

## St. James United Church Life and Work, May 20, 2018

**Please join us for Coffee Hour**, hosted by our Worship and Sacraments Committee, after the 11am Service.

**Tomorrow, Monday, May 21:** \*Church office is closed; \*Beginner Quilting with Susan cancelled; \*Women's Meeting Place Group cancelled.

**Thursday, May 24 at 7:30pm:** Our St. James Guitar Group presents a fun evening of music and song in the Sanctuary. You will know many of the tunes, and will be encouraged to sing along. Looking for an evening out? This concert is sure to give you a lift! We hope to see you here. ! \$10 tickets at the door!

**The United Community of Faith** will be holding a joint service at Gower Street UC next Sunday, May 27 at 7pm. Its predecessor, The Downtown (United) Churches Committee, has been meeting for many years and has now expanded to welcome all of United Churches in the St. John's region under the new name United Community of Faith. It recently decided to hold its first joint service at Gower on May 27; Cowan Heights will host the second service in October. Members and friends of all congregations are extended a warm welcome to attend.

**Monthly noon Communion** and brown bag lunch to begin Wednesday, May 30.

**Pansy Bowls:** We have 2 pansy bowls looking for a home. They cost \$15 each. Please see Susan or SuAn if you would like to purchase either of them.

**Flowers for our Memorial Garden:** If you would like to plant a low-growth plant in our Memorial Garden in memory or celebration of someone, please feel invited to do so. There is a hand spade just inside the front doors of the Annex.

**Observer renewals:** It's that time again! Please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie\_1\_ca@yahoo.ca) to renew your subscription for another year – it does not happen automatically. Cost for the coming year is \$25, with the renewal deadline in June. If you wish to begin a subscription, please return this form to the church office by Monday, June 4.

The Observer: I would like to receive a subscription to The United Observer through the St. James United Church-NL Group Plan at the price of \$25 per year. Payment enclosed.

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**Summer Student Employment** during July and August: if you are interested in being considered, please email or drop off a résumé to the church office (info@stjamesuc.org) by Wednesday, May 30. Interested students must be between 15-30 years of age, a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee, legally entitled to work in NL, and should have been a registered full time student (secondary, post-secondary, vocational or technical) during 2017/8 with intention to return to school full-time in 2018/9.

**Senior's Worship Service with Communion**, Wednesday, June 6 at 2pm, followed by a time of fellowship with tea, coffee and some sweet treats. Please contact the church office if you need transportation. (722-1881, ext. 200) As well, volunteers are needed to usher and serve for the time of fellowship. Please let Rev. Pamela know if you can help with this. (revpam@stjamesuc.org)

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support innovation in ministry. As a jazz saxophonist, Peter Woods knows that live musical performances are spiritually moving events for both performer and the audience. As an ordained minister, he has always wanted to connect his performances more overtly to faith communities and spiritual growth. Thanks to funding from Embracing the Spirit, an M&S funded learning network and innovation fund, the program fosters new forms of ministry-including drum circles, outdoor labyrinths and community cooking classes, along with supporting existing communities through connection & collaboration. When the program was launched in 2016, Peter and his ensemble were there to perform. They were later provided with a grant, allowing the group to develop professionally, combining the power found in the contemporary jazz pop concert experience with the progressive theology of the United Church. Peter states, people have never stopped seeking spiritual nourishment in a musical setting. The music is a vessel and is one part of a message about love and acceptance in the world. The group hopes to connect with other musicians as the United Church seeks to be a credible presence in the Spiritual but Not Religious world; Embracing the Spirit funding makes that possible.

**Wesley United Church's Flipper Dinners** on Thursday, May 24 and Thursday, June 7, both at 6pm. Eat in only, no takeouts. Tickets are \$25, valid only on the night for which they are purchased, from Pheobe at 726-1689, Joan at 368-0434 or Wesley Church office at 579-3682.

**Walk for Alzheimer's** next Sunday, May 27 at Northbank Lodge, Pippy Park; registration at 1pm with walk beginning at 2. Register on line at [www.walkforalzheimers.ca](http://www.walkforalzheimers.ca) Questions answered at 576-0608.

**Morgan Brothers Gospel Concert** with George Street Men's Choir at George St. UC next Sunday afternoon, May 27 at 2:30, Tickets are \$10 in advance from 726-8775, or \$15 at the door.

**Gower Seniors Gala**, all seniors welcome for Jigg's Dinner, dessert, tea/coffee, entertainment by the Walsh Brothers, on Tuesday, May 29, 6-8:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each, available at Gower Street United Church Office, 753-7286.