

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 24, 2019

We offer our condolences to Heather & Chris Whelan on the passing of Heather's mother, Marjorie Hiscock, on March 14. Her funeral took place from Memorial United Church in Clarenville on March 17.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Muriel Baker from the St. James UCW.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Jean Brown from the St. James UCW.

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

Givings for: March 3:	\$3,460
March 10:	\$4,135
March 17:	\$3,190

St. James Diversity Committee sincerely thanks all those who helped make our first PIE Day celebration such a great success. Thank you for all the donations of delicious pies. Thank you for coming out and participating. And thank you for your generosity – we raised \$260 to help move the work of becoming a fully affirming congregation forward. The Committee would especially like to thank Robin Bartlett for co-ordinating the donations along with the publicity of the event. Are you interested in joining our Committee? If you'd like to be part of the team bringing diversity and inclusion forward at St. James, we'd love to have you. Please let Katie Vardy know! Katie can be reached at 765-5133 or by e-mail at katelyn_1997@hotmail.com

This afternoon: A Covenanting Service for Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald and Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray will be held at 1:30pm at Gower Street United Church. There will be Special Music, and guest preacher will be Karl Wells. Please plan to attend this important service for our Rev. Pamela and Rev. Ettie in the life and work of Gower Street UC .

Tomorrow, Monday, March 25:

***Our Lenten Offering Folders** will be available from the office all week;
***Sewing Studio**, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome;
***Writers' Circle every** second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room, open to anyone wishing to discover or exercise their creative writing skills as well as folks needing direction, proofreading or editing of their work, with assistance from experienced leaders.

Wednesday, March 27: *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*" Only 3 bottles left!
***Lay Visitation Program:** As a part of our ongoing Visitation Outreach Program, we will be having another orientation session for anyone who would like to be a part of this Outreach Program, and did not get the opportunity to attend the first session. This second orientation session will take place on Wednesday March 27th at 7pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you plan to attend, please let Rev. Brian know, or call SuAn at the church office.

Thursday, March 28: *Last day for submitting requested *Visitor* articles.
*Not a Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

Saturday, March 23: Ukelele: in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start.

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.*"

The AOTS Fish Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at 6pm. Ticket price is \$20, available from any member of the men's club or from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

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 personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Themes of *Spirituality, Personal Growth, and Practices to Find Peace* are highlighted in the practical sessions with experienced leaders, helping 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.

Spirit of Newfoundland's Dinner Theatre "Stand By Your Nan," Thursday, March 28 at the Masonic Temple. Doors open 6:30pm, dinner starts 7pm, show starts 8pm. Tickets are \$85 each, with a tax receipt for \$35; call Wesley UC at 579-3682, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or VOWR at 579-9233.

Next Sunday, March 31 at 3pm, the Kirk invites you to join with its members as they will sing various old time hymns to glorify God as they also reflect on who wrote them and how they came to be written.