St. James United Church Life and Work, January 15, 2017

We acknowledge the following donations:

*to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Bethany on her birthday from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca, from Richard, Andrea, Brianna and Bruyden and from the Grennings; and in loving memory of Bethany and Olive & Roy Pike from Lisa, Ken, Harrison and Ethan Young;

*to Operating Expenses from the St. James United Church Women;

*to St. James UC Choir in loving memory of Capt. & Mrs. Peter Parsons and daughter Susan Bishop from Heidi Janes, Robert Bishop, Jean Babstock and Brenda Newton;

*to the Choral Scholarship Programme from Linda & Edward Murphy; *to the Roof Fund in loving memory of husband Bas Jamieson from Lorna.

Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Auditorium after the 11am Worship Service today.

Tomorrow, January 16: Non-denominational women's meeting on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun at St. James at 7pm. Bring a friend!

Correction: Contrary to that advertised in last week's bulletin, the Senior Choir now meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30.

The first AOTS meeting of 2017 will be on Wednesday, January 18 with dinner at 5:30. New members are always welcome.

Confirmation Class: There will be a confirmation class next Sunday, January 22, following the 11 am worship. All youth in grade 7 and above are welcome. For more information, please contact Susan at susan@stjamesuc.org or 722-1881 ext 204.

GO Project/Rendez-vous: There will be a meeting of youth, young adults and parents on Monday, January 23 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room. We will be deciding on the dates for some fundraisers and collecting deposits for program registrations (\$150/participant). For further information on GO or Rendez-vous, contact Susan or Rebecca.

Not a Bible Study - *Following Jesus* is a 5 week exploration of the spiritual practices of Jesus and how we can use practices to reach an authentic spirituality following Jesus. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings, 7-8, January 25 - February 22, or Monday mornings, 11-noon, January 30 - February 27.

Remits 2 & 3: An information session on General Council remits 2 and 3 will be held following the 11 am service on Sunday, January 29. We have 4 remits to study and vote on before June of this year. Remit 2 concerns Elimination of Transfer and Settlement; Remit 3, The Office of Vocation.

The Funeral Service for Rev. Bobby Fillier, who passed away on November 28 of last year, was held on Thursday, January 12 in Northminster United Church, Peterborough, Ontario. Further arrangements in Newfoundland will be announced at a later date. Please find copies of his obituary on the notice boards.

During periods of extreme weather, if it is not reasonable to open for Sunday Worship, notification to the Congregation will be via email, Facebook, Twitter, radio stations, our website and the recorded telephone message by 8.30am on the Sunday in question.

VOWR is looking for a volunteer to help in the recording of a guest interview show, which will involve a commitment of about one hour per week. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact the VOWR Station Manager at 579-7885 or dwhalen@mun.ca

Awaken the Energy Within for more natural energy, wellness and joy! An 8-week Wisdom Healing Qigong session on Tuesdays and T'ai Chi Chih on Wednesdays and Thursdays, morning and evening, at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, starting January 24, 25 and 26. New and returning students welcome! For more details www.taichichihnl.ca or contact Sheila at sheilaleonard@nf.sympatico.ca or 727-7863.

Key Assets is a non-profit organization that provides a professional fee for people willing to be a stay-at-home mom or dad, providing quality family based care for children who cannot live with their own families. Faith communities include strong, child focused families and individuals who could be the greatest blessing to a child needing a family. Working within this organization also provides a solid employment blessing for those who are chosen. Reaching faith communities can change children's lives! If you are interested in exploring possibilities and you are blessed with room in your heart and home for a child with complex needs due to the family circumstances, please visit www.keyassetsnl.ca or contact info@keyassetsnl.ca or 579-1624.

Blooper of the week: When the three wise guys from the East Side arrived, they found Jesus and the manager.