

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 3, 2019

**Please join us** for a Youth Ministries Soup Lunch after the 11am Service today. The cost is a donation towards the Youth Ministries programs.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**to the Music Program in honour of Blanche Hollett and Rev. Bill Coish** from Janice Winsor

**to the General Fund in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish from:**

\*Kevin & Marilyn Pardy

\*Eric & May King

\*Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher-Flight

\*Catherine & Baxter Rose

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\*Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher-Flight

\*Paul Rose

\*Ethel & Jim Brown

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\*NL Balance and Dizziness Centre

\*Bruce Henderson

**to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband Charlie Parsons** from Annie Parsons

**to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Dr. John Cronhelm** from Diane & Roger Angel

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: October 6: \$3,945

October 13: \$3,749

October 20: \$3,536

October 27: \$3,224

**Monday, November 4:** Susan's Sewing Studio continues 3-6pm.

**Wednesday, November 6: Midweek Spiritual Fellowship, 12 noon - 2pm** (first and third Wednesdays) for a half hour Worship Service in the Youth Chapel, followed by lunch and social time. Bring along your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Drop in and join in, for some or for all. Everyone is welcome.

**Sunday, November 10:** The 'Going Down of the Sun' service will not be going ahead as stated in the worship schedule.

**Minute for Mission:** In India, M&S partner, Human Rights and Advocacy Research Foundation, works with fishing communities, urban poor, traditional farmers, prisoners, Dalits (people of low caste) and Adivasis (Indigenous people) in the continuing struggle for economic and social justice. One of its programs helps children whose families cannot provide essential school supplies. In addition, it educates the children on their human rights. Here are two of the children who have benefitted from this program. Lilly is 15 years old. Her mother is a street fish vendor, her father, a daily wage fisher who is not well. The family struggles to make ends meet. Lilly wants to become an accountant. Her mother, Mohana, says, *"I will not forget this timely help which prevented me from going into debt."* Thilagavathy is 15 years old. Her father is a fisher and is unable to contribute much to the family's income. Her mother is a street fish vendor whose income sustains the family. Thilagavathy wants to become a police officer. Her mother says, *"She is bright in her studies, and I did not have the means... I am so thankful."* With Mission & Service partners, the United Church works to achieve access to education for everyone, regardless of income or social status. This work is an essential part of securing greater justice, broad-based participation in society, and the eradication of poverty.

**Tuesday, November 5: 2-4pm:** Café of Memories 2019 at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pearl for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers, hosted by the Alzheimer Society of NL and Lodge Westmoorland. Call 576-0608 to register - no charge.

**St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Theatre** in support of the residents of St. Patrick's Mercy Home on Thursday, November 7 at the Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral Street. Tickets are \$75 (tax-in). Call 752-8745 for tickets or information.

**Fall Youth Gathering at Burry Heights, November 8-10,** for youth and teens. It's all about fun, community, and self-care. Registration is on line. Please contact SuAn for the link.

**Bridges to Hope** is currently looking for a volunteer for the food pantry, preferably someone who can come in for other volunteers when they cannot make their shift. For more information contact Jody, 330-9642.