

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 5, 2017

We offer our condolences to Cec Whalen and family on the passing of Cec's beloved wife, Lorna, on Sunday, February 26. Her funeral service took place from St. James last Thursday, with the interment at a later date.

We acknowledge a donation to the GO Project in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N. from her loving family.

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

Today, after the 11am Service: GO Project and Rendezvous youth, young adults and their families will be offering a soup lunch. We ask for a donation towards the groups' trips, and welcome you to join us.

This afternoon, Project Grace presents its first ever Teaching Artist Recital at 2pm in Suncor Hall, MUN School of Music, featuring the Teaching Artists of the Project Grace after school program. Admission is by freewill donation. Information: projectgracenl@gmail.com or [facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL)

Not a Bible Study: *5 Marks of Love*, a 6 week Lenten study, begins tomorrow, Monday, March 6 at 11am, and continues on Wednesday, March 8 at 7pm. The booklet costs \$5.

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 youth and young adults of St. James are hosting a Paint Nite Fundraiser!! Come on out to paint your own version of *Flight of the Fireflies* by Kathleen Powers next Friday, March 10 at 7pm at St. James. Just follow the link to buy tickets!! www.paintnite.com/events/_1160037

Next Sunday, March 12, there will be another Remit Information session after the 11am service.

The Annual Congregational meeting to discuss reports from 2016 and approve the 2017 budget will be held after the 11am Worship Service on March 19. Copies of the report will be available on March 12.

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

Immediately following Worship on March 19, the Go Project and Rendezvous 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.

Please see the notice boards for the transcription of the Moderator Jordan Cantwell's Lenten message in which she reflects on healing our relationships with our neighbours. *"For Jesus these two are inseparable: love of God and love of neighbour. They're part of each other,"*

Minute for Mission: One of our global M&S partners works toward full inclusion of all children in Indian society. For many children in India, an education is something they can only dream of. India remains a divided society with a clearly defined caste system. People in the lowest caste experience widespread discrimination and are limited in the kinds of jobs open to them - usually low paying and unstable work. Most of these families are single parent families headed by women. Living below the poverty line, they struggle to survive, which depends on all members of the family working, including the children. This precludes access to an education as supplies, fees and uniforms are unaffordable. Recently, the Human Rights Advocacy & Research Foundation supported 520 children living in poverty to continue their secondary school education. 312 girls and 218 boys received basic school supplies, uniforms and fees. We sing thanksgiving that, through working with others, M&S changes the dream of an education into reality for children in India. Our gifts to M&S make a difference!

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.

Christianity Exploration: For her schooling in Diaconal Ministry, our Rebecca Pike has developed an event which she will lead on Thursday, March 9 at Cowan Heights UC at 7pm. This event will be an exploration of Christianity, its growth, development in North America and the rest of the world. While also looking forward, what are the next steps here and how are other cultures growing or changing? Please come to this event if you have some interest in learning more about Christianity and exploring how to grow the church.

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 series includes sessions on an overview of dementia, coping strategies, community resources and supports. The next series begins on March 15. For more information, please contact [576-0608](tel:576-0608) or email firstlink@alzheimernl.ca