

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 11, 2019

We extend a warm welcome to **Rebecca Pike** who is leading us in worship this morning. Rebecca is a familiar face at St. James United having grown up in our congregation. She is beginning her fourth year at the Centre for Christian Studies and has accepted the position of Children, Youth and Young Families Minister at Gower Street United Church.

<p>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.)</p> <table><tr><td>Givings for: July 21:</td><td>\$2,758</td></tr><tr><td>July 28:</td><td>\$3,557</td></tr><tr><td>August 4:</td><td>\$2,353</td></tr></table>	Givings for: July 21:	\$2,758	July 28:	\$3,557	August 4:	\$2,353
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Both Rev. Brian and Susan Sheppard are on vacation until Wednesday, August 21. Katie Vardy will cover our Sunday worship service next week: August 18. 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.

The End of Summer Bonfire and Service on Middle Cove Beach will take place Wednesday, August 28, 7pm. Bring your own lawn chair, snacks and beverages.

Music Under the Dome - A Summer Lunchtime Concert Series: Cochrane Street United Church is hosting a series of lunch hour concerts from 12:15–1:00. Enjoy some great local music over your lunch break.

(There is a suggested minimum donation of \$10).

August 13: Michelle Eagles and Brad Jefford

August 20: Katherine Moffatt, accompanied by Evan Smith

August 27: Saltwater Strings: Dominic Green & Brett Vey

Best Kind Productions presents Andrew Lloyd Webber's and Tim Rice's classic, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Bowring Park's

beautiful amphitheatre, Sunday, August 11: 6:30pm and Thursday, August 15 to Sunday, August 18: 6:30pm. Saturday and Sunday matinées both weekends at 2:00pm. Admission (at the gate, cash only): \$20 Adults / \$10 Children 12 & Under. Cabot 500 Amphitheatre, Bowring Park, featuring "opening act" concerts 30 minutes before each showtime. Please contact: bestkindproductions@gmail.com for more information.

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).

Bridges to Hope and Clay Café are teaming up to fight hunger. On Wednesday, August 21, 5:30–7:00 pm at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church you can get a hand painted bowl filled with turkey or pea soup, a slice of homemade bread and water for \$20. For more information or to pre-order go to www.bridgestope.ca

Coastal Sounds Community Choir warmly invites you to join us during the month of September. All are welcome! Come along just for fun or sign up for the term. No audition is required, just a love of singing and a willingness to learn. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays, 7:30 pm at Holy Spirit High School in Manuels, CBS, beginning Sept. 11. For more information visit www.coastalsounds.ca or email info@coastalsounds.ca.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support education centres like Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre in Paris, Ontario that offer programs for children, youth, and adults that inspire and inform. The United Church of Canada Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre was the vision of Bev Oaten in the 1950s. The first programs began in the summer of 1952. Five Oaks has gone through many changes over its 67-year history. In 2016, when Five Oaks was planning to close, a new vision of being an intercultural and interfaith centre rose from the ashes of the past. Five Oaks has continued its partnership with the United Church and Six Nations of the Grand River, as the centre sits on the sacred land of the Six Nations, and has added a partnership with the Muslim community. The centre is now writing a new chapter in its story with a committed Board of Directors. The future is bright and hopeful for the education centre that has been revived. Your gifts for Mission & Service help Five Oaks and two other education centres sustain their vision and ministry.