

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 2, 2016

We offer our condolences to Betty Patey and family on the passing of Betty's husband, Eric, on September 23. His funeral took place from Carnell's last Monday.

We acknowledge the following donations:

- * in loving memory of John Pike from Phil Saunders;
- * in loving memory of Eric Patey from Bruce Taylor;
- *to Bridges To Hope from Ruby Joliffe;
- *to the General Operating Fund in loving memory of Eric Patey from Vickie & Albert Styles;
- * to the Cemetery Fund from Betty Winsor;
- *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of mother, Mildred Blackwood and brother, Walter Blackwood Jr. from Lorna Jamieson.

Thanksgiving Visitor: This one time we are sending everyone a hard copy of *The Visitor*, because we want you to receive your year to date Financial Statement by hand. If you normally receive *The Visitor* by email, please remember to check your mailbox for your statement.

All Age Open Mic/Coffee House: Poutine, Nachos, Desserts on Friday, October 7 at 7pm; cover charge \$5. Come with a story, a song, a poem to share or just come to enjoy.

Next Sunday, October 9 is Thanksgiving Sunday: Thanksgiving is about more than the harvest! This year, let's bring signs and symbols of all the things we are thankful for on October 9. While bountiful displays of produce will be most welcome, please consider acknowledging the other gifts in your lives by adding them to our decor as well. All items will be returned following the service.

St. James UCW Fall Sale and Morning Coffee will be held Saturday, November 5 from 9:45 to noon in the church auditorium. There will be the usual stalls of a variety of baked goods (including Christmas fruit cakes), jams, pickles, and fudge, and stalls with handmade goods - knitted , crocheted and sewn and the surprise bags. Anyone wishing to donate, in any way, may contact sale convenors Marilyn Dunford 237-7100 or Jean White 739-0908. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from members or at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bridges To Hope is experiencing a shortage of essential foods from its Community Food Pantry. Essential foods would include: baked beans in sauce, pasta and pasta in sauce, canned meat and fish, hearty soup and/or stew, canned milk, cereal (basic, not sugary), margarine (individually packaged in sticks).

Any assistance you could provide in helping acquire these items would be much appreciated. Monetary donations can also be made via envelopes available in the vestibule or the donate button at www.bridgestohope.ca

Minute for Mission: Typhoon Haylan, thought to be the world's strongest typhoon ever to make landfall, pummelled Central Philippines in 2013. It is estimated to have affected some 14 million people, left 4.1 million displaced and more than 6,000 were killed. About 44 provinces in 9 regions sustained extensive damage to houses, livelihoods and infrastructure. About 1 million houses were moderately or completely destroyed; livelihoods of about a quarter million farmers were affected. Many faced devastating loss. M&S, partnering with the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, quickly responded and continue to do so today. A key part of the community building response involved distributing seed for food crops, prioritizing the most vulnerable. With support from M&S, 763 families received the seed that ultimately put food on their tables. A gift from M&S that keeps on giving!

St. James' call for volunteers: Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Brown, by text at 689-7297, by phone at 437-1520 or by email at tombrown@nl.rogers.com to talk about your interest and strengths.

Please see the notice boards for:

- * Info. on the NL Conference Fall Learning Event: Festival of Faith, October 21-23 in Gander, sharing the stories of our faith through worship, song and fellowship, with Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Cameron Harder.
- *the Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship Application;
- *Burry Heights Expression of Interest Information Sheet;

Final opportunity to experience the Cosmic Walk to honour the Season of Creation. The Cosmic Walk is a reflective pictorial journey of the story of creation from both a scientific and a spiritual perspective. Visit the grounds of the Mercy Centre, 101 Mt. Scio Road, on October 4 at 7-8pm. There is no admission fee; all are welcome to attend. Please RSVP in advance by calling 722-0082 or by email: mcej@live.com

Topsail United Church Annual Thanksgiving Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 8-11am; usual great menu. Adults \$8, Children \$4. All are welcome. Face Painting and Coloring for the Children. Monday Oct. 10, Fall Sale of baked goods, preserves, soup luncheon with dessert from 11am-1pm. Cost of luncheon is \$8. All are welcome.

Pun for Educated Minds: The midget fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.