

St. James United Church Life and Work, June 11, 2017

**We offer our thanks and appreciation to** Rev. Roger Janes for being with us today.

**The Rev. Bobby Fillier's** ashes were laid to rest in a private Service of Committal at Mount Pleasant Cemetery last Wednesday. A tea at St. James followed. Due to the last minute notice of this event, we were only able to contact the congregation by email.

**We acknowledge** a Memorial donation to the glory of God, and in loving memory of a dear friend, Rev. Melvin Ralph, who passed away on May 29, 2016, from Morley Hodder.

**This afternoon:**

**1:30:** Gathering at North Bank Lodge in Pippy Park for our *Day Away* afternoon. All are welcome.

**At 3 in the Sanctuary,** Project Grace will present their Semester Showcase; all are welcome.

**St. James monthly Pleasant View Towers Service,** the last until September, will be on Tuesday, June 13 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30.

**2017 Memorial Services for the General Protestant Cemetery:**

Monday, July 3 at 7pm, Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Road Extension;

Monday, July 17 at 7pm, General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road.

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

**Congregational Update:** We are moving along to the next phase of the process in the search for a full-time clergy for St. James United Church. An advertisement is placed on our St. James website, our Conference website, all of the Conference websites across the country, as well as the UCC website. The closing day for applications and résumés will be July 7. We will keep you updated on any new developments, and we request your prayers as we continue with this important process for our congregation.

**St. James is looking for members to join its Diversity Committee,** which will help to initiate and organize the process of discernment towards becoming an Affirming Ministry congregation. We welcome members of all walks of life, of any age, race, gender or sexual identity. We wish for this committee to be as diverse as possible so that many voices can be heard in this process. For more information and to join, please contact Chelsea Skanes at 699-5214, or [chelseaskanes@hotmail.com](mailto:chelseaskanes@hotmail.com)

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support the work of healing and reconciliation. The Liqwiltach Elders & Youth Culture Group events and learning experiences in the Campbell River area of B.C. are led by volunteer June Johnson. The group connects residential school survivors with local Indigenous youth to provide learning experiences that revitalize culture and language. These experiences also provide space for youth from different communities to share their oral histories and traditions, which are once again being passed down from generation to generation. One of the learning experiences uses button blankets. As the group grows & travels to different communities, it needs financial support to make new blankets & masks. The blankets are adorned with unique family crests. Each mask signifies a particular dance. A mask dancer teaches the youth the dance & mentors them through the dance process. These events, acknowledged by the Healing Fund Council & supported through your gifts to M&S, help people reconcile the residential school experience & restore Indigenous languages & cultures in Indigenous communities. We sing thanksgiving for the gifts of the Healing Fund.

**Anglican Cathedral - Patronal Festival Tea Room:** The Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (16 Church Hill) will be holding a special running of the Crypt Tea Room on Saturday, June 17 from 2-4pm in the Cathedral Crypt - the afternoon will be free of charge. This will be a great afternoon of food and for fellowship as part of their Patronal Festival celebrations. Access to the Crypt Tea Room is through the door on the parking lot behind the church. All are most welcome to attend!

**Announcing the Skylight Festival, July 28-30 in Paris, Ontario:**

We are a diverse community at the intersection of justice, spirituality, music and art. We take inspiration from many places, such as the Greenbelt Festival in the UK and the Wild Goose Festival, US. The skylight Festival is welcoming of people from diverse backgrounds and of all ages. Fun and creative children and youth programming will be available! [www.skylightfestival.ca](http://www.skylightfestival.ca)

**Canadian Cancer Society's Cancer Fact for June:** Screening tests save lives. Getting screened can help find some types of cancer before you have any symptoms. The earlier cancer is detected, the better the chances of survival. Talk to your doctor to learn more about what screening tests are right for you. Learn more at [itsmylife.cancer.ca](http://itsmylife.cancer.ca)

**Sign blooper** seen in a Laundromat: *Automatic washing machines: please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.*