

## VeggieTales Pirates in Demorestville

These good-hearted pirates will set sail at Friendship United Church in Demorestville with a week of fun, music, games, crafts and snacks.

These pirates have made port at the church in preparation for *The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything—A Veggie-Tales Vacation Bible School* scheduled for Monday, July 13 to Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> where children will explore a Bible story each day and experience fun-filled learning centres, action-packed music and rhymes, hands-on crafts, snacks and games.

All children will embark on a jam-packed pirate journey that calls on everyone to become heroes. The mornings will begin with the Admiral, Bumpo, and Bones at the Yo-Ho-Ho Show. Children will then split into crews with others their age to begin their journey together. They will experience fun and innovative crafts at the Clapping Rock Craft area, co-operative games at the Whipcrack Island Games station, and experience the Bible story for the day in a way they've never experienced before -- they're on a pirate adventure, after all!

Children will spend the afternoon in the Rock Monster Science Lab and the Cheesecurl Cave, exploring science and cooking as it pertains to the Bible story of the day. They will be doing science experiments and cooking French toast shaped like people at Vacation Bible School! The children will end the day together with a closing Yo-Ho-Ho Show to review the lessons learned and prepare them for the next day of even more pirate fun.

The church has operated a Vacation Bible School each summer for almost 20 years. Adult volunteers provide leadership each day. There is no fee for children to attend. VBS is open to all children from age 3 to age 12, runs from 9am to 3pm each day, and childcare is available before/after these hours. Parents are asked to make arrangements for childcare when registering their children for VBS.

Children are asked to bring a sunhat, sunblock and their own lunch. The congregation provides all snacks. Advance registration is preferred. For information and to register for the entire week or even for a day, call Rev. Robin Sherman at 613-476-2020. The registration form can be found on the VBS page of the church website at [www.friendshipunitedchurch.org](http://www.friendshipunitedchurch.org) and can be printed, filled out and brought to VBS.

Friendship United Church is situated in the village of Demorestville in Prince Edward County. A centre for Christian worship for over 200 years, the church offers traditional and contemporary music during services, an active choir that is open to new singers, monthly community suppers, Sunday School and nursery services during worship. The Friendship Worship Band provides music for services twice a month. For the month of July the Friendship congregation is worshipping with Wesley United Church at 10am in Mountain View. Services will again be held at Friendship Church, beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10am. In September, worship services resume at the regular time of 11am each Sunday morning.

This welcoming congregation says "come as you are, you will be loved." For more information on Friendship United Church see [www.friendshipunitedchurch.org](http://www.friendshipunitedchurch.org)



**Friendship United Church volunteers prepare for Vacation Bible School.** Back row, L-R Brenda DeCastris, Jeanette Henderson, Carolyn Corbin, Sherrie Brown, Jessica Stuart. Front row, L-R Marilyn MacDonald, Rev. Robin Sherman, "Pip" the parrot, Linda Byford, Marjory Pearsall, Phyllis Sibthorpe and seated at the front, Del Fisher.