

Around the Bonfire

September
2025

Welcome to a New Season

Victoria and I were on a drive from Ottawa to Toronto in August. On our drive, we saw that the leaves had already begun to change, even though it looked green closer to our neck of the woods. I was reminded that new things are always on the horizon, and so it is important to rest, recuperate, and prepare for the new season to come.

As we look ahead to a new season and new things on the horizon, we take wisdom from Isaiah 43:18-19 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Upcoming Events

Bible Study - Every Monday at 12 on Zoom
Beginning Monday September 15th

Fall Youth Retreat - October 3rd - 5th
@Gracefield Retreat Centre

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Reminders

Quarterly Newsletter Release
Dates:
December, March, June,
September, December

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What Are You Excited About?

From Knox Church Manotick:

Men's Breakfast - Every 2nd Saturday of the month at Miller's Oven (1137 Mill St.)

Contact: Gary Pluim at pluimgary@gmail.com

Women's Breakfast - Every 4th Saturday of the month at Miller's Oven (1137 Mill St.) Contact: Marianne Collin at collinmk123@gmail.com

Faith Day at Ottawa Redblacks

Our animator, Sunjay, also ministers as Family Ministries Coordinator at Knox Manotick. He is coordinating a group from Knox to attend Faith Day at the Ottawa Redblacks on Saturday September 20th at 3:00pm . If anyone is interested in going, please email him at sunjay.henry@knoxmanotick.ca

From Westminster & St. Stephen's Presbyterian Churches

Young Power West-Steves

Westminster and St-Stephens Churches together host a youth group that meets one Saturday evening a month. Each meeting consists of games, conversations, food, and time with God's word. The group meets at the two churches as well as special activities that are hosted around the city. Youth ages 11 and up are welcome to join and the age range in the group includes middle school to young post secondary age youth/young adults. Please contact Ben Goldsmith at youth@mywestminster.ca for more information.

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From St. Paul's Ottawa (971 Woodroffe Ave)

Sunset Singers Concert at St. Paul's

Sunday September 21st at 2pm - 4pm

Join us for an afternoon of classic and beloved songs from past decades!

A freewill offering will be collected to support the St. Paul's Roof Fundraiser.

From St. Stephens (579 Parkdale Ave)

St. Stephen's online Bible conversations start back up on September 23!

Are you interested in having engaged discussions about a book of the Bible, finding a safe space to ask your questions and explore how to apply the Scripture to your life today? Join us online from 7-8pm most Tuesdays (schedule available). Email Meg at meg.patterson@ststephensottawa.ca with questions or to get the Zoom link. Our first book this fall is James.

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Youth Leadership Summit Highlights: On Friday September 5th, youth leaders from across the Presbytery gathered for a time of food, fellowship, encouragement and learning about how to build and sustain our youth ministry. Our discussion was led by our very own Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand. A special thanks to him for leading our discussion, St. Paul's for hosting our event and all those who were able to attend. Be encouraged as you enter into a new ministry year.



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