

## St. James United Church Life and Work, February 25, 2018

**We offer our condolences** to Janine, Valerie and Patti, their families and friends on the passing of their beloved mother, Florence Pike, on February 18. Her funeral service took place from St. James last Wednesday;

**We also offer our condolences** to the family and friends of Cori Brown, whose funeral service took place from St. James on February 16.

### **We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\*to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** from the Young and Reid families: Lisa, Ken, Harrison and Ethan Young and Richard, Andrea, Brianna and Bryden Reid;

**\*to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Don Marshall from his wife Vera and family, and in memory of a loving daughter, Sharon Kelly Parsons, from her mom Annie Parsons.

**The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today** are in loving memory of Bill & Ruby Vallis from their daughter, Betty Sherstan in Quesnel, BC.

**We welcome Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir** here today and thank them for their inspiring contribution of song. Please join us after the 11am Service today for coffee hour with our guest choir.

**Thank you for making** St. James' first Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser a huge success, raising over \$4,600 for our church! A delightful and fun evening was had by all! The St. James Fundraising Head Committee wishes to thank all of the members of our congregation who attended and/or donated items, desserts and wine. We also want to acknowledge and thank the performers in our concert, our many business supporters for their donations, as well as our many volunteers who donated items, decorations, their time and talents to make the evening as smooth and successful as it was. We could not have done it without you! We have received so much excellent feedback that will consider making this an annual event!

**Monday, February 26 at 11am:** NIA (no-impact aerobics) with Elaine Dunphy; \$5 drop-in fee. Seniors are welcomed and encouraged;

**Wednesday, February 28: \*noon:** Lenten Communion Services and brown bag lunch; **\*2pm:** A reminder that the Friendship Group is still active! Meetings are scheduled on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the auditorium, with the exception of the summer months. New members are welcome. Why not join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship? If you require any further information, please contact Winona Kelsey at 722-6529, or Barbara Butt at 576-1344.

**\*7-9pm:** Project Grace is having a Chapters Night Fundraiser at Chapters on Kenmount Road. Come hear Project Grace students perform on centre stage while browsing the books and enjoying a cup of coffee. 15% of all book sales during this time will be donated back to Project Grace!

**The next UCW meeting** will be held on Monday, March 12 at 7:30 pm. April Miller, a Professional Organizer and Coach in Organizing and Decluttering, will be the guest speaker. April can give tips and help with downsizing and organizing home and office spaces, to "take them from disorganized to serene". Guests are welcome. Please speak with a UCW member and she may be able to bring you along. UCW Members are reminded to bring items for the grab bags for the Spring Tea and Sale.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts to M&S support community ministries across Canada. Anticipation builds as the children and youth wait for the muffins they made to bake. Different ages and backgrounds, everyone joins together on a summer day at the London Community Chaplaincy. The chaplaincy provides advocacy and support for families who face the challenges of living in poverty in two housing complexes in London, Ontario. The summer programs are part of a year-round mix aimed at helping children learn while having fun. Drop in programs allow children to learn crafts and play cooperative games. Children are paired one-on-one to help improve reading skills so they are not left behind in school. M&S support for London Community Chaplaincy is key as it is one of their main funders for the year. Loving our neighbours is at the heart of our M&S.

**United Community of Faith:** The Downtown Churches Committee here in the city has been meeting for many years and has now expanded to include all of the United Churches in the city, under the new name of *United Community of Faith*. The main focus of the committee now is to take action on issues in which we have a common interest. A meeting of the expanded committee was held at Cowan Heights UC on October 4, 2017 with members of the original committee and Rev. Denine, Harry Rowe and Frank Fry in attendance. The expanded committee recently held an Asset Mapping Workshop at St. James with 52 individuals attending from all over the city. We are planning joint evening services. Gower will host the first service in May, and Cowan Heights will host the second service in October. We are considering Common Prayer for all churches. We are also considering a minimum fee for weddings for all churches. We have had discussions with Jerry Dick, Executive Director, Heritage Foundation NL, with regard to heritage related issues that may lie before us. We would like to hear from you, our congregation of St. James. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that we can bring to our next meeting that will improve the operation of the United Churches here in our city? We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your ideas to Marilyn Adams, g.adams@nf.sympatico.ca

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