

## St. James United Church Life and Work, June 4, 2017

**We offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Vera Blackwood who passed peacefully away on May 25. Her funeral service took place from St. James last Monday.

### **We offer our congratulations to:**

- \* Kelsey Brown & Douglas Matthews who were married from St. James on Friday;
- \* Rev. Bill Bartlett, our President of NL Conference 2017/18;
- \* Hannah Sheppard on being elected as an NL Conference Commissionaire to the 43<sup>rd</sup> General Council.

**We acknowledge a donation** to Project Grace from Karen Giannou.

**The GO Project/Rendez-Vous Youth and Young Adults and their parents** wish to express their thanks to the congregation for the support received in the attendance at our monthly lunches. The response has been amazing, and we would like to let the congregation know that the monthly lunches will begin again in October.

**Congregational Update:** Your search committee is pleased to inform you 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.

**Are you a student looking for summer work?** St. James is looking for a student to look after the office during July and August. Interested students must be between 15-30 years of age, a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee under the *Immigration Refugee Protection Act*, legally entitled to work in NL, and should have been a registered full time student during 2016/7 with intention to attend a post-secondary institution on a full-time basis in 2017/8. If this speaks to you, please email or drop off a résumé to the church office (info@stjamesuc.org) by next Wednesday, June 7.

**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 709-699-5214, or chelseaskanes@hotmail.com

**Next Sunday, June 11**, a special 9:30 Contemporary Service, including an Indigenous Smudge Ceremony, will be held at the North Bank Lodge in Pippy Park, followed by:

10:30 Introductory Pilates class with Amita Goyal: all levels welcome; wear loose clothing and bring a mat on which to practice, plus water.

11:15 Break

11:30: Kairos Blanket exercise

12:30pm Brown bag lunch followed by the afternoon programme at 1:30

**St. James Day Away June 11:** We are excited to welcome Rev. Roger Janes as special speaker at our afternoon retreat next Sunday, June 11. Roger is a graduate of MUN and The Atlantic School of Theology who served 7 years on the Bonne Bay Pastoral Charge. In 1997 he began a new ministry with the NL Conference as Program & Leadership Staff, serving in that position for 18 years. Approximately 1/3 of that position was as a Stewardship Staff resource. In October of 2015 Roger began a new position – Stewardship & Gifts Officer for the Atlantic Region. In this new capacity Roger provides support, resources and leadership to congregations and leaders in the areas of Congregational Stewardship, Mission & Service and Legacy Giving. Roger lives in Grand Falls-Windsor with his partner Colleen and two children: Mark (18) and Megan (16). Please join us for this special time by registering today at the tables in the church foyers. We hope to see you there!

### **Schedule of Day Away afternoon:**

11am Sunday worship at St. James with guest speaker, Rev. Roger Janes

1:30pm Gathering at the North Bank Lodge

2:00 Rev. Roger

3:00 Nutrition break

3:30 Rev. Roger

4:30 Worship followed by free time in nature

6:00 BBQ, followed by enjoying nature and homeward bound!

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

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support theological schools like St. Andrew's Theological College in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The college mission is to offer justice-driven education for Christian leadership. Our ministers are responsible for leading, guiding and supporting the community of faith in the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ. They touch people's lives at various points: joy-pain, celebration & vulnerability in a variety of ways, leading in worship, providing pastoral care, standing by those who suffer and working for justice and peace. St. Andrew's is being equipped with new technology to provide students with the best possible options for online and distance learning. We sing thanksgiving for the commitment of the United Church Theological Schools that our gifts to M&S support.