

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 15, 2018

Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Janet Bartlett

Greeters: Paul Walsh & Robin Bartlett **Ushers:** Trevor, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

We offer our condolences to Marilyn & Kevin Pardy on the passing of Marilyn's father, Walter Tucker on April 9. His funeral service took place from Cochrane Street United Church last Thursday. We also offer our condolences to Roy & Lillian Holmes-Bannister on the passing of Roy's sister, Ruby Decker of Ship Cove on April 8. Her memorial service was held at Barrett's Chapel last Wednesday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Bill Taylor from Catherine & Baxter Rose.

***to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from Margaret & Guy Penney, Ross & Sonia Churchill, Gregory & Doreen Stokes.

***to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in loving memory of Joanne from the family.

***to Project Grace** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike.

2018 Memorial Hymn Sing requests are due in the office this week!

Tomorrow, Monday, April 16:*NIA (No Impact Aerobics) at 11am, \$5 drop-in;

***Beginner Quilting with Susan** starts at 4:30pm. If you haven't received the necessary supplies list and still wish to join, please contact Susan immediately!

***Women's Meeting Place:** Non-denominational women's meeting at 7pm.

***Annual General Meeting of Bridges To Hope Inc**, at 7:30pm will take place at Wesley United Church. All are welcome.

Volunteer Week: *"Much of the church and community life and work would not be possible without the contributions, big and small, of our many generous and dedicated volunteers. It is their faith, caring and devotion to our church and community which create the warm, welcoming, diverse and inclusive community that comprises St. James. Volunteer Week, April 15 - 23 is a fitting time to acknowledge the importance of every member of our council, congregation and visitors alike, who during the past year, have generously given their time and energy to the administration, operation and many activities of St. James, and who contribute to its community work. It is because of them, their faith and charity,*

that St. James is able to continue its missionary and community work. On behalf of the Ministry and the Church Council of St. James, I express our deep appreciation to you all during Volunteer Week and throughout the year." Trevor Bartlett, Chair, St. James Church Council. **Open House:** Wednesday, April 18, 11:30am – 1:30pm. All are invited to come along during this time and share in a time of fellowship with the staff. Finger foods and beverages will be available.

Wednesday, April 18: AOTS meeting at 5:00 for 5:30pm; new members welcome.

Thursday, April 19: Uppity Women of the Bible discussion group, Youth Room.

Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day can be ordered on the form outside Susan's office, with orders and payment due on or before Sunday, April 29, and delivery by our Youth Ministries in time for Mother's Day.

We value your membership at St. James! If you would like to become a full member of St. James congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you. Are you unsure of your current status with the church? Susan Pike would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a full member of our congregation: susanpike@warp.nfld.net 576-0703

The Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly 'Caregivers Education and Support Program' is on Tuesday, April 17, 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl, with the topic of Advance Care Planning. If you are a primary caregiver, caring for a loved one at home and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

Hannah O'Donnell Masters' Graduation Recital April 20 at 2pm, DF Cook Recital Hall, free admission.

Minute for Mission: Have you ever wondered what Mission & Service really is? M&S is how we live out the call of the church to do God's mission. It was not always called M&S. Before 1925, the 3 denominations that joined to create the UCC - Presbyterian, Methodist & Congregationalist - saw mission as an important part of church life, and supported it in many ways. Since union, the name for the way we support the mission and service has undergone many changes beginning with the Women's Missionary Society, along with the Home and Global Mission Boards, then the Mission and Maintenance Fund, later, the Mission and Service Fund, now simply called Mission & Service of the UCC. M&S is not a separate fund within the church. It is the foundation of how we offer healing and hope in a hurting world. M&S supports education programs, women's empowerment, food, housing support, advocacy to alleviate poverty, assistance to theological students, lay readers, camping, congregational support, youth programming and healing the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, and much more. M&S is the heart and soul of The United Church of Canada.