

St. Andrew's Newsletter

Keeping you connected.

'Tis the Season - Spreading Holiday Cheer

Upcoming Services

October 19th - Eucharist at 9am

The November/December schedule should be released shortly.

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

If you are interested in spreading some holiday cheer there are two projects that you might be interested in:

Seaman's Shoeboxes - If you have not already done so, there is still time to prepare a shoebox for the sailors that will be visiting the port of Quebec City during the holidays. The boxes will be picked up at St. Paul's Gaspé on Friday, October 24th.

Advent Angels - Again this year, St Andrew's York will be organizing the Advent Angels. If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Holly Hackett at holly2701@hotmail.com or 418-368-3180 before November 16th. Names will drawn and distributed during the week of November 17th. This is a great, fun way to spread some Christmas cheer and spirit in our community.

Pioneer Days - Another Great Year

Pioneer Days, the social event of the summer for many and the main fundraising activity for the Greater Parish of Gaspé, had a successful 2014 edition. The schedule included the traditional events: official opening wine and cheese, a kitchen party, senior`s day, breakfast, crafter`s market, children`s day, salad supper, open air service and of course the silent auction. A huge thank you goes out to everyone that donated their time, made food, parked cars, bought tickets, attended the events or helped out in any way; your time effort are greatly appreciated.

Pioneer Days depends on the generosity of the community to ensure its success, both in terms of attending the events and volunteering/donating at the events. Not only does Pioneer Days fulfill a social need in the community but also a financial need for the Greater Parish of Gaspé. The individual parishes that form the Greater Parish of Gaspé contribute the funds needed to cover the Fair Share payable to the Diocese of Quebec and the stipend for the incumbent, all other expenses such as the rectory, choir leader, travelling expenses for service leaders, administrative expenses, mission work, etc must be covered from other sources and Pioneer Days is the main source of this funding. The success of Pioneer Days is vital to the future of the Greater Parish and to the individual parishes.

The organizing committee is always looking for new people to join the team, keep an eye out on GoGaspe and in the church announcements for the next meeting and come join us.

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New Cemetery Policy for St. Andrew's York

At the time of the funeral the family is responsible for all arrangements with the rector. Plots can be reserved by contacting either of the two wardens (Tony Patterson or Karl Hackett). **Grave digging and snow removal are the responsibility of the family of the deceased.** Snow plows are not to be used in the cemetery. A snow blower may be used to open the roadway, but only a hand blower or shovel should be used to open around graves. After the burial the family must arrange to have the excess ground or gravel removed, the site raked, and grass seed planted. Later, the family must arrange to have old wreaths and flowers removed, have sunken graves filled, leveled and seeded, and have the headstones straightened when this is deemed necessary. It is also recommended that all grave sites have a marker.

Maintenance of individual plots is the responsibility of the family to which it is assigned. A caretaker is employed each year to take care of the mowing and trimming of the grass. The budget for the caretaker does not cover all the maintenance and upkeep that is required. Periodically "work bees" and "sponsored projects" have been held to do extra work, but, except for the mowing, the family is responsible.

General rules of maintenance are as follows: Grave sites must be left plain except for markers and/or flowers. Flowers must be beside the tombstone. Existing trees must be removed and no trees are to be planted. Each plot must be flat and level with the surroundings in order to simplify mowing. Boxes, fences, etc. may not be placed on grave sites. If ornamental shrubs are desired they must be placed no more than 2 feet on either side of the headstone, maintained and trimmed to a maximum height of 3 feet. Lots that have been continually neglected by the family will be cleared, leveled and seeded. Note: If you need assistance, local citizens are available for hire. The wardens can offer names when requested.

Lot sizes are 10 by 12 for a casket, or 10 by 6 for urns. More than one burial may take place on each lot. Lots may be assigned in advance of need, but will only be held if the **maintenance fee** is being paid annually. Those who have been assigned lots, and who are not paying the annual maintenance fee, will lose their rights to that lot. For the burial of a casket the box should be 92 inches by 34 inches, with bottom placed 66 inches deep. Urns require a hole 18 inches by 24 inches.

For the initial arrangement, the following fees apply to each cemetery plot:

Persons who pay \$150.00/year or more (for at least 3 years) to St. Andrew's - no cost

Persons who pay less than \$150.00/year to St. Andrew's - \$150.00

Others - \$300.00

Suggested gratuities at the time of the funeral:

Clergy - \$50 to \$100

Organist - \$25

Sexton - \$50

Choir - Optional

Annual Maintenance Fee for all grave sites - \$25.00 per year, with the option of a onetime payment of \$500.00 to cover the maintenance of the site eternally.

The **Annual Maintenance Fee** and/or donations to the **Cemetery Memorial Fund** can be placed in the appropriate envelope (included with church envelopes) or mailed to Andrew Patterson, treasurer of the Cemetery Committee, 19 Sunny Bank, Gaspe, Quebec, G4X 2M7. Tax receipts will be issued.

To ensure the continued maintenance of the grave sites long after we are all gone, the cemetery committee has established a **Cemetery Memorial Fund**. We invite each person intending to be buried in York, as well as other members, relatives, friends of those buried there to make a donations to this fund. Our objective is \$100,000, with which we could rest assured that the interest would maintain the York Cemetery in perpetuity.

Cemetery Wardens: Karl Hackett (418-360-4530) and Tony Patterson (418-368-8994)

A Bathroom at St. Andrew`s is One Step Closer to Being a Reality

As most of you are aware, there has been much discussion surrounding a bathroom at St. Andrew`s over the last couple of years. The Working Group is pleased to be able to announce that progress has been made.

Back in June of this year two things happened: first we received the permission of the Bishop to proceed with bathroom and to apply for a New Horizons Grant from the federal government to help finance the project. We were also surprised by an unexpected private donation of \$5,000 towards the cost of this project. The application for the grant money was submitted in early July and we expect a response in early 2015.

Providing the funding is approved, we expect the inside work to be completed by the spring and that the project will be completed as soon as the outside ground work can be completed in the spring.

A Lunch Date

After the Nov 16th service at St. Andrew`s there will be a potluck lunch at the York River Community Hall. This is a potluck lunch in the true sense of the word, bring a salad, main dish, dessert, whatever you wish. We will share and enjoy whatever is brought in. Dishes can be brought to the hall before service to be refrigerated, etc.

This is a great opportunity to invite that friend or neighbour who does not regularly attend services. Come out and enjoy some great food and great company and share your favorite dish.

The Next Steps for the Greater Parish of Gaspé

Over the last few weeks each parish has completed surveys relating to the work that the Diocesan Task Force is doing on building sustainable faith communities. Now that these surveys have been completed the next step in the process is a parish-wide discussion on the next steps for the Greater Parish of Gaspé. On November 2nd there will be an All-Parish Eucharist at 10am at St. Paul`s Gaspé which will be followed by lunch and a discussion on what the next steps for our Parish will be.

Other Important Information

Contact Information for St. Andrew's:

Wardens: Tony Patterson (360-6277) and Elaine Coull (368-3935)

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

Cemetery: Karl Hackett (360-4530) or Tony Patterson (368-8994)

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

OCT 26TH - York River Senior's Harvest Supper, York River Community Hall, Take-Outs at 4:15, Sit-Down at 5pm.

OCT 27th - Camp Fort Hal-dimand Program Committee Meeting, new members needed to maintain the children's summer camps, 7pm, Senior's Room Wakeham School

NOV 1st - Wakeham ACW Fall Sale and Tea, York River Community Hall, 2pm

NOV 1st - Halloween Party at Royal Canadian Legion, 9:30pm, \$5

NOV 3rd - Advisory Council of Greater Parish of Gaspé meeting, 7pm, Senior's Room in Wakeham School

NOV 4th - Gift Bingo, 7:30pm, Royal Canadian Legion

NOV 6th - Crochet Course organized by Gaspé County WI, Senior's Room in Wakeham 7pm (4 courses in Nov and 2 in Jan), \$40 and supplies are provided

NOV 7th - Tuck Party, York River Seniors, 7pm York River Community Hall

NOV 8th - York ACW Christmas Sale and Tea, York River Community Hall, 2pm

NOV 15th - Peninsula Guild Christmas Sale and Tea, York River Community Hall, 2pm

DEC 6th - Senior's Christmas Party, 5pm, Royal Canadian Legion

DEC 13th - York ACW Craft Sale, 10am, Carrefour Gaspé

DEC 31st - New Year's Eve Party, York River Community Hall, Details to follow

Please note: The York River Senior's Group has numerous activities scheduled such as moonlight walks, dancing, kurling, 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.