



# GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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April 17, 2022

Each Sunday, The George Street United Church Sunday services with Rev. John Maich is available on our Facebook page at 11:00 am.

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

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We respectfully acknowledge the land on which we gather as the ancestral homelands of the Beothuk, whose culture has now been erased forever. We also acknowledge the island of Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. And we acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We recognize all First Peoples who were here before us, those who live with us now, and the seven generations to come. As First Peoples have done since time immemorial, we strive to be responsible stewards of the land and to respect the cultures, ceremonies, and traditions of all who call it home. As we open our hearts and minds to the past, we commit ourselves to working in a spirit of truth and reconciliation to make a better future for all.

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## **BOOK CLUB**

Tuesday, April 26: The Book Club will meet to discuss "Women Talking" by Miriam Toews and "Oona Out of Order" by Margarita Montimore. For information, please call 726-8775 or 691-4693.

## **2022 Lenten Challenge**

Just a reminder of our Lenten Challenge, if you are planning to contribute but just haven't gotten around to it, please don't forget to pick up an envelope at the Holy Hosts' table at the main entrance

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## **Upcoming Team Meetings:**

Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - After church service in JPMOC- Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 7 p.m. in JPMOC- Church Management Team Meeting

Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – 7 p.m. Conference call- Spiritual Leadership Team Meeting

**Pre-Authorized Remittance** If you are interested in more information on PAR, please call or email the church office: 709-726-8775 [office@georgestunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@georgestunitedchurch.com)



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## **Looking for Participants!!!**

Do you like to read scripture? Do you like to sing with a group or by yourself? Maybe you play a musical instrument? Are you a great storyteller? Maybe you write spiritual poems? Or maybe you prefer to greet people on Sunday Mornings? Maybe you wouldn't mind turning on the coffee maker and kettle and setting things up for Coffee Time on Sundays? Maybe you like to write cards? Maybe you like to do all of these things, or you have other ideas of how you would like to contribute to the life of our congregation. I'm happy to say that with the Covid restrictions lessening, we are starting – albeit cautiously- to include more folks in our worship and fellowship activities!!! So, if you have a talent or gift to share, we would love to hear from you. There are a number of ways you can let us know you are interested in one or more of these activities. You can put your name, phone number, and the activity of interest on a piece of paper and put it in the collection plate. You can email [office@georgestunitedchurch.com](mailto:office@georgestunitedchurch.com) or call 709-726-8775 the church office on weekday mornings. Our Office Administrator, Nancy, will pass that information along to the Spiritual Leadership Team. Finally, you can simply mention to Christina McNeilly (organizes scripture readers), Ruth Butler (Fellowship Lead) or me, Erika Winsor-Dunn (Spiritual Leadership Team Lead), that you are interested in taking part in our church life in one of these ways. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **GSUC Pastoral Care Team Announcement**

I am reaching out on behalf of the Pastoral Care Team at George Street United Church to say hello and to let you know that we care about how you and your family are doing. Our Team is made up of the following members; Rev. John Maich, Roger Angel, Don & Yvonne Bradbury, Ruby Shea, Ruth Butler, Kathy Winsor, Treva Aberle and, myself, Melissa Elliott. Each team member has a list of names for folks within our church community and many of our team have been trying to call the people on our lists over the last two years. Some people we have been able to reach, others sadly we have not, but that doesn't mean you are forgotten or that your church community doesn't miss you. With restrictions lifting, the days getting longer, and warmer weather on its way; many of us are hoping to be able to get out to see each other, maybe travel and try to start creating a new normal. The past two years with covid has certainly been very hard to say the least and watching the news proves that prayers are needed now all around the world. These challenges can be overwhelming, and even more so, if you are already dealing with personal concerns. Sometimes it just helps to share that with someone. We as a Pastoral Care Team are trying to help with being an ear to listen and to let you know that you do have support. Our team is working on trying to be better advocates for you and we appreciate any suggestions or concerns that you wish to share with us. If you are not certain who is your specific Pastoral Care Team Representative, please reach out to me. Or, if you would like to have a visit or a call directly with Rev. John, then please reach out to him, or the office or one of our team members.

In God's love and with kindest regards.

Melissa Elliott  
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In loving memory of the Whiteway, Wylie, & Barrett Families from Ian Barrett  
In loving memory of parents Edmund & Maude Noel from Ida  
In loving memory of Frank & Mary Janes from daughters Carolyn and Susan Janes  
In loving memory of David Dawe from wife Heather & Family  
In loving memory of parents Hilda & Fred Nicholls from Heather & family  
In loving memory of Bertha & James Perchard from Heather and family  
In loving memory of David Dawe from sister in law Marilyn & family  
In loving memory of parents Hilda & Fred Nicholls from Marilyn & family  
In loving memory of Bertha & James Perchard from Marilyn and family  
In loving memory of Mabel Winsor from Eric, Willa & family

## *The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre gratefully acknowledges a donation*

In Memory of Eli Kean from Rosemore Homecare Services  
In loving memory of the Whiteway, Wylie, & Barrett Families from Ian Barrett

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH**

### **Cowan Heights Church**

Back by popular demand! **Frozen Fish Cake \$ale:** With or without onions for \$10/bag. Orders & Payment are due no later than April 30th. Orders can be placed by calling Cowan Heights Church Office, at 745-2871. Pick up at church, Saturday May 7 at 2pm.

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## The Jimmy Pratt Memorial Centre

### **Our Beginnings**

The Soup Kitchen at George Street United Church was opened in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre with the support of Kathy LeGrow. Since its inception in January 2002, the Centre has served more than 280,000 meals.

### **Our Future**

Thanks to the patronage of Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, our corporate sponsors, and government program support as well as the generosity of our congregation, our Soup Kitchen was expanded to include an Internet Access Centre, based on the results of a survey of the outreach centre's patrons. The Centre continues to expand to meet the needs of residents of the greater St. John's area in particular residents of the downtown core. A Senior's Inclusion Program was introduced in 2010 and offers seniors over the age of 55 with a day of fitness, lunch, and recreation. A Hot Breakfast Program was introduced in 2011 and is currently sponsored by the Cenovus Group (formerly Husky Energy).

### **Our Sponsors**

Elinor Gill Ratcliffe, Food Sharing Assoc, Capital Hyundai, The United Way NL, Tim Horton's (Ropewalk Lane), Cenovus Energy, CIBC-Wood Gundy, Bluedrop, Fortis, Steele Hotels, Gifts with Vision, NL Hydro, Verafin, & Second Harvest.

### **How You Can Help**

- Become a sponsor of the outreach program
- Remember a loved one by giving a special gift to the outreach centre
  - Become a valued Volunteer

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