

**St. James United Church Life and Works, October 12<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

**We acknowledge a donation to the General Operating Fund** in loving memory of parents Ruby & Everett LeDrew from Donna LeDrew Hunt.

**Do you like singing? Do you enjoy singing in church?** Are you interested in becoming a member of an adult choir which will provide music leadership during selected 11am worship services here at St. James? If so, this is an invitation to drop in on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30pm to join returning choir members in learning more about the music program being developed in our church. There will be some light refreshments provided, lots of conversation, even a song or two! Don't worry about auditions for this choir, no formal music training is required, just a joyful heart, a love of music, and a willingness to assist with music leadership. Both of our new Music Directors will be in attendance at this gathering, and are looking forward to meeting and welcoming new and returning members.

**St. James Guitar Group** will be offering a sing-along Worship Service on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am. Bring along your voices to this special service!

**Thanksgiving Visitor:** If you have not yet received your copy of the Thanksgiving Visitor, either hard copy or virtual, please look for it in the church vestibule. If still it is not found, please let SuAn know at 722-1881, [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**Bridges to Hope** has need of the following items for their food pantry: canned milk, canned meat, tuna, canned beans in sauce, dry pasta, canned soup. Your continued support and donations are greatly appreciated.

**The October Escasoni service** will take place on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the brand new complex. We suggest that volunteers arrive at the West Unit at 1.15pm.

**The next AOTS dinner meeting** will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5: 30pm in the auditorium. We will be hosting the Men's Club from Gower Street UC at this event. If possible, we would like members to arrive around 5pm to welcome our guests.

**Semi-annual Fish Dinner**, hosted by St. James AOTS, will take place on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. The \$20 tickets are available from Dave Hapgood at 576-4075.

**Calling all Youth:** St. James is happy to be hosting 2 events for youth next weekend, October 17th-19<sup>th</sup>: Friday evening, October 17th, 7:30-9:30 - A talk with Q&A by David Csinos entitled *Re-imagining Faith Formation*. This will be of interest to youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, parents and clergy alike. The cost for this event is just \$10. Saturday and Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - a youth

retreat for Jr and Sr High school youth and leaders. The cost is \$50 pre-registered, or \$60 at the door. Meals are included. All meetings will take place at St. James, with sessions by Dave Csinos, and local workshop leaders. Registration forms are available from Susan or Rebecca. 722-1881x204 [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Fall Faith Study:** This 7 session exploration of the Bible begins on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 7.30pm.

**Somayog with SuAn:** A 6-week course will begin on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 5.30-6.30pm. Please wear loose clothing, and bring a mat on which to practice, a belt or tie for the leg stretches and a blanket or shawl for the final relaxation. Cost is \$60 for the 6 sessions.

**Come Dance with Me - Sacred Circle Dances:** Thursdays at 11am, beginning October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sacred Circle Dancing is suitable for all persons, no matter their age. It does not require special clothes, footwear or partners, and is a wonderfully gentle way of connecting mind, body and spirit, along with being a good exercise! For more information, contact Susan, 722-1881 x204

**An Evening with the Moderator:** Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7.30-9.30pm at Cochrane Street UC: Come out to meet the Right Rev. Dr. Gary Peterson. This event will include a welcoming and gospel music session, with the latter to be performed by choral and musical groups from individual congregations, including St. James! Following this performance, a meet and greet refreshment session with the Moderator will be held in the church auditorium. Members of all UC congregations and the public are invited and welcome to attend.

**St. James' 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations:** On Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a dinner and auction at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. This facility is wheelchair accessible. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm followed by a silent and live auction. The cost of the dinner is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children under 12. Tickets are available at the church office and the deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>. When you purchase your tickets, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions such as diabetes or gluten-free and we will make sure that you have a dessert to enjoy. If you do not have transportation or you don't drive by night, we can arrange a ride for you. Just let us know when you purchase your ticket and we can get you there. If you are able to provide transportation, please let us know that as well. We are looking for items for the auction such as baked items, knitted goods, sewn items, dinners, sailing trips, pictures, or anything you would like to donate, please drop them off to the office by 4pm on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A form for your donation will be available at the church office and at the services on Sundays. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 722-1881