

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 1, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo, Kim Mayo, Shirley Feltham, Jennifer Bartlett, Gerry Mayo, Nicholas Adams



We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of mother Mildred Blackwood and brother Walter Blackwood Jr. from Lorna Jamieson.

Not this afternoon: The annual Pleasant View Towers Memorial Service is postponed.

St. James monthly Pleasant View Towers Service will be held on Tuesday, October 10 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30pm.

Katie Vardy, one of our young adults, has accepted the Sunday School Coordinator Position at Cochrane Street UC, for the Church Year 2017- 2018. She will continue to be active at St. James, but just won't be here on Sundays. If you wish to get in contact with her or have any questions, please feel free to email her at katelyn_1997@hotmail.com

Youth Confirmation Classes: Youth in grade 7 and above are invited to register for this year's confirmation program by October 8, by contacting Susan at 722-1881 ext 204, or email susan@stjamesuc.org Classes will begin in late October.

Adult Confirmation Classes: Any adults (University age and above) interested in taking part in a confirmation class or refresher class, please contact Susan at 722-1881 ext 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org Class time to be determined.

Active Aging Programs for the fall at St. James:

Chi Gong: An 8 week program, every Tuesday morning, 10:30-11:30, October 10 – November 28. We are thrilled to be able to offer this 8 week course led by Dr. Yajing Song, Ph. D. in Chinese Medicine. To register for this course, please contact Dr. Song at 579-5799. Cost is \$80 for the 8 weeks, to be paid at the first class.

Meditation: Four weekly sessions for the Fall Season begin on Monday, October 16 at 11am in the Fellowship Room, led by SuAn. If you have never meditated, or have tried and found it difficult to continue your practice, yet you still have interest, please join us! Donation basis.

Chew on This! Looking for a few volunteers to help with our *Chew on This!* event on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. We will join the national campaign by handing out *Chew on This!* lunch bags and materials, and engaging passersby on food insecurity and the need for a national anti-poverty plan. For more information or to volunteer contact Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org

Announcement from the Chaplaincy Committee of East District: It is with gratitude and thanksgiving, along with heavy hearts, that Rev. Scott Parsons has completed his work as Chaplain with East District, NL Conference, serving the St. John's Eastern Health sites of Health Sciences, the Janeway, the Leonard A. Miller Centre and Veteran's Pavilion, along with Her Majesty's Penitentiary. Scott has been a very compassionate and caring giver of pastoral care and has been a joy to work with throughout his over ten years in this position. He will be greatly missed. We wish him all God's blessings in his new ministry as Clinician for Eastern Health at Health Sciences and the Janeway. We do wish to advise that we are actively seeking a new chaplain and that during this time of transition, pastoral care continues to be provided without interruption at all sites. If you or a family member are admitted to hospital, and would like pastoral care or a visit from the chaplain while in hospital, please ensure the admission forms are marked "Yes" for pastoral care and the patient's name will be included on the chaplain's list for visitation.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support displaced people. Around the world tens of millions of people are forced to flee their homes due to natural disasters, violence, conflict & persecution. Some are pushed across international borders and become refugees; others remain in their own country but cannot return to their own homes. Most displaced people have difficulty meeting the most basic needs of shelter, food and clothing. They have experienced severe trauma and need psychosocial support. Some face serious health problems. Host communities, often facing widespread poverty themselves, are challenged with the addition of many more people in need. M&S partner, the National Council of Churches of Kenya, works in collaboration with others in 2 Kenyan refugee camps that house refugees from Sudan, Ethiopia & other countries. These camps have become 'generational' as children are born and raised in the camps and know no other life. We sing thanksgiving that through M&S we are able to support our partners in offering displaced people the basic necessities of life.

Free public lecture: *Widening Our Vision in Spirituality, Sustainability and Earth Justice*, tomorrow, Monday, October 2 at 7pm at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. The emergence of ecological worldviews and other fresh insights promoting ecological democracy and earth justice are signaling that another world is possible. Awakening our sense of wonder is central to this shift in consciousness. Presenter: Heather Eaton, PhD; Sponsored by the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice. For further information, phone 722-0082.

The Just Us Women's Center at Stella's Circle is looking for gently used women's magazines for their programming. Please drop donations off to Rev. Pamela's office, with your name and address removed.

Please see the notice boards for information on the upcoming workshops regarding adapting NL's Historic Religious Places.