

St. James United Church Life and Works, April 19, 2015

We offer our condolences to Rita Dawe on the passing of her son, Merrick Dawe, in Edmonton on April 8.

We acknowledge the following donations:

***to the GO Project** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca Pike, and in loving memory of daughter, Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N., and grand-daughter Bethany Danielle Pike from David & Dorothy Hapgood;
***to the Hymn Sing** in loving memory of Arthur Downey, Eric & Roma Paul and Violet Hodder from George & Jean White.

St. James is looking for a volunteer to act as Local Mission & Service Enthusiast.

If this interests you, please let SuAn know at 722-1881, info@stjamesuc.org

We are assembling a list of volunteers who will manage the sound system on the iPad during church services and, occasionally, other events. If you are available at least one Sunday a month, please contact Noah Sheppard (noah832@hotmail.com) or the church office. No experience necessary!

Have you read the Comprehensive Review Report? If so, Rev. Terrie would like to hear what you have to say about it. Please connect with her this week. The 40 page report, titled *'United in God's Work'*, is available on the board outside the church office for your perusal. You may read it online on our website; we can also send you the PDF version, upon request to info@stjamesuc.org, or make you a hard copy, upon request to 722.1881x200. The report is recommending major changes to The United Church of Canada that would revitalize and nurture a range of ministries, simplify governance and administration, and enable the church to live within its resources.

Today at 2:30pm in Gower St. UC Lecture Hall: Dr. Calvin Hollett will give a lecture entitled *'Barely glowing embers? The State of Methodism in Newfoundland in 1815.'*

Bicentennial Joint Congregational Service Reminder: The Joint Congregational Service commemorating 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 will take place next Sunday, April 26, at 3pm at Gower Street UC. Our Moderator, the Right Rev. Gary Paterson, will be the guest speaker for this service. He will also be dedicating a bronze commemorative plaque which will later be erected near the downtown site of the first Methodist chapel. A reception will follow the service. Worshipers attending this service may use the large private parking lot on Long's Hill. There are also many parking spaces along certain sidewalks near Gower.

Bridges To Hope Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 20 at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Long's Hill/Queen's Road. This is a wonderful opportunity to go and learn about the great work that your support enables them to provide. You are invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments.

The Singing Legionnaires' second annual *As Time Goes By Concert: An Evening of Music* with Erin Winsor, in support of the Singing Legionnaires on this coming Thursday, April 23 at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary, with music by Vera Lynn, Ella Fitzgerald and the Andrews Sisters. Special guests: The Singing Legionnaires, Meghan Herder, Rachel Huys, Erin Eaton, with Evan Smith on piano. \$20 tickets.

The Philharmonic Choir presents *'A Spring Tasting'* on Friday, April 24 at 8pm in the Gower St. UC sanctuary; songs about love, war, peace, folk culture, the sea, gospel and perhaps even a tune or two from Messiah! Tickets are \$10 single, \$20 family.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at at North Pond Manor in Torbay on April 27 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Tickets (\$20) for the Kevin Collins Concerts, *Up Close and Personal* on Friday, May 1 in support of the School Lunch Program, and Friday, May 29 in support of St. James' Outreach programs, are now available from the office. Both concerts will be held in our Sanctuary.

Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre celebrates Camping Sunday, April 26: Camp Sunday is a day in which we celebrate and lift-up the values of the camp, retreat centres and outdoor ministries of our District, our Conference and our Church. It is a special opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of those who contribute year-round and year after year to the life of this important youth ministry. We encourage adults, families and children to participate in those life-changing experiences and to familiarize them about these important ministries. Our camp and retreat center at Burry Heights provides unique, up-lifting and life-giving opportunities for people of all ages. We invite you to visit our website at www.burryheights.com. And to volunteer or participate in one of our camps, applications are available on our website. Thank you to everyone who already supports and energises the programs and life of Burry Heights.

If you are a student or practitioner in any of the medical disciplines (physician, dentist, nurse, pharmacist, etc) please consider attending a CMDS session. This is an opportunity for Christian fellowship, conversation about current issues, medically oriented Bible Studies and discussion. The one hour meeting will occur on Thursday, April 23 and 30 at the Health Science Centre at 12 noon in Room H2869. For more information: www.cmdscanada.org.