

Life and Work – September 26, 2021

We offer our condolences to Vicki Styles and her family on the passing of her husband **Albert MacLean Styles**, who passed on September 18, 2021. Visitation took place on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at Barrett's Funeral Home.

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Choir Fund:

*In loving memory of beloved husband Johnathan Richards from his loving wife
Dr. Olga Broomfield-Richards

We gratefully accept these donations to the General Fund:

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Ruby Hiscock
*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Jack and Florence Head
*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Gilbert and Lillian Thomas

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Dave and Dot Hapgood

NOTE: St. James United Church office will be closed on Thursday, September 30th, 2021 to observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

UNITED COMMUNITY OF FAITH CHURCH PICNIC

PLEASE NOTE: This event is canceled.

With the number of Covid cases on the rise and the Delta variant being so easily contracted, the decision was made to cancel this year's UCOF Picnic.

What's In a Name? Since the arrival of our minister, a few people have been asking what he prefers to be called. The answer is invariably James.

Simply going by his first name rather than adding a Rev. before it has been his preference in every United Church congregation he has served, and that includes for children, teens, and young adults.

Now he will respond to Rev. James (if you are more comfortable with that), Jamie (if you are an older member of his family) or even Jim (and then he will correct you), but be assured that his preference is for young and old alike to call him James. As he puts it "My parents paid good money to have me christened as James so I had better use that name."

First Light - St. John's Friendship Center and Rev. James Ravenscroft have provided some resources for ways we can help our Indigenous Community. Please take some time to read about how you can offer your support.

Thursday, September 30th, 2021 is named the National Day for Truth and

Reconciliation, the day is meant to recognize and commemorate the legacy of residential schools where tens of thousands of First Nations children were taken from their families and forced to attend classes that separated them from their culture. As a result, the day has been created so we can reflect on the atrocities this nation committed against its original inhabitants. Unlike most holidays, this is not seen as a day for celebration but rather one for reflection.

First Light Website: <https://firstlightnl.ca/>

Rev. James Ravenscroft: Call to Action is posted to St. James United website for you to view.

Calling all members of St. James, We want to hear from you!

The "St. James Visitor" would like to include content from our members, so we are putting the call out for submissions, and we want to hear from you.

What stories do you have to tell us? How has your faith helped you through these "unprecedented times", or anytime for that matter? Have you written a short story? A poem? You can submit your work/thoughts/ideas to the *Administration & Communications Committee*, and we will get in touch with you regarding your entry for any future issue of the "St. James Visitor". Email your submission to St. James Office at info@stjamesuc.org with the subject "Visitor Submission"

Please note: This is a file of submissions we are building for future issues of the "St. James Visitor," so please don't feel discouraged if you don't see yours in the upcoming 2021 Thanksgiving issue.

*All entries will be reviewed and edited for grammar and spelling.

*Submit only your own work.

*By submitting, you agree to allow St. James to publish your work.

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