## Life and Work – September 11, 2022

## We offer our sincere condolences to:

Earl and Evangeline Belgrave on the passing of Earl's brother Eric Belgrave on September 3, 2022, in St. John's. The funeral was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Maxine and Tom Rose on the passing of Maxine's brother John Clarence (Clar) Pattern on September 2, 2022, in Grand Bank. The Funeral took place on September 5, 2022 from Grand Bank.

**Office Hours:** Effective on Monday, September 12, 2022, The office will be closed on Mondays. The office will be open on Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30AM-12:30PM, and on Friday from 8:30AM-4:30PM.

**Notice:** There will be a short congregation meeting immediately following the 11:00am service on Sunday, October 2, regarding membership on the Board of Trustees. Please make every effort to attend.

**Welcome Back Sunday Volunteers:** In preparation for the Welcome Back Sunday, we are planning to blitz the immediate neighbourhood with invitations to St. James. We need 6-8 volunteers to help distribute invites. The more people we have, the less time it will take. Contact James (<u>james@stjamesuc.org</u>) if you can help.

**Pride Parade now on September 25:** As you will recall, the annual Pride Parade was cancelled because of high temperatures. It has been rescheduled to September 25. Contact James (james@stjamesuc.org) if you plan to attend after our Welcome Sunday celebration.

**'Contemporary' Worship with Susan:** will return next Sunday, September 18, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room. A relaxed, less formal worship. Everyone is welcome to attend.

A New Chaplain at Queens: We have some news to share. (Rev.) James has been approached by the leadership team at Queens College to be their student chaplain for the coming academic year. This will be in addition to his responsibilities at St. James.

Forest Church is now called Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: Recently, those who regularly attend Forest Church prayer services have engaged in a renaming exercise. The intent is to broaden our outreach beyond St. James and connect with others in St. John's who appreciate nature based spiritual activities. We invite you to spread the news, including sharing with people the Facebook page for the group: <a href="mailto:fb.me/wildlightnl">fb.me/wildlightnl</a>

**Flowerbed Renewal:** Prepare to be pleasantly surprised the next time you come to the church office. Our Property Committee have engaged a landscape professional to help us renew the flowerbed in front of the office annex. Most plants will be repositioned in the bed while a few will be replanted in other flowerbeds around the church.

**The Friendship Group:** On September 14th at 2:00PM, The Friendship Group will meet in the Auditorium. This group has not met since the beginning of Covid. The purpose of this meeting is to see what direction the groups would like to take. We will be looking for new leadership. A warm welcome awaits you.

Another Date Change, this time for Welcome Sunday: We have decided to push forward the date of our "Welcome Sunday" by a week to September 25 to give various church groups more time to put together an information display, and for members to reach out to invite friends and neighbours to join them for worship.

**Fall UCW:** Fall UCW will be Starting on September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2 PM in the afternoon.

**Orange Shirt Day is Coming Up:** Each year on September 30, we mark Truth and Reconciliation Day in Canada, also known as Orange Shirt Day. We are encouraged to wear an orange shirt on that day, and in fact any day, in support of survivors of Indian Residential Schools and their families who are also impacted by their experience.

There are a couple of ways that you can prepare for this day:

The first is to order an Orange Shirt from First Light at a cost of \$20. All shirts are unisex style. This year's shirt features the winning design by Franke Kelly, age 10. You can order a shirt at: https://sjnfc.wildapricot.org/osd





Another possibility is to purchase a beaded pin in the shape of an orange shirt. They are made by a Metis artisan and the cost is \$35.00.

You can email Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) and he will place the order for you.

Purchasing a shirt supports the development and construction of the Residential School Memorial Garden, located at 40 Quidi Vidi Road, which has been designed in consultation with residential school survivors!

If you have any questions about ordering, please email: <a href="mailto:info@firstlightnl.ca">info@firstlightnl.ca</a>, or call 726-5902 and select general inquiries.

**Sewing Studio:** will resume for a 4-week session on Mondays from September 12th to October 3rd from 7-9 pm in the Fellowship Room. Bring along your current sewing project, sewing machine, and supplies or if you would like to learn how to make self-binding placemats bring 2 – one-meter pieces of coordinating quilting cotton and I'll show you how.

**Pausing Bottle Caps:** We have been asked by "Recycle on the Rock" to put a pause on collecting plastic pop bottle caps. Their bottle cap drive has been so successful that they are having trouble keeping up. Stay tuned for a notice of when to start bringing them in again.

**Calling all woodworkers:** Have you noticed those little boxes with books while out on your walks? We'd like to install our own mini-library outside, increasing the impact of what we have had inside our foyer for the last few years. If you're a woodworker and would like to give us a hand on this project, email <a href="mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org">susan@stjamesuc.org</a>.

## **Cowan Heights United Church Take-Out Hot Turkey Dinners:**

For tickets, call Cowan Heights United Church office at:

745-2871.

**Deadline to order**: September 18th

Pick up: Cowan Heights United Church on Sept 24th at 4:30PM.

**Cost:** \$20

Your meal will include: Fresh Turkey (White & Dark meat), Dressing, Potatoes, Carrots, Turnip,

Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Roll and Butter Pattie, and a Desert!

