

St. James United Church Life and Works, October 18, 2015

**This summer, the 30th General Synod of the United Church of Christ USA, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, and the 42nd General Council of The United Church of Canada,** meeting in Corner Brook, NL, approved a full communion agreement, declaring our openness to cooperation in terms of witness, mission, worship, and the proclamation of a common faith. Congregations throughout The UCC and the United Church of Christ are asked to share in a common prayer today, Sunday, October 18, to celebrate this agreement. The prayer can be found on the back of the Worship bulletin, with extra copies and special bulletins on the notice boards. Please let SuAn know if you wish a copy of the 31 page document '*Journey to full Communion.*'

**The Worship & Sacraments Committee is evaluating the summer 10am** service schedule, and feedback from the congregation is an integral part of the evaluation. If you did not do so last week, please take the time to complete the included questionnaire and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the pew for collection. Pencils are available in the pews. We ask that you please only complete the form once. Our sincere thanks for your assistance. Please direct any questions through the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200.

**What we can do for the Syrian Refugee Crisis?** \*Pray that the conflict may end and peace prevail. \**Donate to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response*, online, by phone (1-800-268-3781) or by civic mail. \*Sponsor a refugee. (Contact The Association for New Canadians.)

**The East District Pastoral Relations Committee is offering a training session** on becoming an agent and helping congregations with joint needs assessments and joint searches. If you are interested in attending this one day workshop on Monday, October 26 from 10:30am-3:30pm at Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Center, please register on or before October 21 using the registration form found on the bulletin boards in the Foyer and Vestibule. There is no registration fee, and lunch will be provided.

**Meditation for Seniors continues** tomorrow, Monday at 11am in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome.

**Called to Be the Church** study group continues this coming Tuesday, October 20 at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

The next dinner meeting of the **St. James AOTS Men's Club** will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 5:30pm. A warm welcome is extended to new members. **Tickets (\$20) for the AOTS Fall Fish Dinner** on October 23 are available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 & Aubrey Hill, 726-8306

**St. James UCW Fall Sale and Morning Coffee** will be held November 7, from 9:45 a.m. - 12 noon in the Church Auditorium. There will be the usual stalls of a variety of baked goods (including Christmas Fruit Cakes), jams, pickles and fudge. Also, stalls with handmade goods - knitted, crocheted and sewn. Anyone wishing to donate, in any way, may contact Sale Conveners Jean White - 739-0908 or Vera Marshall - 221-5869. Tickets - \$6.00 - will be available at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Project Grace Rainbow Stand Society** is a new campaign for the 2015-16 season. For a one-time donation of \$180, you can sponsor a child's music lessons, books, supplies and instrument for a whole year (Half year, \$90)! Sponsorship can be made in the form of a cash donation or a cheque made out to *Project Grace c/o St. James United Church*, and submitted with a sponsorship form, found on the notice board or in the office, to receive a tax receipt! One music stand in the orchestra will be draped with a brightly colored banner during performances to designate your sponsorship. More information: [projectgracenl@gmail.com](mailto:projectgracenl@gmail.com)

**Butterflies for Bethany:** Project Grace is once again selling *Butterfly Necklaces* in memory of Bethany Pike, and in support of their after school music program. Necklaces are \$20 each and are made of Swarovski Crystal on an 18" sterling silver chain. 2015 colors are: Silver, Gold, Green and Clear. Order forms are on the notice boards and in the office. More information: [projectgracenl@gmail.com](mailto:projectgracenl@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL)

**Wesley Church Fall Fair week** continues on Thursday, October 22 at 12:30 pm with a soup luncheon and entertainment, and on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, with a cold plate dinner (6pm). For tickets, contact the Church Office at 579-3682.

**The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation's annual fundraiser** – Dinner Theatre, silent auction, bake sale, draws and many door prizes on October 22, doors open at 6:30 pm at \$75 per person, with a \$30 charitable receipt provided. Reserve your place with Paula Roberts at 752-8957 or [paula.roberts@easternhealth.ca](mailto:paula.roberts@easternhealth.ca).

**Topsail United Church Annual Fall Flea Market** takes place on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10am-2pm. Admission \$1; all are Welcome; loads of great bargains.

**Cochrane Street Church (Bannerman Entrance) tour of their Haunted House:** play games while you wait or purchase something delicious from their Bake sale. Please visit the Embarr Stables Booth at the event: Saturday, Oct 24, 7-9.30pm and/or Sunday, Oct 25, 6.45-8.30pm. Admission is \$5, with a donation of a carrot, apple or bag full for the ponies. A portion of the proceeds will go to help support NL Foster Ponies at Embarr Stables. ([www.nlpony.com](http://www.nlpony.com)) Tickets available at the door. Lights on Tour available on request.