

# St. James United Church Life and Work, February 3, 2019

**Required immediately:** a relief custodian at St. James for the period February 2-12. Would be required on site approximately 10 - 12 hours per week. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please contact the church office at 722-1881 ext 200 for further information.

**Soup Lunch:** Today following worship there will be a soup lunch hosted by our Youth Ministries. Cost: a donation to our programs.

**Financial Update:** To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: January 13: \$3,545  
January 20: \$2,977  
January 27: \$3,548

**This evening:** Youth Groups, 7-9pm

**Tomorrow, Monday, February 4:** Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome.

**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. This first class is a drop-in for \$5. After that, please register for the following 7 for \$70. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. We also have a Cross & Bean Book Group that meet from 7-9 in the Youth Room.

**Thursday, February 7:**

\*The St. James Guitar Group will play at Kenny's Pond at 7pm.

\*Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' at 7:30pm.

**Saturday, February 9: Ukelele (new!)** Weekly, 1:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Room.

**Tuesday, February 12 at 2pm:** Pleasant View Towers Worship Service conducted by members of the men's club. Volunteers please meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome! Important notice for volunteers: When residents are taken from their floor to go to the Chapel, they now need a floor identification tag, available from the floor nursing station. Residents are not to be taken off the floor without this tag!

**Help needed, second week of Kiwanis Music Festival:** We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the 3-hour sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening for Monday - Thursday, February 25-28. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

**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

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S offer hope for those taking chances on alternative forms of farming in areas of severe drought, such as the work of the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCK) with the National Drought Management Authority. The council advises the agency of the needs in drought-stricken areas. The NCCK has a number of farms that have had success with conservation farming which uses mulch to keep the ground moist. This success gives farmers hope that they can feed their families and communities regardless of the weather. Many of the farmers are women who have been empowered to take over running the farm from their husbands. We are thankful that M&S, in partnership with the NCCK, offers hope with severe drought and empowers women. Loving our neighbours is at the heart of our M&S.

**CPR Training for AED Machine:** We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 16th @ 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James can you please contact Susan Pike by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703 before Wednesday, February 13th to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation. A personal kit can be purchased for \$45.00.

**Wednesday, February 6:** 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!

**Confirmation:** Calling all youth grade 7 and up for the 2019 confirmation program. If you are interested please contact Susan at 722-1881 ext 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org by February 17th. Any adults, over 18, wishing to do confirmation please contact Susan as above.

Water on our planet is presently in crisis, and this is becoming more serious each day as a result of Climate Change, and corporate use and abuse of water for profit. Please join us at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 101 Mount Scio Road, on Wednesday, February 6, 2:pm – 4:00 pm as we seek to do our part in a pre-Lenten reflection and action session for the care and protection of our Human Right to water, God's gift to us for the sustainability of all life. It is very important to pre-register by Monday, February 4. You may register by phone 722-0082 or email mcej@live.com

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