

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.
Giving's for: July 29: \$3,002
August 5: \$4,093
August 12: \$2, 508

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the General Fund

*in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Shirley Burse

to Bridges to Hope

*in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Vera Marshall

to the Memorial Fund

*in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell, from Glenn & Glenda Winsor

*in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell, from Phil Saunders

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.

Beginners' Yoga is taking place Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at Cochrane Centre, in the sanctuary. All levels are welcome. Mats provided. For further information, please contact 754-2532.

Annual bonfire & worship at Middle Cove Beach will be on Wednesday, August 29th. Gathering at 7, with worship starting at 7:30! Bring your camp chairs, beverages, wieners & roasting sticks, and a little bit of wood for the fire!

Minutes for Mission: Our gifts for M&S create community & support people living on the margins. Located at Centretown United Church, Centre 507 is an adult drop-in centre & support service that describes itself in its motto: "Safe Haven, Stepping Stone", Daily, 100+ people facing challenges of homelessness, poverty, addiction, mental illness, unstable housing chronic unemployment & physical abuse come to the centre seeking a safe & friendly environment. A former chaplain reminisces about the journey with the people who drop in: lots of coffee & games of chess; the arrival of a man just released from prison in Kingston; a young woman, pregnant & seeking support, who had been rejected by her church; parents, searching for adult children who might be living on the streets of Ottawa; a volunteer from a local United Church would repair clothing for grateful participants. He led memorial services for participants who had died. One man had no family or money, had received the solitary burial provided by

the government, but the people of Center 507 & Centretown United showed up so he would not be alone. Centre 507 staff, volunteers & participants make a great effort to ensure no one feels abandoned. M&S cares for these neighbours.

Courageous Leading and Living: A Circle of Trust® Professional Retreat This professional retreat welcomes educators, health care professionals, clergy, business and community leaders and anyone seeking to exercise leadership with authenticity and integrity. The retreat cost is \$300. This includes daily tea/coffee and snacks and lunch on Saturday. To register or for more information email Michael at michael.saver@rogers.com.

Spaces are limited, early registration is recommended.

When and Where?

Friday September 28th (6:30pm – 9pm)

Saturday September 29th (8:30am – 4pm)

Sunday September 30th (8:30am - 12pm)

Presentation Sisters Retreat House,

47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

VOWR presents Kevin Collins "The Moment Is Mine", at Wesley United Church (corner of Patrick St. & Hamilton Avenue) on September 27th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Radio Station VOWR at 579-9233; Fred's Records, [198 Duckworth St.](#); Outfitters Army Navy Store, [1091 Topsail Road](#); or O'Brien's Music, [278 Water St.](#)

On Sunday, September 16th our youth group will be participating in the Terry Fox walk, and you are all invited to walk along with them! If you are interested in joining the team, sponsoring the team, or making a donation talk to Katelyn Mayo, Hannah Sheppard, or any members of the youth group!

Start up dates for September:

- 9:30 services will resume on September 9th
- Youth Group will have its first meeting on Sunday, Sept. 9th, all youth in grades 5-12 are invited!
- Sunday School will resume on September 9th
- Sewing Studio: 3-5pm on Mondays, starting Set. 17th
- Not a Bible Study resumes Thursday, September 13th

Save the Date! The second annual Diversity Fair will take place on Sunday, September 23, after the service from 12-2!