

We offer our condolences to the following people:

**the family of Ruby Winsor, whose funeral took place at St. James last Monday.

**Bas Jamieson on the passing of his brother, Colin, whose funeral took place on Dec.3rd.

**Evelyn (Blackwood) Winters and family on the passing of Spencer Winters in Alberta on November 22nd. Spencer was involved in the design of the upper balcony and organ wall of our Sanctuary.

Donations have been received:

** to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath and brother John Heath by Samuel & Brenda Butt.

**to the GO Project by Maxine Ivory.

**to Local Expenses in loving memory of Spencer Williams by Arthur Stanley.

2014 Envelopes are ready to be collected from the window sills of the Sanctuary.

Today! Here! Project Grace is hosting its second annual Christmas Showcase this afternoon at 3 in our Sanctuary. The showcase will feature performances by students of the 2013-14 after school program. Admission is by freewill donation. Order forms available for Butterfly Necklaces in memory of Bethany Pike as well.

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The family of Ruby Hiscock is having an Open House at the Senior Citizen's Club, 10 Bennett Avenue this afternoon from 2-4 to celebrate her 95th birthday. All friends are welcome; hugs and best wishes only.

Christmas 2013 Memory Tree: For \$5, you may change a coloured bulb to a white one in loving memory of someone. Please come by the office with your donation and memory info. The deadline for receiving donations is noon on Friday, December 20th.

Bible Study - Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture, will be held this week on Monday morning at 10 and Tuesday evening at 7 in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Cookie Sale, Play and Party will be taking place on December 15th. If you are able to donate cookies for the sale, please drop them to the church on Friday morning, December 13th between 9.30-1, or in the early evening (after 6) on Saturday, December 14th. Donations for the party food, snack foods (like coffee hour) are also needed. If you are able to help with this please let Rebecca know. Thank you!
(rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net or 722.1881 and leave a message.)

White Gift: We will be collecting toiletries, hats, mitts, gloves, socks, and small household items for Stella Burry Cooperation and Street Reach again this year. Items may be dropped off at the church office or in the containers provided at the entrance to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The White Gift Service will be held on Dec 15th.

Escasoni Carolling: You are invited to join members of St. James for caroling with residents of Escasoni on Wednesday, December 18th at 6.30pm. This is a very fun-filled

hour, as we carol from room to room with residents. Any questions? Please contact Rev. Pamela at 722-1881.

Winter Solstice Service: Our annual Service and bonfire will take place on Saturday, December 21st at 7 pm at Susan Sheppard's property, 397 Thorburn Road. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and mug.

.Advent Labyrinth Walks: The next four Wednesdays at noon in the Waterford Hospital Chapel there will be a beautiful opportunity to quiet the spirit and enter into the advent themes of fertile darkness and the creative force of God being born in each of us. You may choose to walk the labyrinth in meditation, to journal, to pray and reflect. However you choose to use this time of silence and reflection will be up to each who comes. Short reflections will be printed and journaling question provided for anyone wishing to use their time in this way. Quiet music will accompany those who choose to walk and those entering into a time of quiet reflection and prayer. All are welcome.

The new deadline for donations to the **Philippines Typhoon Haiyan Appeal** is December 23rd.

Saint Luke's Homes 13th Annual Christmas Concert at the Arts & Culture Centre this evening at 7.30. Admission is \$20. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Centre Box Office 729-3900.

Ninth Annual Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, in memory of all those for whom Barrett's Funeral Homes provided services over the past year: Wednesday December 11th at Mary Queen Of The World Church on Topsail Road at 7pm. In the spirit of thanksgiving, a non-perishable food item is appreciated.

Coastal Sounds CBS Community Choir, Annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec 11, at the Manuels River Hibernia Interpretation Centre at 7.30pm, with a special presentation of the Christmas Cantata 'When Love was Born', featuring members from The Anchormen Chorus, Afterglow, and the Topsail United Church Combined Choirs, Tickets \$20 from Bob at 782-0388, Andrew at 771-7002, or at the door. Donations for the CBS Food Bank greatly appreciated.

Messiah at the Basilica! Join the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra and its Philharmonic Choir for Handel's *Messiah* on Friday, December 13th and Saturday, December 14th at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Both concerts begin at 8pm. Tickets (\$25/\$28) are available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office (729-3900), online (www.artsandculturecentre.com) and at the concert.

Exhibit of Nativities from Around the World at the Basilica Cathedral Museum, December 1st-22nd, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-4pm and Wednesday evenings 7-9.

The church office will be closed on Tuesday afternoon, December 10. Your phone messages and emails will be answered on Wednesday, December 11.