

NL ADVENTIST eREPORT

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Greetings! In this issue: "Hello 2019" from the districts, St. John's Church and the Ronald McDonald House, and Marystown Update and Fundraisers.

NEWFOUNDLAND MISSION WHAT'S HAPPENING

Botwood Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted By: Ana- Maria Gascoyne

We're excited for some significant changes in 2019 for the Central NL district! While we've had some major renovations complete this past year, we have also been working to make changes to the worship schedule to help facilitate a more family-friendly focus to our district. This includes starting worship later at 11 am, weekly themed potlucks and Sabbath School lesson in the afternoon. A children's K4C (Kids for Christ) program is also run simultaneously with the adult SS program. We hope that this "Family of Families" vision will inspire a more vibrant, functional, and Christ-centered church ministry and family here in central!



Photo of the renovated Botwood Church | Photo by Jonathan Gascoyne | NL Adventist Communications



BOTWOOD NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1ST WORSHIP SERVICE @ 11 A.M.
2ND WEEKLY THEMED POTLUCK
3RD ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL & PLANNED
K4C (KIDS 4 CHRIST)



Corner Brook Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted By: Diane Burns

Looking Back at 2018 the Corner Brook Church has had; Building renovations and fire-safety updates, 80th Anniversary celebrations, monthly Worship Service themes such as The Basics of Our Relationship with God (January), Our Mighty Saviour (March), What it Means to Be a Seventh-day Adventist (October), and A Giving Heart (December). In 2019 looking forward they plan to start with prayer and go from there.



A few members from the Corner Brook Church this past Sabbath | Photo submitted by Diane Burns | NL Adventist Communications

Lethbridge | Bonavista | Cape Freels

Submitted By: Pastor Dave Boutcher



The first photo is the Lethbridge Seventh-day Adventist Church building, Second photo is Pastor Dave speaking to the Bonavista congregations, Third photo is a few members of the Cape Freels congregation.

NEWFOUNDLAND MISSION CHURCH UPDATES

St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted by: Margaret Moore

Each New Year's Eve since the Ronald MacDonald House has opened in the city, a meal is provided for those who are staying there by the St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ros Ennis has been the contact person with the office staff for setting up the meal. For the last three years, the cooking crew has been Mona and Clyde Hodder, visiting St. John's from Cape Freels, along with Rosie Gallimore, Vivian & Pratt Saunders and Margaret Moore. This year there were 32 residents at Ronald MacDonald House over the holiday season.

All ingredients for the meal have to be brought in in their original packaging and the meal prepared on location. This year the menu was chicken and broccoli casseroles, scalloped potatoes, carrots, green peas and a large selection of fresh fruit. Generally, the meal is prepared by 5 o'clock so that the residents can come and help themselves.

While it is a joy to be able to serve in this way, it is a time of sadness as well. Most of the residents are young families who are there because they have a seriously ill child. Some have been there just a few days, and for others, it has been their home away from home for several months. In front of strangers, they appear to be coping well. The few who interact with the cooking teams express their appreciation for the many groups and organizations who come to prepare meals. They are thankful for the comfort and convenience of Ronald MacDonald House. In their hearts, we know there are struggles, the uncertainty of their child's future, the time away from jobs and other family members, the anguish of seeing their little one or teenager going through a rough time. We are not expected to question their situation. We offer silent prayers for each one there and entrust them to a Loving Heavenly Father.



Margaret Moore, Clyde & Mona Hodder, Pratt & Vivian Saunders, Rosie Gallimore at Ronald MacDonald House | Photo by Ronald MacDonald House | NL Adventist Communications



Members of the St. John's Church family last Sabbath | Photo submitted by: Pastor Jamie Joseph | NL Adventist Communications

Pastor Jamie and his wife Sarah Joseph along with the members of the St. John's Church Family send warm greetings from St. John's. God bless!

Marystown Seventh-day Adventist Church

Submitted by: Kaitlynn Harushimana

The Marystown Seventh-day Adventist church was pleased to finally have Pastor Etienne and Kaitlynn Harushimana with them this past Sabbath. The Marystown Church family have been anticipating their move since this time last year and had taken on the task of working with the mission to cover their needs until Etienne and Kaitlynn's arrival. Throughout 2018 the church was able to complete a variety of projects such as the renovations of the youth/social room and the removal and installation of a new church sign.

Etienne and Kaitlynn are very grateful for their new church family for everything they have done to make their transition and move welcoming and enjoyable. Everyone is very excited for what is to come in this new year.



A few members of the Marystown Church Family | Pastor Etienne first Sabbath | Photo by: Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications

Pastor Etienne Harushimana next to the church sign upon arrival in Marystown on January 3, 2018 | Photo by: Kaitlynn Harushimana | NL Adventist Communications



Etienne and Kaitlynn Harushimana first Sabbath. | Photo by: Ross Murley | NL Adventist Communications

Upcoming Fundraising Events

The Marystown Church is hosting a variety of Fundraisers throughout this upcoming year in order to raise finances towards their new sign. They would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend the upcoming events, and all donations are welcome.

Thank you all for your continuous support.