

Life and Work – October 24, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Music Fund:

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Robert Best, Renee & Family.

We gratefully accept the following donation to Bridges to Hope:

*From Florence and John (Jack) Head

We gratefully accept the following donations to the General Fund:

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Dulcie Coombs

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from AOTS

*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Clyde Flight

We would like to send congratulations to Hannah Sheppard !!

Hannah graduated from Queens College with an Associates Degree in Theology and a Certificate in Youth Ministry. Way to go Hannah !!

Our call for a microwave has been answered !!!

We would like to thank the family who generously donated a microwave to St. James United.

Gifts with Vision Catalogues

These are available at the church office. If you are interested in viewing or ordering you can drop by the office during office hours.

St. James Website - Family Resources

Check out our new *Family Resources Page* on the St. James United website. You can find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families.

Meeting our New Minister:

(Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, and looking forward to meeting members of our congregation.

A Masked Face-to-Face: (Rev.) James is open to come see you for a visit (while maintaining proper health protocols). To arrange a visit, email him at james@stjamesuc.org or give him a call at 351-0983.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Anniversary Turkey Tea. If you are interested in helping, contact Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 or 682-3927

Regional Fall Learning Event:

This year's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention/Response Policy.

Presenter: Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Forest Church

Presenter: Susan Sheppard

Thursday, November 25, 2021: New Study Immersion

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

The Communication Committee

1. We are putting the call out for volunteers to help in delivering the St. James Visitor. If you are interested, please email Sarah Norman at srhnorman@gmail.com

2. We are now accepting submissions for the St. James Christmas Visitor. If you have a story (fiction or non-fiction), poem, song, or any other item of interest you would like to share, please email it to info@stjamesuc.org with the subject line "Christmas Visitor Submission."

Deadline: Tuesday, November 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

Save the Date for Our Covenanting Service: On Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm we are celebrating our new ministry with James and our ministry team at St. James United Church.

Rev. Miriam Bowlby from Cochrane Street United Church will be the guest preacher. Come and pray both as a community of faith and with representatives of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council as we give thanks for this new pastoral relationship.

All are welcome!

St. James Anniversary Take-out Dinner Fundraiser:

Turkey Cold Plates for Sale!

The Stewardship Committee is holding a turkey cold plate, take-out dinner, fundraiser on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in celebration of our congregational anniversary.

Prepared by Coffee Matters in Mount Pearl, each meal will include: fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll & butter, and a cookie for dessert.

Cost: \$12/meal, a great deal on a great meal!

St. James will be receiving a portion of the cost of each meal.

Tickets are limited, so get them now by contacting:

Tracy Bishop at 722-1881 Mon - Fri from 10am - 2pm.

Robin Bartlett at 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

Karen Brown at 689-7297 or tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com

Payments can be made by:

1. cash
2. cheque
3. e-mail transfer (EMT) to treasurer@stjamesuc.org
4. "Donate" button on St. James' web site, www.stjamesuc.org.

*Please write or type the note: "**for cold plates**"*

Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021.

Don't be late or you won't get your cold plate!

Cold Plate Pick-up will be at St. James on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm

The committee is also seeking volunteers to assemble and distribute the meals that day. For more information or if you are able to help out at all, please contact Robin 682-3927 or Tracy 722-1881
Thank you!

UCW Fall Bake-less Bake "Sale"

Many is the time we've heard you say
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today.
And so, we are asking you to help more or less,
to make our Bake-less Bake "Sale" a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take
To bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake,
Or send the amount of money it takes to buy
a dozen rolls or maybe a pie.

Without fuss or bother, you can do your part.
We're sure you will give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our little tale.

Here's to the success of our Bake-less Bake "Sale"!

You can make a financial contribution by Saturday, November 6 in one of the following ways listed below.

Please indicate "*for the UCW Bake 'Sale'*" on your physical contribution or in the special instructions of your electronic ones

1. Cash or cheque

(Make cheque payable to "St. James UCW Sale") and:

- a) pass into collection plate
- b) place in outside mail slot by side door of church
- c) drop into church office, Mon to Fri 10 am to 2 pm,
- d) mail cheque to:

St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Ave.
St. John's, NL, A1B 1T9

2. Donate button/Paypal on the church website: www.stjamesuc.org

3. E-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org

For information, call Tracy at 722,1881, ext. 200.

The UCW thanks you so much in advance for your generosity and continued support in these unusual times!

Ways to Support the Call for a Guaranteed Livable Income

Call or write to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland, and ask them to

- seize this moment to roll out a guaranteed livable income program in collaboration with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous leadership
- develop and implement a program that provides an adequate living level for everyone and addresses the persistent inequities that exist within the present wage and social benefit structures of our country

- address systemic barriers experienced by Indigenous peoples in accessing relief programs (for example, those related to COVID-19)
- build a program that is universally accessible, preserves human dignity rather than creates stigma, removes discriminatory barriers, does not penalize people for the work that they do, is available with a minimum of bureaucracy, and exists alongside other social supports, including health care, pharmacare, pension, and education supports.

*You can write your own letter or find a template to personalize at: <https://united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/create-guaranteed-livable-income-program>.

*Prime Minister Trudeau's e-mail is pm@pm.gc.ca

*Chrystia Freeland's email Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca.

*Send a letter to your own member of Parliament as well.

Multiply your efforts by sharing with 10 friends and encourage them to write their own.

*Show support through "We support Guaranteed Livable Income" lawn signs and bumper stickers. E-mail justice@united-church.ca for information.

*Join the United Church e-mail network, Guaranteed Livable Income, to receive updates and opportunities to connect with others.

*Share this Take Action on your social media networks. Use the hashtags #UCCan, #UCCanlivableincome, #poverty, #basicincome, #basicincomenow.

Learn more through information provided on The United Church of Canada website: united-church.ca, "Create a Guaranteed livable Income Program".

Notice from Church Council:

Vaccination Passports will be required to access many establishments in NL, and this includes Communities of Faith; our churches. Having discussed our options as indicated by the Government of NL and Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, First Dawn Eastern Edge. Regional Council, the Re-Opening Team, made a policy recommendation for St. James to our Church Council and this recommendation was subsequently approved. The policy is as follows and will be in effect as of Fri, Oct 22, 2021.

St. James United Church will require that all who seek entry to our building for whatever purpose, including worship, will be required to present their Vaccination Passport or verify their vaccination status. Failure to do so will result in no admittance to our facilities. To eliminate "over verification", and with the individual's consent, a confidential record of those who enter the building frequently, and have been verified, will be maintained until the program ends, or the individual requests their name be removed. This will also apply to all internal and external groups who utilize our facilities. (They will be provided with written expectations).

Upon arrival to St. James you will be met at the door of the church and required to present your Vaccine Passport for scanning and may be required to show verification of your identity. If you are an individual who is frequently in the building, you can ask for your name to be added to the confidential list of verified individuals, and your name will remain on that list until you request for it to be removed or the program ends.

We recognize that there may be delays entering the building due to the verification/scanning process. We suggest that you arrive early for Sunday worship, meetings, or appointments to avoid any congestion at the entrance. Please have your documents ready.

Reminder: The requirements for Masking, Social Distancing, and Registration have NOT changed.

I thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we once again adjust our daily living to combat the effects of this pandemic.

We are not alone as long as we have faith and each other.

Sincerely

Marilyn Adams

Chair, Church Council