St. James United Church Life and Work, February 5, 2017

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Trevor Bartlett

Greeters & Ushers: Janet, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

We acknowledge the following donations:

*to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Harold Price from Patsy Chafe, Violet Hutchings;

*to General Funds in loving memory of Harold Price from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas, Ben Gardner, Beatrice and George Wadland;

*to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Harold Price from George and Jean White.

Today after the 11am Worship Service: A soup lunch offered by our young adults and their families as a fundraiser for summer trips to GO Project and Rendezvous youth. These meals will be offered on the first Sunday of the month until May. We ask for a donation towards the groups' trips, and welcome you to join us for a time of community and fellowship!

Not a Bible Study - *Following Jesus:* Monday sessions continue tomorrow, 11-noon in the Fellowship Room. Join us as we explore the spiritual practices of Jesus and how we can use practices to reach an authentic spirituality following Jesus. Wednesday evenings continue 7-8 in the Choir Room.

A Service for those who grieve loss: next Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary with Rev. Pamela for those who have experienced loss of any kind during these past years. Loss may be due to death, unemployment, health, or any other transition in one's life that may cause suffering. The service will be one of reflection, candle lighting and quiet music. All are welcome.

Last call for the Survey, *What can we offer you?* found in your bulletin. Please return it by next Sunday, February 12 to the office, the exterior mail slot or either of the boxes put for that purpose in the Sanctuary porch or the Administration foyer.

St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1.30pm. This month we will be joined by members of the St. James Guitar Group. We look forward to seeing lots of you for this special Valentine's Day presentation.

Sing!!!!On Sunday, February 19 at 11am, St. James will welcome the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir to our worship. The choir will share stories in the form of video recordings and song, as well as a production in drama and song of John Lennon's

'Imagine.' This will be an inspiring time of worship filled with moments of hope, justice and liberation. Please plan to join us.

Wanted: Ticket sellers and ushers for the Kiwanis Music Festival at St. James, February 19 – March 1. Please call Phil Saunders, 722-8767 if this interests you.

St. James UCW will be having a *Good as New Sale* on Saturday, March 4, 10amnoon. We are asking the congregations to donate items for the sale; they can be anything you no longer use that could be useful to another – anything except clothing. Please drop your items at the church on Friday evening, March 3 between 7 and 9, or bring them to St. James before 10am on March 4. There will also be coffee/tea and a muffin for a toonie.

GO Project/Rendezvous participants are selling coupons for Pizza Delight on Aberdeen Avenue; just \$20 for a 12" three-topping pizza and 12' garlic-cheese fingers. Eat in or take out. Coupons are available from the participants or Susan.

Are you in the mood for some homemade bread? How about some pie? In order to fundraise for her trip to Germany to be a steward at the General Assembly of the World Community of Reformed Churches, Chelsea Skanes is offering her baking skills to anyone who would like to avail of them for a small donation. Contact her at 709-699-5214, or email at chelseaskanes@hotmail.com to discuss your request.

For rent: Our former manse is now available for rent. If anyone knows of a group that is looking for a space to rent, please suggest that they contact our office for more details, 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Message from George Street UC: The Mall Walkers Club: if you are 55 and older, and would like to increase your level of activity through walking, join us at the Avalon Mall Thursday mornings. It's a great opportunity to socialize and network with new people. For information call 726-8775.

Please see the notice board outside the office for:

*January Newsletter from Queen's College

Do Monkeys Go to Heaven: Faith and Evolution, a lecture by scientist, author and Jesuit priest, John McCarthy SJ, Wednesday Feb 15 at 7:15pm at The Lantern, 35 Barns Road. To register please contact Mary Tee, Mercy Centre for Ecology and Justice, 722-0082, mcej@live.com

Pun for educated minds: Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says: "I've lost my electron." The other says: "Are you sure?" The first replies: "Yes, I'm positive."