St. James (Inited Church Life and Work, June 18, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by:

Dance Christmas Show.

Heather will be with us until July 20.

Usher in Charge: Oliver Wellon Greeters: Rev. Bill & Daphne Coish

Ushers: Bruce Hunt, Baxter Howse, Jack Head



We acknowledge the following donations: to the Cemetery Fund:

- * in loving memory of Hubert Stokes, Chesley Howse, Carl Babstock and John Ford from Jean and family;
- * in loving memory of husband Arthur Downey, father Donald Andrews and father-in-law Nathan Downey from Shirley;
- * in loving memory of Poppy Arthur Downey from Aaron Jacobs;
- *in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from wife Muriel and family;
- *in loving memory of Don Marshall from his wife Vera and daughters Janet, Joanne and families;
- *to the General Fund in loving memory of father, Daniel B. Hann from Nellie & Glenn Hann;
- *to AOTS in loving memory of fathers and grandfathers Ronald Abbott and Patrick McDonald from Terry, Debbie, Jason and Dylan Abbott;
- *to Project Grace in loving memory of father Capt. William Blackwood from Lorna Jamieson, and in loving memory of husband Bas Jamieson from Lorna; *to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund from the Sorensen School of

We welcome Heather Habgood, our GO Project Coordinator for this year.

Tomorrow, June 19: Women's Meeting Place: Non-denominational women's meeting at St. James at 7pm. Bring a friend to share an evening of fellowship and fun; all ages welcome.

Drumming Circle on Wednesday, June 21 at 11am in the Sanctuary to celebrate National Aboriginal Day and the summer solstice. All are welcome; bring your own drum if you wish. Brown bag lunch to follow.

Project Grace is pleased to offer *Summer Music Lessons for Adults!* Weekly evening classes in piano, flute, clarinet, violin and cello - \$120 for 8 weeks of group lessons taught by Project Grace's own Teaching Artists. Registration available online: https://goo.gl/forms/qpbnG0JpdJw7EkAO2 or by emailing projectgracenl@gmail.com

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 is 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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support healing and reconciliation. This story comes from Moraviantown, London Conference. In April 2016, land was transferred from the United Church of Canada back to the Delaware Nation. The land is known as Fairfield, and has become a national historic site with a history dating back to the 1700's. In June 2015, the Executive Council of London Conference had been directed to continue its ongoing discussions with the Delaware Nation concerning Fairfield. In the spirit of reconciliation, the conversation was about two parcels of land owned by the United Church that were connected to the early village, including the burial grounds of the Delaware Nation up to the 18th century. As we work toward reconciliation, the actions of the London Conference are to be celebrated as important moves toward partnership. The land will remain a historic site as well as a Canadian Foodgrains Bank field, with the addition of an interpretive centre to share the story of the Delaware Nation, particularly the experience at Fairfield. We sing thanksgiving for the heart of the London Conference in its work toward reconciliation.

A contract position for an organist is open at Cowan Heights United Church, starting August 1. This position will include working with the Minister to prepare music for Sunday services, playing the organ/piano for Sunday and other services and directing the Senior Choir. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the church office at 745-2871, chuc@nf.aibn.com or the M&P Committee at dpowell@nl.rogers.com.