

St. James United Church Life and Work, July 28, 2019

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of grandson, Blair Tulk and friend, Andrew Winsor from Leah Tulk.

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: July 7:	\$3,663
July 14:	\$2,386
July 21:	\$2,758

Farewell Reception - immediately following the service this morning:

Please join us as we bid farewell to our Music Director, Paul Rodermond, who will be leaving us in August to pursue a Master of Music degree in Winnipeg.

Rev. Brian will be on vacation from August 3 to August 20. The following individuals will cover our Sunday worship services:

August 4 - Heather Cronhelm

August 11 - Rebecca Pike

August 18 - Katie Vardy

**In case of emergencies you may call 709-727-4067

St. James would like to extend a warm welcome to our first time visitors

with a little welcome gift. The ushers will bring it to you if you raise your hand during the welcome but if you prefer, you can identify yourself to the ushers as you leave. Thanks for attending our service and please sign our guest book. We feel privileged to have you join us.

2019 Cemetery Memorial Services are as follows:

*Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way: Monday, August 5, 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the service will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

The July edition of Beer and Hymns is taking place **this afternoon** from 3 - 6pm at 203 Logy Bay Road (St. Mark's Anglican Church). There is

something new: our summer serving of 'Beer & Hymns' will feature fantastic southern inspired food created by Poko Loko Food Truck (aka Soul Azteka) and brilliant craft beer by Mill Street Brewpub St. John's. Join us for a scoff and stay for a song!

Bag to School: Bridges to Hope is once again reaching out to our faith-based community with a request for specific school supplies and is asking for donations of **coloring markers**. Donations may be left at St. James United Church or the Bridges to Hope Office (39 Cookstown Road).

Queen's College Faculty of Theology is looking for an individual with experience and achievements as a leader and theological educator to join our team and community as Provost / Chief Executive Officer. An information package is available at http://queenscollegenl.ca/?page_id=439

Minute for Mission: Gender inequality has a direct impact on what food is available to families in some African countries. Women often have limited access to land to grow food for their families, and credit to purchase seeds. Women are also frequently vulnerable to moneylenders. A key focus of M & S partner The Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) is supporting women. OAIC is an association of African-founded churches; its member churches serve a fellowship of over 30 million people across Africa and are largely found in informal urban settlements and in rural areas of Africa. Congregations serve people living on the economic margins. The United Church of Canada supports various OAIC programs, including the Livelihoods Programme. This program works with member churches to design and implement responses to hunger and poverty. For example, in Vihiga County, Western Kenya, farms are small with rocky soil. Twenty women farmers from the Africa Divine Church are organized in a cooperative demonstration farm, planting high-value crops such as vegetables, bananas, and sweet potatoes, inter-crop with maize and sorghum. OAIC provides technical support and trains farmers on storing crops and securing markets for surplus produce. The whole community works together for food security. Schools have been mobilized to grow food and teach better farming practices. In addition, OAIC has helped the community advocate with local and national governments for resources supporting agriculture. Together with Mission & Service, OAIC is helping communities in Kenya work toward a better future.