

St. James United Church Life and Works, February 15, 2015

We offer our condolences to Nancy Bambury and family on the passing of Nancy's husband, Gerald, on February 5. His funeral took place from St. James on February 9.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of William Vallis from his wife Ruby of Chancellor Park, and their daughter, Betty Sherston of BC.

Please join us for our Valentine's Day themed Coffee Hour after the 11am Service today. Come out and congratulate Rev. Terrie and Richard on their upcoming wedding.

Pancake Supper tickets: Please see Susan at the coffee hour today for your ticket to our Shrove Tuesday (this Tuesday) Pancake Supper at 5:30 pm: \$8 adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets will also be available from the office tomorrow.

Ash Wednesday is this coming Wednesday, February 18. There will be a 7pm Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday: If you would like to help out at this year's Good Friday evening service, please call the office at 722-1881.

If you would like an email copy of our Lenten Challenge, please let SuAn know at info@stjamesuc.org

We offer our thanks to Sherry Healey of the Heart & Stroke Foundation for her time and care at our annual CPR training last weekend. The AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is located in the west side closet of the church foyer. A sign saying such is on the door.

Lectio Devina for Lent: Join us for a relaxed hour of deep listening, reflection and sharing: Wednesdays at noon during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Sacred Circle Dance: Another 6 week session of Circle dance will begin on Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 am. No experience needed!

Free Student Supper for all students who attend St. James, on Friday, February 20 at 6 pm. This is a *'let us get to know you'* event so we can plan other activities of interest in the months ahead. If you plan on attending or would like more information, please call, talk to or email Susan Sheppard (722-1881.204 or susan@stjamesuc.org so we can have an idea of how many people to prepare for.

Important Update on Bicentennial Banquet Tickets: As reported in our January bulletins, the Bicentennial Celebrations Committee is proceeding with its planning to celebrate 200 years (1815-2015) in the life and work of the Methodist Church and its successor, the United Church of Canada, on the Northeast Avalon. Our 12 congregations at Topsail, Mount Pearl, Wesley, Cowan Heights, George Street, Gower, Cochrane, St. James, Portugal Cove, Bell Island, Bauline and Pouch Cove have all been part of this legacy. We have made arrangements to hold a Special Joint Congregational Banquet at the Royal Canadian Legion at Pleasantville on April 25, at 7pm, the day prior to the Special Joint Congregational Service to be held at Gower Street UC on April 26 at 3pm. Our Moderator will be our special invited guest at both events, and Rev. Russell Small has graciously agreed to be our banquet guest speaker. The deadline for holding our banquet reservation with the Royal Canadian Legion is March 15, and we would appreciate knowing by March 1 the approximate number of tickets sold or committed so we can plan accordingly. Banquet tickets are now available and have been assigned on a pro rata membership basis amongst all 12 United Church congregations on the Northeast Avalon at a cost of \$35 single until March 1 after which date any unsold tickets will be placed in a common pool and will cost \$40. Members and friends of St. James congregation can contact Leslie Dean at 753-3994 for banquet tickets/ information. Those paying for tickets by cheque can make payment payable to St. James U. C. Men's Club and write "Banquet Ticket" in cheque memo space.

Dessert Party and Auction: The youth travelling to take part in the Go Project this summer are excited to announce the second annual Dessert Party and Auction. Event will take place March 20, 7pm at St. James. Tickets are \$10. For tickets or to make a donation of a dessert or auction item, please contact Rebecca Pike (rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net)

Grief and Bereavement Session: Wednesday, February 18, 2-4pm at the Boardroom, Daffodil Place, 70 Ropewalk Lane, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes. For more information please contact Mag Snook at 777-8972 or Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes at 777-2167

The R.E.A.L. Showcase: Performance by Shallaway, Newfoundland Symphony Youth Orchestra and more in support of the R.E.A.L. Program on February 24 at the LSPU Hall. \$25 tickets from the Hall at 753-4531

Prayer Breakfast: Wesley UC will be hosting a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday February 28 at 9am. The theme for the breakfast will be "Who Do You Say That I Am?" There is no charge for the breakfast, but a freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office at 579-3682 by Wednesday February 25.