

## St. James United Church Life and Work, February 4, 2018

**Today we celebrate** the Infant Baptism of Talia London Taylor Griffin-Myler, daughter of Elizabeth Griffin and Mark Myler.

**Today, after the 11am Worship Service:** \*Please join us for a Youth Ministries' Soup Luncheon following the 11am Service. Cost is a donation and everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available for our Pancake Supper.

**\*Please look for Robin Bartlett's table** where she will be selling tickets (\$20 each) for next Friday, February 9, our *Valentine's Day Fun and Friendship Fundraiser*. Highlights include a door prize, performances by our Sight Restored Band, St. John's Gay Men's Choir, the MUN Saxophone Ensemble, yummy desserts and the auction. Doors open at 6:15 for auction items viewing and bidding. Items include dinners for two, Swarovski jewellery, tickets for St. John's Edge Basketball and more. Fundraiser tickets are also available during the week from the church office, or after hours from Robin Bartlett at 682-3927.

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

**Thursday February 8: Uppity Women of the Bible:** Come and join our discussion group at 7pm in the Fellowship Room.

**Next Sunday, February 11:** Remit 6 information session following the 11am Service.

**Heads-up for Lent:** Instead of giving up something, why not add a practice? We offer choices: a daily Lenten Offering Folder, and/or a calendar of 40 spiritual practices, each with a value of \$20. To place your order, please give SuAn a call.

\*Tuesday, February 13: Pancake Supper;

\*Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm.

**The next Pleasant View Towers Worship Service** is at 2pm on Tuesday, February 13. Volunteers, please meet at 1.30 in the chapel. The St. James United Church guitar group will be in attendance for a Valentine's Day theme.

**CPR Training for AED Machine:** We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for the AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 17, 1-4pm. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James, please contact Susan Pike by email [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net) or 576-0703 before Monday, February 12 to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation. A personal kit can be purchased for \$45.

**Save the Date:** Sunday, February 25, 11 am worship. The Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir will be sharing their love of music with the congregation. Envelopes will be available to donate to choir meals; \$5 provides 1 meal, \$10 provides two meals. Last year the service was moving and fun. The congregation raised over \$1,500 towards choir meals. Mark your calendar as you won't want to miss this special service!

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support girls, human rights and learning. The Jerusalem Secondary School for girls in Kenya is supported by M&S global partner the *Organization of African Instituted Churches* (OAIC). It is a safe place for young women escaping child marriages, the threat of female genocide or female circumcision. The students share with pride their commitment to completing their education. Philomena had completed Primary school before her father sold her into marriage at 16. Her husband had never forced her to undergo female genital mutilation; his family pressured her to do so. On his death, Philomena was told she must have the procedure or be thrown out and lose her 4 children. In fear, she took her children and fled back to her mother who welcomed them back. Her mother had heard about the school and encouraged Philomena to go to it. Philomena was able to get a scholarship and while at school by day, her mother cares for the children. Philomena is in her final year of secondary school and looking forward to attending university to study education. She dreams of becoming a teacher. The OAIC supports the school by providing scholarships and contributing to the salaries of the teachers. Loving our neighbours is at the heart of our M&S.

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**Fun Church Sign:**

*"Adam and Eve: the first people to not read the Apple terms and conditions."*