

## St. James United Church Life and Work, March 17, 2019

**We offer our condolences** to Gerry & Kim Mayo and family on the passing of Gerry's father, Gerald Harvey Mayo, on March 7. His funeral took place from St. Mark's Anglican Church last Monday, March 11.

**We offer our condolences** to the Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray and family on the passing of Ettie's mother, Margaret Gordon, on March 7. Her funeral took place from George Street United Church last Wednesday, March 13.

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

Givings for:	February 24:	\$3,541
	March 3:	\$3,460
	March 10:	\$4,135

**Today: immediately after the 11am Service, PIE DAY**, hosted by the St. James Diversity Committee. Public-Intentional-Explicit; this event draws awareness to our commitment towards becoming an affirming congregation. For a small donation, come enjoy a slice of pie, tea or coffee in celebration of our commitment to becoming a more diverse, inclusive congregation.

**\*This evening:** Youth Group upstairs in the Youth Room at 7pm.

### Tomorrow, Monday, March 18:

**\*Our Lenten Offering Folders** will be available from the office all week;

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

**\* The regular monthly meeting of the UCW** at 7:30pm in the church auditorium.

This replaces last week's postponed meeting. All are welcome. Please bring items for grab bags. If any congregational member would like to donate items for the grab bags, thank you! Please give them to a UCW member.

**\*Yarn Gatherers**, every third Monday of the month, is now taking a break from scheduled meetings.

**Tuesday, March 19: Book Group** (every 2 weeks) cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren in the Youth Centre at 7pm-9.

**Wednesday, March 20: Weekly lunch time Communion Service** every Wednesday during Lent at 12.15 in the Youth Centre followed by a brown bag lunch. Why not make this weekly practice part of your Lenten Spiritual Journey?  
**Zatoun Olive Oil:** Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil on sale from the office during Lent at \$20 a bottle. *"Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle"*

**Wednesday, March 20: \*The regular monthly dinner meeting of the men's club** in the auditorium at 5:00 for 5:30. Guest speaker will be Dr. Suzanne Brake, Seniors' Advocate. Other members of the congregation interested in hearing Dr. Brake's presentation are welcome to join the group at 6:15 that evening. Please indicate your intention to attend by calling the church office or by notifying one of the club members.

**\*Spring Equinox Service** at The Mercy Centre at 7:30pm; all welcome.

**Thursday, March 21:** Not a Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

**Saturday, March 23: \* Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre's AGM** at 10am at the Burry Heights Camp Site on Salmonier Line. All are welcome.

**\*Ukelele:** in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start. susan@stjames.org

**UCW Spring Tea & Variety Stalls: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 pm;** cost: \$7.00.

Tickets are available from UCW members and at the door. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support! If you require additional information please contact Sheilah Beckett 722-7621 or Barbara Butt 576-1344.

*"Come let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things."*

**Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat, Friday, May 10 evening and all day**

**Saturday, May 11.** Our CE Committee is offering an integrative, interactive approach to person growth of the mind, body and spirit. Through practical sessions with experienced leaders, it will help you to renourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificate for Easter/Mother's Day available, as well as all information from St. James office, info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for ministries like River Bend Integrated Community Ministries support programs of healing and reconciliation. The core of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is home to many Indigenous people. Each year, River Bend holds a program called the 10 x 10 project - an art project where people living in the core are invited to paint on a 10 x 10 canvas that will be displayed in an art show to all the communities in Saskatoon. Last year, 80 canvases were handed out; 73 returned for the show. Minister and Coordinator Jane Jupe says she has grown so much in her interactions with artists. *"I have come to realize how important it is; it builds community between artists, and helps people heal."* One artist created a beautiful image from beads of an Indigenous girl without facial features. She explained how important it was to share her story of sexual assault, saying that it happens to many young Indigenous girls. We are called to love our neighbours! Your gifts for M & S offer moments of healing every day at River Bend Integrated Community Ministry.