St. James United Church Life and Work, November 17, 2019 We offer our condolences to Sandra Thistle, her family and friends, on the passing of Sandra's sister, Jean Pike on November 7. Jean's funeral service took place from St. James last Monday.

Rev. Brian's doctor has advised him to take a two week rest. We wish him well and look forward to his return. In the event of an emergency, please contact the church office during business hours, Monday – Thursday, and Susan Sheppard by our pager number, 727-4067.

Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our UCW, after the 11am service today.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving

memory of "Dad & Mom, Bill & Sally Taylor, from Marilyn & Ralph Taylor. Thank you to the congregation and staff for their care of Mom & Dad, especially through the later stages of their lives. St. James is a special place for our family. As you approach another Anniversary, may it be a celebration of thanksgiving and joy."

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations in loving memory of Ben Lake:

*to the General Fund from: *Lynn & Jeff Babstock *Curtis & Pam Williams *Wallace & Audrey Williams *Clarence & Eleanor Lake *Vincent & Elaine Power *Heman Whalen *Halcum & Winnifred Stanley *Guards Athletic Association *Frances Winsor *Clyde Flight & Brenda Kelleher Flight *to the Memorial Fund from: Marilyn & Gordon Adams *Don & Helen Hodder *Rita Mallard and Grace Noel *James Fitzpatrick *Glen & Carmel Saunders

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 27: \$3,224 November 3: \$3,168 November 10: \$4,861

Monday, November 18:

3-6pm: Susan's 'Loose Threads' Sewing Studio continues.

7:30pm: Rendez-vouz 2020: All youth and parents are invited to a meeting in the Fellowship Room concerning the 2020 summer Rendez-vous Youth Gathering in Calgary.

Wednesday November 20:

***Spiritual Fellowship: 12 noon - 2pm** 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.

*AOTS monthly meet and eat at 5 for 5:30pm. Our guest speaker, Heather Powell, will be talking about ways to prevent falling as we age.

Next Saturday November 23rd 10:00 am – 2:30 pm: Christmas is in the air and we are looking for your help to decorate the church Sanctuary. All ages welcome and this is a great family event. Hope you can join us.

The popular Palestinian olive oil, dates and seasoning are again available for purchase from Karen Brown, 689-7297.

Stella's Circle annual Christmas event seeking donations of gift cards. Gail Thornhill, Housing Director for Stella's Circle, notes: *"St James UC has been generously supportive of the Stella's Circle annual Christmas service and dinner. The past couple of years the congregation has donated gift cards to be given out at the dinner as draw prizes."* Cards can be dropped off at our church office by Wednesday, December 4.

This evening at 7 at First United Church, Mount Pearl: Evening of Gospel Music with Blended Voices Choir, featuring the group 'The Right Fit'. **Gower St. UC Men's Club 49th Annual Auction, November 19:** Silent Auction at 5pm; Ham and Beans Dinner at 6pm (call Gower Street Church Office, 753-7286, to reserve a dinner ticket at the door); Main Auction at 7pm. There will be more than 100 items!