

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 22, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Willow Pilgrim, Gracie Pilgrim,
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We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

* to St. James United Church in loving memory of Gilbert & Jean Inkpen from Gillian Brown;
*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Erma Andrews from Sheila Quackenbush.

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.

This afternoon, after the 11am Worship: St. James United Church Diversity Committee welcomes Nancy Reid from the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities NL, as well as Gary Hall, an advocate in St. John's, to speak about accessibility. Please join us to learn more about how to make spaces more welcoming.

Tomorrow, Monday, October 23: Meditation: Second of four weekly sessions for the fall season begins at 11am, 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. Bring your shawl and cushion if needed. 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.

The Friendship Group takes place on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. The next gathering will be this coming Wednesday, October 25 at 2pm. New members are always welcome to attend.

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.

St. James UCW Fall Sale and Morning Coffee will be held Saturday, November 4 from 9:45 to noon in the church Auditorium. There will be the usual stalls of a variety of baked goods (including Christmas fruit cakes), jams, pickles, and fudge, handmade goods--knitted, crocheted and sewn --and the surprise bags. Anyone wishing to donate, in any way, may contact sale convenors Vera Marshall 221-5869 and Jean White 739-0908. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from members or at the door. We look forward to seeing you there.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support the journey toward reconciliation. In the Six Nations First Nations community in Southern Ontario sits a simple white building. For over 5 years Nations Uniting has offered a place of community and provided educational workshops to the surrounding communities on and off the reserve at various locations up and down the Grand River. Healing Circles and Grandmothers' Teas are times of quiet sharing, with each person getting a chance to talk or ask questions, and to respectfully listen to one another's stories of life. Nations Uniting also uses the Blanket Exercise developed by KAIROS Canada to bring to life teachings and reflections of forgotten Canadian history. The number of Sharing Circles is increasing as other churches hear about what Nations Uniting is doing and yearn to know more about their First Nations neighbours. We sing thanksgiving for the programs of healing and reconciliation offered through the M&S supported ministry of Nations Uniting.

This afternoon at George Street UC: a very special Covenanting Service at 2 when GSUC are celebrating moving into a new ministerial relationship with their Intentional Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Peter Bartlett. All are welcome to attend.

Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a Bible Study each Tuesday evening at 7:30 at Wesley United Church. All are welcome to attend.

8-Week Grief and Bereavement Information and Support Group, October 17 – December 5 at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, Room 6140 (East), 7-9pm.
To register: Mag Snook at 777-8972 or Margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca

Next Saturday, October 28:

***VOWR annual Radiothon Fundraiser**, 7:30am - 5pm, with the proceeds going towards purchasing and upgrading broadcast equipment. All donations and pledges can be made by calling 579-9233; by mail to VOWR, P.O. Box 26006, St. John's, NL, A1E 0A5; left in the drop box at the studio on Patrick Street, or via PayPal on the VOWR website (vowr.org). Receipts will be issued for all donations. Drop by with your donation and have a coffee on them!

***George Street UCW:** 11.30am, sale on the main floor: 12.30pm, luncheon and cards Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre. Tickets \$12, available from the George Street Church Office at 726-8775.

***The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary Fall Bake Sale:** 2-4pm, in the Acton Centre at Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road.

***The Gathering Place Fall Fair:** Tea Party 10:30am – 1pm for \$8. Sale of Work 10am – 1pm featuring handmade crafts, homemade baked goods, jewellery made by Guests of The Gathering Place. Admission \$2; door prizes.