

## St. James United Church Life and Work, April 2, 2017

**We offer our condolences to** Dot Hapgood and family on the passing of Dot's sister, Marilyn Sheen, on March 24. Her funeral will be held at a later date.

### **We acknowledge the following donations:**

\* to the General Fund in loving memory of Ruby Vallis from Judy & Robert Puddester, and in loving memory of Elsie Hiscock from the Evergreen 50 Plus Club in Carbonear;

\*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Elsie Hiscock from Fines Administration.

**Piano accompanist required** by St. James for our Senior Choir from April 1 to May 31. If interested, please call SuAn, 722-1881, ext. 200.

**We value your membership at St. James!** If you would like to become a full member of St. James' congregation, or if you are unsure of your current status with the church, Susan Pike can help at 576-0703 or [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

**Today**, following the 11am Service, our 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.

**This afternoon at 3:** Project Grace Semester Showcase in our Sanctuary – a chance to see and hear the wonderful results of one of our Outreach programs.

**Not a Bible Study:** *5 Marks of Love*, a 6 week Lenten study, continues tomorrow, Monday, April 3 at 11am, and Wednesday, April 5 at 7pm.

**Help needed to assemble the *Easter Visitor* on Wednesday, April 5 at 10am:** We need 3 more folks for this. If interested, please call SuAn tomorrow.

**Every Wednesday during Lent** there will be a short, weekly lunch-time Communion Service beginning at 12:15, followed by a brown bag lunch.

**UCW Spring Tea & Sale** is next Saturday, April 8, 2-4pm. All donations to the Bake Sale and Variety Table are greatly appreciated; they can be brought to the church the evening of April 7 or the morning of April 8.

**St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service: A special thank you** to members of the St. James Guitar Group who joined us for the March Service and shared a top-notch presentation and infectious enthusiasm. Our next Service will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1.30.

**Our Lenten Challenge for April 15:** "*Offer an hour of your day to help spring-clean the church for Easter.*" We will be open between 10am and noon on that day. Bring your cleaning materials and pick a spot to brighten St. James.

**Rev. Pamela thanks** all who answered her call for magazines. She now has enough for her project.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support congregational stewardship programs. In an effort to help congregational leaders encourage their churches to support local, Canadian and international mission and ministry, the United Church created *Called to be the Church*- an annual resource to help congregations fund their dreams, and make a difference in their community and in the world through M&S. This resource helps to inspire people to see not just where the money goes, but also what generosity accomplishes. It invites people to join others in making a difference in the lives of many, near and far and models gratitude for all the gifts we receive from God. This giving program is available for all congregations to access in print and online. It is easily adaptable for all to build and sustain generosity in their communities. We sing thanksgiving for congregational stewardship programs that inspire, ask and thank.

**Extreme Hunger Appeal:** the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen is reaching grave levels. Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children. You may donate by using one of the following methods:

\*Phone 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 and use your Visa or MasterCard;

\*Send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4 Please be sure to note "*Emergency Response—Extreme Hunger Appeal*" on the face of your cheque. For more information you may go to the following link. [www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal](http://www.united-church.ca/hunger-appeal)

**Gower Street UC** on Sunday, April 9 at 3pm. The Gower Senior Choir, The Anchorman Barbershop Chorus, The Phillies Women's Choir, and university bursary recipients will provide a fun-filled afternoon of singing, humour and of course ... eating will be involved. After the concert there will be coffee and a bake sale!! Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$20, available from any of the choirs, at the Gower church office and at the door.