

# Life and Work – October 18, 2020

## We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

\* to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Ethel Pitt from Vera Marshall

\*to the General Fund in memory of my beloved husband, Jonathan E. Richards who died on Sept 26, 2018 from Olga R.R. Broomfield-Richards

\*to the General Fund in loving memory of Phil Saunders from Peter and Shirley Barbour

**We extend virtual hugs** and very happy birthday greetings to our Shirley Bursey who celebrated 92 years on earth on October 13. Shirley is one of the founding members of St. James.

**We are very pleased** to offer congratulations to our Music Director Amy who was engaged to her partner Josh on Friday, October 9! Enjoy the wonder and happiness of your future together!

**We are also very pleased** to have Jake Thompson on board at St. James as our IT person. Jake will be helping with all matters IT related, including the sound system and the live streaming of the Sunday services.

**Book Study:** *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians*, beginning the week of November 15 and running through the week of December 13. This 5-week program will use the book *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt, available from Woodlake Publishing at a cost of \$12 (paperback) and \$7.50 (e-book). Depending on registration there is the possibility of a morning and evening group. If you are interested, but not yet registered, please email Susan Sheppard, [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**For the time being**, office hours are virtual, Monday – Thursday, 9:30am-1pm, available via phone message or email. If you feel you need to access the building or meet with SuAn personally, please leave details in your message or email to arrange an appointment.

## Church Council News

The St. James Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) has been approved by the Region.

To continue the process of hiring a new full time minister, a congregational meeting will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 10:30AM. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- obtain formal approval on the MAP document from the congregation,
- provide an overview of "Church Hub"
- form a Search Committee

*Registration is required to attend the meeting. Please call 700-6064 by 4:00 PM on Oct. 30th to reserve a seat.*

If anyone in the congregation is interested in serving on the Search Committee, please contact Trevor Bartlett at 709-728-5260 or by email [trevorbartlett@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:trevorbartlett@nf.sympatico.ca)

## St. James' Services go digital:

Contemporary Worship Service and Sunday Morning Worship

Please access our website ([www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org) and click on the top right button - 'Digital Worship') or our Facebook page

(St. James United Church click on 'Videos' in the left side menu).

**Topsail United Church's** popular annual online auction is taking place from October 12-28; they encourage bidding and sharing. Please visit [topsailunitedchurch.nf.net](http://topsailunitedchurch.nf.net) or [Facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch](https://www.facebook.com/TopsailUnitedChurch) to learn

more and register to bid.

**The Community Sector** Council NL has many free online training opportunities happening every month, including some for professional development.

Visit [www.communitysector.nl.ca](http://www.communitysector.nl.ca) and click on techKNOWtutors for the full list of upcoming training events in October. Join them on Thursday, October 29 for a virtual trivia night.