

## Life and Work – February 20, 2022

We offer our sincere condolences to Gus Kelsey on the passing of his sister, Eugenie (Jean) Kelsey, on Feb 15, 2022, in Calgary, AB. There is no funeral by request.

### **We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

\*From Leah Tulk in loving memory of her grandson Blair Tulk and his friend Andrew Winsor. Blair and Andrew worked on a grant with Doug Burseley one summer at the church. Blair, his brother Brad, and Andrew were longtime friends and members at St. James.

### **NOTICE: Worship/Office Update**

St. James United Church welcomes you, as you are comfortable, to the return of in-person worship Sunday, February 20th, 2022, at 11am. Registration is required to ensure adequate seating, as are masks and vaccine passports for those who have not yet provided one. Physical distancing will be in place. Please call our registration line at 700-6064, from 11am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday for a personal response, or leave a message with your name, number and time of your call.

Our Contemporary Service with Susan Sheppard, DLM will remain virtual at this time, at 4:30 pm on Saturdays.

We extend our appreciation to Dr. Fitzgerald and her team for recognizing the impact the restrictions have had on churches and their congregations.

### **We Value Your Membership at St. James!!!**

If you would like to become a Full Member of St. James Congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you!! Have Questions? Or unsure of your current status with the church?

As Clerk of Session, Susan Pike can help you and would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a Full Member of our Congregation. Please contact Susan Pike.

Phone: 576-0703 or Email: [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

## Minister News

**Pub Theology:** When James hosted a pub theology evening with young adults last fall, it didn't take long for adults over 30 to ask if he will do the same for them. Well, you are in luck.

On February 23 at 7:00 pm, James will host a pub theology discussion on Zoom. This is an opportunity to talk about God, spirituality and life's big questions in an open and supportive space. If you are interested, email [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org) for login details.

**Setting Up a Phone Tree:** In order to help everyone stay connected, especially as we continue to navigate this pandemic, we are setting up a phone tree at St. James. You can help out by volunteering to make regular phone calls to a small group of families. Please let James know of your interest in this initiative by emailing him at [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)

**Save the date** for a presentation on Sunday, February 27.

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei, Interim Dean of the School of Social Work at MUN will be joining us via Zoom shortly after worship next Sunday (Feb 27th). His presentation on Unconscious Bias is the last in our series of learning sessions in preparation for our Affirming Ministry celebration on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Further details in next week's "Life and Work"

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**The Stewardship Committee** would like to thank those who purchased Valentine's Day take-out desserts! We hope you enjoyed them! We sold 120, raising just over \$600!

Very special thanks to Glen Warren, professional baker, and to Linda and Vicki Babstock, and Karen and Lorraine Robbins for donating their time; also, Tracy Bishop and Jean Thompson for taking orders and payments.

Robin Bartlett, the Chair, also thanks the members of the Stewardship and Communications Committees, who helped organize and promote this fundraiser.

Many other events are being planned for the coming months. Now that the restrictions will be lifted in March it will make our planning easier. Stay tuned!

**Administration and Communications Committee** are now accepting submissions for the annual Easter Visitor. If you would like to make a submission, please email [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) with the subject line "Easter Visitor". Deadline for submissions is March 4, 2022, at 11:59 pm.

**St. James Diversity Committee** is looking for new members!

If you are interested in promoting diversity and inclusion within the church then this is the committee for you. The diversity committee is the organizing body behind such events as the diversity fair and the affirming process. If you would like to join or would just like some more info email Hannah at [hdcsheppard@mun.ca](mailto:hdcsheppard@mun.ca)

**CPR Training for AED Machine:** St. James will hold a training/retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED on Saturday, March 5th from 9:30am – 12:30pm at St. James United. If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James, you can contact Susan Pike. Email: [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net) Phone: 576-0703  
Deadline: Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

Please pre-register to ensure there are spaces for all participants.

Training is certified by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

## Community News

**Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador** are once again offering free income tax services to senior citizens and low-income residents of the St. John's, Mount Pearl and surrounding areas. Senior citizens with total personal income of \$30,000 or less and other individuals with income of \$25,000 or less qualify for this free service.

The program excludes all persons with self-employment or rental income or income from foreign sources.

For more information or to arrange for an appointment, please call the Association of Chartered Professional Accountants of Newfoundland and Labrador at 753-3090 ext. 201

## VACCINE PASSPORT AND ID WILL BE REQUIRED

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### February is Black History Month

Every February, people across Canada participate in Black History Month events and festivities that honour the legacy of Black Canadians and their communities.

The 2022 theme for Black History Month is: "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day," which focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada.

No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians to learn more about these communities, and how they continue to help shape the story of Canada.