

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 17, 2017

We offer our condolences to Harvey & Gail Weir on the passing of Harvey's father, Reginald Victor Weir, who passed away on September 9 in Grand Falls-Windsor.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Carlson Emberley from Glenda and Bill Butt.

Today after the 11am Worship: *"Your Search Committee has been hard at work since being given the mandate to find a full time clergy to fill the vacancy at St. James United Church. Applications and résumés have been received and closely reviewed. This process was followed by interviewing the various applicants. None of these steps was taken lightly, and now, after much prayer and many hours of discussion, the Search Committee has selected an individual whom we feel will certainly be a good match for the St. James United Church Congregation. We will present the name of that individual to the congregation at a Congregational Meeting today after the 11am Worship Service. It is very important for all members of the congregation to attend this very important meeting. Thank you!"*

Tomorrow, Monday, September 18: Women's Meeting Place: Non-denominational women's meeting at St. James at 7pm. Bring a friend to share an evening of fellowship and fun; all ages welcome.

Monthly meeting of the AOTS: Wednesday, September 20 at 5 for 5:30pm. We look forward to seeing our regular members; new members are always welcome!

Choral Scholar: The W&S Committee is pleased to announce the approval of 2 additional choral scholar opportunities to supplement our senior choir in music ministry. These positions are exclusive to youth who are members of St. James' church family. Qualifications preferred: university aged students; a voice student or in music school; ability to read music; a positive attitude. Expressions of interest may be submitted to the Church Office by email info@stjamesuc.org or telephone 722-1881 ext.200 for response by the Worship Team. Please include your experience and contact information. Deadline for expression of interest is September 25 at noon. Further information will be provided on request.

The annual Pleasant View Towers Memorial Service is on Sunday, October 1 at 2:30pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 2.

Fish Dinner Tickets for Friday, October 20, can be purchased from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Project Grace needs: **primer for gyproc **paint rollers & roller handles **2 cans of neutral colored interior paint **30 folding chairs. Please contact Gillian at projectgracenl@gmail.com

Volunteer positions open at St. James: Please consider a new beginning in any of the following opportunities that speak to you. *During some Sundays' Worship Service: ushers, scripture readers, communion servers; *Weekly or monthly groups: Church Council Secretary, Chair of Worship & Sacraments, Chair of Stewardship, Librarian, Drama Club Facilitator, Junior Youth Leader. If inspired to step up, please call the office, 722-1881, ext. 200.

Students! The Coughlan College Trust Fund Scholarship awards grants to students who are enrolled in a degree program at MUN, or a 3-year program at College of the North Atlantic or Marine Institute. The deadline for the application is October 15. A copy of the application form is on the notice board. For a digital or hard copy, please contact the office.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support theological schools. Richard Topping shared some reflections in the fall newsletter of the Vancouver School of Theology. *"In theological education we are trying to make preparing for ministry in the name of Jesus as difficult as it ought to be. I have thought a great deal about why ministry is so hard – secularity, post-Christendom, multiculturalism, shrinking church, opportunities to play golf. Jesus is really hard to follow- it is hard to pray for your enemies or bless those who curse you. We want our graduates to be engaged people, folks willing to get involved in the world."* Our Theological ethos is designed to nurture practitioners who are making a difference in the world for God and the gospel. We sing thanksgiving for the gifts of M&S that support students who are discerning their path to ministry through the inspiring guidance of theological schools such as the Vancouver School of Theology.

Hurricane Irma Appeal: Donations to help M&S partners provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Irma: www.united-church.ca/hurricane-irma

The Just Us Women's Center at Stella's Circle is looking for gently used women's magazines for their programming. Please drop donations off to Rev. Pamela's office, with your name and address removed.

VOWR annual Radiothon Fundraiser, Saturday, September 26 and Saturday, October 3, 7:30am - 5pm each day. VOWR volunteers will be on the air requesting financial pledges, with the proceeds going towards purchasing and upgrading broadcast equipment. All donations and pledges can be made by calling 579-9233; by mail to VOWR, P.O. Box 26006, St. John's, NL, A1E 0A5; left in the drop box at the studio on Patrick Street; or via PayPal on the VOWR website (vowr.org). Receipts will be issued for all donations. Drop by with your donation on those days and have a coffee on them!