

## St. James United Church Life and Works, October 4, 2015

### We thank our Communion Servers this week:

Karen Brown, Coordinator, David Hapgood, Donna Downey, Gordon Adams, Marilyn Adams, Michael Ralph, Sophia Solomon, Venessa Nichols.

**We offer our congratulations to** Karen Barrett & Jason March who were married at St. James yesterday.

**We offer our condolences to** Andrew Smith and family on the passing away of Andrew's dad, Bill Smith, whose funeral took place last Thursday from Barrett's Funeral Home.

**Update on the Syrian Refugee Crisis:** *"We are called at this particular time to witness in a concrete way to our Christian faith in response to the needs of millions of desperate people seeking refuge and compassion."* (The Right Rev. Jordan Cantwell) The United Church is suggesting 3 ways we can help Syrian Refugees:

1. Pray for the displaced peoples, for the host communities, for the relief agencies and for the governments, that the conflict may end and peace prevail.
2. Donate to *The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response*, online, by phone or by civic mail. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, all donations made up until December 31.
3. Sponsor a refugee. To that end, Gower Street United Church will be hosting an information session on the sponsorship of refugees this afternoon after church, around 12:15pm. Ken Walsh of the Association for New Canadians will be there. Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the process is most welcome; please consider carpooling.

**The Blessing of the Animals Service** will take place this afternoon at 2pm. All are welcome – bring along your furry and feathered friends!

**Coffee Hour is back!** Please join us for a coffee and chat on Tuesday, October 6 at 11am in the Fellowship Room.

**Our Spiritual Journey this month** will present *Meditation for Seniors*. All are welcome to join in the Fellowship Room on Wednesday, October 7 at 11am.

**Our Guitar Group will be playing at** Meadow Creek on Topsail Road on Thursday, October 8 at 2pm.

**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

**Fall Family Outdoor Adventures:** Kick off National Family Week this afternoon with an event for families of all ages and abilities! Hike the trails; try archery, hut construction, orienteering, games, sand play and s'mores - all for free! This event is weather dependent. (*Alternate date is October 18*). Time: 2-4pm @ Rotary Sunshine Park, Thorburn Road.

**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, 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!

**VOWR Fundraising Dance** at the Knights of Columbus Building on St Clare Ave. on Friday, October 9. Doors open at 8:30 pm and the ticket cost is \$15. Get your tickets early, so as not to be disappointed, by calling 746-9311 or 744-2255 or pick them up at Ropar Footwear, in the Bowring Bldg. at 277 Water St. Your support for VOWR would be greatly appreciated.

**Alzheimer Society Learning Series** for the Fall begins at 1pm on Wednesday, October 14. This program is available to caregivers, families, friends and individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer disease or a related dementia. It is divided into four separate sections and discusses important information on all stages of the disease. This program is available province-wide by conference call or Skype for those who cannot attend in person. Registration is required at 576-0608 or e-mail [firstlink@alzheimernl.ca](mailto:firstlink@alzheimernl.ca)

**Wesley Church Fall Fair week** kicks off on Saturday, October 17 with a Brunch (10:30 am – 1pm) and usual sale tables (11-2pm), all at a cost of \$12. On Thursday, October 22 at 12:30 pm there will be a soup luncheon and entertainment (Auction and Bridge) at a cost of \$12. On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a cold plate dinner (6:00 pm), cake draw table, spins of the wheel, candy draw and auction, all at a cost of \$20. For tickets contact Pheobe at 726-1689, Marvin at 579-7900 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

**The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation's annual fundraiser** – Dinner Theatre (Musical Comedy Skeets Snobs and Peppermint Nobs), silent auction, bake sale, draws and many door prizes on October 22, doors open at 6:30 pm at \$75 per person, with a \$30 charitable receipt provided. Reservations can be made by calling Paula Roberts at 752-8957 or by email [paula.roberts@easternhealth.ca](mailto:paula.roberts@easternhealth.ca).

