

St. James United Church Life and Works, September 28th, 2014

We offer our condolences to Frank Ramjattan and family on the passing of his son, Ian. The funeral service took place at St. James last Wednesday, September 24th.

We thank the Seal family for providing the beautiful autumn bulletin cover today.

We welcome two new musicians to our Sunday worship. Over the summer we were very fortunate to obtain the services of Amy Daziel and Sophia Werden Abrams. Sophia and Amy will work with our worship team and offer excellent music.

The Pastoral Oversight Committee of East District, as part of their routine visitation to pastoral charges, has scheduled a meeting with St. James. This meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday, October 1st in the Sanctuary, and all members of the congregation are invited and welcome to attend.

Our annual Blessing of the Animals Service will be held next Sunday, October 5th at 2pm. All creatures great and small are welcome!

Somayog with SuAn: Monday October 6th, 5.30-6.30pm: Free introductory session, for all levels, to this gentle style of yoga. Wear loose clothing and bring along a mat or blanket on which to practice, plus a belt or tie for the leg stretches. Starting where you are with what you have, you will start to feel that wonderful paradox of yoga – relaxed and energized at the same time.

Bridges to Hope Chair'ity Dinner & Auction: Donations for the November 21st auction may include gift certificates, hockey tickets, books, kitchen or bath items etc. and be brought to the Church office by Thursday October 9th. This will allow sufficient time for volunteers to prepare the baskets. Anyone wishing to make a monetary contribution will find envelopes in the vestibule; please add your envelope number and place it in the offering plate. This annual auction is their largest source of funds and totally necessary for their continued operation. Your continued support is most sincerely appreciated.

Calling all Junior and Senior High School Youth: United Church Conference Youth is holding a Provincial Youth Forum on October 17th-19th at Loon Bay Camp; cost is \$95. We will be hiring a bus to take everyone. Our special guest will be David Csinos. Join our Facebook page, *UCC NL Conference Youth*, for more details, or contact Susan at susan@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881x204

Fall Faith Study: This 7 session exploration of the Bible begins on Monday, October 20th at 10am and 7.30pm.

Come Dance with Me - Sacred Circle Dances: Thursdays at 11am, beginning October 23rd. Sacred Circle Dancing is suitable for all persons, no matter their age. It does not require special clothes, footwear or partners, and is a wonderfully gentle way of connecting mind, body and spirit, along with being a good exercise! For more information, contact Susan, 722-1881 x204

St. James Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee: Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 8th, from 9:45 a.m. - noon. More details to follow!

Rooms Events Fall 2014: Thursday, October 2nd, 2.30-3.30pm: *24 Hour Trench*, free. Friday, October 3rd, 10am-noon: *How to Research your British Great War Relatives on the Internet*, \$30. Monday, October 20th, 9.30am-4.30pm: *Beyond the Attic – An Introduction to Genealogy Workshop*, \$60. For more information on the paying workshops, please contact Joy Barfoot at 757-8092, joybarfoot@therooms.ca

KAIROS Canada, a coalition of Christian churches and religious organisations working together for ecological justice and human rights, is hosting the following meetings in St. John's: Saturday, October 4th: A workshop, "*Watershed Discipleship*," on the intersection of Indigenous Rights and Ecological Justice; location and time to be announced. Monday October 6th at 7pm: An ecumenical service at the Basilica celebrating 40 years of Ecumenical Justice Work. For more information, please see the letter outside the office.

National Family Week, October 5 to 12! Join together in Rotary Sunshine Park for Outdoor Fun as a celebration of families of all ages and abilities. Hike the trails; try archery, hut construction, orienteering, games, sand play and s'mores around a campfire setting! All children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Event will go ahead only if weather permits. For more information visit www.stjohns.ca or email recreation@stjohns.ca or call 576-8499.

The Split Peas of Twillingate are back by popular demand to Gower Street UC on Saturday, October 18, at 7:30 p.m. \$20 tickets are available at the Gower Street UC office, Fred's Records (Duckworth Street) and the Hair Factory (Churchill Square). The performance will be followed by "Toutons and Tea". A limited number (220) tickets also are available for \$5, so don't be disappointed, get yours early from the Gower Street office: 753-7286.

Fundraiser for the major renovation of the Fairhaven Unit at The Agnes Pratt Home: Dinner and show: *Women Doin' Men*, October 23rd at 7pm. Tickets are \$75 with a \$30 tax receipt provided. Call 752-8957 to book your place or get more information.