St. James United Church Life and Work, March 31, 2019

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Maxine Ivory, who passed away on March 24. Her funeral took place from St. James on March 28.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Muriel Baker from Kevin & Marilyn Pardy.

Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: March 10: \$4,135

March 17: \$3,190 March 24: \$3.696

This evening: Youth Group in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Tomorrow, Monday, April 1: *Our Lenten Offering Folders will be available from the office all week; *Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room.

Tuesday, April 2: Book Group's last session for current book in the Chapel, 7-9pm. We'll be starting a new book on May 7: *Jesus before the Gospels* by Bart D. Ehrman. If you'd like to join the discussion, please purchase the book and start reading!

Wednesday, April 3: *Weekly lunch time Communion Service every Wednesday during Lent at 12.15 in the Chapel followed by a brown bag lunch. Why not make this weekly practice part of your Lenten Spiritual Journey?

*Zatoun Olive Oil: Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil on sale from the office during Lent at \$20 a bottle. "Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle" Only 1 bottle left!

*Meeting for parents of youth wishing to participate in the GO Project this summer, as well as parents of youth and any young adults interested in Rendezvous 2020 in Calgary. 7pm in the Chapel downstairs.

Thursday, April 4: Not a Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

Saturday, April 6: Ukelele: in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start.

Next Sunday, April 7 at 5pm: Project Grace's Winter Semester Showcase in our Sanctuary; donation basis.

Bridges To Hope:*Monday, April 8: Their Annual General Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Queen's Road at 7:30pm.St James is a partner congregation of Bridges to Hope and is entitled to have a representative to vote

at the General Meeting. This is an opportunity for a member of the congregation to attend the meeting as our representative. If you are interested, please advise the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200, by Tuesday, April 2.

*Saturday April 13: Annual Mooseburger Fundraiser at St. Andrews Church on Longs Hill, 4 - 6:30pm. Cost is \$6 for a Mooseburger or \$8 for a Mooseburger, water and a bag of chips. The goal is to sell 350 burgers. Please pre-order to ensure they do not have wastage. Sign-up sheet here on the bulletin board, or go to the website: www.bridgestohope.ca

UCW Spring Tea & Variety Stalls: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 pm; cost: \$7.00. Tickets are available from UCW members and at the door. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support! If you require additional information, please contact Sheilah Beckett 722-7621, or Barbara Butt 576-1344. "Come let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things."

Tuesday, April 16 at 12 noon: A Presentation of Organ and Choral Music for Holy Week featuring Amy Dalziel, organist, and the AOTS and UCW choirs under the direction of Doreen Brown. Entrance: freewill offering.

The AOTS FIsh Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at 6pm. Ticket price is \$20, available from any member of the men's club or from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11 - an integrative, interactive approach to personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Themes of Spirituality, Personal Growth, and Practices to Find Peace are highlighted in the practical sessions with experienced leaders, helping you to renourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificate for Easter/Mother's Day available, as well as all information from St. James office, info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

For over 65 years Burry Heights Camp has offered camping experiences for children ages 9-15. Crafts, sports, swimming, canoeing, hiking, thinking spiritually, and nature study are among some of the activities offered on a weekly basis, for 8 weeks each summer. Registration for the 2019 camping season is available on the Burry Heights website www.burryheights.com/summer-camp

This evening at 7: 56th annual Service for the "People of the Sea" at George Street UC with guest speaker Her Honour, the Honourable Judy Foote, Lieutenant Governor of NL. A reception will follow in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Centre. **The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer** will hold a service at Wesley, starting at 6:50 pm. Special guests will be four representatives from the MUN School of Music. All are welcome to attend.