

CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026

Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tuesday, May 5th: Worship & Music Committee meeting at 1:00pm
 - Wednesday, May 6th: Choir practice at 6:30pm
 - Thursday, May 7th: Handbell Choir at 10:00am
 - Wednesday, May 13th: Soup & Chowder Luncheon 11:30-1:00
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Bake Table: Next Sunday, May 10th, members of the Bluenose Academy LEGO Robotics Team, will be joining us as they raise money to attend a national competition in Ontario in June. If you would like to support them, they will have a bake table set up at the back of the sanctuary full of lots of tasty goodies.

Youth & Young Adult Weekend Retreat: Feeling overwhelmed, pressured, or like you always need to be doing something? Need some quiet time? Come as you are to a weekend to slow down, connect in community, and enjoy time for reflection in the beautiful outdoor setting of Camp Mush-a-Mush. For youth in grade 7 through to age 25. When: June 12-14, 2026. Sign-up by May 29th. Registration forms are available in the church office or contact Lucille Wentzell at (902)527-7143. Hosted by South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry.

Community Drop-In: Join us for our next community drop-in on the third Thursday of the month, May 21st from 10am – 12:00pm.

Save the date: We will be presenting our Memorial Hymn Sing on the evening of Sunday, June 7th! If there are hymns you would like us to consider using this year, please let someone on the Worship team know.

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Retreat Update

Last month, nearly 40 people gathered together to reflect on the life and future of Central United. We explored who we are, what we value and where God may be calling us next. Over the course of our time together, we identified a number of broad areas of ministry we would like to focus on moving forward. These include:

- ~ *strengthening our sense of community and connection within the congregation;*
- ~ *growing our ministry of welcome and inclusion,*
- ~ *becoming more of an active, outward-focused church,*
- ~ *encouraging new and broader participation,*
- ~ *including through new partnerships in the wider community,*
- ~ *celebrating our story and good news more visibly and intentionally.*

Some of the key projects that we identified to help us grow in these areas included:

- ~ **Continuing to Provide Opportunities to Build Community, through luncheons, potlucks, community drop-in's and more.**
- ~ **Becoming more visible in the Lunenburg community, as we love and care for our neighbours.**
- ~ **Reaching out to Community leaders and organizations to better understand the needs of our neighbours and partnering together to address those needs.**
- ~ **Strengthening our relationship with other churches and faith groups on the South Shore**
- ~ **Reviewing and improving the overall accessibility of our space.**
- ~ **Removing some pews in the sanctuary and exploring how best to use our physical space to support our ministry, so that we can have a greater impact on our community.**
- ~ **Making a plan for a more sustainable financial future, so that we can focus more on mission.**

The Board is reviewing all the feedback we received at the retreat and is putting together a plan of action, which will be shared with the congregation in the coming weeks. Those who offered to be champions, advocates or encouragers for particular projects will be hearing from Rev. Daniel over the next little bit, so that we can begin making progress on these goals and move into the future we imagine. Thank you to all who attended the retreat in March! And stay tuned for more updates soon!
