

**St. James United Church Life and Works, March 8, 2015**

**We offer our condolences** to Sylvia Cole on the passing of her mother, Katie Button, on March 4. The funeral took place in Salmon Cove.

**We acknowledge a donation to the GO Project** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca Pike.

**Our Annual General meeting for 2014** will be held in the Sanctuary following Morning Coffee next Sunday, March 15. 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 [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

**Comprehensive Review:** After two years of intensive study and consultation, the Comprehensive Review Task Group is recommending major changes to The United Church of Canada that would revitalize and nurture a range of ministries, simplify governance and administration, and enable the church to live within its resources. The 40 page report, titled *'United in God's Work'*, is available on the board outside the church office for your perusal. You may read it online on the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council website; we can also send you the PDF version, upon request to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org), or make you a hard copy, upon request to 722.1881x200

**Appreciation for St. James from Stella's Circle:** *"Thank you so much for the donation of gifts at Christmas time.....One girl....said it was the only gift that she received at Christmas. Wishing you all the best in 2015."*

**Easter Visitor articles:** Please forward your article to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) by tomorrow, Monday, March 9. For this edition, submissions can be short and sweet.

**Rev. Terrie will be on vacation from March 9-23.** Rev. Pamela will be on hand for emergencies.

**The Church Office will be closed tomorrow afternoon,** Monday, March 9.

**The next Escasoni Service** will take place this coming Tuesday, March 10 at 2pm

**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!

**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](mailto:rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net))

**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.

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

**10<sup>th</sup> annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue:** Tuesday, March 10, 7:30-9:30pm at the Bruneau Centre for Research and Innovation, Memorial University.

**Gospel Concert:** Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m. at Topsail UC will feature the Men's, Mixed, and Children's Choirs, the Youth Band, and music from the movie *O Brother Where Art Thou*. A minimum donation of \$10 is suggested.

**52<sup>nd</sup> annual People of the Sea service** next Sunday, March 15 at 7pm 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 Wesley UC. \$20 tickets can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Phoebe at 726-1689 or the Church Office at 579-3682.