St. James United Church Life and Work, September 3, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo, Gerry Mayo, Kim Mayo, Claire Neary, Jennifer Tremblett, Hannah Sheppard.

WELCOME

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the following:

*students Chelsea Skanes, Joel Le Feuvre and Kendra O'Neill for their work at St. James this summer;

*Mr. & Mrs. B. Wedgewood and Menetha Dyke for taking such wonderful care of the church flower beds. Thank you to all!

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Carlson Emberley from Harry & Flo Downey;

*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Erma Andrews from Keith & Linda Burry as well as Kathie, Brenda, Lori, Heather and Cynthia;

*to the General Fund in loving memory of Carlson Emberley from Lester & Hazel Purchase and Milton & Marina Reid;

*to the General Fund in loving memory of Erma Andrews from Mrs. Shona C. Perry-Maidment & Mr. Terry Maidment.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 4 for Labour Day.

Next Sunday, September 10 will be a chance for us all to wish Chelsea Skanes farewell as she prepares to move to London, Ontario to continue her studies and career.

- *9:30am, our Contemporary Service will resume;
- *10:30am, a brief overview of the Affirming Ministries work present and future; *11am Communion Worship and Sunday School;

*noon – 2pm, Diversity Fair in the Auditorium with community organization booths, allowing us to learn more about diversity and inclusion;

*2-3pm, an Ecumenical Walk to celebrate the Seasons of Creation. We shall meet in front of the Basilica, pausing for a brief reflection in front of Gower St. United Church and the Anglican Cathedral and concluding at Waterfront Park.

The next Pleasant View Towers Worship Service will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, September 12. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1.30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

Burry Heights Day is on September 16: All are welcome!

Please remember to park in the line nearest Elizabeth Avenue, reserved for Church Parking, when coming to St. James during the week, day or afternoon.

The Liturgical Dance Group is hoping to start up again in the fall and is looking for any dancers who may be interested! The age groups are 5-9, 9-13 and 13+; they meet on Saturdays to practice. If this interests you or anyone you know, please contact Katelyn Mayo after the service today or by email, kmayo1999@gmail.com

Annual Vegetable Hamper Fundraiser: Claire Neary will be traveling this coming Year with Connie Parsons School of Dance Intensive Dance Division. In an attempt to help with the cost of this trip, Claire will be selling 12lbs local vegetable hampers for Thanksgiving at a cost of \$15 per bag. Orders and payments are due by September 16, with the hampers due to arrive in time for delivery for Thanksgiving. EMT (Email Money Transfer) accepted and can be sent to jenntremblett@yahoo.ca or contact Jennifer at 728-2710. Claire would like to thank you in advance for your support!!

Telephone Extensions: When you need to call after hours or leave a message for the ministers or office, please use the following extensions:

Church Office, 200; Rev. Ettie, 202; Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald, 203; Susan Sheppard, 204; Property Office, 205; Choir Room, 206 and Kitchen, 207. Please note that the Property Office, the Choir Room and the Kitchen do not have mailboxes for messages.

Minute for Mission: Laura H. Hambly, born in Port Perry, Ontario, in 1877, a member of the Women's Missionary Society, was appointed as a teacher to West China in 1904. A strong woman, Laura's major contribution was in girl's education. She overcame widespread resistance to build a 4 storey girls' school. Starting with a handful of students, enrollment grew as more and more parents saw value in their daughters receiving an education. During WW, faced with threat of bombing by Japan, Laura took the 200 girls up into the mountains to an old monastery. Laura spent 40 years educating girls in the city and was a successful advocate for ending the binding of girls' feet. When she left in 1943, to show their high esteem, the entire city came out to wish her well. We sing thanksgiving for missionaries who offer their life in service with global partner churches. M&S is built on the foundation of their vision and witness!

The Pottle Centre, a drop-in social centre for consumers of mental health services in the province, is asking for volunteers who can offer a minimum of 4 hours per month to help provide a Healthy Meals Program starting in September. If interested, please contact pottlestudent@nf.aibn.com

Did I read that sign right? In an office: "Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken."