

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 18, 2016

Ushering is provided by: Usher in Charge: Clyde Flight **Greeters:** Lillian & Gilbert Thomas
Ushers: Rev. Jim Von Riesen, Baxter Howse, Lorraine & Ron Robbins, Brenda Kelleher-Flight

We offer our condolences to Al & Minnie Penney on the passing of Al's sister, Flora May Head, on December 8; and to Kay & Lew Norman on the passing of Kay's brother, Kerwin (Kirk) Manuel in Lewisporte on the morning of December 15.

We acknowledge the following donations:

- * to the Roof Fund in loving memory of husband Gilbert Hiscock from wife Ruby;
- * to the Roof Fund in loving memory of siblings Gilbert and Lona Hiscock who truly loved Christmas, from sister Patsy;
- * to General Operating Expenses in loving memory of Peter Winsor from Howard & Alice Forsey, Jill O'Neil and Ian and Dian Winsor;
- *to the Music Programme (Choral Scholar for Senior Choir) in loving memory of Peter Winsor from Glenn & Glenda Winsor;
- *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt and Clyde & Gladys Heath, and brother John from Sam & Brenda Butt;
- * to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Grace Gaudet from Jean Kennedy and the Pike family.

A big thank you to all who turned out for the Pleasant View Carolling on our first snow day of the season to bring Christmas Joy to the residents.

Congratulations to our Gerry Mayo, who has been appointed as Chair of the *Kids Eat Smart Foundation Newfoundland and Labrador* Board of Directors. Congratulations Gerry!

Please join us for Coffee Hour after the 11am Worship Service today.

Winter Solstice Services: Today at 3pm at the Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice on Mt Scio Road or 7pm on Dec 21st at Susan Sheppard's garden, Thorburn Road. There will be a bonfire but dress warm as these are both outdoor events. Please bring mugs and flashlights.

Join the students of Prince of Wales Collegiate music programmes for their Christmas concert here at St. James tomorrow, December 19 at 7.30pm with performances by the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Concert Choir and Chamber Choir. Admission is just \$5 at the door.

Christmas Day Worship Service: There will be an 11am service on Christmas Day with carols, reflections and a baptism. Please join us for this special celebration.

New Year's Day Worship: Please join Rev. Pamela on January 1 at 11 am to celebrate the New Year with a collection of favorite carols and stories of their origin, as well as a time of healing prayer and special New Year's Blessing.

Minute for Mission: For over 40 years the Asian Rural Institute (ARI) has been training rural leaders in 3 core areas: community building, integrated organic farming techniques, and servant leadership. Servant leadership has been part of ARI since its inception. Participants learn about different models of leadership. At the core of this training is the belief that through understanding of current issues and developing management skills, the students will become effective leaders. One participant noted "that a leader is not a commander but serves the people". Servant leadership is not just taught and learned but practised every day. Working in partnership with staff members and in work teams allows participants to learn what it means to both serve and follow, We are thankful for partners like the ARI where our M&S gifts offer many an opportunity to learn what it truly means to lead and serve.

Making last minute contributions over the Christmas period:

The office will be open at the following times:

December 19, 20, 21, 22: 9.30am – 1pm and 1.30 – 5pm

December 26: closed

December 27, 28, 29: 10am-3pm

If you wish to make a contribution outside of these hours, there is a secure mail box (lock box) for your use to the right of the exterior office door.

The financial year end is December 31.

WaterWerks Communications will be collecting diapers for their Annual Christmas DiaperDrop again this year. All donations can be dropped off at 96 LeMarchant Road. For more information, you can speak to our Sunday School teacher Sarah or visit diaperdrop.ca.

Christmas 2016 Memory Tree deadline is tomorrow, December 19. Please ensure that the office receives the wording for your dedication. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in loving memory or celebration of someone.

Memory Tree Form

Name of person donating: _____

In Memory of: _____

Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____