

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 27th

Ushering this week is provided by: David Hapgood, Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary, Jean Brown, Gator Brown

We would like to offer special thanks to our custodians Linda, Keith and Louis for the hours of work they have put forth this summer and all year round. It does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Gilbert Hiscock Sr. from wife, Ruby and family.

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.

Starting Monday, August 28 office hours will be 9:30am-1pm and 1:30pm-5pm.

August 30: There will be a Congregational End of Summer bonfire and worship taking place at Middle Cove Beach at 7pm. All are welcome!

August 31: The Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador will be hosting another Lunch & Learn webinar! Taking place from 12:30-1:30PM, this presentation is free and open to the public. If you are interested in being registered, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or, give us a call at [\(709\) 576-0608](tel:7095760608).

Starting in September The Pottle Centre, a drop-in social centre for consumers of mental health services in the province, will be organizing a Healthy Meals Program which will provide members with hot meals on a weekly basis. In order for the program to run smoothly, they are seeking volunteers who can dedicate minimum 4 hours a month to lend a hand. If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a volunteer, please contact pottlestudent@nf.aibn.com.

September 10: St. James' Diversity Committee will be hosting a Diversity Fair from noon-2pm. Community organization booths will join us in the auditorium, allowing us to learn more about diversity and inclusion. Additionally, please join

us before worship at 10:30 for a brief overview of the Affirming Ministries process. All are welcome!

September 12: St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service will resume at 2:00pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30pm.

September 16: Join us as we come together for Burry Heights Day. All are welcome!

Starting in October Topsail United Church is seeking up to four Section Leaders for their Mixed Choir starting in October. Must have music-reading skills and be able to attend Thursday evening rehearsals (2nd, 3rd & 4th of each month) and Sunday services (1st & 4th). No age restrictions. Successful candidates will receive \$1,000 payable in two instalments (\$500 per term). Auditions taking place in August and September. Contact andrew@nlchoral.ca to book a time

October 1: St. James Long Term Care (Pleasantview Towers) annual Memorial Service will be held at 2:30pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 2:00pm.

Minute for Mission: Mission & Service supports community ministries like the Bissell Centre. Stuart Jackson, ministry personnel of Chalmers Castle Downs United Church, shares a story about the behind the scenes story of a Mandate magazine cover. The cover of the M&S special edition showed a father & son who are part of the Bissell Centre's family support program in Edmonton, Alberta. The background of the cover is an alphabet quilt. For more than 50 years, a group of women at Chalmers Castle Downs United Church have met monthly for tea & fellowship. Twice a year, the group holds a Bissell Baby Shower to support the centre's well-baby program. The women bring hand knitted baby sets, hand tailored baby clothing, blankets, diapers, toys and one year, a quilt to donate to the program. Staff from the Bissell Centre attends the tea to receive the gifts with thanks. Participants sit in a circle as the gifts are opened and passed around. It is a wonderful time of sharing between the church and this M&S supported ministry. We sing Thanksgiving for the many people who support M&S and offer gifts of time, talent & treasure to the Mission & Service supported ministries closest to home.