

## St. James United Church Life and Work, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Ushering this week is provided by:** Katelyn Mayo, Kennedy Collins, Nick Adams, Jennifer Bartlett, Trevor Bartlett, and Janet Bartlett

**We offer condolences** to Betty Henderson and family on the passing of Alice Jean Vincent (nee Heath) on July 9.

**We offer condolences** to Gus & Winona Kelsey on the passing of grand-niece, Jennifer Kelsey on July 19.

**We offer condolences** to Linda, Stephen and Christopher Little on the passing of husband and father, David, on July 21. His funeral service was held at St. James on Tuesday, July 25.

**We offer condolences** to Judy Dale and family on the passing of her son, Dale George Follett on July 22.

**We offer condolences** to the Emberley family on the passing of Carlson Emberley on July 24. His funeral service was held at St. James on Friday, July 28.

**We would like to extend Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes** to Mrs. Mildred Bonnell from St. James congregation, the UCW and Friendship group.

**Chelsea Skanes would like to thank** the congregation for their support and prayers leading up to and throughout her trip to Europe with the World Communion of Reformed Churches. She is happy to be safe and sound back home and can't wait to share her experiences with everyone.

**The GO Project would like to extend sincere thanks** for the generosity and kindness that St. James provided during their time here.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund** in Loving Memory of Winnifred & Bertram Penney and Emma & William Drodge from Glenys & Gordon Drodge.

**Project Grace** is pleased to offer *Summer Music Lessons for Adults!* Weekly evening classes in piano, flute, clarinet, violin and cello - \$120 for 8 weeks of group lessons taught by Project Grace's own Teaching Artists. Registration online: <https://goo.gl/forms/qpbng0JpdJw7EkAO2> or by emailing [projectgracen@gmail.com](mailto:projectgracen@gmail.com).

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts to M&S support innovation. The Skylight Festival emerged out of the collaboration of a small ecumenical group of people who are passionate about arts, faith, peace and justice. They wanted to create an open space for people of many backgrounds to come together to explore faith while engaging in art and being inspired by speakers & seekers of justice. A pilot was held in summer 2015, with July 2016 marking the official launch of the festival. It was at the 2016 launch that the initiative known as Embracing the Spirit was launched. The program supported through M&S, is headed up by a team from EDGE network and celebrates innovations. We are thankful for creative spaces like Skylight festival that nurture hope, joy and transformation, offering diverse communities a place to connect arts, faith and justice. We give thanks for spaces that enliven innovation in our church; we sing Thanksgiving for the Skylight festival.

**St. James is looking for members to join its Diversity Committee**, which will help to initiate and organize the process of discernment towards becoming an Affirming Ministry congregation. We welcome members of all walks of life, of any age, race, gender or sexual identity. We wish for this committee to be as diverse as possible so that many voices can be heard in this process. For more information and to join, please contact Chelsea Skanes at 699-5214, or [chelseaskanes@hotmail.com](mailto:chelseaskanes@hotmail.com).

**August 16:** Join us as we come together in hearing Reverend Dr. John Pentland speak about ministry from 7:00-9:30pm at Gower Street United Church. Admission is \$10.

**Bridges to Hope** is collecting school supplies for its "Bag to School" program, which provides school supplies to students who cannot afford them. This year, St. James has been asked to donate glue sticks with the goal being to collect around 800 of them. If you would like to participate, you may contact Katelyn Mayo or bring your donations to the church office throughout the week.

**Chew on This!** Plans are underway for the 5th annual *Chew on This!* event, organized by Citizens for Public Justice and the Dignity for All campaign. Each year, volunteers go out to their communities on **October 17**, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, to hand out *Chew on This!* lunch bags, containing a food item, a magnet, and a postcard directed to the federal government. To organize a *Chew on This!* event or for more information, go to [dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this](http://dignityforall.ca/chew-on-this) or contact Darlene O'Leary at [darlene@cpi.ca](mailto:darlene@cpi.ca).