

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 12, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo

Greeters & Ushers: Wayne, Michelle and Sophie Skinner, Jean Thompson, Gerry, Katelyn and Laura Mayo

We offer our condolences to Glenn Hiscock and family on the passing of Glenn's beloved wife, Elsie, on Sunday, March 5. Her funeral service took place from Barrett's Chapel last Thursday, with the interment at a later date.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to Sherry Healy of the Heart and Stroke Foundation for the CPR-AED training given on March 4. Every year, Sherry donates her time and the cost of the training in Joanne Hapgood's memory.

Today, after the 11am Service: a Remit Information session.

St. James' Church Council seeks volunteers for the open chair positions for the following two committees: Worship and Sacraments, and Stewardship. If anyone in the congregation is interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200

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. Are you unsure of your current status with the church? Susan Pike can help you determine your status and become a full member of our congregation. Please contact Susan at 576-0703 or susanpike@warp.nfld.net

Not a Bible Study: *5 Marks of Love*, a 6 week Lenten study, continues tomorrow, Monday, March 13 at 11am, and Wednesday, March 13 at 7pm.

St. James' monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 2pm, when we will be joined by members of the St. James' Guitar Group. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30.

Every Wednesday during Lent there will be a short, weekly lunch-time Communion Service beginning at 12:15, followed by a brown bag lunch.

The next AOTS dinner meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 5 for 5:30pm. Rev. Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts officer with The United Church of Canada, will be the guest speaker.

The Annual Congregational meeting to discuss reports from 2016 and approve the 2017 budget will be held after the 11am Worship Service next Sunday, March 19. Copies of the report will be available after the 11am Service today.

Immediately following Worship on March 19, the Go Project and Rendevous Youth will be offering a Mac and Cheese luncheon. Why not support a great cause and enjoy some fellowship before the annual meeting begins? Lunch is by monetary donation.

St. James Congregational Needs Assessment Questionnaire is being delivered to all members' households. Please give SuAn a call if you would like extra copies to complete, or, if received by email, print one for each family member.

Minute for Mission: Since 2012, Jordan has received over 1.5 million refugees, mostly from Syria and Iraq. The Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) –Jordan is part of the ongoing response to this crisis. MECC-Jordan approaches aid to refugees through a lens of Christian moral duty and human dignity. Referred to as guests, rather than refugees, the council insists that everything provided is of high quality. Just because they are vulnerable and in need does not mean they should receive only what is left over. MECC provides vouchers so people can choose what they want based on their needs. MECC-Jordan also helps local churches that are receiving refugees. These churches open their halls to receive refugees, and with MECC assistance, help them settle in the area. Social programs for adults and children are offered to enhance a sense of community. *"Every prayer, thought, and donation is making a difference"* says Wafa Couccous, Director of MECC's Jordan office. We sing Thanksgiving to the work of the Middle East Council of Churches and its commitment to supporting refugees in Jordan. In all our M&S givings, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

Weekly Bible Studies at Cowan Heights UC on Mondays at 7pm and Tuesdays at 10am look at scripture, a theological reflective video, and then discussion on modern day connections.

12th annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Religion's Place in a Secular Society on Tuesday, March 14, 7:30-9:30pm at MUN Medical School Main Auditorium; free parking next to the entrance in campus Lots 9 and 9L.

The Alzheimer Society's First Link's Learning Series is for individuals and their families diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. The next series begins on March 15. For more information, please contact 576-0608 or email firstlink@alzheimernl.ca

Home Again Furniture Bank is a non-profit organization for those people who need help transitioning into housing that needs furniture. There are 24 people on the wait list and inventory is low. They need small sofas, table and chair sets, dressers, coffee and end tables. If you have items to donate, please contact info@homeagainfb.com or call 325-4040