

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 15, 2017

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

*to St. James Church in loving memory of Olga Hounsell from the St. James UCW;

*to the Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation in loving memory of Harvey Weir's father, Reginald Victor Weir, from the St. James Guitar Group.

We welcome Paul Jewer worshipping with us today as he remembers his father, Howard Randolph Jewer, on the 10th anniversary of his passing. Randy Jewer was a dedicated member of St. James' congregation and part of our Finance team.

St. James is pleased to welcome Rev. Brian Colbourne as our new Full Time Minister. Rev. Brian will officially start on November 1, with his first Sunday being November 5.

Our Moderator, the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, is in the middle of her official visit to our Conference. The summary of her activities in the Conference is on the notice boards.

Coffee hour today: Please join us after the 11am Worship Service for coffee hour in the Auditorium, hosted by our AOTS Men's Club.

Tomorrow, Monday, October 16: *Meditation: Four weekly sessions for the fall season begin 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. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

***Women's Meeting Place:** Non-denominational women's meeting at St. James at 7pm. Bring a friend to share an evening of fellowship and fun; all ages welcome.

Tuesday, October 17: *Chew on This!* For World Food Day, 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. If you would like to help, please show up at St. James at noon on Tuesday.

The October meeting of AOTS will be held Wednesday, October 18, with special guest Justin Barbour who will speak about his recent 700 km trip through the Newfoundland Wilderness with only his faithful dog Saku for company. Note a slight change in start time to encourage other members to attend. We will have a gospel sing-a-long at 5:30 and the meal will be served at 6:00 pm. We are hoping that more men of our congregation will be able to join us for a time of fellowship together. We would love to have new members with us to offer support to the life and work of St. James United Church.

Reminder for our Fish Dinner next Friday, October 20; meal served at 6pm.

Next Sunday, October 22, the St. James Guitar Group, along with Rev. Bill Bartlett (current President of the UC Conference) will be conducting the Worship Service in Cupids United Church at 11am.

The St. James United Church diversity committee is excited that Nancy Reid from the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities NL, as well as Gary Hall, an advocate in St. John's, will be at St James next Sunday, October 22 to speak about accessibility after Worship. Please join us to learn more about how to make spaces more welcoming.

St. John's and area Council of Churches presents a symposium on mental wellbeing at the Salvation Army Citadel, 25 Adams Avenue, 27-28 October. Open to all interested persons, particularly those involved in pastoral care, chaplaincy and visitation. Please register at 579-5235; free event.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S offer self-sufficiency and hope. Life is a continuous struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza or elsewhere, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits and if they build anyway, are subject to demolitions. The Near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three components: material for a shed for livestock that the family must construct themselves; five fruit trees about 4 years old and 12 chickens, 2 pregnant sheep and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided. These supplies give the families the ability to become self sufficient providing milk, eggs fruit, dairy products and meat for their own needs while having enough to trade or sell at markets. We sing thanksgiving for global partners who are bringing hope and vitality to Palestinian families in the region.

Agnes Pratt Foundation Dinner and Show, Wednesday, October 18. Tickets are \$75; call 752-8957 to reserve.

Cowan Heights UC Women's Group is hosting a Fall Afternoon Tea and Bake/Craft Sale on Saturday, October 21 at 2pm. Sale opens at 2, with tea served at 2:30, followed by a Fashion Show by Melo – Couture Designs. \$10 tickets from their church office 745-2871 or Ruth, 364-7425. All are welcome.

Topsail United Church Annual Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 21 from 10am-2pm. Admission \$1; all are welcome.