

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 20, 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:

* Betty Winsor and family on the passing of Betty's husband on November 14.

Peter's funeral took place from St. James on November 18;

* Catherine & Baxter Rose on the passing of Catherine's brother, Nathaniel (Nath) Tucker on November 12. Funeral services were held on November 16 in St. Philip's.

We acknowledge the following donations:

* to General Operating Expenses in loving memory of Peter Winsor from Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray;

* to the Music Program in loving memory of Peter Winsor from the Senior Choir;

* to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Grace Gaudet from Jean Kennedy and the Pike family;

* to Bridges To Hope in loving memory of Don Marshall from his wife, Vera, and in celebration of St. James' 58th Anniversary from the St. James' Meditation Group.

We offer special thanks to Lisa Browne for joining us today, and extend a welcome to all for Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following the 11am Worship.

2017 Envelopes are now ready to be picked up. You will find them next to the side-aisle windows of the Sanctuary in alphabetical order of your last name.

St. James' Meditation Group's last session of this series will be tomorrow, Monday, November 21 at 11am in the Fellowship Room; donation basis, all welcome.

New Women's Group will be meeting on the third Monday of the month, beginning tomorrow, 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 next 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.

Sunday, December 4 at 7pm: Please join us for the *Hanging of the Greens* concert: readings, carols and musical presentations by the Prince of Wales Collegiate Chamber Choir and St. James Senior Choir. This is a fundraiser for St. James, with tickets at the door for \$15.

Seniors are invited to a special Worship Service on Tuesday, December 6 at 2pm: Holy Communion in the Sanctuary, with the St. James Guitar Group providing musical leadership, followed by tea and snacks in the Auditorium. If you wish to participate, please let us know by calling the church office by Tuesday, November 29 (722-1881, ext. 200), or email info@stjamesuc.org; transport can be provided.

Minute for Mission: In 2010, a group of Conference staff and youth ministers from Living Waters and Northern Waters presbyteries of Toronto Conference gathered to plan the first of many confirmation retreats. The retreat received funding from the M&S Vision Fund which subsidized the accommodation and meeting space as well as program supplies. The retreat offered youth an opportunity to gather for a time of learning about A New Creed through art, games, discussion and worship. In 2015, the confirmation retreat became Conference wide. Our support of youth ministry through the Vision Fund has grown this program over the years. Through your gifts for M&S many youth can come together for faith exploration and create friendships beyond congregational borders.

This evening, November 20:

* **First United Church** Men's Club along with the band will be presenting a Gospel Hymn Sing at 7pm in their church sanctuary.

* **The Wesley Male Choir** and Rev. Bill Mercer will hold a Country & Western service. Also participating will be the group 'Musical Friends'. The service will start as usual with a sing-along at 6:50 pm, all are welcome to attend.

The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary will hold a Christmas Gospel Concert next Friday, November 25, at the SA St. John's Citadel at 7:30 pm, with a prelude by the St. John's Citadel Band Ensemble at 7pm. The concert features the Wesley Male Choir, the Gospel Folks Senior Choir, and other vocalists and performers. Tickets (\$10) are available at the SA Christian Bookstore, Adams Avenue, or from any member of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Gower UCW are hosting their Fall Afternoon Tea, Bake and Craft Sale on Saturday November 26 from 2-3.30pm in the Lecture Hall (back entrance). Included are various stalls of jams, jellies, preserves and grab bags. Tickets are \$7 available at the door, church office or from members. All donations are gratefully received.