

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“Back Pack Sunday” Is On Its Way - September 10



School is starting up again soon, and many of us (students *and* parents) are busy getting ready for all the excitement and activity that come along with it. We here at St. Paul's love to share in the spirit of this season.

On **Sunday September 10th** at 10 am, we have our annual **Blessing of the School Bags** service, where children and students of all ages are invited to bring their school bags with them to Church to receive a special prayer of blessing as they start a new year.

Sunday School Starting Sunday September 17

Sunday School is back in session Sept. 17th, and while we may not be learning a lot about alliteration this year, we *will* be learning a lot about God's great love for us all.

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our time downstairs during the 10 am service. Children younger than three are welcome to come along with a parent, either joining the class, or spending some time playing in our Nursery Room.

We are always interested in hearing from those who might want to connect with our Sunday School team, either regularly or part-time. This includes young people looking to gain some experience working with children, as well as not-so-young people who have a heart for kids.

Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Rob Montgomery, if you would like to know more.

Youth Group will begin meeting again every Friday (7-9pm), starting on **September 15**.

Contact Info for Family & Youth Minister Rob Montgomery

506-608-1772 / rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca



The Office Staff Takes a Holiday

Katherine and June will both be away the first week of September and so officially, the office will be closed from Sep 4 - 8. However, the building will be open during the day and Rob Montgomery and Rev Eileen will be in and out. Rob will be checking phone messages and answering calls on the office phone when he is here. If you have something that can't wait until Sep 11 when Katherine returns, please call and leave a message for Rob. On Sep 11, the office will go back to its regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Wednesday when the office closes at noon.

PARISH NOTES

Thank You to the Summer Coffee Crew

This Sunday marks the last of the coffee breaks put on by the summer crew. On behalf of all of us who have enjoyed hot coffee and tea and homemade sweets after the 10:00 services this summer, we say thank you to Ann and Jane Smith who organized the coffee hour and to all the people who signed up to work with them.

ACW Meeting

The September meeting of the ACW will be held at 1:30 on **Thu, Sep 7**. Hope to see you there.

Next Sunday We Receive a Gift

From the Family of Canon George & Audrey Akerley

Canon George Akerley has remembered St. John's Sigowet School, Eldoret Kenya, in his will. Since coming to St. Paul's six years ago, Canon Akerley followed and supported the activities of our beloved African school with a very keen interest. George's wife Audrey was an educator, and they both believed that schools were essential in developing the potential not only of individual students, but for their families and communities. George had occasion to meet Rev. Samuel Githinji, when he visited the Parish a few years ago. It was at that time, that George decided that he would like to make a significant financial contribution to the school, in memory of his late son Bruce. The Akerley family experienced a terrible tragedy in the early 1980's when their son Bruce was unable to survive an asthma attack. They were living in Bathurst at the time. George and Audrey were always thinking of a way to honour the memory of their dear son, and the Sigowet School was their decision.

Members of the Akerley family will be worshipping with us next Sunday to present a gift of \$16,000 to the Wardens and members of the Mission Beyond the Parish Committee.

We are all deeply touched by this act of generosity. The building of a library is going to be a tremendous boost to the life of the school. We miss Canon George from our midst. It is wonderful to once again think of him, and for his kind, faithful spirit to touch our hearts once again.

Choir & Chimes

Choir and Chimes will begin on **Sept 7**. Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm and Chime rehearsals are Thursday mornings from 10-11:30am. These groups are open to anyone interested in using their musical talents to give praise to the Lord. Please contact Charles Willett if interested.

BEYOND THE PARISH

Desserts, Book Swap and Silent Auction

There will be a Desserts, Book Swap and Silent Auction event to support The Nkamazi Education Project in Swaziland at 3197 Rothesay Road, Rothesay, on Sunday, **September 10 from 2 to 4**. For more information call Jane Baird at 847-4010.