

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 20th

Ushering this week is provided by: Oliver Wellon, Lisa Babstock, Tom Rose, Maxine Rose, Susan Pike, Stephen Pike and David Hapgood

We offer condolences to the family and friends of Olga Hounsell. Olga passed away on August 7 and her funeral service was held at St. James on Friday, August 11.

We offer condolences to Keith and Barbara Taylor on the passing of Keith's sister, Margaret Patricia Pilgren in Grand Junction, Colorado on August 12.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Carlson Emberley from Betty & Bob Langdon.

St. James was awarded a Grant from the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity from their Rainbow Fund. This grant was used to purchase Diversity and Inclusion resources for our library. Our small (yet growing) collection is now located in the multipurpose room downstairs and is available to be used and borrowed.

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 25: Do you know what animal outnumbers humans 3:1 in Gros Morne? Learn the answer to this question and many more at St. James' trivia night event. Come join us in the fellowship room from 6-8pm for food, fellowship and fun! Admission is \$5 with all proceeds going toward the Diversity Committee. All are welcome to attend!

August 27: If you are interested in performing in summer music at St. James, please contact Emma at emmalcclark@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!

August 31: The Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador will be hosting another Lunch & Learn webinar! Taking place from 12:30-1:30PM, this presentation is free and open to the public. If you are interested in being registered, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or, give us a call at [\(709\) 576-0608](tel:7095760608).

September 10: St. James' Diversity Committee will be hosting a Diversity Fair from noon-2pm. Community organization booths will join us in the auditorium, allowing us to learn more about diversity and inclusion. Additionally, please join us before worship at 10:30 for a brief overview of the Affirming Ministries process. All are welcome!

Minute for Mission: Mission & Service supports & develops leaders. Rev. Park Young Ju, chairperson of East Seoul Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), in a letter to the General Secretary of the United Church, shares the story of the scholarship she received from the United Church in 1989 for her PHD course at Ewha Women's University. The United Church of Canada & the PROK have been partners since 1953. This is a special relationship which oversees personnel & gifts such as the scholarship that Park received. In 1989, M&S funded scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to continue their studies to develop leadership within the PROK. Park has been ministry personnel of JamSil Jubilee Church since 1999 as well as the only woman chairperson among 25 presbyteries in the PROK. Park enclosed a scholarship gift for the same amount she received in 1989 in her letter. We sing Thanksgiving for the leadership of the Rev. Park Young Ju and for gifts given in gratitude.

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. If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a volunteer, please contact pottlestudent@nf.aibn.com.