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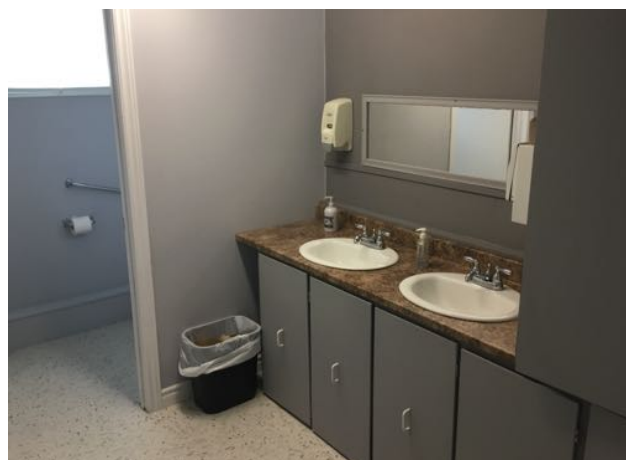
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Greetings! In this issue: Botwood Church Renovations, Marystown Christmas Concert and New Sign, St. John's Senior Banquet, Bonavista Church, Change of deadline, New Position at Mission Office ...

Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted by: Jonathan Gascoyne | Pastor of the Botwood Church

Here is the before and after pictures of the Botwood Church renovations that the Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre inmates and correctional officers did for the Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church. Johnathon Gascoyne has been a volunteer corrections chaplain for the center for over the past four years. The correctional center knew that the church had to do some renovations and offered to help. All the church had to do was pay for materials and provide dinner each day. All the labor was free. Between five to eight inmates with two correctional officers worked at the church for three weeks and completed over eight different projects. Attached are some pictures of before and after the completed projects.



Before



After



Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church

By: Kaitlynn Harushimana | Photo by: Ross Murley

The Marystown Church is excited to reveal the installation of the new sign. With the help of members and mission office, the church was able to replace and install the sign this past week. A big thank you to Chet and Ross Murley who worked diligently at preparing the sight and overseeing the majority of the project. The picture taken by Ross Murley is a glimpse into the light Marystown church will shine into the community.

The members would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to join the Christmas celebrations next Friday December 21, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the the church. Thanks to the sign you should have no problem finding the church now.



St. John's Senior Banquet

Submitted by: Margaret Moore and pictures by Don Hodder and Pastor Jamie Joseph

'Tis the season to be . . . ' Well, for the seniors of the St. John's Church, Sunday, December 9th at 1:00 p.m. was the season to be welcomed to an awesomely decorated fellowship hall with tables set out for 45 guests. The door opened at 12:30, giving the seniors time to mingle with each other and reminisce with 'a trip down Memory Lane.' The stage had been transformed by the imagination and creativity of Angie Hodder to an ice pond with skates, snowshoes, and other artifacts reminiscent of years gone by and a warmly glowing bonfire with a kettle ready for a boil up.



A backdrop of snow-covered trees helped to transport the viewers back to 'the time when . . . ' Nearby was a brightly lit Christmas tree and underneath it a pile of unwrapped gifts that seniors could choose from and take home, as a memory of the day. Another keepsake, a craft item of a small sleigh and candies for each guest, was provided by one of our church members who are unable to get out for church services but likes to contribute each year to the Seniors' Banquet.

Industriously and joyously working with Angie Hodder for the past three Christmases to provide the Seniors' Banquet are Sherry Cook, Anne Gill, Sheralyn Pearcey, and Njomza Young.

Pastor Jamie Joseph offered the blessing on the meal and also had a prayer at the end of the program. He prayed for our church's seniors and was also attentive in his prayer to the visitors and the extended families of all in attendance.

Appetites were quickened by the smells from the kitchen. While ambiance is so very important for occasions like this, the food is also a very big part! The banquet team had quite the spread ready! Potatoes, turnip, carrots, green peas, gravy, and dressing accompanied a tasty vegetarian entrée. Rolls and cranberry sauce completed the plate. Dessert consisted of a superb selection of cookies, cakes, and other various assortments, with plenty available for multiple samplings by those with that extra sweet tooth!



When the meal was finished, and the plates were taken away, our team of five along with Pastor Jamie, led out in a lively sing-a-long of seasonal favorites. There was evidence of talent in the united voices. Many people expressed their appreciation to the fine team who had done such a superb job serving what they called a very deserving group, the seniors of our church and their guests.

Mission Office Reports

Photos By: Pastor Ken Corkum



The Workers Meetings for the Newfoundland Mission took place between December 3-5. With Diane and Lawrence Burns and Pastor Etienne via Zoom, all were able to enjoy the few days together. The picture is of the office staff joined with the Pastors and their wives who were in attendance.

Another celebration is for Tina Taylor who received her 15 Year Service recognition at the Christmas dinner. Tina has been an active and valuable member to the Mission Office as well as her church and Camp Woody Acres. Tina has a passion for helping others, and children/youth ministry outreach which has shown through the continuous programs she executes. Between her work at VOAR, vacation bible schools, primary divisions, and karate, Tina still manages to bring young people every year to Camp Woody Acres. We want to thank her now for her love, commitment, and God-fearing heart for all the work that she does for the people around her.



Bonavista Church

Submitted By: Pastor Dave Boutcher

Sabbath December 15, Bonavista Church worshipped together at the Bonavista Seventh Day Adventist Church. There were 18 precious people in attendance including the Anglican Clergy Shaun O'Connor his wife Sandra, and four members. Also, there were four others from the community. We sang all Christmas Songs, and Pastor Dave presented a message from God's Word titled "God Pursued Us." Following our Worship Service, we enjoyed a potluck fellowship meal. Please continue praying for the church in Bonavista, that those precious souls (and others) keep coming and growing in Christ. God bless to all and remember the reason for our celebration is Jesus. Not just one day of the year but all days.



Change of Deadline



DEADLINE CHANGE

From this week onward all information will be due on Sundays and released every Wednesday.
The next deadline will be December 23, 2018, and will be released December 26, 2018.

Please send all information to
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Accountant Needed in NL SDA Office

Fulltime Accounting position is available at the Head office of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in NL. This opening is available for the right person who desires to connect with the work of the church in NL, early in 2019.

The individual will need a strong accounting background as they will be responsible for a variety of day to day accounting duties around A/R, A/P, Journal entries and account reconciliations. A bachelor's degree in Commerce with a major in Accounting or someone that is currently pursuing their CPA designation is preferred. Membership and a strong commitment to the Seventh-day Adventist Church are also required for consideration. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential as well as a proven ability to show respect and value to people from a variety of backgrounds.

This position will provide an opportunity to use your skills and abilities to move God's work forward and the joy of working with a fun team who shares that common goal. Selection will involve reference checks, skills testing and potentially two interviews. Compensation will depend on the level of experience and training of the selected candidate. Assistance with moving expenses would also be provided if necessary.

If this is something that God is calling you to consider, please submit your resume by sending it to Christine Bergen by Friday, January 4, 2019. Your interest is appreciated, however, only those selected for testing will be contacted.

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