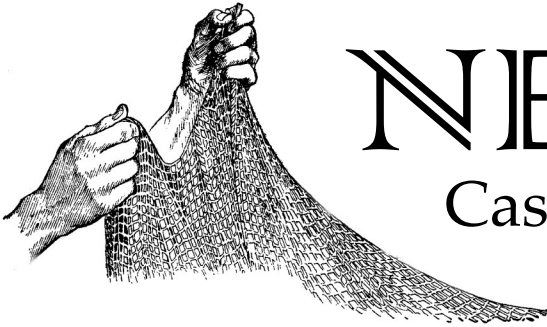

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Stewardship Thank You

The 2018 West River United stewardship campaign has officially concluded. Each of the five Sundays of the campaign produced worship services that were very meaningful and well received by the Congregation. Special thanks are extended to Helen Smith MacPhail, Ron Irving, Verna Lynn Weeks, Jennifer Shields, Leah Eldershaw, Garth MacPhee, and Shara Clow for sharing their talents and their personal faith stories. We also thank the Hospitality Committee for organizing the potluck meal that was enjoyed by many last Sunday.

The Stewardship Committee extends a sincere thank you to all who returned their response sheet. Finally, if you have forgotten to return yours, it's not too late. We would really like to hear from you even if you cannot increase your financial contribution at this time.

Your 2018 Stewardship Committee: Kevin Sanderson, Eric Goodwin, Leah Eldershaw, Jerry Gahan, Barbara Cairns, and Ernie Stavert.

Favourite Nativity Set

We are inviting you to share with West River one of your favourite Nativity Sets to be on display for the season of Advent and Christmas. In order to make arrangements please contact the office. Also if you have an outdoor Nativity set that you would like to share please let us know.



Sunday, November 25, 2018

Small Advent Group Study

At the beginning of Advent we unpack the Nativity figures and place them in their traditional poses. There they stand and witness to the story of incarnation. In this small group study, we take a closer look at the figures and how their presence in the story connects with the human spiritual journey. We see how each figure can infuse the ordinary, and we ask who is always in the story and never in the creche. There two ways to participate in this study this year. We will meet in person on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30, or you can do this on line at home as a personal study. Please sign up with the office indicating how you want to join in. Wednesday November 28, December 5th and 12th.

Handmade Christmas Cards Workshop

December 8th, 1-3:00 p.m. in the church hall. If you have always wanted to learn about making art with paper this is the opportunity you have been waiting for. Join Patsy Sanderson to craft two handmade Christmas Cards. \$5 per person, supplies included. Suitable for ages 12 and up. Pre-registration is necessary by November 30. Contact the church office to reserve your spot.

CHRISTMAS PLAY/WHITE GIFT SERVICE - DECEMBER 16th

This year's play is titled "Would It Still Be Christmas". It has a variety of parts including both speaking and non-speaking roles. All children and youth are welcome to participate, even if they don't attend regularly - there will be costumes for all!

There will be a Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 11:15. We will meet in the Sunday School wing to get costumes on, then move into the sanctuary for a quick run through. Parents - please plan to stay for this if at all possible!

We also need helpers! If you are willing to help with any of the following, please let Andrea know (westriveryouthminister@gmail.com or 628-9436) as soon as possible:

- helping children get their costumes on
 - making a few sets of angel wings (supplies can be provided)
 - Stage guides - to cue children when to go on
 - setting up activity area for waiting times during the play
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Observer subscriptions

The 2019 Observer subscriptions are now due. The cost is \$25 for the coming year. Only those subscriptions that are prepaid will be renewed. Please put your payment in an envelope and mark it with 'Observer' and place it on the offering plate or pass it in to the office during office hours. Anyone who has an address change, or who would like to be a new subscriber, should contact Jeanne MacPhee at 902-675-2224 or jeannemacphee@hotmail.com.

Bottle caps needed!

In order to complete our upcycling art project we began in September, the Sunday School is in need of only BLUE and GREEN plastic bottle caps. Please wash and save any that you have for us! You can leave them in a basket by the bulletin board in the hall.

Christmas Gift Giving Opportunities at West River United

Each year leading up to Christmas, your Church offers you opportunities to support a number of charitable organizations/activities. This year there are more than normal. It is not expected that any one person would support all of them, however some might choose to. Over the next few Sundays, we will be using the Minute for Mission time to increase your awareness of them. They are: the Bedford MacDonald House- White Gift items (Charlottetown and area), Days for Girls (Mikinduri- Kenya), Gifts with Vision (United Church- Canada and World wide), Christmas Baskets (Cornwall and area), and our West River United general purpose Benevolent Fund. We invite you to give thoughtful consideration to your response to these opportunities to support others.

Men of the Harvest CDs

...can be ordered at a cost of \$10 each from Margaret Simpson at mrmacewen55@gmail.com. Please order by Wednesday, November 28.

Christmas Kick-off Pancake Breakfast fundraiser

On December 1st, the Knights of Columbus from St Francis of Assisi in Cornwall will be hosting a community breakfast from 9-11. This is our kickoff for the Christmas season and corresponds with the start of our Christmas tree sales at Leary's Independent. All our welcome!

Upcoming Worship Services

Worship Service, Sunday, November 25th at 10 am

Worship Service and Baptisms, Sunday, December 2nd at 10 am

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

Happenings in our local Church Community

Youth Group, today, Sunday, November 25th at 7:00—8:30

pm at the church.

Do Drop In, Thursday, November 29th, 10:00am, Parlour

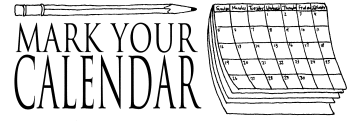
Do Drop In winter break from December 13th to January 3rd. We will start fresh on January 10th 2019

Small Advent Group Study, Wednesday, November 28th, 10:30 am to 11:30 am, Parlour

Trustees Meeting, Wednesday, December 5th, 7:00pm, Parlour

Phase II and Friends - A Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 6th, 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets: \$10

Handmade Christmas Cards Workshop, Saturday, December 8th, 1-3:00 p.m. in the church hall.



Church office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

In case of an after hours emergency situation
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