

## St. James United Church Life and Work, September 18, 2016

**Youth Programmes:** Children and Youth Programming begins today. If you have not completed registration/permission sheets for your children, please do so following the service at coffee hour.

For any youth grade 9+, our youth group meets on Saturday nights. For more details on this, please contact Rebecca at [rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net) "Look forward to seeing everyone!"

**Coffee Hour** is after today's 11am Service in the Auditorium; all are welcome.

**Thanksgiving Visitor:** Please send your submission for our Thanksgiving *Visitor* to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) for tomorrow, Monday, September 19.

**Congregational Meeting on this coming Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm:** With the departure of Rev. Terrie, the Council and Ministry of St. James have agreed to a temporary arrangement to address ministerial duties while we begin the process of selecting a new minister. A Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) is required to review the ministerial organization as it serves our congregation. We will have a Congregational Meeting to discuss the Ministry at St. James during the transitional period, and request JNAC volunteers from the congregation. Please make every effort to attend on Tuesday in the St. James' Sanctuary - the more the merrier!

**Covenanting Service** for the East District, Bell Island-Portugal Cove Pastoral Charge and the Rev. Brian Colbourne on Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm at Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove.

**The first fall dinner meeting of the St. James Men's (AOTS) Club** will be at 5:30pm next Wednesday, September 21 in the Auditorium. A warm welcome is extended to new members. Fish Dinner tickets for October 21 will be available for \$20 each following the meeting.

**Autumn Equinox:** Join Susan and the Sisters of Mercy at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, Mt Scio Road, at 7pm on Thursday, September 22 for a celebration of the equinox. This is an outdoor event focusing on balance. Hot refreshments will be served inside following the outdoor celebration. All welcome.

### September Worship Schedule at St. James:

Date	Time	Details	Minister	Music
Sept 25	9:30am 11 am	Contemporary Worship 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Susan Susan	Sight Restored Senior

**Preparing for Thanksgiving:** 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.

**Thanksgiving Hampers:** Our Claire Neary will be traveling to New York next June to perform with Connie Parsons School of Dance Intensive Dance Group. In an attempt to help with the cost of this trip, Claire will be selling 12lbs local Vegetable Hampers for Thanksgiving at \$15 per bag. Orders and payments are due by September 30, and the hampers are due to arrive in time for Thanksgiving on October 6. If you are interested, you can contact Claire or her mom Jennifer at 728-2710 or via e-mail at [jentremblett@yahoo.ca](mailto:jentremblett@yahoo.ca)

**St. James' call for volunteers:** Our volunteers prove invaluable in delivering the care-part of the Life and Work of St. James. There is not enough appreciation that can be given to those folks who tirelessly give of their time and energy, yet always we offer our thanks and appreciation to all who do just that, and we welcome on board all who will join us. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Brown, at 437-1520, to talk about your interest and strengths, and she will find a good volunteer fit for you. "One of the comforts that life offers us is that you cannot sincerely help others without helping yourself." William Shakespeare

**United Church news:** \*Please see the notice board for the UC Moderator's letter to Chief Bobby Cameron, Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

\*Please visit [www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com) and explore the variety of distance education opportunities that can be found there, on topics such as Mission & Service, Ministry & Personnel, Support for Lay Worship Leaders and more.

**Minute for Mission:** The UCC works with a network of churches and non-governmental organizations in Bolivia to help one another understand and take action on complex issues such as climate change and the structural causes of poverty and social exclusion. Each member of the group brings a particular focus and expertise to the collaboration – working with children & youth; lifting up alternative, safer job possibilities; small scale farming in urban areas; studying the impact of mining on water supply – all in an effort to provide people with a good lived experience of being part of a process of social and ecological change. Our gifts to M&S help make a difference!

**Bridges to Hope Pantry:** It's September and the demand is up; where 50 hampers was an occasional heavy day, now 50 hampers is an average day. Any non-perishable food item is most welcome.