

## St. James United Church Life and Work, January 20, 2019

We offer our condolences to Mary & Peter Hood on the passing of Mary's brother Andrew Forward 'Ford' Ball on December 29, 2018 at Charlottetown, PEI.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of husband Bas Jamieson, mother Mildred Blackwood, Sister Ida Dowden and brother Walter Blackwood Jr. from Lorna Jamieson.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in memory of Bethany's birthday from Fred & Pam Earle.

A big thank you to all who are responding to our plea to keep our Auditorium, Fellowship Room and Youth Church floors salt free. Keep up the good work!

Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our Administration & Communications and Stewardship committees, in the Auditorium after the 11am Service today.

This afternoon, celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service, 3pm here at St. James. Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on the theme, "*Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue*" (Deut. 16:20). The offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon.

This evening: Youth Groups, 7-9pm

Tomorrow, Monday, January 21:

\*Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome.

\*Women's Yarn Gatherers at 7:30pm. Come for a yarn and/or bring your yarn and needles.

Tuesday, January: Postponed from last week; Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClaren in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Wednesday, January 23:

\*Friendship Group meets, starting with lunch at 1pm.

\*7:30pm: You are invited by the members of our CE Committee to experience a trial run of a creative, midweek worship they would like to offer to the wider community during Lent. This will take place in the Fellowship Room, 7:30-8:30pm. All ages are welcome! Help us develop and refine this new program!

Thursday, January 24: Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' at 7:30pm.

Saturday, January 26: Ukelele (new!) Weekly, 1:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Room.

The church office will be closed the last week in January (28-31). If you have any announcements/donations for the February 3 bulletin, please submit them this coming week.

A Lay Visitation program is being developed as part of our Outreach to members of our Congregation. A number have volunteered to be part of this initiative, and we welcome any others who would like to participate. Rev. Brian will hold an orientation session in the Fellowship Room on Thursday, Jan 31 from 1:30-3:30pm for all interested participants. Please call the church office and leave a message if you plan to attend.

Help needed: St. James is again hosting The Kiwanis Festival this year. We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the 3-hour sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening. Dates include Monday - Friday, February 18-22, and Monday - Thursday, February 25-28. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Tuesday, February 5: Chi Gong 2019 at St. James: An 8 week program, every Tuesday morning, 11am-noon, February 5 - March 26, led by Dr. Yajing Song, Ph. D. in Chinese Medicine. Dr. Song has been practicing in St. John's since 1994. She also has taught Tai Chi for more than ten years and Chi Gong privately. This first class is a drop-in for \$5. After that, please register for the following 7 for \$70. For more information and/or to register, please contact SuAn, 722-1881, ext. 200. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

Chi Gong is one kind of traditional Chinese medicine practiced worldwide for relaxation, preventive medicine and self-healing. *Chi gong* literally means *Life Energy Cultivation*. The practice typically involves moving meditation, coordinating slow flowing movement, deep rhythmic breathing, and calm meditative state of mind. It is suitable for all ages.

Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser: Friday, February 15. Mark your calendars! Our Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun fundraiser event last year was such a huge success, we're doing it again! Concert, dessert party, wine table and silent auction! The Fundraiser Organising Committee was blown away by your contributions! We are asking for your help again! *If you can volunteer your time, talents (musical, baking, decorating, cold-calling), and/or donate new or hardly used quality items, gift cards or desserts*, please notify the office at 722-1881, ext. 200, or Robin at 754-5409, 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com