

## ***Share the Spirit; Spread the Word – Ash Wednesday***

***February 24, 2016***

### ***Deanery Grants***

Please note that the application deadline for deanery grants has been extended to March 19<sup>th</sup>. The application and guidelines are attached to this message. Please submit your request to the Rev. Ruth Charleau, the Chairperson of the Committee. Her contact information is included on the application form. To expedite the processing of your request, please make sure that all the necessary information is included.

### ***Tuesday, February 23 – March 22, 9:00 – 9:55 am***

St George's Church, Lennoxville - *Lenten Reflection Group*. All are welcome for an hour of quiet reflection on the lectionary readings for Lent. We will use the method of lectio divina to listen for God's Word speaking in our lives. All materials are provided and there is no need to sign up. Please just come when you can. It is cold outside, but this group is warm and welcoming. We meet in the upper room at St George's, Lennoxville. If you have any other questions, please contact [lyndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lyndillabough@gmail.com)

***Please note that the following event will begin on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm not the 17<sup>th</sup> as originally advertised.***

St George's, Lennoxville - The Nicene Creed: What Does the Church REALLY Believe?

A six weeks course on the Nicene Creed led by the Archdeacon will be held on the Wednesday Evenings in Lent. This course is particularly suitable for those of mature years considering preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is also suitable for those interested in the theology and philosophy of foundational Christian thought.

Participants need not be Christians but it is for all those who are interested in what the Church REALLY believes as opposed to what most people THINK it believes. Conversation will take part over a Lenten soup supper.

***Thursday February 25, 11:30 - 1:00***

*Danville & Asbestos Community Meal* - All residents of Danville and Asbestos are invited to this free community meal of hot casseroles, homemade rolls, desserts, tea, coffee and juice. Those who live alone, or those for who find the last week of the month a time when food is more scarce are particularly welcome but all are invited. You must call or email to have a place set at the table for you. You may do this by emailing [lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com)

***Thursday February 25, 5:15-6:45***

St Augustine's Church, Danville - Messy Church. All families with children 12 and under are welcome for this time of learning and worship. Parents (or grandparents) attend along with their children as we learn about our faith and enjoy a good meal. Storytelling, crafts, worship and dinner with materials and food all provided. We do collect a freewill offering during worship. This month we are learning about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught us all to love each other. If you would like to attend, or would like more information about the program, please contact [lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com)

***Wednesday March 2, 5:15-6:45***

*Bury - Messy Church*. All families with children 12 and under are welcome for this time of learning and worship. Parents (or grandparents) attend along with their children as we learn about our faith and enjoy a good meal. Storytelling, crafts, worship and dinner with materials and food all provided. We do collect a freewill offering during worship. This month we are learning about how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and taught us all to love each other. If you would like to attend, or would like more information about the program, please contact [lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com)

***Thursday, March 10' 10:00 am***

Ayer's Cliff, St George's Church – Annual vestry meeting at the church.

Note: The church is collecting food donations for the on-going food bank that operated with the United Church to help in the community.

***Education for Ministry - Year One: September 2016 until June 2017***

Beginning in September, there will be an opportunity for new participants from the deanery to begin the Education for Ministry program. Now is the time to start thinking about this. EfM is a four-year program of theological education for lay people. The commitment is high, but the rewards are many as you learn to reflect theologically on your own life and on the world in

which we live. First year involves an intensive study of the Old Testament scriptures. The following three years are on the topics of: New Testament, Church History, Theology, Ethics, and Ecumenism/Inter-Faith Dialogue. All years have a strong component of practical theological reflection. In many dioceses this is the standard formation program for lay readers, but anyone seeking greater maturity in their faith will find the program enriching. Canon Lynn Dillabough is the registrar in the Deanery and co-mentors the program with the Rev. Ruth Charleau. You may contact her if you would like any more information.  
[lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com).

***First Saturday of Every Month, 9:00 - 11:00 am***

St Matthias Church, Fitch Bay – Community Coffee hour. Coffee, tea and muffins. No charge. Everyone welcome.

***Every Tuesday***

Wales Home, Richmond - Bible Study on the book of Luke from 1:30 – 2:30.

All are welcome to this bible study in the 4th floor living room at the Wales Home. All materials are provided. Just bring a bible. We now have several people attending who are not residents of the home, so please feel free to join us any time. It may be a good opportunity to visit friends while you are there. Sometimes transportation from Lennoxville can be provided. Please contact [lynndillabough@gmail.com](mailto:lynndillabough@gmail.com) if you would like a drive or any other information.

***Project to Encourage Reading For Children Aged 6 - 8***

Please consult the website for the details of this project.

<http://www.labandeasylvain.com/lire/read/index.htm>

***Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Spring Events (with more detail to follow):***

- April 3rd, 2pm, Country Gospel Hour in Danville
- April 23rd, 9:30 - 3:30, Pastoral Ministry Workshop, hosted by the Deanery Pastoral Ministry Team
- May 27 - 29, Diocesan Youth Retreat & Deanery Service in Richmond