

St. James United Church Life and Work, February 26, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Trevor Bartlett

Greeters & Ushers: Janet, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Graham Howcroft, the creator of our stained glass window in the chancel. He passed away on December 10, 2016. You will find an article about him, along with his obituary, on the board in the foyer.

Not a Bible Study: *Following Jesus* last session will be tomorrow, 11-noon. *5 Marks of Love*, a 6 week Lenten study, begins Wednesday, March 1 at 7pm or Monday, March 6 at 11am. Please register for this with Susan; booklet costs \$5.

St. James' annual pancake supper is this coming Tuesday, February 28 at 6pm. Tickets will be available from Susan after the 11am Service today, or from the office tomorrow. There will be none available at the door!

The next AOTS meeting will be on Wednesday, March 1, with dinner at 5.30.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be on Wednesday, March 1 at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. Please plan to join us for this short service during your lunch hour and bring your lunch! Coffee and tea will be provided in the Fellowship Room.

Traditional Lenten Offering Folders are available from the office. They provide a space for the insertion of 50 cents on each of the 40 days of Lent. Call or drop by to pick up your folder.

2 World Day of Prayer Services are next Friday, March 3 at 7pm at First United, Mount Pearl and at the West End Salvation Army, 174 Mundy Pond Road.

CPR Training for AED machine: Saturday, March 4, 9:30-12:30. If you are interested in participating, please contact Susan Pike, 576-0703, susanpike@warp.nfld.net by tomorrow. Training is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation. A personal kit can be purchased for \$45.

St. James UCW Good as New Sale next Saturday, March 4, 10am-noon. Please drop the items you wish to donate at the church on Friday, March 3 between 1 and 9pm, or give them to a UCW member. They can be anything you no longer use that is still in as good as new condition and could be useful to another – anything except clothing. Large items can be represented by a photograph. There will also be coffee/tea and a muffin for a toonie. We hope to see you there!

Mental health speaker on Saturday, March 4 at 3pm at St. James for any youth in Jr or Sr High. It is a free session with tips and general information about mental health illness and care. If you would like more information contact rebeccapike@warp.nfd.net

Next Sunday, March 5: GO Project and Rendezvous youth, young adults and their families will be offering a soup lunch after the service. We ask for a donation towards the groups' trips, and welcome you to join us.

Project Grace presents its first ever Teaching Artist Recital on Sunday, March 5 at 2pm in Suncor Hall, MUN School of Music. This will be a short, family-friendly recital featuring the Teaching Artists of the Project Grace after school program. Admission is by freewill donation to the program (Suggested \$10/person). Information: projectgracenl@gmail.com or facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL

The youth and young adults of St. James are hosting a Paint Nite Fundraiser!! Come on out to paint your own version of *Flight of the Fireflies* by Kathleen Powers on Friday, March 10 at 7pm at St. James. Just follow the link to buy tickets!! www.paintnite.com/events/_1160037

For rent: Our former manse is now available for rent. If anyone knows of a group that is looking for a space to rent, please suggest that they contact our office for more details, 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Minute for Mission: We give thanks that the UCC answered an invitation from M&S partner, the China Christian Council, to witness together and accompany one another in God's mission. 22 United Church people from across Canada saw first-hand the experience of the Chinese church. Delegates saw the blessings of the church in China and the challenges it is addressing. They shared from their unique perspective the challenges and opportunities of the United Church. They returned with the friendship of the Chinese church and a deepened commitment to sharing God's great works in our diverse and varied Canadian contexts. We sing thanksgiving that M&S helps build relationship and partnership for God's mission of justice and peace. Your gifts enable these partnerships to continue and evolve.

This afternoon: The Canadian Bible Society, NL District, will hold a Festival of Praise at 2:30 at the Salvation Army Citadel on Adams Avenue.

Weekly Bible Studies at Cowan Heights UC on Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 10am look at scripture, a theological reflective video and then discussion on modern day connections.

VOWR Radio presents: Spirit of Newfoundland's Dinner Theatre '*Sinatra on the Rocks*' on Thursday, March 2 at the Masonic Temple, Cathedral Street. Doors open 6pm with dinner 7pm, show 8pm. Tickets are \$75 per person with a tax receipt for \$26; call VOWR at 579-9233 or Wesley United Church at 579-3682.