

St. James United Church Life and Works, February 22, 2015

We acknowledge the following donations:

**** to the Church Building Fund** from the O'Neill Foundation Inc. in loving memory or the late Dr. Hugh O'Neill, QC.LL.D., Mary Elizabeth O'Neill, FTCL and Sheila O'Neill, B.S.

****to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Don Marshall from wife Vera and family, and in loving memory of Sharon Parsons Kelly by her mom, Anne Parsons;

**** to Project Grace** in loving memory of Lona Hiscock from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike;

****to the Roof Fund** in loving memory of Lona Hiscock from Albert and Vickie Styles, Brenda and Clyde Flight;

The donation of time and teaching re: CPR from Sherry Healey of the Heart and Stroke Foundation was in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood.

Your receipt for your 2014 contribution was forwarded via Canada Post this past week. Please notify the church office if you have any questions. As always, your financial contribution to St. James and the broader Church through M&S is greatly appreciated. Please accept our sincere thanks and know that you are making a difference in the lives of many people around the world.

Our Annual General meeting for 2014 will be held in the Sanctuary following Morning Coffee on Sunday March 8. This meeting will be followed by a brief Congregational meeting to seek approval for minor modifications to the Sanctuary, and also to approve a policy for Church closures in the event of inclement weather. Please make a special effort to attend.

2015 Kiwanis Music Festival will be filling the Sanctuary with song over the next 2 weeks. The full schedule is posted in the copy room.

The next AOTS meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25 at 5.30 in the Youth Church Room.

Lenten Challenge: We hope you are enjoying our Lenten Challenge. If the challenge for a particular day does not work for you, feel free to accept another.

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

Sacred Circle Dance continues on Thursdays at 10:30 am. No experience needed!

Lenten Reflection Services every Wednesday evening leading up to Holy Week, at Wesley UC, beginning at 6.30 in the chapel/multi-purpose room. All are welcome to attend.

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

Important Update on Bicentennial Banquet Tickets: 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; 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.

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. A freewill offering will be taken. If you are interested in attending, please call the church office at 579-3682 by Wednesday February 25.

Mapping Your Memories: Adult Workshop at The Rooms, Saturday, February 28, 10am-4pm; pre-registration required by calling 757-8090.

Fame: The Musical will be presented by Prince of Wales Collegiate at the Arts and Culture Centre from Feb 26-28. Tickets are \$30, (\$25 senior. and student) and available at the Box Office. 6 of our St. James Youth are involved in this production!

The CFUW annual Used Book Collection Blitz of gently used fiction and non-fiction for all ages and interests takes place Saturday, Feb. 28th from 10 am- 2 pm in the Collector Trucks at the main parking lot of the A&C Centre, St. John's and at the Wal-Mart parking lot, Mt. Pearl. They do not accept textbooks encyclopedia, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, magazines, outdated technology manuals. Contact: cfuwstjohns@gmail.com or 570-7596