

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 18, 2018

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Patricia (Patsy) Chafe who passed away on November 9, with her funeral from The Carnell Memorial Chapel last Wednesday.

We also offer our condolences to Mark Pike & Pamela Goulding, their family and friends, on the passing of Mark's mother, Helen Elizabeth Pike last Monday, with her funeral service from The Carnell Memorial Chapel last Friday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the M&S Fund** from St. James UCW;

***to Bridges To Hope** in loving memory of daughter Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N., and grand-daughter Bethany Danielle Pike from Dot & Dave Hapgood.

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

Givings for:	October 28:	\$3,689
	November 4:	\$5,671
	November 11:	\$2,300

The UCW would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Fall Sale and those who attended and supported it. Kudos also go out to the women who helped with the event and made everything run smoothly. We are very pleased to report that it generated about \$5,500.00, most of which will be donated to the general operating expenses of our church.

At the last council meeting, a plan was discussed to set up an Interim Lay Visitation Program to provide visitation to congregational members while the replacement of the Minister of Visitation is considered. Rev. Brian will continue his usual visitation to those who make a request, but will also provide training and support for lay people signed up to the Visitation Program. Ideally, the program would complement visitation carried out by the UCW and AOTS. Please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200) if you are ready and willing to participate in this effort. Note that a congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held before the end of the year.

Today, after the 11am 60th Anniversary Service there will be a coffee hour downstairs. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion.

Tomorrow, Monday, November 19: **Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm.

**The Yarn Gatherers Women's Group* is cancelled for this evening.

Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain: their next meeting will be Tuesday, December 4, so there is still time to get the book and read Part 1 if you could not attend last Tuesday.

Tuesday, November 20, 7-9pm: The next Grief and Bereavement Information Session in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre. Peter Barnes at 777-2167, or Mag Snook at 777-8972.

Wednesday, November 21:

*St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Tiffany Village at 2pm;

*The regular monthly meeting of AOTS men's club. Please note the time change 5:30 for 6:00. The guest speaker will be Mr. Bert Riggs and his topic will be *Gower Street Church Heroes of World War1*. Members of Cowan Heights Men's Club will also be in attendance.

*Ukelele class in the Fellowship Room, 8-9pm.

Thursday, November 22: Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

Friday, November 23: Anniversary Hymn Sing on at 7pm to celebrate our 60th Anniversary Admission: pay what you can.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support youth programs such as *Rendezvous*, a national United Church get together that occurs every 3 years. In August 2017, some 600 youth, adults, and youth leaders gathered at Concordia University, Montreal to sing, dance, learn and be inspired to share their voices with a world and church in a desperate need of hearing them. The theme was "Be the Church". Conversations were passionate as participants explored their faith on a deep level. There was inclusivity among participants as those who were new were quickly included in groups that had bonded over the years. Each day began with gathering music that got the group moving, followed by inspiring speakers – Paelo Marquez from Columbia, who spoke about how supporting M&S is the best way to make a difference; Aidan Legault speaking about using our voices for change; Roger Nishinka who shared his wisdom and humour each day; moderator Jordan Cantwell who shared a message of hope for the church; inspiring music from Rick Gunn & the band ReGenesis and singer Coco Love Alcorn. All who gathered left at the end of the 4 days inspired and ready to truly be the church.

This evening: *The Wesley Male Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a service at Wesley UC, starting with a sing-along at 6:50. *Evening of Gospel Music at First United, Mount Pearl, at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to both!

Annual Gower St. United Church UCW Fall Afternoon Tea and Sale: Next Saturday, November 24, 2-3:30pm. Tickets \$7, available at the door.