

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

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 susanpike@warp.nfld.net

Please welcome our new Church Council and Committee Members: A full list of their names is printed on the back of this week's bulletin

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

Sacred Circle Dance: The last session will be on Thursday at 10.30.

It's Time to Connect: Please join the students of Queen's College for an open house at St. James on Thursday, March 26 from 7-9pm. Meet the students and explore spiritual stations. There will be a supervised childcare provided and snacks to share. No cost to attend.

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.

Project Grace will be hosting their Winter Semester Showcase at 4pm on Sunday, March 29 in the Sanctuary at St. James. Students from the orchestral program (SJUC) and the choral program (Cochrane Street UC) will be performing! Admission is by freewill donation to the program. All friends, family and members of the congregation are welcome! www.projectgrace.ca

Good Friday Family Prayer Walk: Please join us at the church at 9.50am on Friday, April 3 for our annual Good Friday Family Prayer Walk. Hot cross buns and refreshments will follow.

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

Easter Egg Breakfast: This fundraiser for the GO Project will be held in the Youth Church Room on Sunday, April 5, following the 8.30 Service. Cost is a donation to the GO Project.

Would you like to sing in the choir on Easter Sunday, April 5, at either the 8.30am or 11am Worship Service? If so, please speak with Amy or Sophia, or just show up on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Sanctuary.

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

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 is included in the *Easter Visitor*.

Heads up for our Kevin Collins Concerts, *Up Close and Personal* on Friday, May 1 (in support of the School Lunch Program) and Friday, May 29 in support of St. James' Outreach programs. Tickets are now available from the office, and will soon be available from various members of the congregation, to be announced.

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), and 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

The Wesley Male Choir, along with Rev. Bill Mercer, will conduct an evening service starting at 6:50 on Sunday, March 29th. All are welcome.

Diploma in Theology and Ministry program is being offered by Queen's College beginning April 17 in Clarendville. It is a weekend program designed for persons interested in learning more about Scripture, Christian belief, personal spiritual development and ministry. While the Diploma program will be of interest to all who seek to improve their understanding of theology and pastoral ministry, it will be of particular benefit to those who lead and belong to groups and committees in both the local and wider Church settings: Lay ministry, Lay readers, Christian Development/religious education directors, Sunday School personnel, Outreach workers, Youth workers, Vestry/Parish Council members, Leaders of Bible Study, those desiring to grow in faith and persons seeking a refresher course. All work is completed in the class setting. For further information please contact Queen's College, 753-0116 or queens@mun.ca