

Ushering this week is provided by: David Hapgood, Jean Thompson, Aubrey Hill, Gloria LeFeuvre, Joel LeFeuvre, Jack Jones and Judy Jones

We offer condolences to the family of Rev. R. Neil Newbury following his passing on July 27.

We offer condolences to the family of Grace Parady following her passing on July 28.

We offer condolences to the family of Erma Andrews following her passing on July 31. Her service took place at St. James on Thursday, August 3.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the **Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Erma Andrews from Keith and Trudy Churchill and Erwin and Gail Melamed.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the **Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Erma Andrews from Rose Blackwood.

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 online: <https://goo.gl/forms/qpbng0JpdJw7EkAO2> or by emailing projectgracenl@gmail.com.

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 13, 20, or 27 If you are interested in performing in summer music at St. James please contact Emma at emmalclark@gmail.com.

August 16: Join us as we come together in hearing Reverend Dr. John Pentland speak about ministry from 7:00-9:30pm at Gower Street United Church. Admission is \$10.

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.

Chew on This! Plans are underway for the 5th annual *Chew on This!* event, organized by Citizens for Public Justice and the Dignity for All campaign. Each year, volunteers go out to their communities on **October 17**, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, to hand out *Chew on This!* lunch bags, containing a food item, a magnet, and a postcard directed to the federal government. To organize a *Chew on This!* event or for more information, go to dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this or contact Darlene O'Leary at darlene@cpi.ca.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S as well as our gifts for emergency appeals support people recovering from disasters. In November, 2013 Typhoon Haiyan destroyed homes, farms, communities and livelihoods in the Philippines. Immediately after the storm, M&S partnered with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) and began addressing emergency needs for food, shelter and water. UCCP leaders were planning long term for how the church could work with community members to rebuild better homes, re-establish communities and restore people's livelihoods. With the help of M&S and other emergency appeals, UCCP has been able to replace some of those fishing boats, restoring hope to many communities. In farming communities, UCCP has introduced a new variety of rice that requires less fresh water & responds well to traditional and readily available fertilizers. UCCP is lighting the way with micro solar power units that can provide enough energy for basic household lighting. We sing Thanksgiving for M&S partner, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, and its work that supports rebuilding lives.

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.