

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Welcome! To the new edition of our Regional Newsletter.

It is new for a number of reasons, all of which are exciting – at least for me.

First, it is no longer “my” project. It has ceased to be a production of the incumbent of our Regional ministry. I am very thankful that Kate McLean and Nancy Anderson have stepped forward, offering to take it over. Their creative efforts will change the look and feel of our newsletter, all good things. They are already taking it in new directions.

This new ministry on their behalf is also a reminder to us all – if our Regional ministry is to work, it will require the participation of us all. Your ideas, inspiration, and energy is what will keep us going, and growing. Thus it has always been in the life of the church. Other opportunities for ministry are developing between our churches. Rowena Cooper is beginning an embroidery group, with the desire to repair and provide new linens for our divine worship. This will be a time to not only assist the church in its ministry, but to make new friends as well.

As we seek to reach out to our wider communities, we are planning a number of special events. In the near future we will be hosting a meal at the House of Lazarus near Kemptville. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please talk to one of our wardens. We also have pizza/movie nights planned in October and November. These opportunities to reach out with the love of God will be held at Holy Trinity, Merrickville, and at the North Augusta Town Hall.

We sometimes call Jesus rabbi – teacher. It is a reminder that we are students meant to constantly learn about our faith and to share it with others. We are hoping to hold a workshop in December on practical methods of evangelism. This is open to everyone, and we hope you will join us. Fr. Robert and I are also working on a Regional *confirmation* class for our young people, to be offered in November. Do you have teens who might be interested in confirming their faith in Christ? Would they be willing to gather with other young people to learn about our faith?

Great things are happening in and through the Body of Christ, including within our own Regional ministry. For us to continue, we need to work together and share with each other. I look forward to the year ahead as we try new ministries together.

Blessings to you and all whom you love,

Andrew+

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New Group:

Regional embroidery group.

Rowena Cooper will be leading a group of experienced and new but enthusiastic embroiderers in the preservation of existing and making of new church linens.

Rowena is an accomplished embroiderer with extensive knowledge of contemporary and traditional styles. This group welcomes anyone interested in this creative art form.

The inaugural meeting will take place in the hall at Christ Church Burritts Rapids November 10th 10am-3pm.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Rowena:

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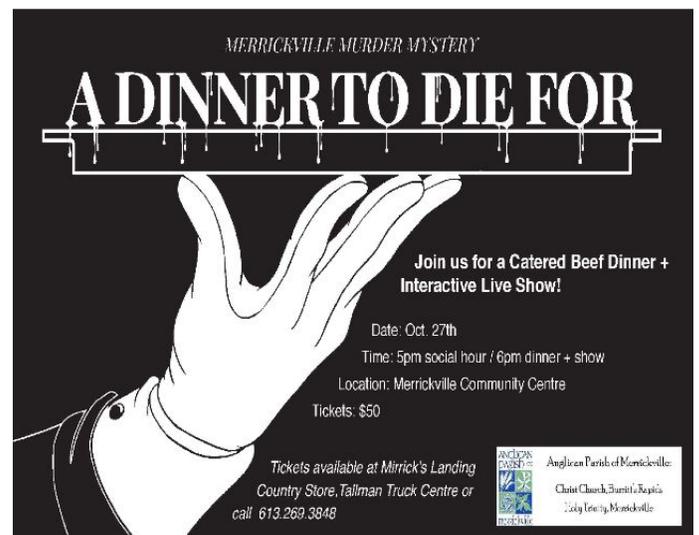
Dates for your Diary:

Oct 14 - Jazz Worship. Holy Trinity 10.30am

Oct 19- Pizza Movie night at Holy Trinity.



Oct 27-Murder Mystery Beef supper, Merrickville



Nov 1-3 Diocesan Synod

Nov 16-17 ACW Christmas Bazaar. Holy Trinity

Nov 23 Pizza Movie night North Augusta Town Hall
Free family event

CURSILLO CORNER



**Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.**

WHAT IS CURSILLO? Cursillo is a Spanish word pronounced "Kur/see/ yo" which means "a short course". The full title Cursillo de Christian dad, means "a short course in Christian living". The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living what is fundamental for being a Christian in the world. That is, Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in the world. Cursillo began in Majorca, Spain, during the 1940's in the Roman Catholic Church and has since spread to other communions worldwide. It is active in more than 50 nations on five continents. The Cursillo Movement is one method of renewal in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in your family and social life, in leisure activities and within the church. WHAT IS THE CURSILLO METHOD? There are three equally important parts:

1. Identification of potential areas in life to be impacted by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. The Three-Day Cursillo Weekend.
3. The follow-up support system that focuses attention on spiritual growth and action through piety (prayer), study and action.

What is the Ultreya?

"Ultreya" is a Spanish word, derived from the original Latin, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and to encourage one another along the way.

This word is now used by the Cursillo community to signify the meeting which is held after a Cursillo experience. This meeting may be between Cursillistas from one or several communities.

The Ultreya gathers together groups from a particular region and provides continuity by contributing to the maintenance of the Cursillo spirit and by revealing the reality of the living Church.

In a climate of friendship, members share their life experiences based on the three tenets of Cursillo life: i.e.: Prayer, Study and Action, or based on a passage from Scripture. This sharing can be contemplative in nature or may deal with an evangelizing experience. These sharings from real-life experiences, serve as examples to all of us of the challenge which Jesus lays before His followers: "Go and do likewise."

As its name implies, the Ultreya, (which is, in many communities of the MCFC, a weekly meeting) is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly.

Watch weekly announcements for dates and location of Ultreyas in the Region.

If you have questions or are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend please speak to David Piercey or Dan Callaghan or one of the Priests.





Calling all artists and designers.

We need a logo for the region.

This logo will be used both for this newsletter and on T-shirts that will be worn at regional outreach events.

Design a logo that represents the regional ministry. The only restrictions are your own imagination. The logo can be full colour but must still be identifiable when printed in black and white.

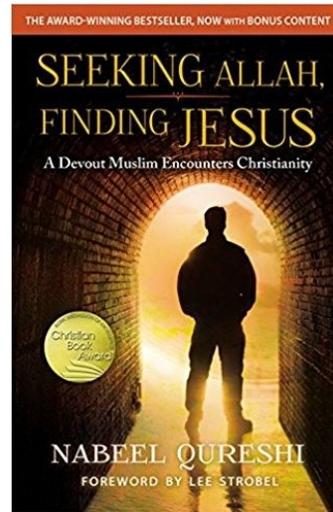
Deadline is November 10th

Winner will have their design featured in a future edition.

Please send submissions to:

thenewsfromthepews@gmail.com

Book Review



Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity.

By: Nabeel Qureshi.

Nabeel's was born and raised in a devout Muslim home. This is his story about how encountering the living Christ changed his life, made him question Islam, its teachings and claims and ultimately convert to Christianity. There are many memorable parts of the book, but for me one of the most striking was the author recounting the pain his family experienced at his conversion he says he cried out "Why God" and wished he had been taken in death, the answer he receives is: "*because this is not about you*". This book is a fascinating look inside a Muslim home, its religion and culture, and a chance for cradle Christians to look at their faith and reconnect with Christ through the eyes of someone who had to give up so much to follow him. I would highly recommend this book.

If you have read a good Christian book you would like to share with fellow readers in the region please submit a review for the next edition.

Please send your reviews to:

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Outreach

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds can such faith save them?

James 2:14

As Christians we are called to help one another in love and service. The Regional council made a commitment in the spring to actively seek out new opportunities for outreach. The first of these opportunities identified was the community meal at House of Lazarus in south Mountain. This charity is a vital part of the community providing a foodbank and other assistance to those in the area. We became aware that they had started a weekly free meal every Thursday. This was being facilitated by a small group of volunteers working within the constraints of a small domestic kitchen and with limited resources. The church next to the charities thrift shop offered its building as a host site and so they began. Weekly they now serve a nutritious meal free to anyone who comes. Weekly numbers are 60 to 80 people from children to seniors. We have confirmed that we will host the meal on December 6th. We will be serving chili, salad, buns, and squares.

Can you help?

We need:

Commitment to make a crockpot of chili.

Salads

Donations of trays of squares.

Juice

Water

Help on the day.

If you are able to help with food or time please contact Kate Mclean or David Piercy

kate.mclean1066@gmail.com

david.piercey@bell.net

Christmas Worship Schedule



Sunday December 23

6.30pm St Peters North Augusta

Monday Dec 24 (Christmas eve)

4pm- Holy Trinity Merrickville

(family service).

4pm-St James Kemptville (family service)

6pm-St. Andrews, Garretton

7pm-Christ Church Burritt's Rapids

8pm-St. Anne's, Oxford Station

10pm-St James Kemptville

11pm -Holy Trinity Merrickville.

Holy Trinity ACW Christmas Bazaar

November 16 and 17

St James ACW Christmas Tea

Dec 1st (at the Kemptville Royal Canadian Legion)

Candlelight Lessons and Carols

Dec. 2 - North Augusta, 6:30pm

Dec. 9th- St. James, 7:00pm

Regional Service with our Bishop

January 6th, 2019

St. James 10:30

With Confirmation, reaffirmation, reception.

OUR SUMMER IN PICTURES:

2018 was a busy summer for the region, we said goodbye to Rev. Jennifer Gosse as a military promotion took her to Nova Scotia. We had our ever popular annual service at the locks and a small team at St James carried out restoration and protection work on their stained glass windows.

