

St. James United Church Life and Works, February 28, 2016

We acknowledge the following donations:

**** To the cemetery fund,** in memory of my daughter, Sharon Keley from Ann Parsons

**** To the general fund,** In loving memory of Gilbert Hiscock Jr from sister Patsy

Growing a Rule of Life continues Mondays at 11am, and Wednesdays at 7pm.

Please remember to NOT keep anything visible in your car when parking in the parking lot.

We Value Your Membership at St. James!!! If you would like to become a full member of St. James' Congregation we would be honoured to welcome you!! Have Questions? Unsure of your current status with the church? I can help you and would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a Full Member of our Congregation. Please contact me: Susan Pike 576-0703

Would you like to volunteer your time as a member of one of our Committees? It is a great way to be of service to your Church. We are currently looking for folks to serve as a member of Stewardship, Worship and Sacraments, Christian Education and Finance. Please email your contact information to info@stjamesuc.org or drop it off at the church office and we thank you for your interest.

In preparation for the congregational meeting in April to make a decision about same-sex marriages at St. James, we are offering several opportunities for congregation members to participate in educational and sharing-circle sessions. The first sessions will take place on **Sunday, March 6 following the worship service** and **Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm**. The second sessions will be held on **Sunday, April 3 following the worship service** and **Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm**. The congregational meeting will take place on **Sunday, April 10**. Please mark these dates in your calendar and join us in learning and sharing!

Easter Visitor: It's that time again! Please forward your article for Monday, March 7th to info@stjamesuc.org

Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly: On Easter morning, we will celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our sanctuary for the Easter season. Butterflies can be given to commemorate a special event, to honor a loved one, in memory of someone, to mark a milestone... anything you wish! Each butterfly can be sponsored for \$5, the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James church community. Help us to create

our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary. To sponsor a butterfly, please contact the church office at 722-1881. Deadline is Monday, March 21.

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Name of person donating: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Env. #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____

World Day of Prayer Service: An ecumenical service with participation of various denominations in St. John's, developed by the Women of Cuba. **Thursday, March 3** at 7pm at George Street United Church, hosted by the George Street UCW. Everyone is invited and welcome.

St. James United Church Women Spring Tea & Variety Stalls will be held on Saturday, March 19th, 2-4 pm in the church auditorium. Tickets are \$7 each and are available from UCW members or at the door. All donations of baked goods and items for variety stalls are gratefully appreciated.

Please reserve May 16 and plan to attend an evening with Kevin Collins for his "Better than Today Concert with special guest Ray Walsh". Tickets are \$25 and available from the Church office. This is a tremendous opportunity to support the Life and Work of St. James - promote this event among your friends and neighbours! We hope to have a full house for an enjoyable evening with one of Newfoundland and Labrador's finest singer/songwriters. More information about Kevin can be found on his website www.kevincollins.ca

Our Annual meeting to review committee reports for 2015 and approve the budget for 2016 will be held following morning worship on Sunday March 13, 2016. The meeting will be followed by a Congregational meeting called to receive information on the process of becoming an Affirming Congregation.

By now you should have received, via Canada Post, your financial statement for 2015. Please see the included directions to follow if you have any questions about your receipt. Thank you for your continued financial support of our congregation and for your outstanding support of the Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada. As noted last week, you are encouraged to consider if PAR would serve as a convenient method of making regular contributions. It is a very simple method of giving and a registration form for your use was included with your receipt.