

*St. James United Church Life and Works, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

**We offer our condolences to** Linda Martin on the passing of her brother last week in St. John's.

**The following donations have been received:**

\*\*to the General Fund in loving memory of Eric Paul from William Thomas, Arthur & Carole Burden, Susan Patten, DBA Consulting Engineers Ltd;

\*\* to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Eric Paul from Jean & Joe Burden, John & Ruby Butt;

\*\*to the General Fund in loving memory of Melita Saunders from Gary, Linda and family;

\*\*to the General Fund in loving memory of Clayton and Florence Barbour from Linda, Gary and family.

**2015 Envelopes** are now available on the Sanctuary window ledges.

**Christmas 2014 Memory Tree:** Please ensure that the office receives the wording for your contribution to the white lights adorning the Memory Tree.

**The next Escasoni Service** will take place on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm.

**Escasoni Christmas Carolling:** A date has not yet been set for Christmas Carolling. Stay tuned for next week's bulletin! Any questions, please contact Rev. Pamela.

**The AOTS Christmas Social** will take place on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 for 7pm in the Auditorium. Tickets at \$22.50 each are available from Aubrey Hill (726-8306), Ron Robbins (739-9105).

**Project Grace Semester Showcase:** Please join us next Saturday afternoon, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3 in the Sanctuary to hear the results of this semester's work by the children who attend the Project Grace classes during the week.

**Our White Gift service** will be next week, Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we are collecting 'new' household articles for Stella Burry Corporation and toiletries, hats, mitts and scarves for Street Reach. Your White Gifts may be dropped off at the church office during the week, or placed in the wagon at the church entrance on Sunday mornings up to and including December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Gently Used Winter Boots:** if you have adult size gently used winter boots which need a new home, please consider donating them to Street Reach by dropping them off at the church office before December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Calling all former NGIT and CGIT'ers** to a special Christmas Vesper Service next Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm to start the 80th Anniversary celebrations of CGIT in Canada. If you would like to take part in the service, please contact Jean Thompson, 782-1480. If not, just come and join us for a walk down memory lane. We will be serving Christmas cake and syrup after the service.

**Winter Solstice Service December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm:** Dress for the weather; bring a flashlight and mug. Location is Susan Sheppard's front yard.

**Stuff Our Stocking:** Project Grace is collecting small items needed for the programs at St. James. Our wish list includes: duo tangs, pencils, strings and rosin for violins/cellos (all sizes), Size 2 and 2.5 clarinet reeds, cleaning cloths for flutes and clarinets, valve oil for trumpets, cleaning paper for flutes, cello end pin straps, or books from the Piano Adventures collection by Faber & Faber. The elves at Long & McQuade Musical Instruments would be happy to help you select items to stuff the Project Grace stocking!

**Archives Assistant Position:** St. James is looking for a volunteer to assist our archivist, Noah Morritt, with several projects in the New Year. No experience required. If you have some free time and enjoy working with historical documents, please contact [janwinsor@yahoo.ca](mailto:janwinsor@yahoo.ca)

**The Comprehensive Review Task Group** has shared an update that contains the broad directions it plans to put forward in its final report, which it expects to be available in the first part of 2015. To read, the update, please visit: <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/141125-0> If you would like a hard copy, please call SuAn at 722-1881.

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**Saint Luke's Homes** celebrates 50 years with their 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert this evening at 7:30 at the Arts and Culture Center. Tickets \$22.50.

**Messiah at the Basilica:** Join the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra and its Philharmonic Choir for Handel's Messiah on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Both concerts begin at 8pm. Tickets (\$25/\$30) are available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office - 729-3900 - online ([www.artsandculturecentre.com](http://www.artsandculturecentre.com)) and at the concert.