

## St. James United Church Life and Work, September 16, 2018

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(This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

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September 2: \$3,351

September 9: \$4,302

**Tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations are available** for purchase or reservation from our Church Office. This milestone event will take place on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

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**Weekly Senior Choir** practice in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays at 7:30pm. New members are most welcome!

**The St John's English Country Dancers** began their Fall Session in our Fellowship Room last Tuesday at 7:30pm. There is still time to join! New members 16 years and older are welcomed. Cost is \$10 to register, then \$7 weekly. If interested to join, please contact Gail Bartholomew, 745-3881.

### Two options for Grief and Bereavement Sessions:

\* in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre on Tuesday, September 18, 7-9pm. Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes at 777-2167, peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca or Mag Snook at 777-8972, margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca

\* at the Health Sciences Centre, Thursday, September 20, 1L30 – 3:30pm for 8 weeks. Eastern Health's Pastoral Care & Ethics Department Pastoral Care Office at 777-6959 or Scott Parsons at 777-7611.

**Wednesday, September 19:** Our AOTS meetings resume at 5 for 5:30pm. New members are always welcome!

**Thursday, September 20:** Weekly session of *Not a Bible Study* continues in the Youth Room at 7pm.

**Saturday, September 22,** our first monthly congregational board game night will be held from 6:30-8:30 in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! There will be coffee, tea, snacks and board games for everyone to enjoy!

**Next Sunday, September 23:** The second annual Diversity Fair after the 11am service, from 12-2! St. James is a diverse community that welcomes all, and promotes inclusion of all persons in our community as an acknowledgement that every individual is equal and important to our mission. If you are willing to lend your time and talent for this event, please let SuAn know and we'll be in touch.

Presenting groups include:

Seniors NL,

CCA - Community Centre Alliance,

PFLAG - Parents of Trans and Gender Diverse,

Association for New Canadians and many more!!

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### Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice is sponsoring:

\*Inter-denominational bonfire on Middle Cove Beach, September 21 at 7pm;

\*Reflection on Water event scheduled for Bowring Park, September 30 at 2pm.

You are invited to take time during the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4) to become more aware of the beauty and importance of the natural world in our lives as well as for the obligation we have to preserve it.

**VOWR presents Kevin Collins 'The Moment Is Mine'**, at Wesley United Church on September 27 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Radio Station VOWR at 579-9233; Fred's Records, 198 Duckworth Street; Outfitters Army Navy Store, 1091 Topsail Road; or O'Brien's Music, 278 Water Street.

**The United Community of Faith Joint Service of Worship:** will be held at Cowan Heights UC on October 21 at 7pm. The committee is extending an invitation to all choir members to participate in a combined choir for this service. Members and friends of all congregations are extended a warm welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served following worship.

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