

We offer our condolences to:

* Rev. Ettie on the passing of her cousin, Daniel (Danny) Janes on April 25. His funeral service took place from Angle Brook, Glovertown South;
*Suzanne Horne and family on the passing of Suzanne's husband, Patrick Daniel 'Pat' Horne on April 29. His funeral service took place from St. James last Wednesday.

Today after the 11am Service: GO Project and Rendez-vous 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 for a time of community and fellowship!

St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service will be on Tuesday, May 9 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30.

Music for the Soul: A time of prayer and song followed by a brown bag lunch, every Wednesday for 4 weeks beginning next Wednesday, May 10 at 12:15. This time of worship will be approximately 30 minutes in length followed by lunch. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact Rev. Pamela.

PWC Concert on Monday evening, May 15 in our Sanctuary. \$5 admission; all welcome.

Seniors are invited to a special Worship Service with Communion, followed by light refreshments, on Tuesday, May 16 at 2pm. If you wish to participate, please let us know by calling the church office by Thursday, May 11 (722-1881, ext. 200), or email info@stjamesuc.org; transport can be provided.

Book these May dates!

Sunday evening, May 28 at 7:30: Concert by Coro Vivo Ottawa, a vibrant, friendly, community choir who sing an eclectic repertoire. This is a fundraiser for St. James United Church. \$10 tickets are available from the office.

St. James 'Day Away' June 11 beginning at 1:30 pm will be led by the Rev. Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Ambassador, UCC, Atlantic Canada at North Bank Lodge, Pippy Park. All are invited to a congregational inspirational day of fun, learning and fellowship. Supper will include a barbecue, followed by worship and some fun. There will be time in the afternoon to walk, talk and enjoy the blessings of nature. Registration forms will be available next Sunday; cost will be \$10 to help cover expenses.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support overseas personnel like Dr. Robert Baird McClure. Dr McClure went from being a child of missionaries to a doctor in China in the 1930's and 1940's to the first lay Moderator of The United Church of Canada. Dr. McClure had a passion to make a difference in the world. Many have spoken of the way he inspired them to go into ministry, or become medical missionaries across the globe. His legacy for caring for and about people lives on even today in Canada and in China, where he is still revered. McClure went wherever there was a need, often putting himself in danger of becoming a prisoner of war or contracting infectious diseases such as typhus. He laid the foundation of social justice as a way to live our faith. We make a difference when we answer God's call. Dr. McClure called many to make a difference, and his calling inspires us today! We sing thanksgiving for those who have inspired us to be a part of a global church.

12th Annual Multi-faith Symposium on Spirituality is on Saturday, May 13, 8am – 1:30pm at the Hindu Temple. The theme this year is *"Is there a Role for Mysticism in one's Spiritual Growth"*. There will be a coffee break, and lunch will be served at the conclusion of the symposium. Leaders from Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhists, Baha'i and Sikh faiths have been invited to make presentations on behalf of their respective faiths. Please register with Dr Sanjay Ralhan at ralhan.sanjay1@gmail.com or calling at 233-5232. There is a nominal registration fee of \$10 per person which may be paid on that day.

Wesley Church's Flipper Dinners on Thursday, May 11, Thursday, May 25 and Thursday, June 8, all at 6pm. Eat in only, no takeouts available. Tickets are \$25 and will only be valid on the night for which they are purchased. Call Pheobe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or the office at 579-3682.

Observer subscription renewals: It's that time again! Please contact Barry Cutler, 364-3450. or the church office, to renew your subscription for another year – it does not happen automatically. Cost for the coming year is \$25. This fee can be dropped off at the office or placed in the collection plates before Wednesday, May 24. For those folks wishing to begin a subscription, please return this form to the office.

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