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

We offer our condolences to Flora Clouter on the passing of her husband, Hazen. His funeral took place in Clarenville on Wednesday, March 11.

We acknowledge a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Lona Hiscock from Shirley Bursey.

We thank members of the GO Project for their Service today.

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 next Friday, March 20, 7pm at St. James. For your \$10 ticket, or to make a donation of a dessert or auction item, please contact Rebecca Pike (rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net)

GO with Recycling: An account has been set up at the Recycling Depot on O'Leary Avenue for the GO Project. We invite you to take your recycling to this location, letting them know it is for the St. James GO Project.

Today following Morning Coffee: Our Annual General meeting for 2014 will be held in the Sanctuary. 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.

We Value Your Membership at St. James: If you would like to become a full member of St. James Congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you! Do you have questions? Are you unsure of your current status with the church? Susan Pike would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a Full Member of our Congregation. Please contact Susan: 576-0703 or by email <u>susanpike@warp.nfld.net</u>

The next dinner meeting of the St. James AOTS (Men's) Club will take place on March 18 at 5:30 p.m. New members always welcome.

Heads-up for the AOTS Spring Fish Dinner on Friday, April 17 at 6pm: Tickets (\$20) are now available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 and Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at Tiffany Village on Friday, March 20 at 2pm. All are most welcome to attend.

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

Sacred Circle Dance on Thursdays at 10.30. Only 2 sessions remain!

St. James UCW Spring Sale and Afternoon Tea: Saturday, March 28, 2-4pm. Tickets, \$6, can be purchased from any UCW member, or at the door, for good food and fellowship, the bake stall and variety stalls. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted – please contact Sheilah Beckett, 726-7421 or Barbara Butt, 576-1344.

Earth Hour 2015 is at 8:30 – 9:30pm on Saturday, March 28. Switch off your lights and be part of this WWF global climate change initiative.

Good Friday: If you would like to help out at this year's Good Friday evening service on April 3, please call the office at 722-1881 or write info@stjamesuc.org

Would you like to sing in the choir on Easter Sunday, April 5, at either the 8am or 11am Worship Service? If so, please speak with Amy or Sophia, or just show up on Tuesday at 7.30 in the Sanctuary.

Advance Notice for Hymn Sing 2015: Our annual Memorial Hymn Sing Service will take place at 11am on Sunday, April 19. It will be an opportunity to join our choirs in songs of praise, celebration, and thanksgiving in memory of those who are no longer with us. A letter with hymn selections will be circulated shortly.

Comprehensive Review Task Group Report: The 40 page report, titled 'United in God's Work', is available on the board outside the church office for your perusal. You will find it on the front page of our website (stjamesuc.org), on the 42nd General Council website; we can also send you the PDF version, upon request to info@stjamesuc.org, or make you a hard copy, upon request to 722.1881x200

52nd annual People of the Sea service tonight at 7 at George Street UC, honouring the men and women who make their livelihood on the sea. Refreshments will follow in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre.

Jiggs Dinner on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17, 6pm at at Wesley UC. \$20 tickets can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Phoebe at 726-1689 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

Grief and Bereavement Sessions: Wednesday, March 18, 2-4pm in the Boardroom, Daffodil Place, 70 Ropewalk Lane, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes. **8-week Bereavement and Information Support Group** every Thursday, April 9 - May 28, from 7 – 9 p.m. at Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road.

St. John's Choir Afternoon Tea: Sunday March 22, Wesley United Church Fellowship Hall, Patrick St at 2pm. \$15 tickets are available from choir members, or by calling Sandra at 745-8320 (until March 16) or Anne Marie at 753-2466.