

Issue 1

Winter 2014

St. Andrew's Newsletter

Keeping you connected.

Fellowship - Bringing People Together

Upcoming Services

January 19th - Eucharist at 10am

February 16th - Eucharist at 10am

The complete service schedule is available on GoGaspe or check the weekly schedule in the SPEC.

Fellowship is more than coffee after service, many believe it is the heart-beat of a church. It is an opportunity for people to come together, socialize, get updated on each other's lives and be part of the community. It is also a chance for the minister to talk to the parishioners and to get to know them. After the November service held at St. Andrew's approximately 40 people gathered at the York River Community Hall for a light lunch. Comments were positive and people seemed to enjoy themselves and appreciate the time together.

There are many ways to have fellowship and the working group is coming up with other ideas for the coming months. We would love to hear your ideas for new ways of bringing the community together and making our church going experience more enjoyable. Please feel free to email your comments/suggestions to stan-drewsyork@hotmail.com.

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St. Andrew's Filled to Capacity for Christmas Eve Blessing of the Crib

The Christmas Eve Blessing of the Crib service was held at St. Andrew's beginning at 3pm. While attendance at regular services has been dropping recently, that was not the case on Christmas Eve. With approximately 140 people in attendance, the pews at St. Andrew's were full. Once again there was the pageant with children playing angels, shepherds and wisemen. This year the holy family was played by a real family (Dave Vibert, Heather Roberts and their beautiful daughter Kaitlyn). There was also good attendance at the evening services in Malbay and Gaspe

10 Tips for Being More Organized in 2014 (taken from various online sources)

1. Have one spot for purses, keys, and cellphone so you always know where they are.
 2. Put a clock in every bathroom so you never lose track of time.
 3. Store off-season clothes in vacuum-seal bags.
 4. Store sheet sets inside a pillowcase to reduce time searching for matching sheets/ pillowcases. With everything inside the pillowcase, just grab a pillowcase and go.
 5. Install a magnetic strip on the inside of the medicine cabinet to store tweezers, clippers, and scissors.
 6. Use an over-the door plastic shoe organizer to store cleaning products, sponges, cloths, etc.
 7. Install one bin or basket per person in the entry to store mitts, scarves, sunglasses, etc to keep the entryway neat and tidy.
 8. Set reminders in your calendar one-week prior to events/appointments such as birthdays or bake sales so you have time to purchase supplies.
 9. Take 30 minutes on Sunday evening to put together the kids/your outfits for the week and save valuable time in the mornings when you need to get out the door in a hurry.
 10. Prepare a meal and freeze it to have it on hand for nights when things get hectic.
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St Andrew's York ACW Ready to Begin a New Year

The past year has been a busy one for the ACW and they are ready to start again this year. The ACW does most of its work for St. Andrew's but also does work in the larger community here in Gaspe, in the province and international causes. To begin the year, the group will be having its Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 30th at the home of Mrs. Margaret Hackett at 7:30pm. If you are interested in getting more involved in your church and community they would be happy to have you. The group meets approximately five times a year and there are annual dues of \$5 to be paid. Please feel free to come to the annual meeting or talk to one of the existing members.

Vestry Season is Fast Approaching

A very important event will soon be happening in church parishes, the annual vestry meeting. The annual vestry meeting provides the opportunity for the annual reports of the wardens and the annual financial reports to be presented to the parishioners and approved by the vestry. As there are normally only one vestry meeting a year, it is also at these meetings where decision for the upcoming year are made.

The annual vestry meeting is opened to all regular parishioners of full legal age. The date and time of the meeting will be announced during services. Watch for the announcement regarding this year's meeting. If there are any specific items that you feel should be discussed at the annual vestry meeting you can contact the people's warden, Tony C Patterson or Rev. Wendy.

Down Home Cookin' Cookbook

There are a very limited number of copies remaining of the Down Home Cookin' Cookbook. To get a copy please contact Rhonda Stewart at rhondals@hotmail.com or 418-368-7238.

Here is a recipe for soup to warm you up on a winter day:

Cream of Carrot and Turnip Soup (submitted by Gracie Annett)

2 cups sliced carrots	2 Tbsp flour
2 cups diced turnips	1 cup milk
4 cups water	1 cup reserved vegetable water
1 tsp salt	(replace vegetable water with milk for creamier texture)
2 Tbsp Butter	

In a medium saucepan, cook vegetables in 4 cups water and salt, about 15 minutes uncovered. Strain vegetables and reserve cooking water. Puree vegetables in a blender. Mix until smooth, adding reserved vegetable water. Set aside. In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium high heat. Gradually add flour, cook and stir for 2 minutes. Gradually add milk. Cook and stir until mixture thickens. Add salt and pepper. Add vegetable puree and 1 cup reserved cooking water, stirring constantly. Serve with crackers. Makes 4 servings.

Other Important Information

Contact Information for St. Andrew's:

Wardens: Tony C. Patterson (368-3276) and Elaine Coull (368-3935)

Weddings/Funerals: Rev. Wendy Telfer (368-7485)

Cemetery: Garry Clark (368-5190) or Bruce Patterson (368-3047)

Down Home Cookin': There are still a few copies available of York ACW's fundraising cookbook - Down Home Cookin'. There are over 400 recipes for hometown favorites and new items that are waiting to become favorites. If you want to get a copy, please contact Rhonda Stewart (368-7238).

Newsletter Mailing List: If there is anyone you know who would be interested in receiving the newsletter, please contact standrewsyork@hotmail.com or Rhonda Stewart (368-7238) to add them. We would like to have as many people as possible receiving the newsletter!

Not to be Missed! - Upcoming Events in the Community

JAN 26th - York River Community Hall AGM at the Hall 1:30pm

JAN 28th - Camp Fort Hal-dimand Annual Meeting - St. Paul's Church Gaspé 7:30pm

JAN 30th - York ACW Annual Meeting 7:30pm - Home of Margaret Hackett

FEB 7th - York River Senior's Spaghetti Supper @ York River Community Hall

FEB 8th - Gaspé Cancer Foundation Bake Sale at Carrefour

FEB 8th - WY Winter Carnival Masquerade and Activities at York Rink

FEB 14th - York River Senior's Card Party, Senior's Room in Wakeham 7pm

FEB 15th - WY Winter Carnival Breakfast, Skidoo Poker Run and Dance at York River Community Hall

FEB 22nd - Gaspé County WI Bake Sale at Carrefour 10-2

MARCH 7th - World Day of Prayer Service 7pm - Watch GoGaspé and Facebook for details

MARCH 8th - Potluck Supper benefitting ACW Education Fund, York River Community Hall 5pm

MARCH 10th - Advisory Council of Greater Parish Annual Meeting - 7pm Senior's Room in Wakeham

MARCH 15th - York River Senior's St Patrick's Day Dance, York River Community Hall

APRIL 26th - York River Senior's AGM at York River Community Hall 4pm

MAY 4th - York River Senior's Bingo, Gaspé Elementary School 2pm

MAY 31st - York WI Flea Market, York River Community Hall 10am-2pm

Please note: The York River Senior's Group has numerous activities scheduled such as skating, snowshoeing, dancing, curling, bowling, and card parties. The complete schedule can be found on GoGaspé.com. You can also contact Tony Patterson at 368-3276 about upcoming events or joining this group.

The Wakeham/York Winter Carnival will be held from Feb 7th to 16th. The complete schedule will soon be available in local businesses and on GoGaspé.com