

St. James United Church Life and Work, May 12, 2019

We offer our congratulations to Katie Vardy on her appointment as the Youth Forum Coordinator for the United Church of Canada's General Council 44.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of:

- *mother Mildred Blackwood, from daughter Lorna Jamieson;
- *mother May Stokes, sisters Shirley Ford and Barbara Myles, from Jean and family

to the General Fund in loving memory of beloved mothers and grandmothers, Margaret Babstock and Mildred Murphy, from the Babstock and Murphy families.

to the Hymn Sing Memorial in loving memory of loved ones from:

- *Adolphe & Minnie Penney;
- *Les & Grace Dean;
- *in loving memory of my husband, Raymond Baggs, from wife Aggie: *Precious Memories.*

to Project Grace from:

- * Karen Giannou;
- * in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N. from the Hapgoods.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: April 21:	\$5,380
April 28:	\$3,309
May 5:	\$3,023

Monday, May 13:*Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room;

*Writers' Circle, 7:30 in the Fellowship Room;

Tuesday, May 14: Pleasant View Towers Worship Service at 2pm, conducted by the St. James Guitar Group and members of the Men's Club. Volunteers please meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome! Residents are not to be taken off the floor without a tag!

Wednesday, May 15:

* The regular monthly dinner meeting of the men's club will be held at 5:00 for 5:30pm.

*The Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir Concert – Just Sing. The Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir is delighted to present the world premiere of a new piece by upcoming singer/songwriter, Rachel Cousins. *Just Sing*, an evening of song, will be presented at 7pm at the DF Cook Recital Hall at Memorial University. In addition to Rachel Cousins, who will be performing some of her own songs, the St. John's Gay Men's Chorus will also be featured. This project was funded by the Bruneau Centre for Excellence in Choral Music and involved commissioning Cousins to write a song specifically for the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir. Tickets are \$20 and are available at ticketpro.ca, 1 (888) 311-9090 and at the door.

Minute for Mission: Millie lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Today she is thankful to have a home, health and one year of sobriety. Two years ago, Millie was facing eviction and homelessness. Without Bissell Centre's hot meals, Millie would have gone hungry; without help from their caring staff, she would have ended up back on the streets. Millie has battled addiction, violence and poverty all her life. She grew up in a turbulent, sometimes violent household. At 24, Millie fell in love, got married and had two children. After a few years together, her husband's behaviour became all too familiar. He had an alcohol addiction and was becoming increasingly violent. Millie started coping by drinking as well. Soon, she was forced to pack up her kids and move into her car until she could get into a shelter. Life as a single parent was never easy, but Millie was determined to give her kids a good life. Millie and her kids have had many successes together, but sadly, the pain of Millie's childhood and married years was always there in the background. Two years ago her rent was raised unexpectedly and she was struggling to put food on the table. Bissell Centre's Community Bridge program helped Millie with rent and utilities in time of emergency. *"I was so incredibly relieved to get help and not be struggling by myself anymore. Now I have a safe home to go to every night, and for that I'm so grateful,"* says Millie. Bissell Centre is one of the many community ministries across Canada that is supported by Mission & Service.

Project Grace is offering Swarovski Crystal Starfish Necklaces at \$35 each, to support the After School Music Program for children. Order online at www.projectgrace.ca or use the paper order form on the bulletin board outside our church office.