

# CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

*Please send your announcements to the church office by Wednesday.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Soup & Chowder Luncheon 11:30-1:00
  - Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>: Choir practice at 6:30pm
  - Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Handbell Choir at 10:00am
  - Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Stewards Meeting at 7:00pm in Fellowship Room
  - Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>: Community Drop-in from 10am-noon in the hall
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**Bake Table:** Today, May 10th, members of the Bluenose Academy LEGO Robotics Team, are joining us as they raise money to attend a national competition in Ontario in June. If you would like to support them, they have a bake table set up at the back of the sanctuary full of lots of tasty goodies.

**Soup & Chowder Luncheon:** Our last soup & chowder luncheon before we take a break for the summer is coming up this week on May 13<sup>th</sup>!

**Sunday Bulletins:** If you or someone you know are unable to attend service but would like to have a copy of the bulletin, extra copies (when available) can be found in a container at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available in the church office or contact Lucille Wentzell at (902)527-7143. Hosted by South Shore Lutheran Shared Ministry.

**Memorial Hymn Sing:** Join us for a hymn sing on Sunday, June 7th at 7pm. See the yellow insert in the bulletin for more information. The Memorial/Celebration sheets, along with donations, need to be returned to the church office no later than Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

**In The Community:**

Join the Beyond Band-aids initiative for two special events: Community Conversations about how rapidly things are changing both in the world and right here in our communities on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> at Bridgewater United Church, & a Community Action Workshop about exploring practical steps and actions that can be taken to create positive change in our communities on Thursday June 11 at the Blockhouse Firehall. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway.

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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!

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