

St. James United Church Life and Works, May 18th, 2014

We acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Sound System** in loving memory of my husband, Bas Jamieson from Lorna;
***to Bridges to Hope** from Ruby Jolliffe;
***to Project Grace** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood and Bethany Danielle Pike from the family.

Faith Study this week will be held Tuesday at 7pm.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 19th in honour of Victoria Day.

The next dinner meeting of the St. James AOTS Men's Club will be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting before the summer break.

The Sunday School is kindly seeking donations of baked goods for their fundraiser. Please drop off your baked goods contribution at St. James before 11am on Sunday May 25th. Also, please make sure to *clearly* indicate if the baked goods contain nuts. Thank you!

Observer subscriptions are up for renewal in June. Subscriptions for the year cost \$20 unless 25 new subscribers come on board, in which case the annual fee will be \$10. If you wish to become a new subscriber, or even unsubscribe, please let Barry Cutler know by June 1st. – 364-3450 or bcutler@nf.sympatico.ca

Your Membership Status at St. James: Are you a confirmed member of St James? Were you baptized at St. James or another church? Were you confirmed at another church or became a member by profession of faith? Do you wish to transfer your membership to St. James? Are you having difficulty finding your record of membership at another church? Are you an adherent member of St. James? "Adherent" means a person who is attached to a Congregation and who contributes regularly to its life and work while not being a member thereof. (The Manual 2010 of The United Church of Canada.) If you are interested in becoming a full member of St. James - please contact Susan Pike, 576-0703.

Are you musically inclined? Would you like to share your talent with the congregation in July or August? The Music and Liturgy Committee is seeking interested individuals to sing, play an instrument, or a combination of both to provide a music selection during the morning services for July and August. A one Sunday commitment is asked, but more than one can certainly be arranged. Please contact the church office (722-1881 or info@stjamesuc.org) to express your interest by June 22.

Topsail United Church Annual Spring Flea Market will be held on Saturday, May 24 from 10am until 3pm. All are Welcome. Great Bargains.

Alzheimer Society's 25th Annual Walk for Memories will take place next Sunday, May 25th at Kenny's Pond. Your support helps the Society service the 7,681 individuals affected by Alzheimer disease in this province. If you think you would like to participate, organize or be a team member, please fill out the form outside the office or call Amelia at 576-0608 or register online at www.walkformemoriesatlantic.ca

The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group has received funding to support unpaid caregivers. A caregiver is a next of kin, family member, friend or neighbor who provides care to someone whose abilities are restricted due to illness or other medical conditions. An important meeting will be held on Monday, May 26 from 2-4pm at Park Place Community Centre. Prizes and refreshments; transportation provided to those who need it. Call 748-6485 to register.

Gower Seniors Club Year End Social: All seniors welcome! Jiggs Dinner with dessert, tea/coffee/entertainment/prizes. Tuesday, May 27 6-8:30pm Tickets are \$17 each. Available at Gower office Ph: 753-7286

Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove. Concert with the Atlantic String Trio on Sunday June 1 at 7pm. Admission: Adults \$10, children \$5. For tickets, please call Marilyn at 895-3413 or Vera at 895-2226. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

The Rooms is looking for volunteers for one afternoon a week to act as cultural ambassadors during July and August. If you would like to share your skill of knitting, fish splitting, rug hooking or net mending please contact Gillian Davidge at 757-8109, gilliandavidge@therooms.ca

The Opera on the Avalon festival, currently in its sixth season, runs for five weeks every year. Information regarding dates, festival highlights and where to buy tickets can be found outside the office.

Adult Choir Camp, Aug. 18-22: Be part of CBS's first adult choir camp at Topsail United! Whether you sing in a choir or always wanted to, this is your opportunity to be part of a unique learning experience and become a 'choir for a week'. Experience the joy that choral singing brings! Registration deadline June 30th. www.cbschoircamp.ca or see the letter outside the office.

A Report from the Bicentenary Celebrations Committee

This Committee has been established by United Church boards in the Northeast Avalon to have joint events next year to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the establishment of Methodism here in 1815. It was only that denomination in this area to join The United Church of Canada in its founding in 1925.

The United churches today are Gower Street, Portugal Cove, Topsail, Pouch Cove, George Street, Bauline, Cochrane Street, Wesley, Bell Island, First United, St. James and Cowan Heights.

The primary celebration event will be a joint worship service on April 26, 2015, with The Right Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson, Moderator, as guest and preacher. The service will be held at Gower Street United Church, though planned and conducted by the clergypersons and others of our churches.

We are also writing a book which will include an account of the beginnings of Methodism in the area, a brief history of each of our churches and descriptions of their present programs. Also described will be churches that operated in the area for a period and are no longer functioning. It will also cover activities of our joint services, such as the food bank.

In another project we are obtaining names of those who made up the first congregation in 1815 and as much information about them as we can get. We have found many more than the five mentioned in books. We will be making them public soon especially to learn if they still have descendants who may have additional information about the events.

We will provide descriptions of other projects through the church bulletins and members on the Committee.

We do not consider our mandate as exclusive. If members of individual churches wish to have additional events of their own, we have no objection; in fact, we encourage it. We would suggest, however, that we inform each other of our events and attempt to avoid conflicting times.

Garfield Fizzard, Chair; Leslie Dean, Associate Chair.

Mail address: St. James United, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, A1B 1T9. Website to come.

Your representatives on this committee are Les Dean and Jan Winsor.