

The Sower

A Newsletter for the Anglican Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis

Starting Sept. 5th Regular Worship Times Resume 8:30 BCP & 10:30

Refocusing this Fall

C-19 has a way of disorientating us. So to help us on our way, we can ask, "Jesus how can I know you better? How can I make you known"



Hiking is pretty straightforward. You simply follow a trail putting one foot in front of the other until you reach your destination. Along the way you take in the wonder of creation. Hiking ceases to be straightforward when the trail is not clearly marked or when you lose your sense of direction. Then hiking becomes more complicated, and anxiety-filled.

Recently, Kimberly and I were hiking the Caribou Planes Trail at Fundy National Park. It was described as a loop and it was quite short. Given the rainy weather we thought it was the ideal trek. However, feelings of disorientation began to arise when we failed to notice a fork in the trail that would pinpoint the return loop. Even more concerning was the fact that the trail failed to veer more to the left or to the right - instead it seemed to continue on in the same general direction - away from our parked van.

As we walked I became more and more intent on finding the return loop, my anxiety began to rise as I began to question the description of the trail in the guidebook. How long had we been hiking? Are we on the right trail? Sadly, in my disorientation, I could not truly appreciate the beauty of the trees and the bog around us. I was simply distracted with thoughts of where we might actually be, and how long it would take us to get back.

Apple Pie Training Event

In October learn the various stations of our Apple Pie Week.

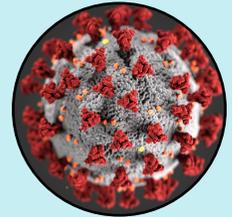
Or come and share your experience with others.

For more information or to Sign up

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C-19 Operational Plan: Masks required when Moving, Receiving Communion & while Singing



Hot Lunches for NMS Students Starts this Fall
Contact the Rector to help feed hungry students once a month



Christmas Cantata with Nashwaaksis Baptist Church. Rehearsals Start September 12th 11:45 am -12:30 pm

I believe something similar has been happening within the Church. C-19 has had a disorientating affect on us all. Habitual practices of church attendance have been disrupted. Times of fellowship and worship no longer look or feel like they used to. It's like we are walking on a trail with too few markers to guide our way. In light of this it is natural to ask, "Where are we?" "What are we doing here?" "Where do we go from here?" Such questions can help to re-orientate us - so that we can begin to enjoy the journey once more. Wouldn't it be great to focus on living life to the full - savouring every moment - rather than fixating how to get back to the parking lot? In that sense how do we in the midst of this false return to Green engage more fully with our calling to know Jesus and to make him known?

This fall, we are going to look at the big picture: The three movements common in the life of a Disciple of Jesus. The movement Upward in Worship as we celebrate the character and the works of God. The movement Inward as we seek transformation into Christlikeness through acts of devotion. And the movement Outward as we witness and express love-in-action in the Church and in the world. It is my prayer that as we consider these movements we will rediscover Christ as our firm foundation and be better equipped to enter more fully into his abundant life both for our sake, and for the sake of the world.

Confirmation Classes



Will be offered this Fall with a special focus on how to live the Life of Faith. The course has been designed for those with busy schedules. For more information or to register please contact the Rector: 471-6707

Upcoming Events

Sept 6 - Labour Day

October 5 - Parish Meeting

October 10 - Thanksgiving Sunday

October Date TBD - Apple Pie Training

Nov. 7 - Remembrance Sunday

Nov. 20 - Christmas Bazaar

York Care Home is Open for Visitors
Volunteers Welcome to help with our Service of Holy Communion.
3rd Thursday of the Month 2pm

The Parish Meeting to Discuss the Stone Church will be held following worship on October 5th

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN FALL 2021

Given the rise of C-19 cases in the province it has been decided that Sunday school will not be offered again this fall. However, there will be weekly videos on the Lord's Prayer offered on Sundays. Also, in an effort to help parents read and discuss the Bible with their children a midweek reflection will be published on our Facebook Page. (@douglasnashwaaksis)

Join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom
Mon - Sat 8:00 am

In-Person Prayer Meetings
Wednesdays 9:00 am
In the Youth Room