

## St. James United Church Life and Work, April 22, 2018

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

**Greeters & Ushers:** Michelle, Wayne and Sophie Skinner,

Jean, Kevin, Victoria, Alexandra and Leah Smith

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\*to the Operating Expenses of the church** from the UCW from funds raised at the Spring Tea.

**\*to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from the St. James UCW, and also in loving memory of a dear friend, Mildred Bonnell, from Edna Bemister.

**A big thank you** to all who showed up for our Open House. To all who were unable to be here, we hope to see you next time.

**St. James is anticipating starting a Ukulele Group** in September. If you are interested in joining, or would like to donate a ukulele, please contact Karen Brown at 437-1520 or 689-7297.

**Tomorrow, Monday, April 23:**

**\*Cut off deadline** for requests to our 2018 Memorial Hymn Sing next Sunday; there are forms outside the office;

**\*Beginner Quilting with Susan** starts at 4:30pm; **\*Next NIA** class will be May 14.

**Our Friendship Group** will meet Wednesday, April 25 at 2pm.

**Thursday, April 26:** Uppity Women of the Bible discussion group in the Youth Room at 7pm.

**Youth at Conference Registration Forms** are due by Thursday, April 26. Please see the information on the notice board outside the Sanctuary.

**Friday, April 27:** Fish Dinner; gentle reminder for those who have tickets.

**Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day** order form is outside Susan's office, with orders and payment due on or before next Sunday, April 29.

**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

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts to M&S support inner-city programs for children such as Camp Cosmos run by Montreal City Mission. An 11 year old girl has a new respect for her 9 year old brother with special needs, thanks to the environmental summer day camp. Before the camp, the girl felt ashamed of her brother, but at camp she saw how he interacted with other campers and how they enjoyed being with him; this changed her attitude. Camp Cosmos brings together children: those with special needs and those without; those who have always lived in Canada and recent refugees; children from diverse economic backgrounds, cultures and faiths. An environmental focus is fundamental as the camp tries to zero waste through recycling and composting. Most kids are from downtown and don't have a connection with the environment. The camp provides this through ecological games, organic gardening, outings in nature and visits to local farms. Montreal City Mission through Camp Cosmos offers children and youth an appreciation of nature, a place to learn leadership skills that will help them become caring adults working for a better world. M&S is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada.

**Save this Date:** Saturday, November 17: St James 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

**This evening at 7:** The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual 'People of the Sea' service at George Street UC. Parking spaces will be available on George Street, Hutchings Lane and Springdale Street.

**Cowan Heights United Church Craft Fair**, April 28, 10am - 2:30pm at 141 Frecker Drive: homemade gifts and goodies by local artisans and exhibitors. The Men's Club delicious luncheon special will also be available that day.

**Newfoundland Brunch at Memorial UC, Portugal Cove** next Saturday, April 28 at 11am. Cost is \$12 adults, \$7 children, free for children under 3.

**Cochrane Street Choir Concert and Silent Auction** next Sunday, April 29: Doors open 6:30pm, silent auction begins 7pm. The lineup is Shelley Neville, Darren Martin, Bill Brennan, Meg Herder, Janet Cull, Dana Parsons, Evan Smith and hopefully Kelly Ann Evans and Peter Halley. The choir will be singing 8 pieces. Tickets are \$20 at the door, or call 722-3023. Receipts are available for all donations. Proceeds will go to new choir gowns, choral scholars and Cochrane Centre.

**Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir's** spring concert under the direction of Chad Stride, featuring the newly commissioned work *Songs of the Island*, including an arrangement of five Newfoundland songs, by Dr. D.F. Cook at 7pm, Sunday, April 29 at The Rooms. The choir will be joined by the ABC Young Men's Ensemble of the Atlantic Boychoir, directed by Dr. Jakub Martinec. Meet and greet at 6pm. Tickets, \$20 with a 10 % discount for Rooms members, are available @ therooms.ca, 757-8090 or at The Rooms admission desk.