

Bethany's Programs/Events - Week at a Glance -
April 29 to May 5, 2024

MONDAY	ISANS Conversation Circle @ 1:45pm, Ladies Parlour (To volunteer contact Ann) Bethany Book Club @ 7pm, Chapel & Zoom
TUESDAY	Music Ministry - 6 Member Hand Bell Ensemble @ 4pm, Sanctuary Faith Study Tonight @ 7pm (Chapel or Zoom)
WEDNESDAY	Guided Meditation @ Noon, Chapel Bethany Pluckers @ 6:45pm, Sanctuary
THURSDAY	Music Ministry Hand Bell Choir @ 6:30pm, Sanctuary Senior Choir @ 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	Worship Service @ 10:30am, Sanctuary Sunday School @ 10:30am, Gymnasium Coffee Hour to follow, Fellowship Hall Youth Group @ 7pm, Fellowship Hall

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Earl & Janet Reid Scholarship

In memory of the late Earl & Janet Reid, dedicated Bethany members, this fund is to help United Church parishioners in the Halifax area attend post-secondary education. Visit Community Foundation of Nova Scotia for details.

<https://cfns.ca/earleandjanetreidscholarship/>

DEADLINE: MAY 15th, 2024

Bethany's "**Bargain Bonanza & BBQ**" is fast approaching! It's that time of year, folks! The Bethany Sunday School is getting ready to host the "**Bargain Bonanza & BBQ**" on Saturday, May 25th, from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Fellowship Hall and Gym. The children are excited to get started, and we need your help! Please keep us in mind as you're sorting through things this winter and as you begin your spring cleaning.

We will begin accepting donations on April 14th to May 19th, in the gym, using ramp door at 2669 Joseph Howe Drive
ONLY ON Wednesdays 10:00am - Noon
Sundays 9:30-10:15am & 11:30am - 12:30pm



Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-up sheets in April. We're looking forward to hosting this fun event. Thank you and stay tuned!

Items to donate:

- Small electronics and appliances: clock radios, coffee makers, toaster ovens, Instant Pots, bread makers, slow cookers, etc.
- Outdoor and Sports gear: camping, skiing, hockey, baseball, croquet sets, boules, etc.
- Tools: hand tools, small power tools like saws, drills, etc.
- Wall art
- Kitchen essentials: dishes, cutlery, utensils, serving dishes and platters.
- Linens: sheets, pillowcases, bathroom towels, tea towels, tablecloths, cloth napkins, runners, table toppers, doilies, etc.
- Books: children's books; adult novels
- Retro and Curio: small home décor items such as lamps, vases, figurines, throw cushions, etc.
- Accessories: luggage, backpacks, purses, wallets
- Christmas decorations
- Children's toys

We ask that everything be clean, and in working order when it is dropped off. As you may remember from previous flea markets, there is a cost to the church if we have to dispose of items. We are unable to take large electronics, appliances or furniture.



Bless, O God, the ministry of camps and retreat centres, a ministry which is ours in Christ's name.

Camping Sunday is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Sunday in April. This insert today has been designed to increase visibility for the church's outdoor/camping ministries and in particular draw attention to our local United Church camp, Camp Kidston. Maybe you can recall your own memories and experiences of church camping.

ARTHUR KIDSTON MEMORIAL CAMP offers a special place for individuals in the soul of summer.

Camp Kidston provides a safe and happy summer camping experience to kids aged 5 to 16 where they can explore their unique talents and place in the universe through opportunities to unplug and connect with friends, outdoor adventures, and faith exploration. Imagine a backyard of over 400 acres of pristine woods on the shores of Long Lake in the North-Eastern corner of the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM). Camp Kidston has provided campers and rental groups with the opportunity to experience this oasis of nature since 1966.

Here they are in 2024, looking ahead to another summer of memories in the making for young people. Like most of us in today's world, the cost of operating these experiences has increased and are facing similar

challenges connected to food security and funding sources.

SUPPORT FOR THEIR MISSION

When you make a gift to Camp Kidston, you help enrich the lives of children and youth throughout our community. The growth, learning, friendships, and fun that campers experience cannot happen without your generosity.

There are many ways to share your gifts and skills:

- Donate via our Canada Helps page below or read more on our Canada Helps Charity Profile [here](#)
- Join Lawton's/Sobey's MHCSI Pharmacy Program (see below). This earns you savings, and helped raise more than \$5,000 for Kidston programs in 2019!
- Donate program supplies.
- Join us for an On-site Work Party in the Spring or Fall
- Volunteer as a Board or Committee member
- Donate equipment. Moving or down-sizing? We are currently looking for gently-used tools to help us maintain our beautiful site/trails, including a grass trimmer/weed whacker, hedge shears, and more.
- Consider making a bequest in your will. Did you know that Kidston was created thanks to a bequest from one person - Arthur Kidston - more than 50 years ago? Since then, his gift has enriched thousands of young people!



Another way you can consider lending a hand is by becoming a **“Camper Sponsor.”**

At Kidston, we believe no child should miss out, just because of financial concerns. Thanks to the generosity of our community members, volunteers, and donors,

Kidston’s Sponsorship Fund offers a helping hand to many campers and families who otherwise might not be able to come to camp.

We ask that families contribute what they can toward their camper’s fees, and we work with our donors to cover the rest.

In 2024, sponsorship requests can be submitted directly through the registration portal. Your child's registration will not be considered complete until you receive confirmation from our team regarding sponsorship funding.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email director@campkidston.com.

In 2023, 60 campers were sponsored through this funding source. 30 campers were listed on a wait list and missed the opportunity. The actual cost of attending camp per week is \$850.00. Families can pay for this experience through a tiered process. Most common tier selected is \$450.00 and then it goes up from their \$550, \$600 or \$700.

Today, we have a “CAMPING POT” out to collect loose change/cash to be directed to this fund supported by our Local Outreach Committee.

Please give as you are able.

For more information you can visit their website and donations can also be sent directly to Camp Kidston.

Website:

<https://www.campkidston.com>



A sacred place that is welcoming, inclusive, adventurous, and affordable. Camp Kidston is proud to be accredited by

