St. James United Church Life and Work, September 15, 2019

We offer a warm welcome to Branden Olsen, our new Associate Music Director, as he directs our Senior Choir today.

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: August 25: \$3,938

September 1: \$2,721 September 8: \$3,225

Did you usher over the summer and take your name tag home with you? If you find you have an usher name tag at home, please drop it off at the office. Many thanks!

This afternoon, 2-6:30: United Communities of Faith joint church picnic at The Sunshine Camp on Thorburn Road. There will be food, crafts, stories, games and entertainment. This is a free event – just show up! Rain venue will be at St. James.

Monday, September 16, 3-6pm: Susan's Loose Threads Sewing Studio Fall Session continues. No matter your gender, age, ability or faith, drop in anytime between 3 and 6 to start or continue a project. Relax, sew, chat, laugh and receive help and friendship from others in an informal atmosphere. Just bring yourself, your sewing machine and material.

Wednesday, September 18: Our AOTS Men's club will have their first dinner meeting at 5 for 5:30pm. New members welcome!

Saturday, September 21:

*Tech Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-noon in the Fellowship Room: Bring your electronics along for assistance in solving the many mysteries hidden in today's gadgets. Whether it is simply extracting your photos from your phone or unraveling a tangly software issue, bring your problem.

*5pm: Burry Heights Dinner Theater. Entertainment is provided by young members of the Burry Heights community. Dinner tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/ children. Email burryheightsday@gmail.com or call 754-8824 for tickets or more info.

Next Sunday, September 22, noon -2pm: St. James' Third Annual Diversity Fair in our Auditorium. Come learn about groups working to make St. John's a more inclusive and just community. Refreshments will be served.

AOTS and UCW Choirs will have their first practice together on Wednesday, September 25 at 10am. New members welcome!

Our Youth Choir will begin practices on Wednesday, September 25 at 7pm.

New members needed!

Bridges to Hope Fundraiser: Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm Spirit of Newfoundland Productions presents *Over The Narrows And Into History,* dinner and a show. Tickets are \$80 each. For more information or to purchase tickets: www.bridgestohope.ca or 722-9225.

Project Grace is offering: *Music Lessons for Grown Ups on Tuesday evenings, September17 - November 7, 7:30-8:30 for \$120 per person at The Bethany Center. Registration is now open online: www.projectgrace.ca *Project Grace is now accepting registration for their After School Music Program for children in grades 1 through 12. Lessons are offered in violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, percussion and ukulele. Please visit www.projectgrace.ca to learn more & to sign up!

Housekeeping:

*September brings many people using the church building. Please ensure all lights are turned off when you leave.

Please see the Community notice board outside the Sanctuary for information on some community events, including:

- *Office Admin. position available at Cowan Heights UC;
- *Annual St. John's Kidney Walk, Sunday, October 6 at 9:30am;
- *The Lantern Speakers' Forum 2019.

Wesley United Church: * Fellowship Program, starting September 17⁻¹ Fitness on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:30am to 10:30, and Bridge every Tuesday afternoon, starting at 2pm. For further information call Joan at 368-0434 *Jiggs Dinner and a game of Auction on Thursday, October 3, starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 and will need to be bought and paid for in advance. There will be somebody in attendance at the Church office from Monday, September 23 - Friday the 27, 1-3:30pm. For information call Pheobe at 726-1689 or Marvin at 579-7900.