

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 17, 2016

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Aubrey Hill

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As many of you know, Sophia Werden-Abrams will be graduating from Memorial this spring. Unfortunately for St. James, she will be returning to Ontario. We would like to extend thanks for her leadership and music direction over the past two years and wish her the best. She will be away during the middle of May with her last appearance at St. James on May 29. We encourage you all to extend your personal thanks to her.

We are beginning the process of hiring a new Music Director to continue working with Amy and the choir. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a resume to the church office, where the position description is available.

Please join us today for our Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following our Hymn Sing, when we will pay tribute to our volunteers. This past week has been National Volunteer Week when all over the country volunteers are being thanked and honoured. Coffee Hour today is hosted by our UCW.

4 week Book Study of *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* by Dr. John Crossan, continues tomorrow, Monday, April 18 at 11am or Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm. Even if you haven't read the book, please feel welcome to attend for some great discussion and insight.

The next dinner meeting of the St. James Men's Club will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 5:30pm. Our after dinner guest speaker will be Mr. Haseen Khan from the Muslim Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, and interested members of our congregation are invited to attend this presentation in the auditorium. Please arrive by 6:30pm for the presentation, and contact Les Dean at 722-6334 if further information is needed.

Next Sunday, April 24, will be Confirmation Sunday with Communion.

Annual AOTS Fish Dinner will be on Friday, April 29 at 6pm.

Annual GO Project Dessert Party and Auction: Friday, May 6 at 7pm; tickets are \$10, available from any GO Project person or the church office.

Stella's Circle Knitting Bee, facilitated by Rev. Pamela and running for 8 weeks, will begin on Friday, May 6, from 1:30 - 2:30pm. We are seeking donations of knitting supplies - yarn and especially needles, and also a couple of knitters to come and teach. The sessions will be VERY informal with a focus on fellowship

and of course, knitting!! *Purl Jam* will be housed out of the Brian Martin Resource Centre on Rawlins Cross. (Parking is available). If this interests you, please let Rev. Pamela know, 722-1881, ext. 203.

Dr. John Dominic Crossan at St. James on May 13-15, to lecture on *Jesus & Paul: Continuity or Discontinuity?* Friday, May 13, 7pm: *The Unity of Jesus & Paul*; Saturday, May 14, 10am: *Jesus & the Kingdom of God*; Saturday at 2pm: *Paul & the Challenge of Equality*; Saturday at 7pm: *God & the Justice of Resurrection*. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend one or more sessions! If this interests you, please talk with Susan, (722-1881, ext. 204) or email scsheppard2016@gmail.com FaceBook at 'Crossan on the Rock'.

Better than Today Concert by Kevin Collins with special guest Ray Walsh, Monday, May 16 at 7.30 in our Sanctuary. Tickets are \$25, available from the Church office. Why not post it to your Facebook page and ask your friends to 'like' it? We need your help in promoting this event!

Container Gardening: Do you want fresh vegetables this summer? No room for a garden? Try container gardening! *Food 1st NL* will be offering a container gardening workshop on Sunday, June 12, beginning at 12:30 here at St. James. If you are interested in attending please contact Susan ASAP at 722-1881.204 or susan@stjamesuc.org

If you missed the opportunity to make your Lenten or Easter Contributions, there are envelopes still available in the Sanctuary vestibule.

We invite you to share our website address with family and friends who live away so they may be informed of our activities. www.stjamesuc.org

Bridges To Hope AGM tomorrow, Monday, April 18 at 7:30pm at First United, Mount Pearl.

The Agnes Pratt Home Auxiliary will hold a Lasagna Luncheon (Lasagna, dinner roll, tossed salad and creamsicle cake dessert) at Wesley United Church, Patrick Street, on Thursday, May 5 at 12:30pm with social to follow. Admission \$18 with tickets available from Phoebe at 726-1689, or Marjorie at 722-6825.

11th Annual Multi-Faith Symposium on Spirituality on Saturday, May 7, hosted by the Hindu Temple, from 8am-2pm. The theme for this year is '*Connection between Material-Wealth and Spiritual-Health*'. Speakers from several faiths will make presentations. Breakfast and lunch will be served. You may register in advance by contacting Dr. Sanjay Ralhan at ralhan.sanjay1@gmail.com or 233-5232 before 8pm on May 5. There is a nominal registration fee of \$10.