

## Crescendo & Encounter

What's new for youth? *Crescendo* will join *Encounter* in providing an evening of music, friendship and fun. This is a celebration for the youth by the youth.

### Crescendo:

6:30 - 8:00 (Ages 6-19, parents welcome)

- A monthly event where all ages are welcome to participate in games, music, conversation, food and fellowship.
  - Games - Board games, charades etc.
  - Music - Open Mic style, all are welcome to play an instrument, sing or recite a poem etc.

### Encounter:

8:00 - 9:30 (Ages 13-19)

- Is a chance for youth to interact with each other. There will be group games as well as a discussion at the end where everyone involved has a voice.

### Tentative Outline:

- 6:30 - Meet and Greet
- 6:45 - Games and Open Mic
- 7:30 - Food and Fellowship
- 8:15 - Game Challenge
- 9:00 - Discussion
- 9:30 - Event End

### When?

Each Wednesday following a Family Service  
(Beginning Oct 18th, 2017)

### Where?

Topsail United Church Boardroom

## Seeking Volunteers

We are always recruiting new volunteers for our youth programs:

- Sunday School Leaders (Adult)
- Courage Choir Helpers (Adult)
- Courage Choir Accompanist (Teen or Adult)
- Inspiration Band Members (Teen)
- Courage Choir Members (Child)
- Family Service Ushers (Teen or Adult)
  - Sound (Teen or Adult)
  - Readers (All Ages)
  - Greeters (Adults)
  - Feast People (Adults)

Please contact Brett if you have any interest in helping out. Together we can continue to build upon this wonderful community.

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# Topsail United Church

## Youth Programs 2017-2018

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## Inspiration Band

Inspiration (Grades 6-12), is a fun musical group that combine instrumental and vocal works where members can learn to play instruments and work together in an ensemble. The group will perform at various events including the Topsail United Church Family Service held once a month.

Rehearsals take place in the Topsail United Church Sanctuary on Wednesday nights @ 7:30-8:30.

From 8:30-9:00 participants are welcomed to stay behind to work on specific parts on their chosen instruments. This time can also be used to answer general questions about the instruments etc.

Membership is free and people can join at any time.

The Group is directed by Brett Vey.

## Sunday School

Our Sunday School consist of a great community of dedicated leaders. We follow two established programs:

### Spark

Every Spark lesson follows a four-part sequence: Gather, Open the Bible, Activate Faith, and Send. Children are put into groups based on age where they work with a leader on a specific workshop. These workshops include: Art, Bible Skills and Games, Cooking, Creative Drama, Music and Science.

### Godly Play

The Godly Play approach helps them to explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using a spiral curriculum.

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### Parents With Children

There is a nursery corner for toddlers available downstairs in the Church Hall during our worship service. The nursery corner features a rocking chair, toy box, and children's furniture. A washroom with a change table is available in the Church Hall. The Conference Room is also available if a private nursing area is required.

### Food Allergies:

During our Sunday morning children's ministry, Godly Play, we often share a small meal, "the feast," consisting of fruit juice, water, cookies, and/or fruit. Please notify our Godly Play leaders if your child has any food allergies or special requirements.

## Courage Choir

The choir's name is "Courage" and we are currently seeking new members. This is a wonderful opportunity for participants to learn how to sing and work with others in a fun group setting.

Ages range include members from Grades 1-6.

There will be many performance opportunities including the Topsail United Church family service, various concerts and fundraisers.

The choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30.

Please help us spread the word about this opportunity as we believe this will be a great group within the community.

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