

## **Life and Work – March 13, 2022**

We offer our sincere condolences to Florence Pike, and daughter Pamela, on the passing of Florence's husband Vince Pike on March 1, 2022.

The funeral will take place at a later date.

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### **Affirming Celebration and Reception**

**Let's celebrate what it means to be truly Inclusive of all!**

**Sunday, March 13 at 3:00pm** we are completing the last step in being declared as an Affirming Ministry in The United Church of Canada by having a public celebration of our new status.

It has taken a bit longer than we expected to get here.

St. James United voted in favour of being an Affirming Ministry in January 2020 but then as you know, COVID-19 happened . Now two years later we get to celebrate, and we are doing so with coffee and tea and tarts in a rainbow of flavours.

So come out and celebrate that we are an Affirming Ministry. This isn't a confirmation celebration which is about becoming a member of the congregation, but it is about faith as we announce to the wider community that everyone belongs at St. James United Church, including people who identify as 2SLGBTQI+.

Please register by calling the registration line at 700-6064. You can leave a message with your name, number of guests attending, a contact number, and the service you wish to be registered for. You will be automatically registered for your requested service.

**Bring a friend and celebrate that we are inclusive of all.**

### **Minister News**

#### **Forest Church - Spring Equinox Celebration**

When: Saturday, March 19, 2022

Time and Location: Susan Sheppard's backyard at 4 pm. This will be weather permitting, so please check Facebook for updates on Saturday, March 19.

#### **Did you know you can attend General Council 44 as a visitor?**

With this year's General Council all online and spread out between now and August, you can get involved in a number of ways.

Please visit <https://pheedloop.com/register/UCGC44/attendeer/>

if you would like to register as a visitor.

You can also watch online through the United Church's YouTube channel and follow the news via the website. You can visit <https://generalcouncil44.ca/> for viewing.

**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).

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**UCW Meeting** – The United Church Women will resume their monthly meetings on Monday, March 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, in the auditorium. Hopefully, this time the meetings will continue uninterrupted until the closing dinner in May! We hope to see you all there and look forward to sharing friendship and fellowship together again. We welcome visitors to our meetings. Masks and Vax passes are required.

**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)

**St. James Men's Club** is planning to begin again after two years dealing with the restrictions of Covid. Current members, and any others who would like to be part of the group, are invited to a casual luncheon meeting on Friday, March 18 from 12:00 - 12:30 in the church auditorium.

We are hoping to get back to our regular meeting schedule in April. Prospective new members are asked to indicate their intention to attend by leaving a message with Clyde at 722-9935. This will help with the luncheon preparation.

All are welcome.

**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? 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 576-0703 or by email [susanpike@warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)

## Community News

**Everyone Gets a Slice - National Affirming PIE Day**

**Join Gower Street United Church** to celebrate National Affirming PIE Day on March 14, 2022, we will be sharing a pie with community organizations.

Our goal is to deliver 30 pies to local community groups that the Affirm Advisory Committee of Gower has identified as welcoming and inclusive. You can purchase a slice of pie for \$3.00 or an entire pie (6 slices) for \$15.00. We have 180 slices of pie to sell to fulfill our goal of 30 pies. To donate, you can send an e-transfer to [gsuc@nl.rogers.com](mailto:gsuc@nl.rogers.com), use the donate on our website

(<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/42337>) or drop/mail a cash or cheque donation to 99 Queen's Road's, St. John's, NL A1C 6M6

Note on the donation that is it for PIE Day. Let's make sure everyone gets a slice! We will also welcome guest speaker Lorraine Michael to worship on March 13, 2022, as we celebrate National Affirming PIE Day in worship in-person and online at 11:00am

**Theatre CBS** will be performing its Spring Show at All Saint's Parish Hall in Foxtrap from June 2 thru 4. Auditions coming March 21. If interested, contact [theatreCBS@gmail.com](mailto:theatreCBS@gmail.com). Also, we are looking for production assistance. If you have a talent for construction, sewing, painting, or organization, please let us know.