

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 22, 2017

**Ashley Ruby** has found a new position as an assistant organist at the Anglican Cathedral and thus resigned from her position as organist with St. James. We thank Ashley for her services at St. James and wish her well in the future. Many thanks to Bob Rose, who has agreed to fill in, when available, while we search for a new organist/accompanist.

**Confirmation Class:** There will be a confirmation class following the 11 am worship service today. All youth in grade 7 and above are welcome.

**A service to mark the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be held at St Pius X Church, Smithville Crescent, at 3 this afternoon. St. James will be represented by Rev. Ettie. All are welcome.

**We invite you to complete the Survey**, *What can we offer you?* found in your bulletin, and ask that you return it by February 12 to the office, the exterior mail slot or either of the boxes put for that purpose in the Sanctuary porch or the Administration foyer.

**GO Project/Rendez-vous:** There will be a meeting of youth, young adults and parents tomorrow evening, Monday, January 23 at 7 in the Fellowship Room. We will be deciding on the dates for some fundraisers and collecting deposits for program registrations (\$150/participant). For further information on GO or Rendez-vous, contact Susan or Rebecca.

**Not a Bible Study - Following Jesus** is a 5 week exploration of the spiritual practices of Jesus and how we can use practices to reach an authentic spirituality following Jesus. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings, 7-8, January 25 - February 22, or Monday mornings, 11-noon, January 30 - February 27.

**Remits 2 & 3:** An information session on General Council remits 2 and 3 will be held following the 11 am service next Sunday, January 29. We have 4 remits to study and vote on before June of this year. Remit 2 concerns Elimination of Transfer and Settlement; Remit 3, The Office of Vocation.

**Project Grace** is pleased to host its first fundraising recital: *The Painted Violin* featuring teaching artist Dominic Greene on violin, with Phil Roberts on piano and special performances by our PG Violin Students. This event will also be the launch for our beautiful violin, hand painted by Cara Kansala of the Grumpy Goat Gallery. The Painted Violin fundraising recital takes place on Sunday January 29 at 3pm in the Suncor Hall at MUN Music School. Admission is by Freewill Donation (Suggested \$10). Questions & Information: [projectgracenl@gmail.com](mailto:projectgracenl@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL)

**A Service for those who Grieve Loss:** On Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, Rev. Pamela will be having a service for those who have experienced loss of any kind during these past years. Loss may be due to death, unemployment, health, or any other transition in one's life that may cause suffering. The service will be one of reflection, candle lighting and quiet music. All are welcome.

**Sing!!!!** On Sunday, February 19 at 11 am, St. James will welcome the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir to our worship. The choir will share personal as well as collective stories in the form of video recordings and song, as well as a production in drama and song of John Lennon's "Imagine." This will be an inspiring time of worship filled with moments of hope, justice and liberation. Please plan to join us.

**Wanted:** The Kiwanis Music Festival needs ticket sellers and ushers for some of its sessions at St. James, February 19 – March 1. Please call Phil Saunders, 722-8767 if this interests you.

**Please see the notice boards** for the following articles:

- \*What is the week of prayer for Christian Unity?
- \* Gower Street UC restores early twentieth century tower clock;
- \*United Church Moderator reflects on loving Donald Trump.

**Winter** brings its share of challenges for St. James, one of which is keeping the floors of the Auditorium, Fellowship Room and Youth Church salt free. Please consider bringing indoor shoes with you when you visit the living rooms of St. James.

**The Healthy Lifestyle Program** at Wesley United Church will resume on January 24 with Fitness on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am and Bridge on Tuesdays at 2 pm. For further information call 368-0434.

**Women to Women: Sharing the Wisdom.** Introducing the First Empowering Leadership-Fireside Chat on Tuesday, January 24, 7:30-9 pm at The Lantern Library with Fireside Guest -Judith Whittick. In encouraging women on the leadership path, Judith will share the wisdom of her personal experience and will invite dialogue with participants. Admission is free for those who attended the November W2W conference. \$20 for new participants who are also most welcome.