

St. James United Church Life and Works, March 6, 2016

We acknowledge a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N., from David & Dorothy Hapgood, and to the Roof Fund, in loving memory of T. Alex Hickman, from Nancy Paul & Greg Kirby.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the folks who so ably kept the office open and running whilst SuAn was away.

Please join us today, following the 11am Worship Service, (or on Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm, or Sunday, April 3 following the worship service, or Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm) for the educational and sharing circle-session to prepare us in making a decision on same sex marriages at St. James. To help you pick a day that suits your schedule, the same information will be presented at all 4 sessions The congregational meeting concerning this will take place on Sunday, April 10. Please mark your preferred dates in your calendar and join us in learning and sharing!

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

Easter *Visitor*: Please forward your article tomorrow to info@stjamesuc.org

Sophia Werden Abrams, our Music Director, will be presenting her recital for her Masters of Music- Choral Conducting on Wednesday, March 9 at 8pm in the D.F. Cook Music Hall, School of Music. Our Senior Choir will participate. Please support Sophia by coming along.

Next Sunday, March 13, following the 11am Worship Service, we will hold our Annual meeting to review committee reports for 2015 & approve the 2016 budget.

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

Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly

Name of person donating: _____

In Celebration of: _____

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Deadline is Monday, March 21.

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 return the form to the office by Monday, March 21.

Funerals: Due to recent demand, St. James has developed a Funeral Reception package that families may choose. We are asking for members to volunteer to add their names to a list whereby they may be called upon to assist with setting up and serving pre-ordered refreshments, making tea and coffee and cleaning up. Instruction can be provided for use of the dishwasher! Please let SuAn know your interest – 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Annual General Meeting Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre March 19: The Board of Directors of Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre invites you to attend the AGM Saturday, March 19, 10-11am at the camp site - Salmonier Line – (exit 35 off the Trans-Canada Highway – Route 90 South – 1 km on Salmonier Line)

Project Grace Fundraising Event: Join us for dinner theatre and a silent auction in support of the Project Grace music programs, featuring Spirit of Newfoundland's new production “*It’s My Party and I’ll Bawl if I want to*” on Thursday, April 7 at Masonic Temple. Tickets are \$75 and include a \$25 tax receipt! Please email projectgracenl@gmail.com for tickets.

Dr. John Dominic Crossan (A Rock Star of Theology) will deliver a 4 session lecture series at St. James on May 13-15. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to attend. If this interests you, please talk with Susan.

Kevin Collins at St. James on May 16: “*Better than Today Concert with special guest Ray Walsh*”. Tickets are \$25, available from the Church office. We have posters for this that need to be spread around the city. If you can put one up in your neighbourhood Community Centre or store, please pick up a poster from the office.

The St. John’s Choir Afternoon Tea: The St. John’s Choir will be holding their popular afternoon tea with musical entertainment next Sunday, March 13, 2pm to 4pm at Wesley United Church. Tickets are \$15 and are available from choir members or by calling Andrea at 782-9255.