

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 19, 2017

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to St. James United Church in loving memory of Hubert Norman from the AOTS Men's Club.

We offer special thanks to Rev. Bill Bartlett for being our guest speaker today, and extend a welcome to all for Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following the 11am Worship Service.

Tickets will available today for purchase at \$20 each for our Anniversary Fundraiser on Friday, December 1 at 6:30pm, dessert party and silent auction in the Auditorium, followed by a concert at 8:15 in our Sanctuary.

Tomorrow, Monday, November 20: *Morning decoration of Pleasant View Towers' common areas for Christmas. No heavy lifting required; fun guaranteed and pizza lunch will be provided. Anyone who has the time and goodwill to help out with this, please contact Yvonne, yvonne.clinton@easternhealth.ca or 752-8838.

***7pm, Women's Meeting Place:** Non-denominational women's meeting at St. James. Bring a friend to share an evening of fellowship and fun; all ages welcome.
***7:30pm, Active Aging at St. James: NIA** (No Impact Aerobics); the first of 4 one hour drop-in sessions. (November 27, 11 am to noon; December 4, 7:30 to 8:30 pm; and December 11, 11 am to noon.) Nia encourages stability, mobility, strength and flexibility. Cost is \$10 per class.

Tuesday, November 21 is National Bereavement Day: Grief and Bereavement Information Session, 7pm at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road. Topics include the support services available locally and nationally. More information, call 777-8972.

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

Last call for Confirmation Classes: Youth in grade 7 and above, or any adult interested in taking confirmation classes: they will begin in January. Please express your interest to Susan at 722-1881 ext 204 or email susan@stjamesuc.org

Christmas season decorating the church in the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 2, 9:30am-5pm: Any and all assistance is very welcome; this is a family event for those interested and willing to help for as long as you choose. Lunch, snacks & beverages will be provided. Looking forward to seeing many of you join us; we had a wonderful time last year.

Project Grace will be running its third annual *Stuff Our Stocking* campaign this holiday season, to collect small items which are needed by the children to keep playing their instruments all year long. These items include pencils, reeds, rosin,

strings and other things! Please watch for our posters for more ideas. If you have any questions, you can contact Gillian at projectgracenl@gmail.com

Please see the notice boards for full details of the Explorer Program 2018: an initiative to encourage young adult United Church members to consider ministry as a vocation.

Our White Gift service will be on Sunday, December 11. We will be collecting 'new' household articles for Stella Burry Corporation and toiletries, hats, mitts and scarves for Street Reach and Stella Burry. Your White Gifts may be dropped off at the church office during the week, or placed in the wagon at the church entrance next Sunday. Please see the annual Christmas letter and wish list from Stella's Circle on the church notice boards.

The church elevator is temporarily out of order as it awaits a part from Toronto for its repair. Thank you for your understanding.

Rohingya Crisis: The UCC is accepting donations for the needs of the Rohingya people. The Canadian government 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 support midwives. 7 healthy babies and mothers, 494 women from Tanzania and 16 training sessions in collaboration with the Tanzanian Ministry of Health, are the latest totals for training traditional birth attendants reported by M&S partner the Morogoro Women's training Centre. This collaboration, made possible with the support of the UCW, is part of an overall strategy to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates in Tanzania. The women have been named by their community and have varying level of experience and education. All have developed a wide range of skills on the job and faced many challenges in the course of their careers. Some live close to a health clinic or hospital where they can refer high risk cases; others live many miles away from the closest medical centre over difficult and impassable terrain. The women enjoy their work and welcome any additional training offered to them. We sing thanksgiving that M&S is helping to improve the health of women and babies in Tanzania.

Christmas Gospel Concert: Friday, November 24, St. John's Citadel, 7:30pm, hosted by the Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary with a prelude of music by the St. John's Citadel Band Ensemble at 7pm. \$12 tickets at the door.