

# **Church's Day: The Spring Has Come!**

**Tatamagouche Centre,  
May 15, 2010 from 9:30am-4:30pm**

## **A FEAST OF WORKSHOPS**

**You can choose FOUR workshops when you arrive!**

### **Many Ways to Give**

Generosity is your gift to give. How do we give and how is it received? An idea on how we might inspire people to give weekly to the life of our pastoral charge. The Giving Table. Leader: Pam Harrison

### **Introduction to Godly Play**

Come listen to a story! Godly Play is an Imaginative method of sharing the Bible with children. (Adults love it too!) We will learn some of the underlying principles and basic "how to's" of Godly Play and how to integrate it in Sunday School and other faith formation programmes. Leader: Janice MacLean

### **Setting up your own Facebook page**

In this hands-on workshop, we will explore the different ways in which we can use social media websites, like Facebook to share the lives of our church. Bring your own laptop! Leader: Nick Phillips

### **Web, Facebook, Twitter: The New Front Door**

In an increasingly wired world people look to instant information about activities in the community. How do we communicate our own activities? Come and see how technology can improve your church's communication and vision sharing with your members and wider community. Leader: Nick Phillips

### **Ministry of Men: Writing a New Chapter**

The Psalmist argues, "Help, LORD, for the godly are no more; the faithful have vanished from among men." This session will begin to think out loud about ministry with men in our Maritime context and beyond. We will explore specifics with regard to faith formation and generational theory. We may even discuss the role breakfast seems to play in gatherings of men in the United Church! Leader: Aaron Billiard

### **Sharing Spiritual Practices with Grandchildren**

Whether our grandchildren live next door or across the country, there are practices we can share with them, that are deeply spiritual and will nurture this special relationship. Come to this "sharing circle", bring a picture of your grandchild/ren if you wish, and together we will touch into the heart of "grandparenting" in today's world. Leader: Marilyn Burrell

### **Families, Faith and Finances**

Budget is not a dirty word. This workshop will explore ways that families of faith can bring money-talk out in the open. It will introduce a complete intergenerational learning resource that could be used in your congregation or community to encourage talk about family and money. Leader: Laura Hunter

### **Spiritual Direction with Young Adults and Youth**

Spiritual direction is the art of assisting another person to notice and respond to the presence and leading of God in the midst of ordinary life. This workshop will explore how that might look with youth and young adults. We will explore questions like: How does the practice of spiritual guidance enable youth and young adults in their faith journeys? What are the benefits? What are the challenges? Leadership: Martha Martin

### **My Backyard is Your Backyard is Our Backyard: Church in Action!"**

The world seems smaller. Global issues like climate change, poverty, war/peace, or human rights are no longer someone else's far away problems. Do you ever wonder if you or your church can really make a difference and if so how? Hear how some of our churches have taken action; talk about what helped them get started and/or to be effective; share ideas you have and experiences you and your church have had in working for change. Leadership: Linda Scherzinger

### **Few in Pew, But Strong in Song**

"Our organist has gone south for the winter! What do we do?" In this workshop we will harmoniously explore ways that small congregations can enhance worship times with music and song even when there's no one to play the organ. Leader: Laura Hunter...unless she can find someone better qualified!

### **The Changing Church: "To boldly go where no one has gone before!"**

Many congregations are facing tough decisions. New directions require bold spirits. There is no map. In this workshop we will examine the dangers of sitting on the fence too long; consider the elements needed to make a dramatic change of direction in mission; and explore how or when it might be okay to choose a graceful end. Leadership: David Hewitt

**Plus, inspiring Worship for all ages and Children's Program: Godly Play & Nature Activities.**

**Come Sing Together! Come Play together!**

Adults: \$40 and Children \$10

Make it a Retreat and book in at the Centre either Friday or Saturday night, additional cost \$30/room, based on double occupancy, and \$7 for breakfast.

**Register SOON by phoning the Centre toll-free 1 800 218 2220**