

St. James United Church Life and Works, November 15, 2015

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Malcolm James Winsor, whose funeral took place from St. James last Monday.

Please join us in the Auditorium following the 11am service today for a Coffee Hour in Celebration of the 57th Anniversary of St. James United Church.

Tickets for next Friday, November 20 available today: Our Anniversary Fundraiser and Social night begins at 6.30 in the Auditorium next Friday for a meal consisting of soup, rolls and dessert, with a silent and live auction. Tickets at \$15 per person, or \$40 per family, are available today during our coffee hour downstairs, and then tomorrow through Thursday from the church office, either in person or by phone; 722-1881, ext. 200. Please let us know your items for the auction! Forms are on the notice boards.

The Friendship Group's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18.

The next dinner meeting of St. James AOTS Men's Club will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at 5:30pm. New members welcome.

Next Sunday, November 22: Anniversary celebrations continue with an *Old Tyme Hymn Service*, full of our favorite old time 'classic hymns', with the stories that inspired them, for the whole service.

A UCW thank you! Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who supported and patronized our Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Nov. 7. We are so grateful to our members and the men and women of the congregation, who, when called upon, so willingly helped in many ways. Also, we are very thankful for the many donations of goods and cash. The dedication of our members each year is outstanding and we are indeed pleased that the funds raised will help support the ongoing work and programs of our Church locally and nationally. Because of everyone's participation, the event was, once again, very successful!

Save the date, Sunday, December 6 at 3pm: St. James is very pleased to host the Gospel Folk Seniors Choir, who will perform their concert, *An Hallelujah Christmas*, which features the approximately 40 member choir, a youth choir, and featured soloist Leah Antle. Admission will be 'Free Will' only, and proceeds will go toward programs supported by St. James. The Gospel Folk will be providing free bus service to seniors in specific Seniors Residences. More details will follow, but for now, save the date!

Pennies from heaven for the SPCA: Have you found pennies under your couch? The SPCA will gladly count and roll them, bank and transform them into a home

for our 4-legged friends. Bring them to the office by December 31, when they will be collected by our SPCA representative, Baxter Howse.

Bridges To Hope, Providing help! providing hope! is in need of sugar, tea-bags and instant coffee, all of which is repackaged in small amounts. Many of our clients do not use coffee makers. Our supplies of tinned milk, meat and fish, beans etc. are also low. Please help us continue to give a 'hand-up' to our fellow citizens.

Stella's Circle: Please see the annual Christmas letter and wish list from Stella's Circle on the church notice boards. Stella's Circle is featured in this year's UC *Gifts with Vision* catalogue. For a gift of \$20 you can 'Give a New Start' gift by helping unemployed adults develop their skills and train in construction, commercial cleaning, or food services. Please visit www.giftswithvision.ca

The United Church offers many webinars (seminars found on the Web). Please visit www.united-in-learning.com and explore the variety of distance education opportunities that can be found there, on topics such as Mission & Service, Ministry & Personnel, Support for Lay Worship Leaders and more.

Gower Street UC Men's Club will be holding its 45th Annual Fall Auction and Bean Supper on Tuesday, November 17. A silent auction begins at 5:30 pm; the main auction starts at 7. Dinner tickets are available from Club members and the Church Office. To reserve a 6pm dinner ticket (\$7), please call 753-7286.

The United Church Book Store and Gifts is having its Christmas Sale: November 18, 19, and 20, from 8:30am to 4:30pm. You may find the perfect gift for someone special on your Christmas list; 20% discount on selected items.

Moose/Beef Stew Supper at St. Thomas Church on Thursday, November 19 at 6pm, with entertainment of Newfoundland music. Tickets are \$20, available from Kezie Budden at 754-0151, Marg Eastman at 579-5345, or the office at 576-6632.

Wesley Church Christmas Dinner & Dance: The Wesley Church Christmas Dinner & Dance takes place on Friday, November 20 at 7pm in the Elk's Club on Carpasian Road with a choice of hot roast beef or stuffed chicken breast. Tickets are \$30 and can be obtained by calling Marvin (579-7900), Phoebe (726-1689) or the Church Office at 579-3682. Tickets must be ordered by Monday, Nov. 23.

Ten Thousand Villages Fair at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, 753-8760 :
Thursday, November 26, 12noon-8:30pm;
Friday, November 27, 8:30am-8:30pm;
Saturday, November 28, 8:30am-2pm.