

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 13, 2016

Ushering this week is provided by Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler

Greeters & Ushers: Bill & Cindy Pike, Sandra Thistle, Marjorie Tiller, Linda Babstock

We offer our condolences to Rita Rose and the family and friends of Melvin Ellis who passed over in October, with a private burial of ashes.

We acknowledge the following donations:

*to General Operating Expenses in loving memory of Garry and Andrew Winsor from wife and mom, Jan, and in loving memory of Eric Patey from Bert & Anne Peddle;

*to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband, Charlie Parsons, from Ann Parsons.

A UCW thank you! Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who supported our Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Nov. 5. We are grateful to our members, the congregation and the church staff who so willingly helped in many ways. Our proceeds, in excess of \$5,500.00, actually surpassed last year's amount. We are especially pleased considering the number of sales that took place at the same time. Because of everyone's participation, the event was, once again, a tremendous success!

Confirmation 2017: Any youth, Grade 7 or above, who wishes to take part in this year's confirmation classes, please contact Susan today or tomorrow; 722-1881, ext. 204 or email to youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

St. James' Fall Meditation Series with SuAn continues tomorrow, Monday, November 14 at 11am in the Fellowship Room; donation basis, all welcome.

AOTS regular monthly meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 16 beginning at 5:30. All men of the congregation are welcome to attend.

UC Bookstore & Gifts Christmas Sale: November 16 & 17, 8:30am-4:30pm

Next Weekend - 58th Anniversary of St. James United Church Celebrations:

Tickets for our November 19 Celebration are on sale from the office at \$20 each.

Our guest speaker next Sunday, November 20, at the 11am Worship Service will be Lisa Browne, Chief Executive Officer of Stella's Circle and an accomplished and entertaining speaker. Coffee hour will follow.

Bridges To Hope: Please remember that items placed in our Food Bank Box in memory of Niki Fortier go directly to Bridges To Hope. Donations can also be made via envelopes available in the vestibule or at www.bridgestohope.ca

New Women's Group will be meeting on the third Monday of the month, beginning November 21, 7-9pm, in the Church Auditorium. Women of all ages are welcome. For more information, please contact Karen Brown, by text at 689-7297, by phone at 437-1520 or by email at tombrown@nl.rogers.com

It's that time of the year again to decorate the church for Advent & the Christmas season; we are looking for volunteers to help. All ages and abilities are welcome, families, groups, singles...no assistance will be refused. We will need, however, some able bodied people to retrieve the decorations from the attic - we have a 12 foot tree! We will be gathering in the Sanctuary on Saturday, November 26 at 10am and will continue until we have as much done as possible. Can you find some time in your busy schedule to join us? Only have an hour or so? Morning or afternoon? Wonderful. We truly hope to see you there. For further information please contact the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Minute for Mission: Recently, people with disabilities and their allies were invited to share their stories of living with disabilities in the United Church. Some stories were joyful; many were vulnerable, honest and painful stories of exclusion. Some told of inability to physically access a church; others spoke about only being noticed for their disability; some noted difficulty in reading Bible passages that talk about healing disabilities. United Church staff and elected members are working hard to address the harsh realities these stories express by offering new ideas about theologies of disabilities, and developing educational resources that will be made available to communities of faith. A group of persons with disabilities is following up on ideas through a United Church consultation on disabilities and developing new ones for the church. Our gifts to M&S make it possible to be part of the new accessibility story that is being written.

Please see the notice board for:

*Stella's Circle Christmas Wish List

The Wesley United Church Thrift shop sells gently used clothing and house wares and is in particular need of pots and pans, ornaments, Christmas decorations, bedding and towels. Your donations may be dropped off at the church (Minister's Office entrance) any weekday between 9:30 am & 12 noon.

George Street UC: Flipper Dinner on Wednesday, November 16 at JPMOC; take-out at 5pm, dinner at 5.30; tickets for \$25.

National Child Day and celebrating the rights of children November 14-20: Saturday, November 19, 1:30-3:30 at the NL Sport Centre, a free afternoon of physical activity and fun. (Nonperishable food items will be collected for the Community Food Sharing Association) www.stjohns.ca or call 576-8499.