

We acknowledge a donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund from the United Way.

We welcome:

* Chelsea Skanes and Joel Le Feuvre, two students on board for the summer. Chelsea is working on the process of discernment towards St. James becoming an Affirming Ministry congregation. Joel is assisting Noah Morritt and Emma Clark with organising and updating archival and choral documents.

* Josh Young and Duncan Crabtree, our GO site staff who will be assisting Heather with the GO Program being held at St. James from July 9-20.

A huge thank you to all involved in the planning for our June *Day-Away*, as well as all those who helped do the grocery shopping, set up at North Bank Lodge, and brought snacks for the nutrition break; also to our fantastic BBQ People. The day was a great success and the weather even cooperated. We learned lots from Rev. Roger and had a wonderful time enjoying nature, chatting and, of course, eating! Stay tuned for our Fall *Day-Away* sometime in October. If you have any ideas or suggestions on guest speakers or topics of interest, please let me or Susan know. We would love to hear your ideas!! Blessings, Rev. Pamela

The office is closed tomorrow, June 26.

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 projectgracenc@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 for M&S support children harmed by civil war. Marie was 11 years old when she was raped and became pregnant – a story of many girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The country's citizens have been traumatized by a long-standing and brutal conflict. 5.4 million died, millions have been uprooted & displaced. Many social services are not provided by the state, so hospitals and schools are run by churches like M&S partner Eglise du Christ au Congo, Department of Women, Children & Family. This partner has long supported unaccompanied children, many of whom are survivors of sexual violence. Some 150 children are gathered at PRENAO Light School where they continue their education and get help dealing with the trauma they have experienced. Young girls, who are also mothers, are supported. They learn a trade or skill that enables them to earn a living and make a life for themselves and their children. They also receive psychological support and trauma counselling. Marie has twin boys, now residing at PRENAO while she continues her studies at university. We sing thanksgiving for our global partners who are transforming lives.

A contract position for an organist is open at Cowan Heights UC, starting August 1. to 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. Deadline for application is July 18. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Cowan Heights UC at 745-2871, chuc@nf.aibn.com or the M&P Committee at dpowell@nl.rogers.com

The Aurora Women's Choir is seeking new members for September. Audition times are available from June 25 - July 13. Prospective new members should come prepared to sing a selection of their choice and will be asked to sight-read a short passage. Aurora rehearses Sundays from 7-9pm at Topsail UC. Get in touch on Facebook, at www.coastalsounds.ca or by emailing info@coastalsounds.ca

The Annual Coastal Sounds Summer Music Program (a singing day camp for adults), August 14-18 at Topsail UC. Enjoy a 'stay-cation' and join a choir for a week of rehearsals and instruction, vocal and physical workshops, lunches, social activities and more. Fee: \$250 per participant, with the deadline of July 1: www.coastalsounds.ca/summermusic to learn more and register.