

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 12, 2017

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

Ushers: Linda Babstock, Baxter Howse, Oliver Wellon, Cator & Jean Brown



We offer our condolences to Pamela Masterson and Cherisse Lall, their families and friends, on the passing of their father, Hubert Norman, whose funeral service and reception took place from St. James last Tuesday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

*to St. James United Church in loving memory of Hubert Norman from Jan Winsor and Beth Holloway, and Gilbert and Lillian Thomas;

*to St. James' Operating Expenses in loving memory of husband Garry and son Andrew from Jan Winsor;

*to the Choral Scholar Fund in loving memory of Peter Winsor from Betty;

*to General Funds in loving memory of Geraldine Matthews and Carlson Emberley from Howard and Alice Forsey.

A UCW thank you! Sincere thanks and appreciation to all who supported our Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Nov. 4. We are grateful to our members, the congregation and the church staff who so willingly helped in many ways. Our proceeds, approx. \$6,000 actually surpassed the last few years. Once again, many thanks to everyone who helped make the event a tremendous success!

The church office will be closed tomorrow, November 13.

Pleasant View Towers Worship Service is at 2pm on Tuesday, November 14. Volunteers, please meet at 1.30 in the chapel.

The next monthly AOTS meeting will be on Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30pm for 6. New members are always welcome.

Next Sunday, November 19, we celebrate St. James' 59th Anniversary. Our guest speaker at the 11am Service is Rev. Bill Bartlett, President, NL Conference. Please join us for Coffee Hour, sponsored by our Church Council, following the Service.

Friday, November 24 at 7pm: Paint Nite Fundraiser at St. James. Tickets from www.paintnite.com/events

Poinsettia fundraiser by the youth of St. James: Price is \$15; the plant in a 6" pot. Please call/drop by the office or see a youth group member to place your order.

Friday, December 1: Please join us at 6:30pm for a dessert party and silent auction, followed by a concert at 8:15 in our Sanctuary. A variety of music will be performed by members of the congregation and students of the MUN School of

Music. Tickets are available from the church office at \$20 each. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, dessert and entertainment. Admission to the concert only will be \$10 at the door. We are looking for big ticket items (including gift cards) for the Silent Auction. If you can help, please contact Bill Legge, 576-0882, w.legge@nl.rogers.com or the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200.

Christmas season is fast approaching and it is time to think about decorating the church. Any and all assistance is very welcome- age/gender is irrelevant. We would like this to be a family event. No skills required just an interest and willingness to help. Come for an hour or as long as you choose. Lunch, snacks & beverages will be provided. We have reserved the Sanctuary for Saturday, December 2 from 9:30am to 5pm. Looking forward to seeing many of you join us; we had a wonderful time last year.

Please see the notice boards for: *Stella's Circle Christmas Wish List;

*Full details of the call for five youth between the ages of 15 and 18 who would be interested in attending a National Youth Forum in Ontario from February 16-19, 2018; deadline is today; *Full details of the Explorer Program 2018: an initiative to encourage young adult United Church members to consider ministry as a vocation.

Rohingya Crisis: The United Church of Canada is accepting donations for the needs of the Rohingya people. The Canadian government has announced that it will match eligible donations made until November 28. Donations may be made *online at www.united-church.ca/social-action/act-now/rohingya-crisis *phone with credit card to 1-800-268-3781, ext. 2738;

*cheque or money order to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit-Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200, Toronto, ON, M8X 2Y4.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S co-funded the first bilingual Social Innovation Challenge in Montreal in May 2016. *Le defi: Innovons* ensemble brought together more than 80 people excited to share their innovative ideas to make a difference in their communities and the world. Participants spent time with coaches to prepare their one minute pitches. After 35 ideas were pitched to the crowd, everyone voted for their top 3 ideas. 11 projects moved to round 2, but in the spirit of collaboration and community, everyone was invited to participate. There were opportunities to network, learn and help the finalists perfect their next pitch. The 2nd round of pitches allowed the innovators 3 minutes to present their ideas to the judges. The United Church was well represented, with 5 projects initiated by U.C. ministries, 3 of which made the final round. These included M&S supported Montreal City Mission's idea; *La Presence* pitched by M&S supported United Theological College; and *Dans les pas du Sauveur*- an initiative with widows and orphans in Ivory Coast – pitched by Eglise Unie St-Marc which won the People's Choice Award. We sing thanksgiving for the many ways M&S Service partners create innovative ministry.