

Life and Work – June 26, 2022

It is with sincerest apologies that a donation to the Memorial Fund included a misspelled name. Below is the correct donation.

* In loving memory of Clayton Humphries, from wife Ethel and son Paul.

Office Administrator: Please be advised that our office hours are now 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Due to this change, the deadline for announcements, dedications, and donations is now Wednesday at 9AM. Anything received after this time, will be put in the following weeks bulletin. Also, the office will be closed on Monday, June 27, 2022, due to the St. John's Day holiday, and again on Friday, July 1, 2022, due to the Canada Day holiday.

There is a need for host families here in St. John's for the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange program. We are seeking families that can host a youth here in St. John's, as an alternate host. The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a six-week national summer program for youth ages 16 and 17. Many of the youth who participate in our program are equity-seeking, therefore we are determined to have the program run. The exchange is happening in St. John's from July 2 to Aug. 13. Supported through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the program is a long-running success and includes the participation of more than 650 young people from across the country. Participating youth can improve their second official language skills and gain important employment experience through a work placement while on an exchange. Those who may have an interest in hosting are asked to go to www.summer-work.com and apply now.

Broadview Magazine: Are you interested in receiving this magazine or looking to renew your subscription? Now is the time! The deadline is July 10, 2022 and will be here before you know it. For information or to renew, contact Barry Cutler at 364-3450 or 685-9030. He can also be reached by e-mail at barrycutlernl@gmail.com.

Spring has sprung!! The Property Committee is seeking donations of plants and flowers to fill out the bed in front of the office entrance. Further, if you have some time to spare, and an interest in horticulture, this patch of garden will require some tending through the season....volunteers welcome.

Potluck and Games Night: The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce the return of our popular Potluck and Games night on Saturday, June 25th. Potluck supper will be at 6 pm followed by a selection of board and card games. This is an all-age event! Join us for an evening of fun.

Summer Bible Study: The trees are bursting out in green, and the birds are singing but that doesn't mean we have to park our church activities for the summer. Join me on my deck (397 Thorburn Road) for a 4-week Bible Study on CREATION STORIES beginning Tuesday, July 5, and continuing on July 12, 19, and 26th at 10 am. For more information or to register please contact Susan at susan@stjamesuc.org

Update on Masks: St. James United Church Council is pleased to advise that we will no longer require the wearing of masks within our premises. We encourage those using our premises to consider masking on a personal level and will fully support their decision. We also remind everyone of the importance of Social Distancing, and hand sanitizing as a precautionary measure against many viruses.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation through all the changes and restrictions as a result of the pandemic. Let us move forward together to embrace our new normal.

Upcoming Vacation: Beginning on June 28, (Rev.) James will be on holiday in Alberta visiting family. Susan Sheppard, DLM will be covering pastoral emergencies while James is away. James will return on July 14.

Let's Get Ready for Pride: This year's Pride Week is set for July 14 to 24, so be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

1. Sunday, July 17, at 11 am: St. James United's Pride Service. A special worship service dedicated to celebrating diversity and inclusion, especially for everyone who identifies as LGBTQI+. Be sure to invite a friend as we kick off Pride as a congregation.
2. Saturday, July 23, at 6 pm: Potluck and Pride Movie Night.
We are celebrating Pride as we have a Potluck and watch a movie entitled "Pride" about the coming together of striking miners and LGBTQI+ activists to support each other in 1980s Britain. We encourage bringing food to share for the Potluck.
3. Sunday, July 24, at 2 pm: Pride March (set up around noon) With this being our first Pride Week since becoming an Affirming Ministry, let's send a large contingent to walk in the parade. If you can't walk, find a spot along the route and cheer on the group from St. James. We can carpool downtown. The march starts at 2 pm but we need to be in our position well before that). Email Stephanie (info@stjamesuc.org) and let her know if you can give a ride or need a ride. Be sure to wear your rainbow finest and we will make this our best participation in Pride to date.

Memorial Services

The dates for the Memorial Services are as follows:

Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension

Monday, July 4, 2022 at 7:00 pm

General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road

Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Memorial Garden Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way

Monday, August 1, 2022 at 7:00 pm

Please note: In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7:00 pm, the next evening.