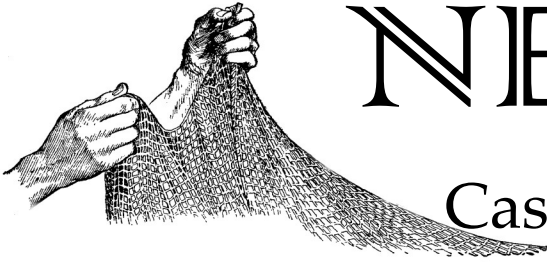

West River United Church NETwork...



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Dear West River Family,

The recent outbreak of 17 cases in Moncton has changed the Covid-19 picture in the Maritime Provinces. Accordingly, people who attend the West River United Church service on Sunday, Oct 11, will need to wear masks during the worship service.

We made the decision to require that masks be worn at the West River service this coming Sunday. We made this decision based on paragraph 5 of Dr. Morrison's most recent statement (<https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/statement-prince-edward-islands-chief-public-health-officer>).

The Covid situation will continue to evolve, and protocols at West River will evolve with it. Not everyone will agree with the protocols that are in place at any given time. I think it's important to emphasize that we will record and post, so that those who are uncomfortable with current protocols, whatever they may be, continue to have the opportunity to fully participate in the life of our church.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing patience in this matter. As Covid-19 changes we also must change to protect the safety of ourselves and others. The other public health measures continue: physical distancing, frequent hand washing, coughing into your elbow, wearing a non-medical mask in indoor public spaces, staying home if you're feeling unwell, and keeping your circle of contacts small.

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Listed **below are the changes to our worship guidelines:**

- ◆ No Pre-registration for Worship: We still will have to keep a record of all attendees for 1 month, at which time it will be destroyed. It will only be released to Public Health upon request. Please come ahead of time so that we can get your contact tracing information and have you seated by 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11, 2020

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- Second Worship Space: To accommodate more than 50 people we will have a second worship space set up in the hall.
 - Masks: We ask that you wear a mask during full service, entering the building and leaving.
 - Singing: We will be singing at this time.
 - For further protection, our building will be sanitized after every service by volunteers who have been trained, and other guidelines may be implemented as needed.
 - ♦ We hope that these changes will help make our worship service one that provides us a sense of comfort in gathering as a faith community. I pray for your patience and understanding.

God Bless,
Rev. Barbara.

Veggie Boxes- Community Supported Agriculture

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) gives consumers an option for supporting local farmers. Your Outreach and Hospitality Committee is taking on a new project.

Beginning on October 7th, the Schurman Family Farm from the Kensington area will be using West River United as a pickup spot for their vegetable boxes. Pickup will be every second Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The boxes cost \$30 and ordering is done online. Each week the customer receives an email listing the products available for that week. You choose 8 items for your box that week. This system gives you some choice for the produce receive. The commitment is for 6 deliveries ending about Dec 16th. If you are not ready to order for Oct 7th, it will be possible to sign up for the remaining weeks.

For more detail, and to sign up, go to their website: schurmanfamilyfarm.ca. They are also on Facebook. Their email address is schurmanveggiebox@gmail.com

Fair Trade Coffee and other products

I thought it would be helpful to remind you that we still order fair trade coffee and other products monthly through Just Us Coffee Roasters in Kentville NS. COVID 19 has not interrupted this outreach project of West River United.

Since March, all of our customers have ordered by email and most pay by e-transfer although cash and cheques are still acceptable. Ruth and I deliver to the immediate Cornwall Area and others pick it up at our house. It is interesting to note that our September order was almost \$600.00 and two thirds of the order was from people outside our Congregation. I find that both interesting and worrisome. Just as we are interested in supporting local agriculture, support for farmers in Central America and other parts is important too. Fair trade coffee is grown by farmer's co-operatives in shade in the hills. This produces high quality beans and also frees the farmers from being peasants for multi-national corporations.

We order the first Sunday of the month and orders are generally received on Thursday of the same week. The coffee is ordered in 2lb bags. We sell it at the wholesale price which for most blends is \$20.50. You can check out the various blends available on the website justuscoffee.com. The most popular blends with West River United customers are French (a dark roast), Rise Again and Tierra Madre (medium roast) plus Magnanimo (decaffeinated). You can buy it either ground or as whole beans. Also, on their website you will find information on other products such as fair trade tea, cocoa, chocolate, and sugar.

To order or to get further information e-mail Ernie Stavert at eandrstavert@gmail.com.



Thank You
Thank you to all the many
hands that helped to
decorate the church and hall for
October..

Minutes for Mission 2020

Minutes for Mission is published every year as a resource for the people of The United Church of Canada to connect with the work that their gifts for Mission & Service enable.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30–31

Minutes for Mission is available online at www.UCRDstore.ca; search “Minutes for Mission.”

To view Minutes for Mission 2020 go to: https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/minutes_for_mission_2020_pdf.pdf

A Big Thank You to Maurice Tierney!!

The sanctuary entry steps have received a major facelift. The repair job included: fixing underneath, installation of a membrane and replacement of the steps with composite recycled decking material. This project was completed by Maurice Tierney.

On behalf of everyone at WRUC, the Trustees sincerely thank Maurice for his time and expertise on this project!



Ushers/Announcers/Scripture Readers Needed!!

If you are interested in participating in our Sunday services as an usher, announcer and/or scripture reader, please call the church office (902-566-4052) or sign up at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g6mOTjMm8V16yn8e3uVV4FfnOSMuWZjypZY_xB2nTsE/edit?usp=sharing

A New Thanksgiving Tradition Idea For You!



Each night for the month of October, have each member of your family think of something they are thankful for, and write it on a pumpkin. At the end of the month, what a meaningful decoration you will have for your home!

This Thanksgiving, make a gift through Mission & Service!

Help transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world.

<http://united-church.ca/donate>



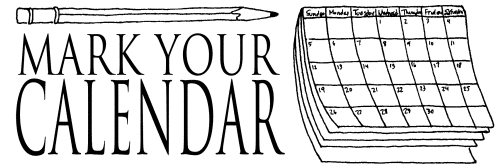
Watch the Thanksgiving Video

here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwvH9W1jo48&ab_channel=TheUnitedChurchofCanada)

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Upcoming Online Worship Services:

Worship Service , Sunday, October 11th
at 10:00 am Rev. Barbara J. Cairns



The recorded service will be posted online on our
Facebook page and YouTube Channel after the service around 2:00pm.

Happenings in our local Church Community:

Jubilee Unit UCW Meeting: Wednesday, October 14th at 11:30 am

Council Meeting: Wednesday, October 14th at 7 pm

Outreach & Hospitality: Thursday, October 15th at 10:00 am

Trustees' Meeting : Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7 pm

Church Office Hours for the week of October 19th

The church office will be open Tuesday-Friday (8:30am-1:00pm). Closed Monday October 12th for Thanksgiving.

Minister's Office Hours for the week of October 19th :

Rev. Barbara's office hours will be Wednesday and Thursday mornings (10:00am until noon). If you wish to contact her outside of these hours, please email her at barbarajcairns@gmail.com to make an appointment.

Clergy are now able to visit our hospital facilities. Rev. Barbara will be checking the hospital list on a weekly basis.

If you wish to come to the office you must 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. You will not be allowed to proceed past this table unless given permission by a member of staff.

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