St. James United Church Life and Work, March 18, 2018

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Bill Taylor, a founding member of our church and the AOTS, who passed away on Saturday, March 10. Bill's family would like to express their thanks to the St. James' Community for their friendship and support over the years. A Service of Remembrance is planned for a later date. Bill's obituary is on the notice board outside the Sanctuary.

Today, immediately after the 11am Service, please join us for Coffee Hour followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting to discuss reports from 2017 and approve the 2018 budget.

Monday, March 19: *11am: NIA (no-impact aerobics); \$5 drop-in fee. *7pm: Women's Meeting Place: Non-denominational women's meeting. All are welcome to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun. Bring a friend.

Wednesday, March 21:*noon: Lenten Communion Service and brown bag lunch. * 5 for 5:30pm: the next AOTS meeting. New members are always welcome.

Thursday March 22: Uppity Women of the Bible: Come and join our discussion group at 7pm in the Fellowship Room.

UCW Spring Tea: "Mark March 24th on your calendar's list; an Easter Spring Tea that you don't want to miss. It's here at St. James, 2pm until four; a warm welcome awaits as you enter the door. Handmade rabbits and aprons and scarves on a stall; cakes and cookies and muffins you'll find down the hall. Surprise bags are fun and well worth the price. With sandwiches and cookies, we'll fill your cup twice. \$7.00 a ticket--- we considered inflation!! And look for support from the whole congregation."

Advance notice of upcoming performances from the MUN students in the choir: *Hannah O'Donnell: 1) NSO Masterworks #4: Hannah is one of four featured soloists singing Beethoven's 9th symphony on March 23 at 8pm. Tickets available at Arts and Culture Centre box office for \$33-48; 2) Masters Graduation Recital April 20 at 2pm, DF Cook Recital Hall, free admission;

*Hannah Sheppard and Emma House: MUN Trumpet/Horn Studio Recital. Emma and Hannah will both be performing solo horn pieces, along with performances by MUN trumpet players. March 29 at 5pm, free admission, DF Cook Recital hall; *Paul Rodermond: Accompanist for MUN Opera April 6 and 7, DF Cook Recital Hall. (More information to follow.)

Heads up for Easter and beyond:

- *Thursday March 29, 7pm: Movie Night: Jesus Christ Superstar;
- *Friday March 30, 10am: Good Friday Neighbourhood Prayer Walk;

- *Sunday April 1, Youth Ministries Easter Egg Breakfast 9:45;
- *Friday Evening, April 6 at 7, St. James will host the annual Fellowship of The Least Coin Service with an evening of worship and fellowship. FLC is a component of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and donations provide grants, the same way as the World Day of Prayer, for impoverished women around the world. They are thankful for any coins you have been collecting, or a donation. There will be special music, and a social time will follow. Any further information required, please contact Inez Penney 237-7100 or Susan Sheppard, 722-1881, ext. 204.

*Beginner Quilting with Susan, Mondays April 16-May 7. You will need a basic sewing machine with a 1/4" piecing foot attachment. Please contact Susan for a list of fabrics and notions required. susan@stjamesuc.org

The Chaplaincy Committee of East District is pleased to announce Rev. Karen Thorne's appointment as full-time chaplain to provide pastoral care for the St. John's Eastern Health sites of Health Sciences, the Janeway, the Leonard A. Miller Centre and Veteran's Pavilion, along with Her Majesty's Penitentiary. Rev. Karen offers a deeply caring and friendly presence and is a welcome addition to the team. We wish her all God's blessings in her ministry. If you or a family member are admitted to hospital and would like pastoral care or a visit from the chaplain while in hospital, please ensure the admission forms are marked "Yes" for pastoral care, and the patient's name will be included on the chaplain's list for visitation.

Bridges to Hope will be holding a Mooseburger Fundraiser on Saturday, April 7 at St. Andrews Church on Longs Hill, from 4-7pm. The cost will be \$5 for a Mooseburger or \$7 for a Mooseburger with drink and a bag of chips. The goal is to sell 350 burgers. To ensure no wastage, you can pre order on the sign-up sheet found on the board outside the Sanctuary, or at www.bridgestohope.ca

Living the Questions, a study group at Cochrane Centre on Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 to 9:30pm.

Lent to Easter Reflection at Virginia Water Retreat House, 47 Parsonage Drive each Sunday from 4-5pm until May 20. Please call 754-1582 to register.

This afternoon at Cowan Heights UC, St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea at 2:30pm, (doors open at 2). Tickets are \$20.

VOWR Radio presents Spirit of Newfoundland's Dinner Theatre '*Idol Dies At You*' on Thursday, March 29 at the Masonic Temple, Cathedral Street. Doors open 6:30pm, dinner starts 7pm, show starts 8pm. Tickets are \$75 per person with a tax receipt for \$25. Call VOWR at 579-9233, Wesley United Church at 579-3682 or Marvin Barnes at 579-7900.