

YOUTH MINISTRY



Please join us in the Church Hall following the 10:00 service for coffee, tea, sweets & conversation.

NEXT SUNDAY (SEPT. 9): Blessing of the Backpacks Service

School starts this week, and many of us (students *and* parents) are busy getting ready for all the excitement and activity that come along with it.

Here at St. Paul's, we love to share in the spirit of this season too.

On Sunday **September 9** at 10 AM, you are invited to our annual **Blessing of the Backpacks Service**: A time for us to celebrate and pray with Students & Teachers as a new school year begins. So bring your Backpacks to Church Sept. 9, and start the year off blessed.

Youth Group Leadership Team

We are looking to expand our Friday Night Youth Group leadership team (resuming Sept. 14). Our program runs from 7-10 PM weekly here at St. Paul's Church, and we are in need of a few caring adults (of **either** the young, **or** not-so-young variety) who can help this program run safely and successfully by being present with us. If you (or someone you know) would be interested in assisting with this program, please contact the Rev'd (Deacon) Rob Montgomery in person, or online at: rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca.



It's All Food & Games...

We would love for you to join us September 16 at 3PM for a simple **Potluck & Games Night**. Bring your favorite games, your family & friends, and if you can some food to share. We'll gather downstairs in the Christian Education Centre and eat an early supper around 4PM. Everyone is welcome, and if you have any questions please contact Rev'd Rob.

PARISH NOTES

Social Media Coordinator

Our Communications Committee is currently searching for an individual who is skilled in the area of social media. This ministry would involve making regular updates to our parish Facebook page as well as engaging with and developing new forms of social communication. At the heart of this endeavour would be a desire to communicate the Good News by promoting and telling the story of St. Paul's Church. An honorarium will be offered. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with Fr. Paul.

Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals Service will take place at St. Paul's on **Saturday, September 29th at 2 p.m.** Everyone is invited to come along with their animals on that day to receive a blessing. We will be gathering outside in the space between the church and hall, weather permitting. Following the example of St. Francis, we will praise God for creation and ask God to bless our animal companions. Even if you don't have an animal to bring, you're still very welcome to attend this service. All creatures - great and small - will be blessed.

Parish Pilgrimage 2020

There have been a number of people who have expressed interest in joining a potential parish pilgrimage in 2020. Our main goal would be to see the Passion Play in Oberammergau but also to visit other cities in Germany, Austria and possibly beyond. There will be an information session for all those interested on **Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:30 p.m** in St. Clement's Room (downstairs). Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join. We will be exploring possible destinations, associated costs, as well as gathering questions.

NEW DATE FOR PARISH VISIONING DAY

- Our Parish Visioning Day has been rescheduled. The new date is
- **Oct 27, approx. 9am - 3 pm.** It's important to state that the purpose
- of this day is not to make sweeping changes to our parish or the way
- we operate. It's simply a good thing, on a regular basis, to step back
- and assess where we are and where God wants us to be. This will
- be a day of listening - to God and one another. Please make plans to
- come along.

Thank You Ann and Jane

Another summer tradition ends today. Each year Jane and Ann Smith organize volunteers to provide coffee after the 10:00 service during July and August, often stepping in themselves to make up for low volunteer numbers. Thank you Ann and Jane. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you as well to all those who volunteered to help out these past two months.

The Front of the Church Gets a Facelift

The Crawfords were in this past week painting the front of the church and resurfacing the steps and ramp to the front door. Doesn't it all look splendid? Passersby were stopping to comment on how nice it looks. Thank you to the Crawford family and to Harry Crossley and the Building Committee for all the work organizing the maintenance of our buildings and grounds.



Fall Office Hours

Officially, fall begins on Sep 22. However, office summer hours end on the last Friday in August. After a day off on Labour Day, Sep 3, Kath or June will be in the office from 8:30 to 4:30 weekdays except Wednesday when the office closes at noon.

Afterschool Program

Leslie and Leah, our Afterschool Program Director and Assistant, were in this past week getting everything ready for the opening of the program on Tue, Sep 4. We will have a full house this fall, with 27 children arriving this week. The program is very popular in the community, due in large part to Leslie and Leah's efforts. We are fortunate to have them continuing on with us.



St. Paul's Sunday School

Resumes September 16

Come join in the fun, & grow in your faith

Sundays at 9:50 AM ~ Ages 3+

(Nursery Room Also Available)

Who's Using the Hall?

Community organizations use our facilities when their requirements and our availability match. This fall we welcome back Quispamsis Tae Kwon Do on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Colla Voce Choir on Monday evenings, Narcotics Anonymous on Saturday and Al-Anon on Wednesdays. Beginning Wednesday Sep 12, we will have Highland Dancers in the Hall and Crosby Room on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons. It's a busy place!

Choir and Chimes Rehearsals

*I hope you had a wonderful summer. The first rehearsal for both choir and chimes will be on **Thu, Sep 13**. Chimes will be from 10 to 11:30am and Choir will be from 7:30 to 9pm. I look forward to seeing you all again. We welcome any new members. If you are interested in joining either group please let the office know or speak to me at coffee time after the service.*
Charles

BEYOND THE PARISH

A Note from the Diocese

Want to sign up for our weekly eNews to keep up on all the happenings and news of the diocese? It couldn't be easier. Visit anglican.nb.ca and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Breakfast & Bake Sale at St. Andrew & St. David

The Church of St. Andrew & St. David invites you to 164 Germain St. (please use the side entrance) on **Sat, Sep. 8** for our Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale from 9:00-12:00. Menu includes Pancakes, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Home Fries, Baked Beans, Ham, Apple Baked Sausage, Toast, Homemade Preserves, Tea, Coffee and Juice. Adults – \$10.00, Children (under 10) – \$4.00, Family of 4 – \$25.00. Take-out available.