

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 23, 2018

We offer our condolences to Grace Baker, her family and friends, on the passing of her beloved husband Alvin on September 16. His funeral service took place from St. James last Thursday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

*in loving memory of Wesley Martin from Bill & Carol Pushie and Roy & Nellie Noseworthy;

*in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell from Kevin & Molly Stacey and Fannie Branton.

Unfortunately for St. James, our own Rev. Pamela has accepted a full time Minister position at Gower Street. While we are sad Rev. Pamela will be leaving us, we understand this is an exciting opportunity for her, and wish her the very best in the next chapter of her ministry. An opportunity will be arranged for the congregation to thank and congratulate Rev. Pamela in the near future.

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.
(This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)
Givings for: September 2: \$3,351
September 9: \$4,302
September 16: \$3,341

The St. James budget for 2018 included a revenue target of \$7,300 for the special Thanksgiving offerings. As we get closer to Thanksgiving, let's make a collective effort to exceed this amount! Thanks again to the congregation for all the continued support.

As many of you are aware, St. James United Church is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. To commemorate the occasion, a calendar has been created to highlight the various groups that have been a part of our history, from the beginning to now. For those of you able to drop by the church, there will be a copy of the calendar hung outside the office for you to flip through. If you are interested in pre-ordering a calendar, please contact Jennifer Adams by email at jadams@nl.rogers.com or call 237-7011.

Tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations Dinner 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.

The Friendship Group is looking for a couple of energetic and enthusiastic women to spearhead the group. The group is made up of seniors (ladies only), non-denominational; they meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from September to May. For more details please contact Winona Kelsey at 722-6529 or Barbara Butt at 576-1344. *"One of the best feelings in the world is knowing that someone is happy because of you."*

Congregational Thanksgiving: Friends, Faith and Forks: Some St. James volunteers will hold a casual Thanksgiving *'bring your own dish (BYOD)'* dinner for our congregation on Friday, October 5 at 6:45pm (for seating at 7pm). Free admission, no reservations required! Join us all for a relaxed evening of food, friendship and fun! To help out or to contribute food, please notify Susan Sheppard at 722-1881, ext. 204, or susan@stjamesuc.org, or Robin Bartlett at 754-5409, 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

AOTS Fish and Brewis Dinner: Our Fall dinner will be on Friday, October 19 at 6pm at a cost of \$20. For tickets, please contact any member of the men's club, or Aubrey Hill at 726-8306.

Today, after the 11am Service: Coffee Hour and our second annual Diversity Fair.

Tomorrow, Monday, September 24: Weekly *Sewing Studio* continues: 3-5pm.

Thursday, September 27: Weekly session of *Not a Bible Study* continues in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Next Sunday, September 30, is Orange Shirt Day, a day to remember residential school students (both those who have survived and those who sadly have perished), and to advocate for equal education for Indigenous children. We invite you to wear an orange shirt to raise awareness of the historical and continuing inequalities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children. For more information check out their website, www.orangeshirtday.org

Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice is sponsoring: Reflection on Water event scheduled for Bowring Park, September 30 at 2pm.

Naming Contest: As part of the ongoing administrative renewal of the UCC, our Province has been named Region 16. You are invited to participate in a naming contest for our region. Your suggestion must be no longer than 44 characters, and the winner gets a prize! Please see the notice boards for more details, or bring or send your suggestion to SuAn (info@stjamesuc.org, subject Naming Contest) and she will submit them all before the deadline of October 26.