Life and Work - November 20, 2022

We offer our sincere condolences to: Joan Bastow, Beatrice Picco-Wadland, Rose Thain, June Gullage and their families and friends on the passing of David Barnes Bastow. His funeral was held at Barrett's Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * In memory of Edward French from Doug and Joan Bursey.
- * In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Doug and Joan Bursey.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Cemetery Fund:

* In memory of David Barnes Bastow from Beatrice Picco-Wadland.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donation to the Sunday School/Youth Fund:

* In memory of Dorothy "Dot" Hapgood from Florence and Bill Spurrell.

Ukulele Group - Ukulele practice group will be on Saturdays from 11AM to 12PM in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome!

Update on Helping Reunite a Ghanian Family: We have some good news. The partner of our member from Ghana has been approved to come to Canada. Now we just need to get her on a plane. Any donation to help with the flight will be very appreciated. That said, because it would be to help an individual, we will not be able to receive donations through the church directly or to issue a tax receipt for your contribution. Your help gets us one step closer to reuniting this family, their son needing to stay in Ghana for the time being. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Young Adult Evening: We are planning a board game night chez, James and Glen next Wednesday evening (November 23) at 7:30 pm. We will also do some planning for the upcoming "Tapestry" service on Nov. 27. See you there.

Dropping in for Some Quiet or Prayer: Do you sometimes yearn for some quiet to reflect, to pray, to just be? Well, the church is available for just that. Drop by during office hours (Tuesday to Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm) and Stephanie or Bruce would be happy to open the sanctuary for you. Or outside these hours, call James at 351-0983 and if he is in the office or not too far from the church, he would be happy to assist.

Christmas Decorating: Looking to get into the Christmas Spirit? We need your help to decorate the sanctuary for the season. Especially needed are some tall people (or those who are not afraid of heights) who can help with our 12 foot tree and hanging the lights along the sides of the sanctuary. We will be starting at 10:00am on Saturday November 26. Snacks and beverages will be available. Time frame will depend on the number of volunteers we have to assist as it must be completed on that day. So, if you have an hour or two to spare, a warm welcome awaits. No advance notice is necessary.

Stella's Circle Christmas Wish List: It's the time of year for generosity and giving to those in need. As usual, St. James is collecting donations for Stella's Circle's clients! Donations can be made to St. James United Church Office. We will bring to Stella's Circle directly.

Household Items

- * Dishes, Pots & Pans, Frying Pans (non-stick)
- * Utensils & Serving Utensils
- * Cutting Board, Dish Racks
- * Kettle, Toaster, Electric Mixer, Can Opener

- * Plastic Mixing Bowls
- * Dish & Pot Cloths
- * Bed Sheets (Different Sizes)
- * Cups, Mugs, Glasses
- * Pie Plates, Casserole Dishes, Baking Sheets, Cake Pans
- * Blanket & Pillows, Throw Blankets
- * Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Face Cloths
- * Mops, Bucket, Brooms, Garbage Bags
- * Basic Household Cleaners, Lysol Wipes
- * Laundry Detergent, Dish Liquid
- * Light Bulbs
- * Hand Sanitizer
- * Paper Towels & Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items (for all adults)

- * Shampoo & Conditioner (in one)
- * Shampoo, Conditioner, Soap, Body Wash, Deodorant
- * Hairbrushes, Combs, Hair Elastics
- * Hair Spray, Hair Moose, Hair Gels
- * Shaving Cream, Razors
- * Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Dental Floss, Q-tips
- * Feminine Hygiene Products
- * Face Cleanser (ex. Cetaphil), Make-up Wipes
- * Nail Care Items (Clippers, Nail File)

Other Helpful Items (for all adults)

- * Socks, Underwear, Slippers
- * Footwear (indoor & outdoor)
- * Night Shirts, Night Wear Sizes Lg-5X
- * Hats, Gloves, Mittens, Scarves
- * Leggings of all sizes
- * Movie Passes, Gift Cards, Colouring Books, Games

Anniversary Sunday. St James celebrated our 64th Anniversary on November 16th with a special service Today, Sunday November 20th. As part of this celebration, you are invited to join us for lunch immediately following the 11:00 am Worship Service downstairs in the auditorium. There will be home made soup, sweets and cake - enough for all- hosted by your Church Council. We look forward to a grand time of fellowship and celebration.. See you there!

Sunday, November 27: St. James' Pop-Up Choir: Many members of the congregation will remember the "Pop-Up Choir" formed for our Service of Music in 2019. St. James' Music Team is pleased to announce we will once again form a "Pop-Up Choir" next Sunday to lead the music for the First Sunday of Advent. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to join the 'Pop-Up Choir' for a rehearsal in the Fellowship Room before the service at 10AM. No choral experience necessary! Please speak to Amy for more details.

Bridges to Hope: At this time of year, Bridges to Hope are finding themselves short in certain types of food donations at the food bank. The Board has decided to designate the first Sunday of each month to make a special appeal to participating churches to ask their congregations to provide a specific item - a different item each month. For November, this item was peanut butter. The hope is that a unified appeal will help supply many hampers with items that are considered "staples". The Board has also provided a list of other staples that are on sale at various grocery stores this week. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be brought to the Church or to Bridges to the church or to Bridges to Hope. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



As we approach the beginning of the Advent-Christmas season it is time to begin thinking about the "*Great Christmas Visit*". Who doesn't enjoy a visit from family or a friend especially after two years of strict restrictions? Why not volunteer to visit a member of our community of faith this holiday season?

We invite you to join in *The Great Christmas Visit* and reach out to members of St. James United Church who may be feeling isolated or lonely, especially those with mobility issues or those who are remaining close to home due to the ongoing pandemic.

You can participate in our *Great Christmas Visit* by simply filling out the attached form and returning it to the church office by **December 1st**. You will then be matched with an individual or couple to visit this holiday season. Visit with your match at some point between Sunday, November 27, 2022, and Friday, January 6, 2023, extending to them the care of this faith community. (Please remember public health measures are still important so it is best to wear your mask and remain 2 meters apart).

The Great Christmas Visit
Visitor Name:
Telephone Number(s):
Email Address:
If you know someone who would appreciate a visit, Please list their name and contact information below.
Name of Person(s) to be visited:
Telephone Number:
Home Address:

Thank you for sharing your gift of time the Advent-Christmas season!

Bethlehem Bazaar: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3rd from 11AM-4PM. We are hosting a scaled down Bethlehem Market this year, including an opportunity for local crafters and other vendors. If you know someone who would like to rent a table to sell their wares, please contact the church office. Cost is \$25. Number of tables are limited so don't delay. Please bring in gently used items for the flea market.



Get ready for Christmas and support St. James at the same time! A portion of the profits from each order of Purdy's Chocolates comes back to the church. (When you are placing your order, you can go to the Marketplace tab if you want to see what the options look like before you place your order.)

Please click on the link below to register and join the campaign! https://fundraising.purdys.com/1570494-97987

(See below for more details)



Coastal Sounds Choir Association Christmas Cantata: Coastal Sounds Choir Association will be holding rehearsals for their upcoming Christmas Cantata. The rehearsal dates are November 26 and December 3, 10. Cost is \$25.00. Rehearsals will be held at Topsail United Church from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Please register on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CoastalSoundsChoir

Gower's Senior Christmas Dinner: The Gower Street United Church Seniors Group will be holding their Annual Christmas Dinner on November 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture hall. There will turkey dinner with all the trimmings, entertainment by the Walsh Family, door prizes and a chance to win a beautiful Christmas basket. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be obtained by calling the church office at 753-7286. Office hours are Wednesday - Thursday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. All tickets must be paid for in advance. Tickets can be delivered, but payment will be required upon delivery or when picked up. The final date for purchase is November 22nd. Hope to see you there.

Topsail United Church Men's Club: will be holding a takeout Flipper Dinner on Monday, November 21. Pick up from 4:30 P.M until 6 P.M. Cost is \$25. Only 100 tickets available. Please reserve by calling the Topsail United church office at 834-4567.

Cafe of Memories: Join them at West Moorland, in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, as they host an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their care partners.

When: Tuesday, December 6 from 2PM to 4PM

Where: Freemason's Hall, 115 Mt. Carson Avenue, Mount Pearl.

Registration is required due to limited space. Masks optional

Please register by calling the Alzheimer Society at (709) 576-0608 or by email

at events@alzheimernl.ca

Wesley United Church Morning Coffee and Bake Sale: Wesley United Church Morning Coffee and Bake Sale will take place on Saturday, December 3rd starting at 10:00 am. Cost is \$2 for the bake sale only and \$5 for the Bake Sale and Morning Coffee, all payable at the door upon arrival.

Flipper Dinner Take-out: Topsail United Church Men's Club will be holding a takeout Flipper Dinner on Monday Nov. 21, Pick up from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm. Cost \$25. Only 100 tickets are available; please reserve by calling the office at 834-4567.