

St. James United Church Life and Work, June 17, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

*** to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of father Daniel B. Hann from Glenn & Nellie Hann.

***to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of Chesley Howse, Hubert Stokes, Carol Babstock and John Ford from Jean and family.

***to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Neil Anthony from wife Pauline and son Conrad.

***to the AOTS** in loving memory of a dear father and grandfather Ron Abbott and Patrick Abbott from Terry, Debbie, Dylan and Jason Abbott.

Now that the Music Program has finished for the summer, there is a need for leadership in congregational singing during our summer worship services. We are asking that members of any of our choirs who are attending a service, please consider sitting in the choir pews. Complete families are welcome. Also any member/family of the congregation who is interested in experiencing the service from this perspective is welcome to participate. No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

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

This afternoon at 3: Project Grace presents their sixth annual *Season Finale Showcase* in our Sanctuary. Admission is by freewill donation.

Tickets are now available for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17.

Tomorrow, Monday, June 18: Last of the series for all 3 programs until the fall:

*11am NIA (No Impact Aerobics) with Elaine Dunphy. \$5 drop-in fee; seniors welcomed and encouraged; *4:30pm Beginner Quilting with Susan; *7pm: Women's Meeting Place: Non-denominational women's meeting.

Thursday, June 21: We shall have a drum circle at noon to celebrate National Aboriginal Day and the summer solstice. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, June 24 during our 11am service, we will be celebrating with Katie Vardy as she has successfully completed her "discernment process" toward Ordered Ministry. Come and join us as we celebrate this joyful achievement with Katie.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support the work of reconciliation with Indigenous brothers and sisters. The Mohawk words " Akwe Nia tetewa:neren" (*all my relations*) were added to the United Church of Canada's crest in 2012, recognizing that we are all connected to each other and all of creation. A visit from the Uniting Church in Australia's Aboriginal and Islander Christian Conference demonstrated the truth of this phrase. The visit was part of a dialogue on reconciliation between our two countries and churches. In March 2018, the Australians, having arrived in Vancouver and explored its urban Indigenous context, were to fly to Bella Coola, but due to wild fires and personal safety, the trip was cancelled. With assistance from friends in Peepeekisis & Carry the Kettle First Nations in Saskatchewan, the visitors travelled there. Their reception was overwhelming. Following a brief service in Peepeekisis, everyone was invited to a community feast where the visitors participated in a sacred ceremony. At Carry the Kettle, a visit to the annual Powwow turned into the Australians being part of the Grand Entry- an incredible honour, which many will never experience again. All this occurred because of a simple recognition, that no matter how far apart we are, we are all connected; we are relatives.

Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group's monthly 'Caregivers Education and Support Program' will take place on Tuesday, June 19 and Tuesday, July 17, both at 1:30-3pm at Park Place Community Centre, Mount Pearl. If you are a primary caregiver and would like to attend, please call 748-6485 to register.

St. Patrick's Mercy Home Foundation's Surf or Turf Dinner on Thursday, June 28 at the Columbus Hall, 49 St. Claire Ave. Call 752-8745 for tickets (\$50 including tax) or information.

Volunteers are needed for The Canadian Cancer Society's Driving Program which supports cancer patients who neither drive nor have a means of transportation by connecting them with a volunteer driver who can help with transportation to and from cancer related appointments. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Community Services Coordinator, Nikola Allen at 757-8528 for more information.

Please see the notice boards for: *full details of *Podium on the Edge 2018*, a national choral conference and festival in St. John's, with concerts daily June 29 – July 3. St. James is hosting some of the rehearsals at the end of June.

*the part-time position job description for a pastoral care coordinator at Gower Street UC.