St. James United Church Life and Works, May 17, 2015

We acknowledge the following donations:

\*to the GO Project in loving memory of Sadie Butt from Richard Hammond, Cammie Bishop, Reg Forsey and the St. John's Area Employees' Association of Newfoundland Power;

\*to Project Grace from Daniel Wade, John Cross, Patricia Young.

**Congratulations to Keith Taylor** on his induction into the Cross-Country NL Hall of Fame. Way to ski Keith!

Coffee Hour for May is after the 11am Worship Service today. Please join us.

**Observer renewals**: It's that time again! Please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie\_1\_ca@yahoo,ca) to renew your subscription for another year – it does not happen automatically. For those folks wishing to begin a subscription, please return the form on the back of the bulletin to the office.

This afternoon! Project Grace Spring Recital, in partnership with the Eastern Wind Ensemble, at Cochrane Street UC at 3pm to fundraise for the after school music program. Described as having "a refreshing golden tone only found in old fashioned romantic trombonists", soloist Hillary Simms will perform works by Pryor, Grøndahl, Šulek and Saint-Saëns with Lois Simmons on piano. The recital will also feature special guest performances by students from Project Grace. Admission is by donation to the program.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday May 18.

Stella's Circle Week, May 18 – 24: Please see the board outside the Sanctuary for the activities planned to celebrate 70 years of Emmanuel House and 20 years of Incorporation. We hope that you will be able to attend some of the activities as we celebrate and reflect on the accomplishments of Stella's Circle, a Social Justice Ministry of The United Church of Canada.

The next Dinner Meeting for the AOTS Men's Service Club will be on this coming Wednesday, May 20 at 5.30pm. New members are always welcome.

**Spiritual Practices:** Thursday, May 21 in the Sanctuary from 7:30-9pm. Please join the youth of St. James as they share an activity from their experiences with The Go Project. During spiritual practices, you quietly move around different stations, each one presenting a new way of connecting with God. These stations can range from reading a bible verse and reflecting, to just simply breathing.

**Fun-d Raiser for St. James:** *Up Close and Personal, with Kevin Collins* in our Sanctuary on Friday, May 29 at 7.30pm. Tickets are selling well; we now have 2 weeks to sell 150 tickets for a sold-out performance! To support the GO Project, please purchase your tickets from Sharon Seaward, 753-1984. Otherwise, drop by the office or call/email SuAn for yours.

As part of their WWI Honor 100 Commemorations, the Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Archives [ANLA] is compiling an inventory of material holdings pertaining to the years 1914-1919. These materials can be wide ranging in content and do not have to be specifically related to WWI, but could be records of life on the home front here in Newfoundland and Labrador. If anyone has any archival holdings, please speak with SuAn about it this week.

The United Church Response to the Nepal Earthquake: The UCC is calling for prayer and welcoming donations for Nepal Earthquake Relief in response to the earthquakes that have hit this South Asian country. The Canadian Government will match, dollar for dollar, our donations made up until May 25. Donations may be made in the following ways:

\*by mail with 'Emergency Response – Nepal Earthquake Relief' on the face of your cheque to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit – Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4;

\*by phone to 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3050, using Visa or Master Card.

\*online via our secure donation page.

For more info: <a href="http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/150427">http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/150427</a>

We are looking for volunteers to oversee the care of one or more of our summer flower beds. Flowers will be provided! Please let the office know if you are interested (722-1881 or info@stjamesuc.org)

**Summer Services at St. James:** The Worship and Sacraments Committee advises that Sunday morning services from Sunday, July 5th through to Sunday, August 30th will be held from 10 to 11. Please make a note on your service schedule that accompanied the Easter Visitor. We would be pleased to hear from you. If you wish to provide any comment or have concerns, please submit them to the Committee by contacting the church office.

**Summer Music schedule** will start on June 14 and will go up to and including September 6. If you are interested in sharing your musical talents with the congregation, as a soloist, accompanied by Amy or Sophia, or a duet or ensemble, please contact either Amy or Sophia at the church or by email or phone. amdalziel@mta.ca 771-2414

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