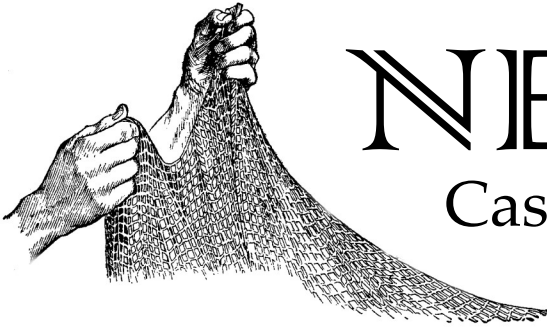

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Nominating Committee for 2018

The Nominating Committee for 2018 has formed and begun its work. The members of the Committee this year are Jennifer Shields, Vice-Chair of the Church Council, Rick Burger, Chair of the Worship Committee and Kevin Rogers, a member of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. As announced on December 3, we are looking to fill the following three Church Council Executive positions: Chair, Vice -Chair and Secretary. There are also vacancies on various committees. If you are interested in taking a leadership role in the exciting work of the Church, either on the Executive or as a member of a one of the committees, please speak to any member of the Nominating Committee,

Thank you!

Thank you so much to all our Kids, the Sunday School Teachers, Volunteers, Parents and Family members who helped with our Christmas pageant! It took a lot of work! Special Thanks to Natalie for taking on the task of organizing it! It was a wonderful play!

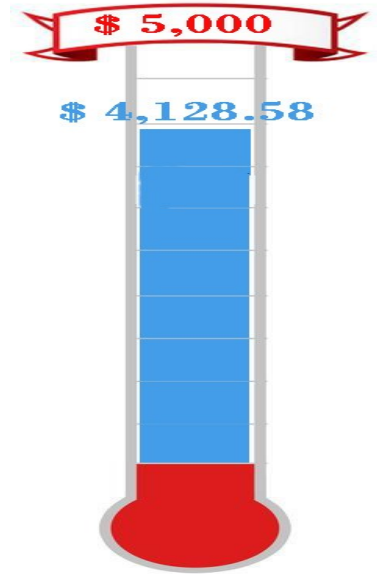
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Mikinduri Children of Hope Project

Clean Water for Mageta Island, Kenya

We on PEI, with our abundant supply of clean ground water, cannot even imagine what it would be like to have only dirty, polluted water. You can do your part to help the people on Mageta Island by donating whatever amount you are able.

As of today, we have raised \$ 4,128.58 !



Do you love to sing Christmas Carols?

Join the choir for our Christmas Eve Family Service at 4 pm.

Everyone and all ages are welcome to join! No experience required!

Looking for costumes

It was great to see so many kids participate in our Christmas pageant. Lots of costumes were needed. To be well-prepared for the next year, we are looking for a couple of more kids house coats for our shepherds and wise men. Animal or Angel costumes suitable for a Christmas play are also appreciated. To store everything properly, we could also use some more dry cleaning bags. If you have anything you could donate, we would be very grateful.

MITTEN TREE

Wow!! The donations on our wonderful mitten tree doubled over the last week!!! It is amazing to see! We collected now over 70 beautiful items which will be donated to families in need! Thank you all so much! The donations were dropped off this week at Anderson House and Bedford MacDonald House.



Memorial/Celebration Bulletin

Make a donation of \$25 on behalf of your loved one and we will print it in our bulletin and add a beautiful picture slide in the PowerPoint presentation. You will be able to pick the text and also the picture used. Can also be used for Anniversaries or Birthdays. Please contact the office for more info.

Annual Reports

Deadline: January 10th 2018!

It is important that you compile your report(s) and submit it (them) to the church office no later than January 10, 2018. It is preferred you submit your report(s) electronically. If you have questions about this process please contact Leah Eldershaw or Cheryl Jewell.

2018 Envelopes are ready

The Giving Envelopes for 2018 are ready for pick up in the hall. Please contact Martina in the office if you would like to start using PAR (pre-authorized remittance—monthly on the 20th), or if you do not currently have giving envelopes and would like a set for 2018.

Cancellation of Service

In exceptional circumstances such as extreme weather conditions, power outage, or facility problems it may be necessary to cancel the service or other activities in the church such as concerts etc. In such cases, information about cancellation will be made available via radio, Facebook and our church website www.westriverunited.com. Office closures during the week will be announced on Facebook and our church website www.westriverunited.com.



Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve Communion Service, December 24th, 10
am

Christmas Eve Family Service, December 24th, 4 pm



Upcoming Worship Services

New Year's Worship Service, Sunday, December 31st, 10 am



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

Happenings in our local Church Community

No Youth Group today! Youth Group will start again in 2018. Date TBD

Trustees Meeting—Thursday, January 4th, 7 pm, Parlour

Outreach & Hospitality Meeting—Wednesday, January 10th, 6:30 pm, Parlour

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!!!

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

The church office will be closed from Saturday, December 23rd to Monday, January 1st inclusive.

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