

## Life and Work – June 13, 2021

**We offer our sincere condolences** to Jean Burden and family on the passing of her husband, Donald Joseph (Joe), on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The funeral will be announced at a later date.

### **We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:**

- \*in loving memory of Howard B. Forsey from Dorothy Jenkins
- \*in loving memory of Howard B. Forsey from Shirley Gosse Rose
- \*in loving memory of Howard B. Forsey from Catherine Waterfield
- \*in loving memory of Howard B. Forsey from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas

### **Update on Clergy supply:**

To begin, we have confirmed that Rev. James Ravenscroft will join us on August 2, 2021. His first Worship Service will be on August 8.

Next, Rev. Rebecca Pike will join our ministry team on June 21 to provide, among many other duties, Pastoral care, Worship services, and emergency calls until August 1. Susan Sheppard will continue in her current position.

Rev Jim Von Reisen and Rev. Marion Davis responded willingly to our call in September 2020 when we needed them to provide for Sunday Worship. First online, and then in person, they have adapted as Public Health has directed since then. They have been a blessing to us all, delivering insightful and meaningful Sunday Worship Services. Both have received considerable accolades following their services. As you may have noted, the current Worship Schedule cycle ends at the end of June. It is at that time we will say farewell to Rev Marion on June 20 and Rev. Jim on June 30. We thank them most sincerely for their willingness to help us out in our time of need and for their commitment to St. James.

As a congregation, we are most fortunate to have their support. We wish them both all the best as they once again resume their retirement lives. They will be missed in the pulpit, but we hope they will join us in the pews for worship, in the knowledge that they will always have a place at St. James.

Again, THANK YOU and God bless you !

**The renewal deadline** for Broadview ("*The Observer*") is July 12, 2021, and the fees are \$25. Please call Barry Cutler (cell) 685-9030, or (home) 364-3450. He can also be reached by email at [Newfie\\_1\\_ca@yahoo.ca](mailto:Newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca)

**First United Church - Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7pm – 9 pm**, husband and wife team Ronald and Peter MacDonald will be leading a parking lot "**Hymn Zing**". This a grocery collecting event for "**Bridges to Hope**" and Peter and Ronald invite you to join them!

They will be singing live on stage in the **First United Church** parking lot, Mount Pearl. Hymns will be broadcasted live into the cars in the parking lot for everyone to enjoy and sing along.

Volunteers will be there to collect food and monetary donations for Bridges to Hope, as we all join together singing some of our favorite hymns while helping communities.

**St. David's Presbyterian Church** will be holding a food drive for **Bridges to Hope** on in their parking lot located on Elizabeth Avenue between 10am - 12pm on June 12th.

**Topsail United - SEEKING MUSIC DIRECTOR** - We are a congregation that appreciates many kinds of music in our worship: singing, both choral and congregational, traditional, and modern.

The successful applicant will be responsible for accompaniment of the congregation's regularly scheduled worship services - a single weekly Sunday worship service and other special services (such as Christmas and Easter). They will also musically and administratively direct the Mixed and Men's Choirs (September through June). Collaboration with our Youth Program and other church groups for special services and musical events will be required. Familiarity with the United Church "Voices United" and "More Voices" plus a choral repertoire would be an asset.

Await the return of our choirs and active congregational singing accompanied by our Rodgers digital organ, piano and/or guitar. Services are now live-streamed on a regular basis, abilities in technology and sound engineering would also be assets.

We anticipate the position being 6 to 10 hours per week. The position will be vacant July 1, 2021. For more information, please contact our Church Office at 709-834-4567 or [office@topsailunited.ca](mailto:office@topsailunited.ca).