

## St. James United Church Life and Work, March 26, 2017

### **We offer our condolences to the following people:**

- \*Betty Sharston of BC and her family on the passing of Betty's mother, Ruby Vallis, on March 10. Ruby, sister of the late Dr. Roseanne McCann, always sent flowers to St. James on Valentine's Day;
- \* the family and friends of Elizabeth "Betty" Gibbons, who passed away on March 16. Her funeral service took place from Barrett's last Wednesday;
- \*Linda & Jeff Babstock on the passing of Linda's mother, Winnifred Clark on March 19. The funeral was held last Thursday in Glovertown.

**We acknowledge a donation** to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Elsie Hiscock from Brett & Helena Turner.

**Piano accompanist required** by St. James for our Senior Choir. This short term position, from April 1 to May 31, involves working in partnership with the Choir Director, a two hour rehearsal on Tuesday nights, and a minimum of two 11am Sunday services per month.

**St. James' Church Council** seeks volunteers for the open chair positions for the following two committees: Worship and Sacraments, and Stewardship. Interested persons in these requests, please leave your contact information with the office, 722-1881 ext. 200 or [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**We value your membership at St. James!** If you would like to become a full member of St. James' congregation, or if you are unsure of your current status with the church, Susan Pike can help at 576-0703 or [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

**Today**, following the 11am Service, there will be a Remit information session.

**Not a Bible Study:** *5 Marks of Love*, a 6 week Lenten study, continues tomorrow, Monday, March 27 at 11am, and Wednesday, March 29 at 7pm.

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

**Annual Fellowship of the Least Coin** in our Sanctuary on Friday evening, March 31 at 7:30, followed by refreshments. This is an inter-denominational worship service of prayer and reconciliation which supports marginalized and impoverished families overseas. Various church groups will minister with song. For more information, contact Inez Penney, 368-2200.

**Next Sunday, April 2:** GO Project and Rendezvous youth, young adults and their families will be offering a soup lunch after the service. We ask for a donation towards the groups' trips, and welcome you to join us.

**UCW Spring Tea & Sale** is on Saturday, April 8 this year, 2-4pm. All donations to our Bake Sale and Variety Table are greatly appreciated; they can be brought to the church the evening of April 7 or the morning of April 8.

**Our Lenten Challenge for April 15:** "*Offer an hour of your day to help spring clean the church for Easter.*" We will be open between 10am and noon on that day. Bring your cleaning materials and pick a spot to brighten St. James.

**Minute for Mission:** In 1987, while El Salvador's civil war raged on, displaced villagers started to return home, determined to live in a new way. They shared land rather than holding individual lots; education became their top priority. They set up a community organization called ADES (Santa Marta Economic & Social Development Association). They built a school that now graduates almost 100 students a year- half go on to post secondary institutions. They created a community radio station and a community bakery. ADES is a social movement that functions as a non-governmental organization with a goal of achieving social and ecological justice in rural El Salvador. Farmers receive training and support as they adjust to practises that respect the earth and restore the land; greenhouses help to increase production and diversify crops. ADES works with other organizations to address the challenges presented by mining companies, hydro-electric projects and industrial-scale farming. We sing thanksgiving for M&S partners that support sustainable farming practices and care for the earth.

**Grief and Bereavement Information and Support Program** begins Tuesday, March 28, 7-9pm at St. Clare's, Room 6140. To register for this free program, please call Mag Snook, 777-8972

**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, ext. 200. Deadline is Monday, April 10.

### **Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly**

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