



# Church News

Sunday, August 6, 2017

## Today

All children are invited to come forward for a **Children's Time** in our service. Then, following a prayer, they will leave for their respective programs. Children under the age of 4 go to the Nursery. Children over 4 are invited to participate in the Summer Children's program.

Each Sunday during the worship service, starting after the Children's Time. The children will have an opportunity for activities, reading and fun.

We extend a warm welcome back "home" **Sharon Churchill-Roe** whose voice has resonated throughout this sanctuary on many a Sunday in years past. She is a much sought after soloist throughout the Annapolis Valley, and she has performed for countless church services, fundraisers, special musical events and for many years at Centre Stage Theatre. Sharon now enhances the musical life of Windsor United Church and the community at large. Thank you, Sharon, for enriching our service with the gracious offering of your talent.

### Summer Children's Program:

**August 6** Breanna Williams-MacIntosh

**August 13** Nicole Veinotte

**Nursery:** Over the summer, if anyone is able to help with nursery duty the weeks you are here, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Ushers:**      **August**      David Duke, Laura Churchill-Duke,  
Daniel Duke, Thomas Duke

**Tellers:**      **August**      Myrtle Merrett and Alice Newcombe

### Decorations:

**August**      Carol Buckley

## **Church Events:**

**Coffee & Conversation- all Summer!** Every **Thursday at 10 a.m.** anyone who feels like a cup of coffee and some conversation on...well just about anything...is most welcome to join us.



1. Come on a Cave Quest! Come to the Port Williams United Baptist Church from **August 14-18** where we will gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure where we will ground kids in the solid rock foundation of God's love. Come to the Church each day from **9 to 11:45** for a free morning of games, crafts, music stories and snacks. This daily vacation Bible school is open to children aged 4 to the end of grade 5. For more information, or to pre-register phone 542-3495 or email [lauracd@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:lauracd@ns.sympatico.ca)
2. Food Bank pick up is the **first Tuesday and Third Thursday of the month.**

## **Community Events:**

1. Please us join for drive-in church services at Coldbrook Baptist Church. **July 9<sup>th</sup>-August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m.** All welcome! Offerings will go to Eastern Valley Baptist Association.
2. 50th ANNIVERSARY - Rev. John and Ethel Beers celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this summer (August 5, 2017- actual date). To honour their parents, their family will host an open house at New Minas Baptist Church, Saturday, **August 12, 2017, 1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.** Please join us to express best wishes and friendship on this happy occasion. Your presence will mean a lot to them and to their family. Please RSVP by August 1, 2017 to [902-252-2792](tel:902-252-2792) or [nandjquinn@eastlink.ca](mailto:nandjquinn@eastlink.ca)
3. St. John's Anglican Church in Wolfville will be hosting a Traditional British Cream Tea on Saturday, **August 19, 2p.m.-4p.m.** 15\$/person, to be held in the rectory garden. Arts, crafts, quilts display and sale is 2p.m.-4:30p.m. and most attractive hat competition will be at 3p.m. Tea includes cucumber and cream cheese sandwiches, homemade scones, cake, and, of course, tea. Live entertainment! (Rain date is August 20).

4. Pastor Jennifer Smith with Wolfville Baptist Church is putting on a **free** performing arts camp *Fish Tales*, **August 21-27, 9a.m. to 4p.m.** Activities include singing, dancing, acting, set design, costume design, and more! For children entering grades primary to 6. For more information or to register please go to [www.wolfvillebaptist.ca](http://www.wolfvillebaptist.ca) or call 902-542-5524.

## **Please Note:**

1. Our church is proud to support our local Baptist Association's Kingswood Camp and the United Church's Sherbrooke Lake Camp. Both offer wonderful Christian camping experiences for children, youth, and families. For information regarding their upcoming camping seasons, visit [www.kingswoodcamp.ca](http://www.kingswoodcamp.ca) or [www.sherbrooklakecamp.org](http://www.sherbrooklakecamp.org). Coupons worth \$50 off your registration cost are available from the Church Office.
2. Kentville Baptist Church is organizing a Holy Land trip to Israel in November 2017. For further information, please contact, Bob Watson on (902) 678-4651.
3. IT'S CLIMBING! Thank you all for helping to move toward the SOS goal of \$120,000. to repair and refurbish the exterior of our sanctuary. The work has begun in July and YOU are very much a part of this project. If others of you would like to "help the ribbon rise", simply make your contribution through the offering plate - marking your gift envelope: SOS.
4. **Mission & Outreach**—July 30<sup>th</sup> was World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Every year adults and children alike are illegally recruited and transported for various reasons— including forced labour, sexual exploitation, and organ removal. Sadly, children make up almost a third of all human trafficking victims, according to information from the United Nations. As we remember the victims of human trafficking, pray that they would be released from their captors and find a place of safety and refuge. We pray that God would also protect and provide for those living in vulnerable situations and at risk of exploitation. May God bring peace and justice to the millions of trafficking victims worldwide, as well as to their loved ones.

## ***Our Greatest Source of Strength***

*(From "Windows on the Gospel" by Flor McCarthy)*

Our spirit is our most precious possession. It is our greatest source of energy. It is to us what wings are to a bird, or roots are to a tree. However, while it is capable of ascending the heights, it is also capable of plumbing the depths.

It can be an oak unmoved in a storm or a frail reed swaying in the wind.

It can be a blazing fire or a dying ember.

It can be a restless stream or a stagnant pond.

It can be a sail filled with wind or a limp flag.

It can be a desert shrub or a hothouse flower.

It can be a piece of granite or a piece of china.

What is it that causes the spirit to sink, and what is it that helps it to soar?

Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.

Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.

Failure shrinks it; success expands it.

Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.

Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.

Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.

Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

*(contributed by Connie Veinotte)*

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Today August 6</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service
<b>Monday</b>	8:30-12:30	Church Office is OPEN
<b>Tuesday</b>		Church Office is CLOSED
<b>Wednesday</b>		Church Office is CLOSED
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 a.m. 12:00-4:00	Coffee Time Church Office is OPEN
<b>Friday</b>		Church Office is CLOSED
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Next Sunday August 13</b>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship Service