

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

\* **to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Dr. Betty Brett from Brenda Kelleher-Flight & Clyde Flight;

\***to the Music Fund** in loving memory of Jonathan Richards from the St. James Senior Choir.

**Financial Update:** To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for:	September 23:	\$4,443
	September 30:	\$4,745
	October 7:	\$3,695

**The Worship and Sacraments Committee** is pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Dalziel as Associate Music Director. Amy is an accomplished musician on both piano and organ. The focus of this position is to enhance and further develop the Music Program at St. James. Amy will be working with all current music directors and music groups as well as seeking new ways to involve the congregation and community in our ministry of music. Feel free to connect with her (in person or through the church office) if you have any suggestions or ideas you would like her to explore or feel would be beneficial to the program. Welcome back Amy!

**Tomorrow, Monday, October 15:** \**Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 3-6pm*

\**The Yarn Gatherers at 7pm.* Feel free to drop in for a cup of tea and a chat. Bring along your knitting, crocheting or any project you are working on.

**Tuesday, October 16:** Drop-in Chi Gong at 11am in the Fellowship Room for \$5.

**Thursday, October 17:** Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Friday, October 19:** AOTS Fish Dinner is this Friday at 6pm. There may be some tickets that will come available. Contact person is Aubrey Hill 726-8306. We thank you for your support.

**Saturday, October 20:** \***Tech Time**, 10 am-noon in the Fellowship Room. Would you like help in navigating your electronic device? Our experts can help.

\***Congregational board game night, 6:30-8:30pm** in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! There will be coffee, tea, snacks and board games for everyone to enjoy!

**Our UCW Fall Sale** is on Saturday, November 3 this year at 9:45am. If you would like to contribute crafts, baking, etc, to the sale, please contact a UCW member. Our grab bags are very popular; if you would like to donate some small new items, we need them asap as they need to be sorted and bagged. Tickets are \$7 from any UCW member. We'd love to see you there!

**Book Group:** Join us for a monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain. The first gathering will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm to allow time for you to find the book and start reading!

**St. James Anniversary Weekend:**\***Saturday, November 17**, Dinner at 6 for 6:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase from SuAn at \$25 per ticket.

\***Sunday, November 18**, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at 11am with Rev. Ralph Taylor as our guest preacher. Rev. Taylor, son of the late William and Sally Taylor, was the first candidate for ministry from St. James. Following the service, there will be a coffee hour downstairs. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion.

\***The Anniversary Committee** is looking for photos of the beginnings of St. James at Macpherson. Please contact the office if you have any.

\***A copy of the 2019 Anniversary calendar** is outside the office. To pre-order a calendar (\$20 each), please add your name to the list on the office door, or contact Jennifer Adams, 237-7011 or jadams@nl.rogers.com

**Next Sunday, October 21 at Cowan Heights UC at 7pm:** The United Community of Faith Church Service, with the United Churches from St. John's and surrounding area participating and proceeds from this service donated to Bridges to Hope.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S, together with our emergency response for Typhoon Haiyan, support the agricultural programs of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP). The Visayas region in Central Philippines was hard hit by Haiyan: 95% of all fruit trees were uprooted, livestock killed and crops destroyed. Also destroyed were many families' hopes for feeding their families and making a living. As part of the recovery process, M&S partner, the UCCP, is working with agricultural communities to restore livelihoods. Working with communities, UCCP developed a plan that identified the most appropriate livestock to distribute to local families. Basic veterinary skills and training to help farmers ensure the health of the animals they receive and solar lighting kits are distributed to communities. The plan is also helping farmers plant and harvest aerobic rice, which uses less water and requires less labour than traditionally grown rice. The seed can be saved from year to year, and a growing season can have 2 harvests. Our emergency response provided a robust short-term response to start the rehabilitation. Through M&S, our ongoing support ensures that these programs grow and develop to create resilient, sustainable farming communities in the Philippines.