

Life and Work – April 3, 2022

We offer our sincere condolences Len Pike and family on the passing of Melba Jean Pike on Thursday, March 24, 2022.
A service will be held at a future date.

St. James' Public Health Notice

Office - Now that Public Health restrictions have been lifted, St. James will be taking a cautious approach toward our "new normal". Public Health is still strongly recommending wearing masks, so we ask people to wear masks when entering or exiting the building and visiting the office or any part of the building for any purpose.

Worship - For worship, we strongly recommend wearing masks while entering, exiting, or moving around the building and while singing. Masks can be removed while seated. The choir/soloists can remove masks for singing as has been the practice. Social distancing is encouraged. Registration and assigned seating are no longer required for Sunday Services.

Marilyn Adams, Council Chair

Young Adult Gathering: This coming Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00pm we will be going sliding (assuming we get a good dump of snow) or bowling at a local alley. Contact James for further details.

Stewardship Committee - Volunteers needed for events!

In conjunction with Coffee Matters, Stewardship has planned a take-out hot chicken dinner for Saturday, April 30.

We ask your assistance for assembling meals and for coordinating pick-ups and deliveries that afternoon.

Get involved, meet your fellow congregants, and have some fun! Call Robin Bartlett at 754-5409, 682-3927 or e-mail robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

Weekly Lenten Practice:

Each Wednesday, join in a spiritual practice with communion. This week we will be using the practice of Lectio Divina to meditate on a scripture reading.

Easter Vigil: This year we are introducing an Easter Vigil service on Holy Saturday evening at 7:30pm. Join us for a service of reflection and light. We will take time to mourn with the disciples of Jesus and listen to our ancient story of faith. The service includes a gathering around fire, renewing of baptismal promises and sharing in communion. This service is new to many of us, but it is the church's oldest Easter celebration, extending back to the earliest centuries of Christianity.

Looking toward Palm Sunday: April 10 is Palm Sunday. We encourage you to bring your own branches (think cedar, spruce, etc.) or fern leaves to wave as part of the palm procession along with the palm fronds. As we read in the bible, the people cut down branches to welcome Jesus. It does not specify palm branches. So, feel free to bring locally-sourced greenery on April 10 as part of our celebration for the beginning of Holy Week.

United Communities of Faith Holy Week Services

Monday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

First United Church

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Cochrane Street United Church

Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Wesley United Church

Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Topsail United Church

Good Friday, April 15 at Noon

Gower Street United Church

will include learning space and activities for children & youth

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.

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