

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 13th

Ushering this week is provided by: Jean Thompson, Clyde Flight, Bruce Hunt, Eric King, Bill and Cindy Pike

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in Carlson Emberley's name from dear friends Deanne & James Carder.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Bridges to Hope in memory of Carlson Emberley from Marina Adams.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the GO Project from Verna & Baxter House.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in memory of Olga Hounsell from Doug & Joan Burse.

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.

August 14, 2017: There will be a "Kindness to Strangers" Discussion & Music by Theatre St. John's taking place at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Rd. from 7-8:30 pm. Actor, Chad Kimball will portray Kevin Tuerff's story as a Gander "plane person" on stage as "Kevin T" in the Tony® award-winning Broadway musical, COME FROM AWAY. Kevin published the only first-person account about those days in Gander in 2001, and how it changed his life. Tuerff will read excerpts of "Channel of Peace: Stranded in Gander on 9/11," and actors from Theatre St. John's will sing related music. Open to public, free. For more info, channelofpeacebook.com

August 18: Come hear the Final Concert of the 4th Annual Summer Music Program, presented by the Coastal Sounds Choir Association at 7pm at Topsail United Church. All are welcome. Free admission with a donation to the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank.

August 20 or 27: If you are interested in performing in summer music at St. James, please contact Emma at emmalclark@gmail.com.

August 30: There will be a Congregational End of Summer bonfire and worship taking place at Middle Cove Beach at 7pm. All are welcome!

Bridges to Hope is collecting school supplies for its "Bag to School" program, which provides school supplies to students who cannot afford them. This year, St. James has been asked to donate glue sticks with the goal being to collect around 800 of them. If you would like to participate, you may contact Katelyn Mayo or bring your donations to the church office throughout the week.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support chaplaincy. Kate Johnson has been supported through M&S in many ways: in theological education; in her work as prison chaplain and as part of the Kingston Community Chaplaincy. Following her undergraduate studies in Social Work at Lakehead University School, Kate studies at Queen's University School of Religion completing a Master of Divinity, concentrating on restorative justice. She is currently a member of the board of the M&S supported Kingston Community Chaplaincy. A firm believer in the value of interfaith dialogue and community building brings together people from other faiths and within the prison system. The Kingston Community Chaplaincy offers programs for families and those currently in prison and support release. The Chaplaincy believes that when crime happens, not only are the victims and offender affected but the whole community. The Chaplaincy team seeks to promote healing and safety for all people in an atmosphere of learning how to live together in community once again. We sing Thanksgiving for the many ways M&S supports Chaplains.

The Single Parents Association is in great need of school supplies to support the families they work with. Right now they have enough supplies to support 50 children, but they have 200 children signed up that need their/our help. They are accepting monetary donations and/or item donations. They are in need of coil exercise books, 4 pkg. exercise books, basic calculators, rulers, glue sticks, packages of loose leaf refills, duo tangs, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, safety scissors, scissors for grades 4-6 (pointed tip), coloring leads, pens, correction tape, binders, backpacks for Kindergarten-grade 3. If you are interested, you may drop off your donations at 472 Logy Bay Road from 9am-1pm and 2pm-4pm, Monday to Friday sometime in the next three weeks.

Starting in September The Pottle Centre, a drop-in social centre for consumers of mental health services in the province, will be organizing a Healthy Meals Program which will provide members with hot meals on a weekly basis. In order for the program to run smoothly, they are seeking volunteers who can dedicate minimum 4 hours a month to lend a hand. Responsibilities may include but are not limited to: preparing food items to be cooked, using kitchen facility to cook meals, arranging meals for serving and complying with Department of Health food safety regulations (training provided). If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a volunteer, please contact pottlestudent@nf.aibn.com.