

## St. James United Church Life and Work, September 24, 2017

**We offer our condolences to:**\*Pat & William Kean and family on the passing of Pat's brother, Ed Smith, on September 8. His funeral took place in Springdale on September 11; \*the family and friends of Cyndi Meaney who passed unexpectedly on September 14. Her funeral took place from St. James last Monday.

**We welcome** Abena Amponsah on board as our new Church Council Secretary.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to St. James United Church:**

\*in loving memory of the family of Harvey & Monica Flight from Barbara Flight;

\* in loving memory of Rev. Neil Newbury from the AOTS.

**The Diversity Committee** would like to extend thanks to everyone who attended the Diversity Fair on September 10. We would also like to thank the following groups for attending or sending resources: ACNL, Community Centre Alliance, Food First NL, Interfaith Pride, Intersections, MUN Aboriginal Resource Centre, MUN Minds, Parents of Trans and Gender Diverse Kids, PFLAG, Planned Parenthood, Justin Tobin of the Jewish Havura, Royal Newfoundland Constabulary, Seniors NL, Gay Men's Chorus/Spectrum Choir.

**Choral Scholars:** 2 additional choral scholar opportunities now exist to supplement our senior choir in music ministry. These positions are exclusive to youth who are members of St. James' church family. Qualifications preferred: university aged students; a voice student or in music school; ability to read music; a positive attitude. Please submit expressions of interest, including experience, to the Church Office by tomorrow, September 25 at noon!

**The annual Pleasant View Towers Memorial Service** is next Sunday, October 1 at 2:30pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 2.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**English Country Dancing** on Tuesday evenings at 7 in the Fellowship Room; new dancers accepted until mid-October. Contact [colinandgail@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:colinandgail@nf.sympatico.ca)

**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](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Fish Dinner Tickets** for Friday, October 20, can be purchased from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

**Volunteer positions open at St. James:** \*During some Sundays' Worship Service: ushers, scripture readers, communion servers; \*Weekly or monthly groups: Chair of Worship & Sacraments, Chair of Stewardship, Librarian, Drama Club Facilitator, Junior Youth Leader. Occasional: Hospitality helpers at funeral receptions. If inspired to step up, please contact the office, 722-1881, ext. 200.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts to M&S support international programs. The Deepening Understanding for International Ministry (DUIM) is an interactive program for church leaders. It is offered by our partner the Canadian Churches Forum & shaped, in part, by the United Church. Bursaries are available for UC participants to help offset program costs. God is calling us to find new ways of being church together. Our intercultural vision calls us to be aware of who is at the centre and who is at the margins, and empower those at the margins to lead us into change. The church's intercultural vision is about more than inclusion - it's about radical welcoming. When we affirm and welcome a variety of expressions of faith, it deepens our understanding of God and of one another. DUIM is offered in different locations across Canada several times a year and is tailored to the intercultural realities of each local context. Participants discover how to nurture faithful relationships across difference, gather insights on cultural relevance & deepen understanding and awareness in their faith communities. We sing thanksgiving that our gifts to M&S support this exciting time of Spirit-led questioning, experimenting & mutual learning.

**VOWR annual Radiothon Fundraiser**, next Saturday, September 30, 7:30am - 5pm. Receipts will be issued for all donations. Drop by with your donation and have a coffee on them!