

St. James United Church Life and Works, February 1, 2015

**We offer our condolences to** Carol-Ann Kennedy and family on the passing of her older brother, John, whose funeral took place from Barrett's Funeral Home last Monday.

**We acknowledge the following donations:**

\*\*to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Eric & Roma Paul from Jan Winsor;

\*\*to Bridges to Hope in loving memory of Lona Hiscock from Jan Winsor;

\*\*to St. James from Beverley Brace;

\*\*Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in memory of Bethany from Richard & Andrew Reid and family.

**The UCW have made a donation** of \$8,600 for 2014 to the Roof Repair Fund from proceeds of their annual Spring Afternoon Tea and Fall Morning Coffee. The members would like to thank the congregation for their continued support of their fundraising activities throughout the year. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Spring Afternoon Tea on Saturday, March 28 at 2pm.

**Our first Monthly Morning Coffee and Chat** will take place this coming Wednesday, February 4 at 11. Come on out for a coffee and chat with us all.

**CPR Training for AED Machine:** We will soon be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for the AED here in the church. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session, please contact Susan Pike by email [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net) or 576-0703 this week so we can set a time and date for the training. A personal kit is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

**The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** is located in the west side closet of the church foyer. A sign saying such is on the door.

**Movie Night:** Join us for a free movie on Friday, February 6 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Room. Bring your own snacks. All welcome.

**Pancake Supper:** Join us on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5:30 pm for our annual Pancake Supper. Tickets are just \$8 adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from the church office.

**Lectio Devina for Lent** - Lectio Divina is a Latin term meaning "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. Join us for a relaxed hour of deep listening, reflection and sharing: Wednesdays at noon during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18.

**Sacred Circle Dance:** Another 6 week session of Circle dance will begin on Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 am. This is an ancient form of meditative worship. No partners or special shoes are required. We worship through movement and song for about an hour. The dances are taught each week so participants can join at any time. No experience needed!

**Student Supper:** We are inviting all MUN, MI and CNA, etc. students who attend St. James to a free supper on Friday, February 20 at 6 pm. This is a '*let us get to know you*' event so we can plan other activities of interest in the months ahead. If you plan on attending or would like more information please call, talk to or email Susan Sheppard (722-1881.204 or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)) so we can have an idea of how many people to prepare for.

**Bicentennial Banquet:** The Bicentennial Celebrations Committee is proceeding with its celebration of 200 years (1815-2015) in the life and work of the Methodist Church and its successor, the United Church of Canada, on the Northeast Avalon. We will hold a Special Joint Congregational Banquet at the Royal Canadian Legion at Pleasantville on April 25, at 7pm, the day prior to the Special Joint Congregational Service at Gower Street UC on April 26 at 3pm. Our Moderator will be our special invited guest at both events.

Banquet tickets are now available and have been assigned on a pro rata membership basis amongst all 12 United Church congregations on the Northeast Avalon at a cost of \$35 single until February 27, after which date all unsold tickets will be placed in a common pool and will cost \$40. Those who cannot obtain tickets from their respective initial congregational ticket allocation will be given priority for tickets in the common pool after February 27 at the initial \$35 cost. It is the Committee's hope that there will be a favourable and early response to this notice given that the deadline for holding our reservation with the Royal Canadian Legion is March 15. Members and friends of St. James' congregation can contact Leslie Dean at 753-3994 for tickets and information. You can pay by cash or cheque; please make cheques payable to St. James UC Men's Club and write "Banquet Ticket" in cheque memo space.

**Fame:** The Musical will be presented by Prince of Wales Collegiate at the Arts and Culture Centre from Feb 26-28. Tickets are \$30, (\$25 senior. and student) and available at the Box Office. 4 of our St. James Youth are involved in this production!

**Opera on the Avalon** is looking for billets in St. John's area to house 20 young, emerging artists, between the ages of 20 and 30, who will be visiting the province for four weeks beginning on May 18. The families who offer their homes as billets will be given 2 free tickets to each of this spring's performances. Please contact Barbara Pratt at 895-2964 or [barbarapratt.bp@gmail.com](mailto:barbarapratt.bp@gmail.com)