

St. James United Church Life and Works, August 16th, 2015

We offer our condolences to Edgar Dawe on the passing of his sister, Freda French whose funeral took place in Bay Roberts on Saturday.

We offer our congratulations to Justin Downey and Caroline Evans who were married at St. James yesterday. The flowers in the church today are in memory of their Grandfathers; Arthur Downey, Thomas Downey and Gordon Long.

We acknowledge a donation to Local Expenses in loving memory of Rita Hann from Gilbert and Lillian Thomas.

We acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory from Keith and Barbara Taylor.

We acknowledge a donation to the Roof Fund from Doug & Joan Bursey in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Summer hours at St. James:

****Summer Worship Time Change** to 10am continues until August 30th inclusive.

****Office hours for the summer**, July 6 – August 20 are Monday – Thursday, 8.30am – 12..30pm/1-4pm.

St. James United is initiating community programming including low- to no-cost barbecues, cooking classes, and social get togethers for low-income families. We would greatly appreciate donations of baking supplies (such as flour, sugar, baking soda, etc.), or disposable plates, cutlery and napkins.

We are also in search of volunteers with a love of or experience with cooking who would be willing to lend their talent to these endeavours. The anticipated start time of these programs is late August. If this is something in which you'd like to participate, or if you are interested in donating goods, please contact Chelsea Skanes at the church office 722-1881 ext 200.

St. James is initiating a Little Free Library that will be open to the community. This library will work on a "take a book, leave a book" principle. Please feel free to bring gently used books to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please call the church office at 722-1881 ext 200.

Summer Photo Challenge: We are inviting everyone to take part in our summer challenge! We want you to pull out your cell phone or camera, and photo document the places where, or people whom, you saw or experienced God this summer. During September we will gather the photos (with a short written explanation if you wish) and compile them into a photo exhibit for Thanksgiving Sunday. We hope everyone will take part.

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald has started in the part time position of Spiritual Co-ordinator at Stella's Circle. She will continue to serve St. James part time.

Claire and a group of IDD dancers from Connie Parsons School of Dance will be travelling to Orlando in June to take part in "Dance the World 2016". They are beginning their second fundraiser and Claire will be selling 12 pound vegetable hampers for thanks giving at a cost of \$15 per bag. Orders are due by September 25th and the hampers are due to arrive on October 5th or 6th. Please contact Jennifer temblett at 728- 2710 or email jennntremblett@yahoo.ca. Claire would like to thank you in advance for your support.

Grief and Bereavement Information and Support Group will be an 8 week program for people grieving the loss of a loved one facilitated by Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes. The start date is Thursday, September 24 1:30-3:45 and will continue for 8 consecutive Thursdays at the Health Sciences Centre. To register, please contact Jacintha or Paul at 777-6959 or email Paul.Grimes@easternhealth.ca.

CBS Choir Camps: Registration is underway for both adult (Aug. 17-21) and youth (Aug. 10-14) Choir Camps! These day camps, at Topsail UC, are for anyone interested in singing. For more information on registration dates, fees, schedules, testimonials and more, please visit www.cbschoircamp.ca

Bag to School Program: Once again Bridges To Hope will be partnering with Community Centers and Corporate Sponsors to provide the children of our Province the chance to enroll in our Bag to School Program. Last year we were able to fill over 991 bags for children across the province; of which 662 were packed by the staff and volunteers of Bridges To Hope for children in the metro area. For 2015, St. James has been assigned geometry sets. Please bring your donation to the Church Office over the summer, where it will go a long way towards ensuring another successful school year for the children of our city and province.

Alzheimer Society of NL: Learning series on the disease continues each Wednesday at 1pm for an hour and a half until September 23. Please see the schedule outside the office, as well as: www.alzheimer.ca/en/nl/We-can-help/Education/Learning%20Series

Burry Heights Day: Mark your calendars for September 19. Please see the poster on the cork board in the vestibule for more information.