St. James United Church Life and Work, July 9th 2017

Ushering this week is provided by: Jean Thompson, Linda Babstock, Janet Bartlett, Allison Bartlett, Jennifer Bartlett and Trevor Bartlett

Welcome: We welcome participants of the GO Program which is being held at St. James from July 9-20.

Pride St. John's Multi-Faith Service: As part of the St. John's LGBTQ+ Pride Celebrations this year, there will be a second Multi-Faith Service. People of faith will come together to share their reflections on the theme: *Moving Forward with Hope*. We will have people from various faith traditions joining together to witness, share stories, sing hymns of joy and to celebrate our common desire to move forward with hope. This moment of faith and hope will help us build our welcoming and loving community. The Multi-Faith Service will take place on Thursday, July 13 at 7pm at *The Gathering Place*, 172 Military Road.

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 available online: https://goo.gl/forms/qpbnG0JpdJw7EkAO2 or by emailing projectgracenl@gmail.com

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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support the continuing education of ministers as well as those in the discernment process. Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, Program Coordinator for Ministry Recruitment reflects on the role of ministers in life's joys and sorrows. Thank you to our ministers who have answered God's call to lead in our communities of faith and continue to do so time & time again; thank you for being present in our big moments: baptisms, funerals, weddings, divorces, celebrations & crises; Visiting, witnessing & walking with us. We appreciate your reminder that God is with us while we wrestle with life, faith & love. Thank you for your various gifts and unique service; for putting your own problems & pains on hold while you hold ours. Thank you for the sermons, prayers, visits, theological reflections & worship. Thank you for your faithful

leadership. Thanks to M&S, we support our ministers through training & continuing education at theological schools & education centers. M&S also supports pastoral relations at presbytery & conference.

ORGANIST'S POSITION AT COWAN HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH: A contract

position for an organist is open at Cowan Heights United Church, starting August 1, 2017. This position will include working with the Minister to prepare music for Sunday services, playing the organ/piano for Sunday and other services and directing the Senior Choir. Deadline for applications is July 18, 2017. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact the church office at 745-2871, chuc@nf.aibn.com or the M&P Committee at dpowell@nl.rogers.com.

<u>July 11</u>: Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes will be directing a **Grief and Bereavement** Information Session from 7–9 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre. For more information, you can contact Peter Barnes at 777-2167, email: <u>peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca</u> or Mag Snook at 777-8972 or by email at <u>margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca</u>.

<u>July 27:</u> The Alzheimer's Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is hosting a Lunch & Learn webinar! Please feel free to join them from 12:30-1:30pm. If you are interested in registering for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to <u>firstlink@alzheimernl.ca</u> or, give a call at (709) <u>576-0608</u>.

<u>August 16</u>: 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.

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