

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of parents, Roma & Eric Paul from Nancy and Anthony.

Today after the 11am Worship Service:

*Soup lunch hosted by our Youth Ministries; donation basis.

Every Sunday: St. James' Anniversary Calendars are available for purchase at \$20 each. They are also available during the week from the church office.

The 60th Anniversary was a wonderful event and a truly special evening. If members of the congregation have photographs they are willing to share, please contact Susan Sheppard for information on how to send them. The idea is for some selected pictures to be shared on our website, and for all of them to be stored in our archives.

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

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| Givings for: | November 11: | \$2,300 |
| | November 18: | \$3,745 |
| | November 25: | \$6,700 |

Are you on PAR for January 1, 2019? This is a great time to set it up or revise your current PAR givings. If you use envelopes, please find your 2019 box on a window sill or chair in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of last name.

The Memorial Fund of St James was established as a means for families to commemorate the lives of deceased loved ones through enhancement of worship and the Sanctuary. It is managed by the Worship and Sacraments Committee. Examples of expenses are: Hymn Books, Bibles, Choir gowns, Furnishings for the Sanctuary and Music. Music is an integral part of our worship services providing joy, solace, inspiration and peace through participation, simply listening or reflecting. The Music Program at St. James is financed directly from the Memorial Fund. When considering donations to the church, we ask that you consider donating to the Memorial Fund.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 3:

*Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 3-6pm.

*United Church Bookstore & Gifts Christmas Sale, December 3-7, 8:30am-4:30pm
Beautiful gift ideas, discounts offered and refreshments served.

Tuesday, December 4: Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Wednesday, December 5: Friendship Group closing luncheon; eating at 12:30.

Thursday, December 6: *St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Kenny's Pond Retirement Community at 7pm. *Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

Next Sunday, December 9: *A congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held following the 11am Worship Service. If you would like to participate in our Interim Lay Visitation Program, please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200). *Project Grace presents their Christmas *Semester Showcase* in our Sanctuary at 3pm. Admission is by freewill donation.

Sunday, December 16 at 7 pm: A Christmas Festival of Carols and Choirs. St. James will host an evening of Christmas music: a congregational carol sing alongside performances by the Senior Choir and various groups from the St. John's community. Entrance: freewill offering.

Stella Circle's Wish List for our White Gift Service is on the notice board by the Annex door. Also, our Rebecca Pike is interning at Stella's Circle this fall. She is letting us know that Stella's is looking for donations of gift cards for Subway or grocery stores for December 10. Cards may be given to SuAn in the church office or Rebecca at 576-0703, rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S enable people to flourish. In China, the Amity Foundation offers programs for people on the margins - people like Zhou Jian, 34, who has worked at the Amity bakery since it opened in 2007. As a child, Zhou was placed in an institution where he stayed until 2004 when, at 21, he was able to move to Amity Foundation's Home of Blessings for those who are developmentally challenged. He did not understand the concept of words or numbers. Slowly, he mastered these skills. Zhou was then ready to take on another challenge by working in the bakery. He has grown in skill to become one of the main bakers. Zhou is constantly learning new techniques, proudly mastering each new challenge. He is so proud in the tasty baked goods he produces that he has become the face of the Amity Bakery on billboards and posters. At the Amity Foundation's 30th Anniversary, it was Zhou who welcomed everyone and invited guests to taste the cake he and other bakers had prepared. We are thankful for the loving way that the Amity Foundation offers developmentally challenged individuals the opportunity to live out their passion for creating and learning.