

St. James United Church Life and Work, June 24, 2018

We offer our condolences to Graham & Ethel Verge, whose sister-in-law Doris Verge passed away on June 12 at the grand age of 102. A family interment will take place at a later date.

We also offer our condolences to Andrea and Craig Darby-King, their families and friends, on the passing of Andrea's beloved mother, Rachel Leyden Darby, RN, who passed away on June 15. Her funeral took place from St. James last Thursday.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the AOTS in celebration of Albert Styles from son William and Renata Styles.

Correction to the Painting and Carpet Cleaning Fundraiser: a donation was made in memory of loved ones from Lillian & Gilbert Thomas.

Financial Update:

Deficit to December 31, 2017:	\$25,111
Deficit for January to May 2018:	\$22,388
Total accumulated Deficit to May 31:	\$47,499
To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,369.	
Giving's for June 3:	\$3,476
June 10:	\$5,217
June 17:	\$7,989

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!

Monday, June 25: The office is closed.

Wednesday, June 27: Communion at noon, followed by brown bag lunch. All are welcome to either or both!

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 *Choral Canada's New Chapter Float* concert rehearsals June 28-30, with their concerts being at Mount Scio Savoury Farm on Canada Day at 5pm and 7:30pm. www.choralcanadafloat.ca

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

Please see the notice boards or visit projectgrace.ca for details on their summer music camps and adult music lessons.

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

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S, together with emergency funds and Gifts with Vision, enabled us to build a church run high school in Haiti. The opening of a new secondary school in Duplan was the highlight point of the celebrations marking the 200th Anniversary of the Methodist Church in Haiti in February 2017. The United Church of Canada financed 80% of the cost of building the 7 room structure following the massive earthquake in 2010. The new school is bursting with 215 students and 19 staff. Already they are dreaming of adding computer and science labs as well as a playing field so students can safely play soccer. Education was the church's calling card to Haiti. In 1817, the first Protestant missionaries were authorized to come to the island nation on the understanding that their work would include providing schooling in the newly formed country. Today, the Methodist Church runs a system of 105 primary schools, 15 high schools, a teacher's college and 3 vocational schools. With children travelling up to 2 hours by foot to get to school, often without breakfast, the need for a major investment in education is clear. M&S makes these schools accessible to families with limited incomes, an important investment in the future of Haiti.

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.

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.