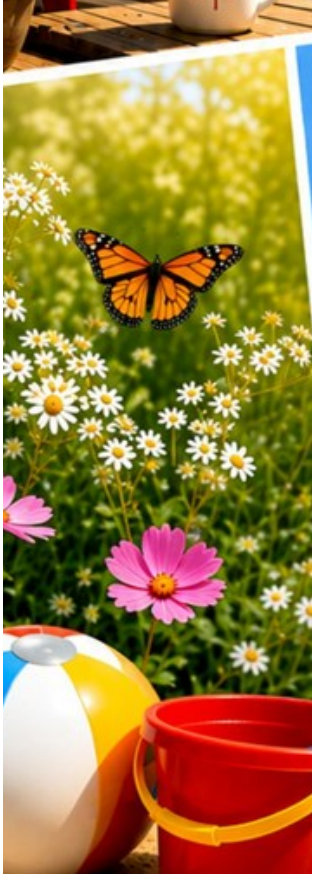




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JULY 2026



# ACTIVE IN MISSION: HIKES & BIRDING

I am counting my eBird checklists starting in June for **Active In Mission**. So far I have logged **48 bird species**. Last year my goal was one hundred, which I did reach. I will donate **one dollar to Canadian Baptist Ministries for each different species**. Here is what I have identified so far – June - with help from some of you.

## BIRD SPECIES SPOTTED SO FAR!

— Active in Mission - Hikes & Birding —

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ American Black Duck</li> <li>♣ American Crow</li> <li>♣ American Goldfinch</li> <li>♣ American Redstart</li> <li>♣ American Robin</li> <li>♣ Bald Eagle</li> <li>♣ Barn Swallow</li> <li>♣ Barred Owl</li> <li>♣ Blue Jay</li> <li>♣ Blue-winged Teal</li> <li>♣ Bobolink</li> <li>♣ Canada Goose</li> <li>♣ Cedar Waxwing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Chestnut-sided Warbler</li> <li>♣ Chipping Sparrow</li> <li>♣ Common Grackle</li> <li>♣ Common Merganser</li> <li>♣ Common Raven</li> <li>♣ Common Yellowthroat</li> <li>♣ European Starling</li> <li>♣ Gadwall</li> <li>♣ Gray Catbird</li> <li>♣ Green-winged Teal</li> <li>♣ Hermit Thrush</li> <li>♣ Mallard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Mourning Dove</li> <li>♣ Northern Harrier</li> <li>♣ Northern Yellow Warbler</li> <li>♣ Ovenbird</li> <li>♣ Osprey</li> <li>♣ Palm Warbler</li> <li>♣ Pied-billed Grebe</li> <li>♣ Purple Finch</li> <li>♣ Red-eyed Vireo</li> <li>♣ Red-winged Blackbird</li> <li>♣ Ring-billed Gull</li> <li>♣ Ring-necked Duck</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ Ring-necked Pheasant</li> <li>♣ Rock Pigeon</li> <li>♣ Ruby-throated Hummingbird</li> <li>♣ Savannah Sparrow</li> <li>♣ Song Sparrow</li> <li>♣ Tree Swallow</li> <li>♣ Turkey Vulture</li> <li>♣ White-throated Sparrow</li> <li>♣ Wood Duck</li> <li>♣ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</li> </ul>
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## UPCOMING WALKS



**MONDAY, JULY 13**  
**9:00-10:30 A.M.**

**SACKVILLE WATERFOWL PARK**



**TUESDAY, JULY 28**  
**6:30-8:00 P.M.**

**AMHERST POINT**  
**(AMHERST POINT ROAD)**

# Stay Connected WITH FBC

TOGETHER IN FAITH.  
CONNECTED IN HOPE.



### FOLLOW ALONG ONLINE

Stay up to date with events, announcements, and special services through our Facebook page and website.

[www.firstbaptistamherst.com](http://www.firstbaptistamherst.com)



### CONNECT WITH US CARDS

Connect with Us Cards available in the Vestry for newcomers, visitors, or if you simply want to update your information.



### RECEIVE CHURCH UPDATES

Not receiving email updates? Contact the church office to be added to our email list.

902 667 2001

[ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca](mailto:ambapt@ns.aliantzinc.ca)



### SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Prayer Team welcomes confidential prayer requests. Contact Rev. Jeff.

(902) 614-1011

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Thank you for being part of

## First Baptist Church Amherst

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**Worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM**

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Custodian Shauna McCallum Summer Student: Mackinley Mace

**CBAC Prayer Link**  
(Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada)

**July 5:** Pray for summer mission opportunities and local outreach initiatives taking place across Atlantic Canada, such as VBS and other neighbourhood programs. Ask God to use these efforts to build relationships and share Christ's love in tangible ways. Pray for participants to grow in faith and love for Jesus.

**July 12:** Pray for the leadership of the Sozo Centre for Soul Care as they prepare for new opportunities and programs this Fall that offer healing, rest, and renewal for pastors and leaders. Ask God to meet participants with grace and restoration. Pray for wisdom and compassion for those who serve through this ministry.

**July 19:** Give thanks for the gift of summer rest and renewal. Pray for space to reflect, reconnect, and be refreshed in God's presence. Ask God to deepen gratitude and joy in this season.

**July 26:** Pray for those preparing to appear before the Examining Council as candidates for ordination. Ask God to grant peace, clarity, and confidence as they share their calling and theology. Pray for discernment and wisdom for the Council as they affirm God's work.

# Join Us for Outdoor Worship & BBQ!

**Sunday, July 19 • 10:30 a.m.**  
**Victoria Square (beside the church)**

Come and enjoy worship in the beauty of God's creation! We'll gather **outdoors in Victoria Square** for a relaxed and uplifting service, followed by a delicious **BBQ lunch** of hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks!

## What to bring:

- A lawn chair (or an extra one to share, if you can!)
- Insect repellent
- Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, water bottle)
- A salad, dessert to share

**Rain Plan:** If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll plan to worship inside as usual. *Rain Date: Sunday, July 26.*

## Ordination Service – Pastor Jonathan Scarpuzzi

You are warmly invited to join in a special service celebrating the **ordination of Pastor Jonathan Scarpuzzi** on **Saturday, July 18 at 1:00 pm** at the **Hillcrest Baptist Church** (476 Lancaster Avenue, Saint John, NB)

Please RSVP: [office@hillcrestsj.ca](mailto:office@hillcrestsj.ca)



Oasis is the annual gathering of our Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. We meet in **Wolfville August 6, 7, 8.** **Jeff White** is attending; we can have several delegates. Full details online here <https://atlanticbaptist.ca/oasis2026/>



# Road Trip VBS 2026 – Adventure Awaits!

Looking for a fun and meaningful summer adventure for your children? Join us for our Road Trip-themed Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church Amherst!

**DATE:** July 27–31

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (daily)

**LOCATION:** First Baptist Church Amherst  
90 Victoria Street East,  
Amherst, NS

**COST:** FREE

**AGES:** 6–12



Children will enjoy a week filled with exciting Bible stories, music, games, crafts, snacks, new friends, and plenty of fun as we discover where God leads us on life's journey.



Snacks will be provided each day. We'd love to welcome your family for an unforgettable week!



**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
<https://myvbs.org/summer-vbs-2026-4847>



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Vacation Bible School is made possible by caring volunteers, and we'd love to have you join the team!

We're looking for helpers in a variety of areas, including:

- 👤 Registration & Welcome
- 🎮 Games
- 📖 Bible Stories & Lessons
- 🍴 Snack Preparation & Serving
- 🎵 Music
- 👥 General Helpers
- 🔧 Crafts & Activities
- 📅 Helpers for prep for week before

Whether you can help for one day or the entire week, **your time can make a lasting difference in a child's life.**



**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**  
Contact the church office for more information.

# Combined Summer Worship Services

We are delighted to once again share our summer worship services with our friends from Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church (TSSUC).



## Summer Evening Services at Warren Baptist Church

Spend a **Sunday evening** enjoying music, and fellowship at **Warren Baptist Church** (12 Hastings Rd., Warren). Services begin at **7:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome!

- July 12: The “Silver Rose”
- July 26: “Evangeline Landry & Laura Paugh”
- August 9: “Laura Paugh & LP Express”
- August 23: The “Fellas”

# Caring & Community Support



## Camp Pagweak Food Donation Program

Because of your generosity, \$565.00 was donated to help provide food for campers this summer. We also sponsored three children to attend Camp Pagweak.

**CAMP PAGWEAK**

## SUMMER 2026

### AT CAMP PAGWEAK

A SUMMER OF FAITH, FRIENDSHIP & ADVENTURE!

<b>PATHFINDER</b> (Ages 6-8)	July 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fee: \$200
<b>TRAILBLAZER</b> (Ages 7-10)	July 19 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fee: \$380
<b>VOYAGER</b> (Ages 9-12)	July 12 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fee: \$380
<b>APEX</b> (Ages 12-13)	Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fee: \$380
<b>VANTAGE</b> (Ages 13-15)	July 5 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fee: \$350
<b>LEARN MORE &amp; REGISTER</b>	<a href="http://pagweak.org/register">pagweak.org/register</a>	

Unplug.  
Connect.  
Grow in Faith.  
Memories that  
last a lifetime!

# DID YOU KNOW?

## Summer Fun Facts!

### Butterflies taste with their feet!

They land on flowers and leaves to "taste" them before deciding where to feed or lay eggs.

### One honeybee visits up to 5,000 FLOWERS in a single day while collecting nectar and pollen.

### Spending just 20 MINUTES OUTDOORS in a park or under trees can help many people feel more relaxed and refreshed.

### Wildflowers help feed bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, making them an important part of a healthy ecosystem.

### Spiders are beneficial, too! They help keep mosquito and fly populations under control.

### Squirrels often pretend to bury food to fool other squirrels that might be watching!

### Ladybugs are helpful garden friends. One ladybug can eat hundreds of aphids, which helps protect plants.

God's creation is amazing—let's enjoy and care for it!

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# Month of July at FBC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>28</b> 10:30 am Worship with TSSCU 12:00 pm Bd. of Deacons Mtg.	<b>29</b> 11:00 am Prayer Time	<b>30</b> 5:30 pm Aim Hike: Shinimicas Provincial Park	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship with TSSCU	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Prayer Time	<b>7</b> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30 am Worship with TSSCU	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Aim Hike: Sackville Waterfowl Park	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 am Outdoor Worship & BBQ with TSSCU at Victoria Square	<b>20</b> 11:00 am Prayer Time	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 am Worship with TSSCU (Rain date for Outdoor Worship)	<b>27</b> 9:00 am—12:00 pm Day Camp	<b>28</b> 9:00 am—12:00 pm Day Camp 6:30 pm Aim Hike: Amherst Point	<b>29</b> 9:00 am—12:00 pm Day Camp	<b>30</b> 9:00 am—12:00 pm Day Camp	<b>31</b> 9:00 am—12:00 pm Day Camp 12:00 pm Family Day Camp BBQ	<b>1</b> 