

St. James United Church Life and Works, September 27th, 2015

We offer our congratulations to Lauren Porter & Bryan Goodyear who were married at St. James yesterday.

We offer our condolences to:

* Dorothy Handrigan and family on the passing of Dorothy's mother, (Olga) Blanche Butler, whose funeral took place from St. James last Friday.

*the family and friends of Thelma Oates, widow of Hollis Oates, who passed away last week; her funeral service took place from Barrett's Funeral Home yesterday.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of Thelma Oates from her family.

We acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund from Peter & Betty Winsor.

The United Church Urges Canada to Sponsor Syrian Refugees: You may read this announcement on the board outside the Sanctuary.

Can you help with the following?

***The Church Council** is in desperate need of a Secretary. If this interests you, please contact Trevor Bartlett via the Church office, 722-1881, ext. 200

***Sunday School** is looking for teachers for this year. If this interests you, please email Rebecca at rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net or speak with her directly.

***KD Lunches:** If you are interested in helping Susan with a once-a-month lunch for high school students, please contact her at 722-1881, ext. 204

***Rev. Pamela** is in the process of updating her visitation list. If you know anyone who is in need of ongoing pastoral care (sick, shut-in, nursing home or other), please let her know by calling 722-1881, ext.203.

Heads-up on Fall programs at St. James:

*Blessing of the Animals Service will take place on Sunday, October 4 at 2pm. All are welcome – bring along your furry and feathered friends!

***Our Coffee Hours** will resume on the first Tuesday of the month, beginning October 6 at 11am in the Fellowship Room. Please join the staff for a coffee and chat.

***We begin a new series** on the first Wednesday of the month entitled *Spiritual Journey*. A different spiritual path will be presented each month, with the possibility of it being developed into an ongoing program. Please join us on Wednesday, October 7 at 11am in the Fellowship Room for the first in the series: *Meditation for Seniors – all are welcome*.

The AOTS Fall Fish Dinner will be on Friday, October 23 at 6pm. Tickets (\$20) are available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 and Aubrey Hill, 726-8306

A message from the Burry Heights Board of Directors: *"Thanks to everyone who helped make Burry Heights Day 2015 the wonderful event that it was. Many thanks to our youth, who worked tirelessly at the BBQ and the youth event. Thank you to UCW, AOTS and Pastoral Charges who made donations of money and gifts of food. Thank you, too, to those who shared their creative talents through offerings of crafts, baked goods and those special items for the silent auction. We heard your wisdom and suggestions to guide us as we go forward. And of course, grateful appreciation to all who came to share the food, fun, friendship and spirit (magic) of Burry Heights. Without all of your support we could not do it: merci, gracias, kinana'skomitina'wa'w, danke"*

International Day of Older Persons is on October 1. *"Older persons make wide-ranging contributions to economic and social development. However, discrimination and social exclusion persist. We must overcome this bias in order to ensure a socially and economically active, secure and healthy ageing population."* UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. The theme for 2015 is *'Sustainability and Age Inclusiveness in the Urban Environment.'* For more info: <http://undesadspd.org/Ageing/InternationalDayofOlderPersons.aspx>

VOWR's annual Radiothon on Saturday October 3 from 7:30am - 5pm, with the proceeds from the financial pledges going towards purchasing and upgrading current broadcasting equipment. All donations will be gratefully accepted and pledges can be made by calling 579-9233 or 579-7885. Donations can be mailed to VOWR, P.O. Box 26006, St. John's, A1E 0A5, left at the Drop Box at the studio on Patrick Street, or made via PayPal at vowr.org If you are in the area of the station on Patrick Street that day, drop by with your donation and have a coffee on them!

Flipper dinner at Saint Michael & All Angels Men's Association with blueberry pudding for dessert on Saturday, October 3 at their parish hall on Kiwanis St. at 6:30 pm. For \$20 tickets call 579-8279.

St. Thomas' Church Fall Fair will be held on Saturday, October 3, starting at 9am. Morning Coffee and an eat-in hot roast beef luncheon will be served. Luncheon tickets (\$20 each) are available by calling 754-0151.

Family Musical Tarzan: Peter MacDonald Productions opens its 19th season with The Broadway Musical, Disney's *Tarzan*, Oct 7 to 10 at the Arts and Culture Centre. It is a lovely show with fabulous original music by Phil Collins. This family musical has a cast of 50 local performers, with our Katelyn Mayo, a member of St. James and one of today's greeters, being part of the production. It is a beautiful story line of who and what makes a family as Tarzan's loyalties between his jungle family and new found love, Jane, are tested. Tickets are on sale now!