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All Saints' Day
22nd Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, November 1, 2026

9:00 am
Traditional Service of Holy Communion



Mon*day, November 2*
6:30 pm *'Practicing the Way'*

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 pm Mothers' Union

Wednesday, November 4
9:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Time Out for Women

Thursday, November 5
7:00 pm Impact Youth Ministry

Saturday, November 7
10:00 am Music Ministry

11:00 am
Contemporary Service of Holy Communion

The Message:



10:00 am The Piecemakers'
4:30 pm Saturday Supper Ministry

24th Sunday after Trinity
Sunday, November 8
9:00 am Traditional Service of Holy Communion
11:00 am The Service of the Word & the Act of Remembrance
Kids Church Ministry & Youth Program
6:30 pm '*Gospel of John*' Bible Study

Scripture Readings
Sunday, November 1

***Ephesians* 2: 11-22**
***Matthew* 5: 1-12**



Pastor's Perspective

The Big Deal –
All Saints' Day* or *Halloween?

For much of the world culture, the big deal this time of the year is *Halloween* – that is to say, what *Halloween* has become: horror costumes of ghosts, witches, monsters and the like, set against the backdrop of RIP monuments with sounds of piecing evil laughs and haunting noises – all the while treats are handed out lest tricks be done.
However, the Church of Christ, for centuries, has seen *Halloween* for what it true is and what it was always meant to be - *All Hallow's Eve*. In other words, it is

simply the eve of one of the most important celebrations in the Christian Church– The Feast of All Saints.

Each November 1st, the Feast of All Saints calls us to celebrate the vastness of the Church of Jesus: The Church militant - soldiers of Christ with our boots in the ground throughout the earth, still fighting the good fight of faith on earth, against the world, the flesh and the devil and: the Church Triumphant - God's faithful people, no longer engaged in spiritual combat, but now victorious in the nearer presence of the Lord.

Sainthood, therefore, is not simply a title reserved for a select few. All who are "set apart" (the meaning of the word "saint") *for* Christ, by faith *in* Christ, are all a part of the vast family of God, on earth and in heaven.

All Saints' Day, therefore, provides an opportunity for those of us, still in this world, to give thanks for the countless men and women whose faithfulness has helped preserve and proclaim the Gospel through the centuries.

We also remember the faithful Christians closer to home: parents and grandparents who taught us to pray, clergy who shepherded congregations, friends who stood beside us in difficult times, and quiet servants whose generosity strengthened their communities.

The writer of the letter of Hebrews encourages us to remember this great company of faithful servants:

> "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

And so, All Saints Day reminds us that we do not run the Christian race alone - but that we are, indeed, surrounded by a great company of faithful people - that the Church is more than a local congregation or a community of believers living at the same moment in history. We belong to one big Family - the Body of Christ, united to him and, through him, to one another. As we say in our creed, "I believe in the communion of saints."

Closely associated with All Saints' Day is All Souls' Day, observed on November 2nd. While All Saints' Day celebrates the whole company of God's saints, All Souls' Day has a particular focus on remembering the faithful

departed. That said, at both Services this Sunday, 9 am and 11 am, we will remember loved ones among the faithful departed who this year entered into the nearer presence of the Lord.

So, what does this mean for us today?

As we celebrate All Saints' and All Souls' Day, we are reminded that the Church's story is not yet finished. By the grace of God, we as followers of the Lord Jesus in today's world, are still being called, shaped, and prepared to share in the glory of Jesus Christ as we look forward to the coming Day of Resurrection.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." — Matthew 5:8

By His grace,

Greg+

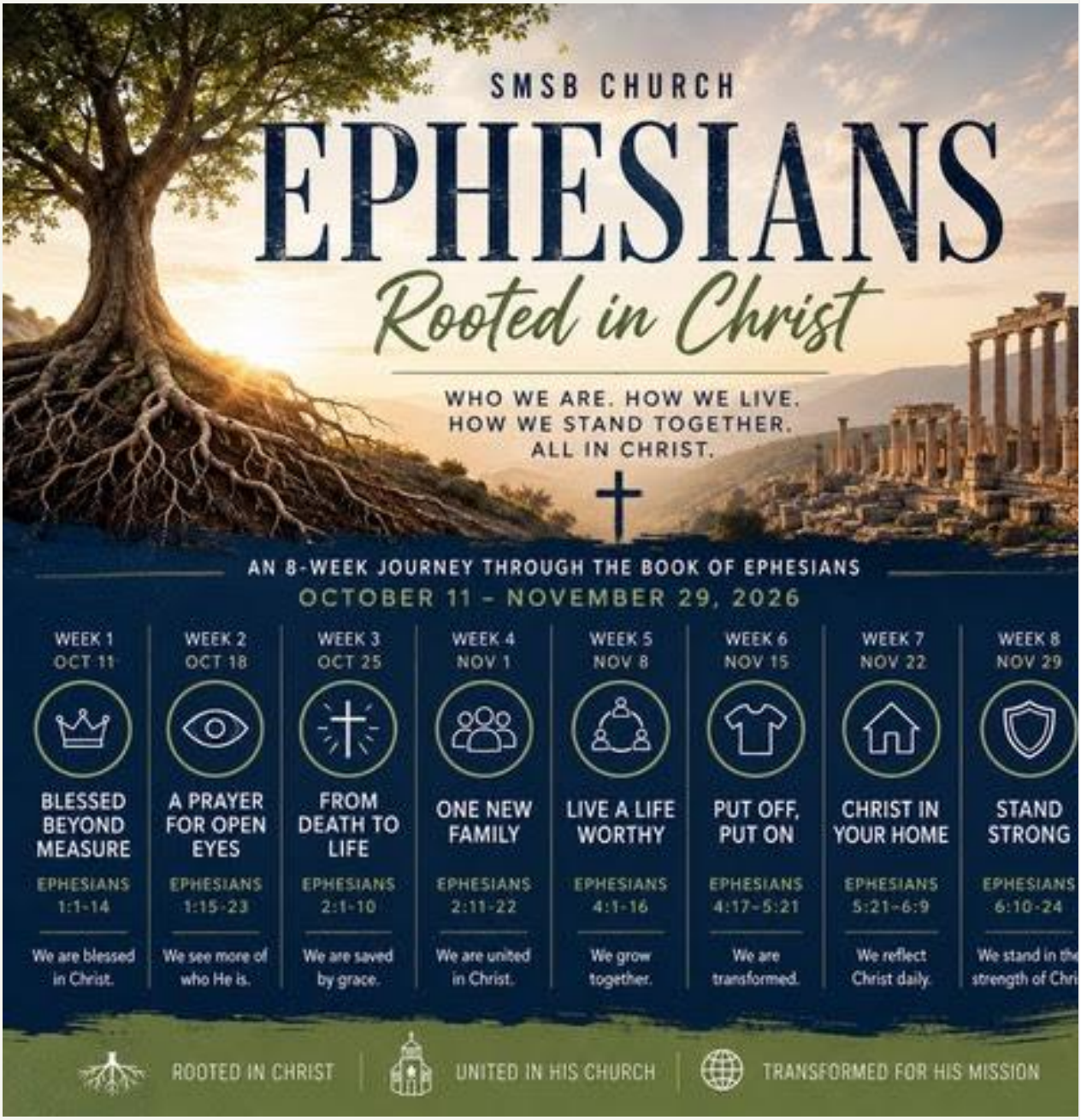


This Sunday (November 1)
Observance of the Feast of All Saints'

We will observe All Saints' Day by lighting a candle in memory of loved ones who have died in the faith of Christ over the past year and to pause in prayer to reflect on their lives.

Elizabeth Baxter
Wayne Buck
Donald Childs
Brandon Comeau
Donald Crawford
Barbara Field
Joan Fillmore
Corey Guimond
Dr Hellmuth Heiss
Dawson Moyer
Barbara Nesbit
Allan Price
Pauline Rector
Shirley Ripley
Rosa Marie Robichaud
Austin Seaward
Dorothy Titus
Kathy Walker
Janet Williston

Fall Sermon Series
continues this Sunday (November 1)
"*One New Family*"







Happy 99th Birthday, Jean Windrick!
This young lady enjoyed celebrations
on Tuesday, October 27!



As earlier announced, Carol Anne will be retiring in early January. We are pleased to announce that we have hired **Katelyn (Katie) King** as our new Church Administrative Assistant. Katie has been a member of this parish since birth (daughter of Karen Vandenbroeck), married to Josh and has three beautiful children, Cameron, Dylan and Lucia.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Mothers' Union Meeting
Tuesday, November 3
7:00 pm
All welcome to attend to hear our guest speaker
from *Coverdale Centre for Women*



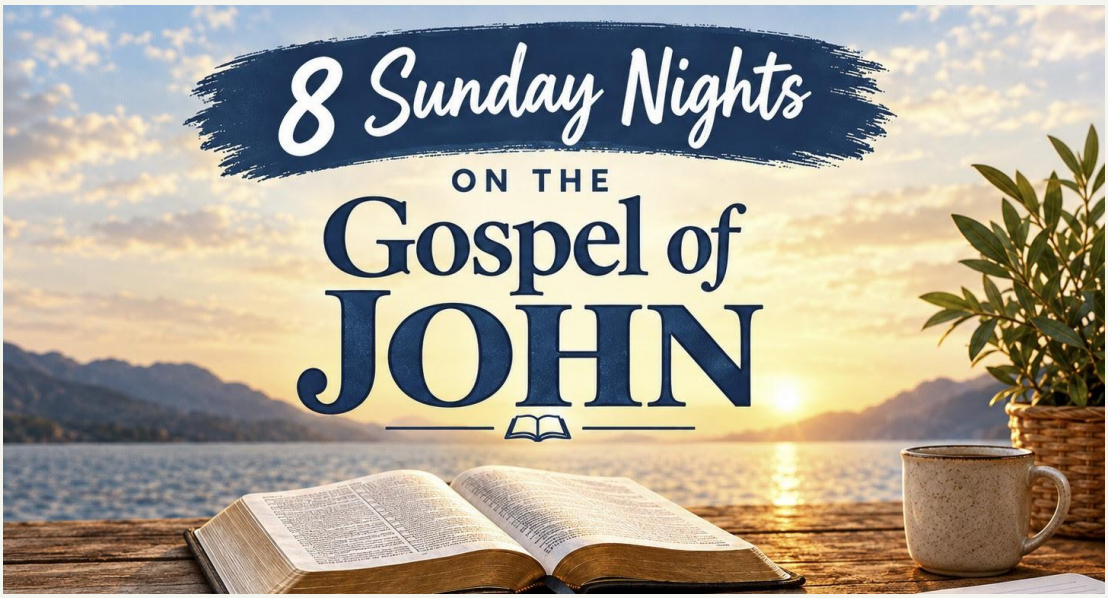
Help Our Neighbors Brave the Cold: Men's Winter Clothing Drive

As the temperature drops, many men in our community face the harsh winter months without the gear they need to stay warm and safe. We are launching a Men's Winter Clothing Drive to collect essential cold-weather items for those in need.

If you have gently used or new winter apparel clearing out your closet, your donation can make an immediate, life-warming difference.



There is an **URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS** to assist with the Saint John East Food Bank. Anyone interested or for more info please contact Colleen Cookson, Executive Director 506-333-8298.



Sunday Evenings - 6:30 pm

If interested please let Pastor Greg know by texting at 506-645-7517. We look forward to having you join us as explore this amazing Gospel together.


SMSB Church
Christmas
Tea &
Quilt Show
November 14
11 am - 1 pm
$10 adults
$5 children under 12
Tickets at the door or at the Church office
506-696-1347
646 Westmorland



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our *Surviving the Holidays* session helps participants discover:

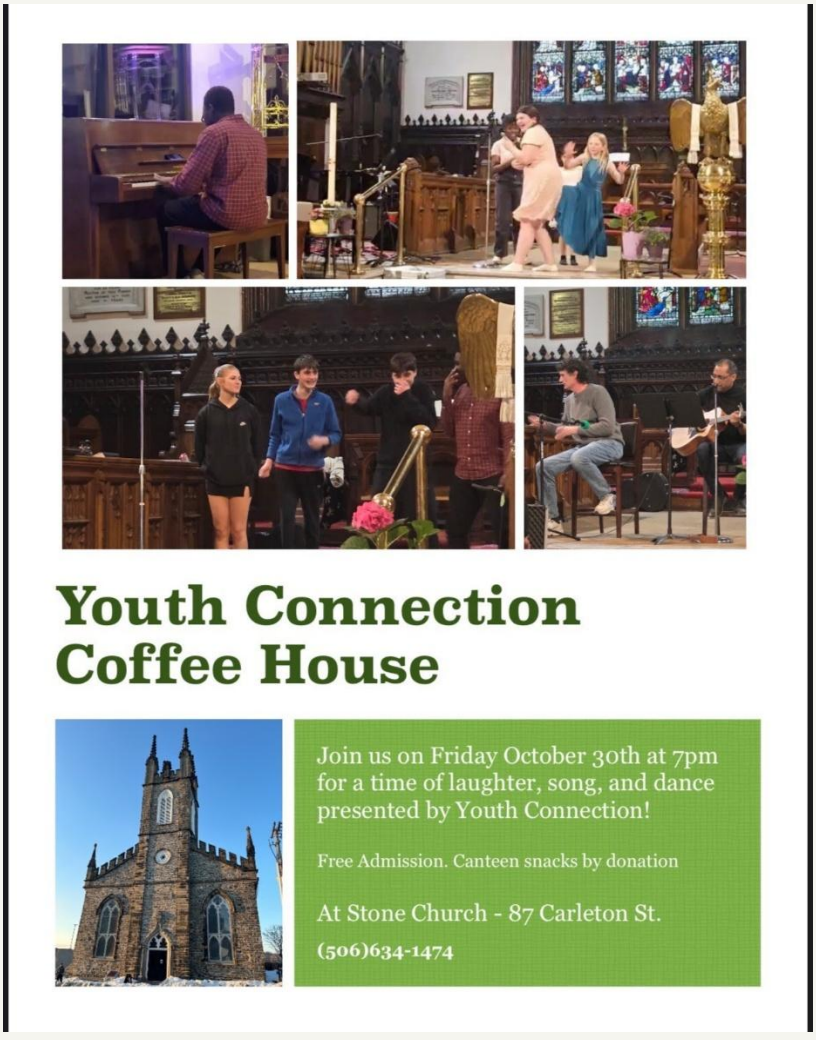
* How to deal with emotions
* What to do about traditions
* Helpful tips for surviving social events
* How to find hope for the future

Join us for this encouraging session
Sunday, November 29
2:00-4:00 pm

Please pre-register by Nov 20
by calling 506-696-1347 or email: smsbchurch24@gmail.com
or register through the
Grief Share website: www.griefshare.org.

INNER CITY
YOUTH MINISTRY

Did you know that ICYM runs Youth Connection on Friday Nights? We begin with a meal, then our evening includes activities and a devotion. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us. This week we are presenting a Coffee House. Please come and check it out!



Community Christmas Exchange

Christmas Families 2026

Our Church family is being called upon to assist 25 families this year. Applications will begin on November 2, and conclude Nov 30. A Superstore gift card will be given to provide a Christmas dinner; as well as a gift card for each child from Walmart. Please consider donating to this project financially, please place your donation in the special envelope in the pew, marked “Christmas Families” or in your giving envelope or send your donation via E-transfer or mail (indicating what the donation is for).


CHILDREN'S
Nativity Pageant
A Brighter Story for a Brighter World
Join Us as We Celebrate the Birth of Jesus!
Small People Can Make a Big Drifference for His Kingdon
Rehearsal & Pizza Lunch
Sunday, December 13
Immediately After the Service
Pizza Lunch Provided!
Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, December 19
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Nativity Pageant
Sunday, December 20
During the 11:00 AM Service
Angels ★ Shepherds ★ Wise Men ★ And More!
Bring your children as we celebrate the birth of Jesus through a special Nativity presentation!
ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!
"For unto us a child is born..."
Isaiah 9:6
COME CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH US!



Capital Campaign Update
as of Oct 26, 2026

Contributions to Capital: $ 18,893

So close to the mark! The new target is now $22,000. The building of the new shed is under construction, and a new heat pump has been installed in the sanctuary. We value each and everyone's ongoing prayers and support**.**



Get Connected!

RightNow Media is a wonderful resource for Bible study, LIFE Group study and home entertainment, freely provided by our Church. If you're not already connected, please contact the church office to get set up - 506-696-1347 or email: smsbchurch24@gmail.com**.**



How Do We Give When We're Not in Church?

There are options.
1. E-Offering (to begin or modify). Choose weekly or monthly giving. The amount or frequency can change with a quick message or phone call to our Church Secretary, who will provide you with options on how to start this method of giving.

2. Interac E-Transfer - via email: donation.smsbchurch@gmail.com. Please check that the etransfer is being directed to "*The Corporation of Anglican Parish of Coldbrook St Mary*." Please make a note when you send your etransfer if you wish to have your donation sent to a specific fund.

3. Pay Pal via our Church Website - An easy, safe and secure method of giving is available through our church website via *Pay Pal.* Log into the website: www.smsbchurch.com. Go to the bottom of the home page, to the link 'Donate' and follow the instructions for Pay Pal.

4. Hand deliver or surface mail your offering to the Church Office, 646 Westmorland Road, Saint John NB E2J 2H4. Mail will be picked up each day.

5. Point of Sale - Donations may be made on Sundays prior to each service. Also, the church office will be open Monday to Friday (9 am-1 pm) for anyone who wishes to make a donation during the week.

We want to do everything we can to make consistent giving as easy as possible. Contact the Office (506) 696-1347 if you have a question.

Thank you so much for your tithes and offerings.



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Weekly E-News

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If you would like to begin receiving the E-News electronically, please give your email address to the office 506-696-1347 or smsbchurch24@gmail.com.

Communications

Submissions for the E-News and other publications or requests of communication during services can be sent to the office via email: smsbchurch24@gmail.com or phone 506-696-1347 by Wednesday at noon.

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