

Life and Work: January 29, 2023

Valentine's Day Friendship & Fun Fundraiser: Tickets for our Friendship & Fun Valentines Day Fundraiser on Friday, Feb 10th are now on sale for \$20.00 at the church office! Only 120 tickets available, so please hurry!! Drop into the church office between 8:30AM to 1:30PM Tuesday to Friday or call Stephanie at: 709-722-1881 EXT 200 to get your ticket. Please pay by cash or cheque only.

The evening will include: a concert with New Found Sound and others, a dessert party, and a silent auction. Plus, the Mystery Wine Grab will return (\$15/cork).

We gratefully request donations:

- of new items; gift cards and activities and experiences for the auction. Call/text Robin Bartlett at (709) 682-3927 or email: Robinbartlett1224@gmail.com
- a variety of desserts, including diabetic and gluten-free.
Email: tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com
- bottles of wine – Call/text Paul Walsh at 690-2767 or email: jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com

Have old glasses you no longer need? Reminder we have a Lions Club donation bin for old eye glasses that can be used to help others in need. The bin is located on the coffee table in the office area OR the glasses can be passed along to the ushers for placement in the bin. Please note this is for glasses ONLY.

CPR Training for AED Machine: New Participants Welcomed

We will be holding a training/retraining session for CPR/AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 18th @ 9:30 am – 12:30 noon. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James please contact Susan Pike by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703 by February 11th to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is certified by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Bridges to Hope: At this time of year, Bridges to Hope are finding themselves short in certain types of food donations at the food bank. The Board has decided to appeal to participating churches to ask their congregations to provide a specific item – a different item each month. For January, this item is Canned Meat/Fish. The hope is that a unified appeal will help supply many hampers with items that are considered “staples”. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be brought to the Church or to Bridges to Hope. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Sewing Studio on Monday in Fellowship Room 7-9 pm. or at Memorial United, Portugal Cove 1-3pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

Pub Theology for February: Want to chat about ethics, faith, life's big questions? Then come to Guv'nor at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 1 for lively conversation over a beverage.

Dropping in for Some Quiet or Prayer: Do you sometimes yearn for some quiet to reflect, to pray, to just be? Well, the church is available for just that. Drop by during office hours (new office hours are Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm) and Stephanie or Bruce would be happy to open the sanctuary for you. Or outside these hours, call James at 351-0983 and if he is in the office or not too far from the church, he would be happy to assist. In addition, you are also free to come to walk around the sanctuary as a way to get your steps in when the weather is a bit inclement. You can get in 110 steps (or 0.07 km) with just 1 circuit of the sanctuary.

Reminder: Wild Light Gathering will take place on Saturday Jan. 28th at 3pm at Susan's on Thorburn Road (Look for the rainbow windsock at the end of the driveway) If there is any snow left bring along your snowshoes, if you don't I have a few extra pairs of various sizes.

Feb 4th, 2023 at 7 p.m. "Love Songs for Valentine" by Chris Andrews and Friends: A Benefit Concert Celebrating George Street United Church's 150th Anniversary at 7 p.m. on Feb 4th at George Street United Church. Music Performances from Chris Andrews, Mark Hiscock, Brad Tulk, Bud Davidge, Bob MacDonald, Jackie Sullivan and More! For tickets call the church office at 709-726-8775. Space is limited, so get your tickets before they run out!

Book Group on Zoom. Thursdays beginning Feb 23rd. Our book will be John Philip Newell's *Sacred Earth Sacred Soul, Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to what our Souls Know and Healing the World* (2021). It is available to order from both Amazon and Chapters for just under \$21, Kindell and Kobo \$12, and the website says there are 3 copies at the Chapters on Kenmount Road (not sure about price). If you would like to explore this book with us contact Susan Sheppard, susan@stjamesuc.org . You will be responsible for purchasing your own copy in your preferred format.