

**3 cheers for our Friendship Group and the Men's Club Choir:**

\*The Friendship Group was recently featured in The Telegram as a Community Hero for raising funds for the Autism Society NL;

\*The Men's Club Choir led a Worship Service in Heart's Delight last Sunday, June 24.

**We welcome Katelyn Mayo** on board as our summer student.

**The VOWR evening service** for today will come from St. James.

**Financial Update:**

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.

Giving's for June 10: \$5,217

June 17: \$7,989

June 24: \$3,566

**Rev. Brian will be on vacation** leave this week, and will be back on July 10.

**Members of our choirs and congregation**, now that the Music Program has finished for the summer, please consider sitting in the choir pews! No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

**Handy hint:** if you visit [www.stjamesuc.org/category/bulletins/](http://www.stjamesuc.org/category/bulletins/) on a Sunday morning, you will know the hymns for the service that day.

**Monday, July 2:** The office is closed. Office hours thereafter will be Monday – Thursday, 9:30am – 3:30pm.

**St. James is hosting the 2018 UC Youth Pilgrimage** from July 10-13. 16 youth will be staying in the building. As host, we are asked to provide meals and transportation. Help is needed! Please contact Susan for further information about your offering of aid. 722-1881, ext. 204 or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Tickets are now available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

**Please see the notice boards** or visit [projectgrace.ca](http://projectgrace.ca) for details on their summer music camps and adult music lessons.

**Minute for Mission:** United Church partner Affirm United offers a process, the Affirming Ministry Program, to help all ministries welcome people of all sexual orientation and gender identities. Our gifts to M&S support the Affirming process; our planning and conversations are made possible by your support. Any ministry in the United Church can become Affirming, but thus far there are no Affirming outdoor ministries or camps. Camping experiences can offer space filled with friendship, faith, community and a deep appreciation of God's diverse world; but differences can also create barriers. Unintentionally, campers with diverse ethnicities, economic status, sexual orientation and gender identities or expressions can be pushed aside. To coincide with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church decision to welcome LGBTQ+ people into full membership and ministry, all United Church outdoor and camping ministries have been invited to consider becoming Affirming. Three United Church camping ministries have agreed to test the Affirming Ministry Program and work with Affirm United to develop a process that can easily be used with all outdoor ministries. We hope that our United Church Outdoor/Camping Ministries will publicly and intentionally embrace all differences.

**2018 Memorial Services:** \*Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Road Extension on Monday, July 2 at 7pm; \*General Protestant Cemetery on Topsail Road on Monday, July 16 at 7pm. In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7pm the following day.

**On Canada Day**, Dr. Jakub Martinec, Artistic Director of the Atlantic Boychoir will launch one of the most ambitious choir projects in Canada — National Boychoir of Canada. This new choir will debut in a concert on July 1st at 4:30pm at Holy Heart Theatre. Tickets are available at the Holy Heart Theatre box office.

**Topsail United Church** presents the Toronto Welsh Male Voice Choir in concert Saturday, July 7 at 7pm. Tickets \$20 (children 12 and under admission free) available from 834-4567 or at the door. [www.welshchoir.ca](http://www.welshchoir.ca)

**Out In Faith NL** invites you to the third annual Multifaith Service during Pride Week. It will take place at The Gathering Place on Thursday, July 19 at 7pm. The LGBTQ2S+ community and allies gather to celebrate the spirit within. We also acknowledge the many manifestations of pain and joy often experienced within organized religions. There will be reflections by several community members and singing with Spectrum Queer Choir. It is an uplifting and heartfelt evening filled with honesty and joy. Refreshments will be served. People of all faiths and spiritual beliefs are welcome.