

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 6, 2016

Ushering this week is provided by Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler

Greeters & Ushers: Linda Babstock, Jim Inder, Marjorie Tiller, Sandra Thistle, Bill & Cindy Pike

We acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

*in loving memory of Jacob Parsons from Effie, Donald and family;

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Please welcome Rev. Ettie Gordon Murray as our Acting Minister of Visitation. If you know of someone who is sick, going through a difficult time or who could just use a visit, please let us know by calling the church office, or leaving us a voicemail on our office phones at 722-1881; the office, ext. 200; Rev. Ettie, ext. 202; Rev. Pamela, ext.203.

We offer congratulations to our Miranda Ramjattan who has been voted the NL Young Humanitarian of the Year by the Canadian Red Cross.

Confirmation 2017: Any youth, Grade 7 or above, who wishes to take part in this year's confirmation classes, please contact Susan by November 13; 722-1881, ext. 204 or email to youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

St. James' Fall Meditation Series with SuAn continues tomorrow, Monday, November 7 at 11am in the Fellowship Room; donation basis, all welcome.

The next Pleasant View Towers Worship Service will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, November 8. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1.15 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

58th Anniversary of St. James United Church Celebrations:

****Tickets** for our November 19 Celebration are now on sale from the office at \$20 each. At 4pm, there will be a Gospel Concert with our St. James Guitar Group, followed by a Ham and Beans Supper and Auction;

**** our guest speaker** on Sunday, November 20, at the 11am Worship Service will be Lisa Browne, Chief Executive Officer of Stella's Circle and an accomplished and entertaining speaker. Coffee hour will follow.

New Women's Group will be meeting on the third Monday of the month, beginning November 21, 7-9pm, in the Church Auditorium. Women of all ages are welcome.

Hanging of the Greens – Musicians Wanted! The St. James' Senior Choir, in partnership with the PWC Chamber Choir, will be taking part in the Hanging of the Greens this year on December 4. In addition to the choirs, we are looking for

vocalists or instrumentalists to perform solos at the event. If you are interested in participating, please call Emma at [764-1393](tel:764-1393) or Ashley at [771-0952](tel:771-0952) for more information.

Minute for Mission: What do you care about? What matters most in your community and our world? During the Canadian Federal General Election in 2015, General Council developed an election kit to help United Church people learn more about issues that concern our church and our global and Canadian partners. That the church deliberately makes the connection between faith and politics shocked some people. Our United Church witness is not to a particular person or party but to God's mission of justice and love, lived through policies that promote sustainable communities, build peace and defend human rights. The founders of our church believed that ours is a living faith and a witness to the ministry of Jesus Christ that is expressed in active, thoughtful involvement in society. Our gifts to M&S make this involvement possible.

Hurricane Matthew: The United Church has been busy responding to the devastating effects of Hurricane Matthew. In particular we have been working with partners in those areas that were hit hardest – Haiti and Cuba. The Church immediately sent \$20,000 (Emergency Response Funds) to our partners there to provide support. Once again, we are showing leadership and expressing our concern and generosity! Spread the word. For more information on our appeal, and our response, please visit www.united-church.ca/hurricane-matthew

Please see the notice boards for:

*Full article regarding Miranda Ramjattan;

*Agnes Pratt Foundation: Day of Appeal and Cookbook information;

*Letter from Church in the World;

*Information on the First Link Program provided by the Alzheimer Society NL. Their new Learning Series is in process.

VOAR Christian Family Radio is looking for volunteers for this year's Sharathon, November 7-9 to answer phones and do computer data entry of pledges. Contact 745-8627 or ttaylor@voar.org to volunteer or offer your pledge or prayers of encouragement. www.voar.org

175th Anniversary of Queen's College, November 7 at 7pm. at Queen's College Faculty of Theology. There will be free parking on Parking Lot 19 for that evening. RSVP to 753-0116.

Topsail UC celebrates *Loved Ones Lost*, with a Joint Choral & Band Concert on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7:30pm. Admission is free will offering, with receipts being issued for donations of \$10 or more. All are Welcome.