

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 10, 2017

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- * \$5,000 towards the operating expenses of the church from our UCW, from funds raised during their *Fall Sale and Morning Coffee*. Thank you ladies!
- *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband Charlie Parsons, daughter Sharon Kelly and parents Mom & Dad Stokes from Annie Parsons;
- *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of husband Gilbert, son Gil and daughter Lona from Ruby Hiscock;
- *to St. James General Fund in loving memory of father Gilbert Hiscock, brother Gilbert Hiscock Jr., and sister Lona Hiscock from Patsy;
- *to Project Grace in loving memory of Hubert Norman from Kevin & Marilyn Pardy.

The new poinsettia adorning the Sanctuary today is in loving memory of Mom and Dad Nellie and Bill Bishop, from their children: Bev Wicks, Keith Bishop and Karen Bishop and their granddaughter Kara Sheppard, her husband Stephen and great grandchildren Joshua and Juliana Sheppard.

This afternoon, Project Grace will offer their Semester Showcase at 3 in the Sanctuary; freewill offering. The children have been practicing all semester and are ready to perform! For their annual *Stuff Our Stocking* campaign, they are collecting small items such as pencils, reeds, rosin, strings and other things! Gillian at projectgracenl@gmail

This evening: The AOTS will conduct a Christmas service at Kelly's Brook Apartments beginning at 7. This is a good opportunity for other members of the congregation to join us for an interesting Christmas outreach activity. All are welcome.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 10 at 11am: NIA (no-impact aerobics) with Elaine Dunphy; \$5 drop-in fee. Seniors are welcomed and encouraged. If you cannot move your legs, it can be practiced in a chair. Come on out and discover the joy of movement!

Pleasant View Towers Worship Service at 2pm this Tuesday, December 12. Volunteers, please gather at 1.30 as usual in the chapel.

Their Annual Congregational Christmas Carolling will be on Monday, December 18; please gather at 1:30pm. This is a St. James outreach activity and we would love to have lots of voices with their Christmas Spirit; in other words, many volunteers are welcome!

Next Sunday, December 17: Our Youth Choir will be singing their Christmas music at the White Gift Service. Your White Gifts may be placed in the wagon at the church entrance, or brought to the church office during the week.

Next Sunday afternoon at 3: The Gospel Folk Seniors Choir invites you to *An Hallelujah Christmas* at St. Mary's Anglican Church on Craigmillar Avenue. You may pick up an invitation from St. James' office or just show up; freewill offering.

Heads-up for the return of the light: Winter Solstice Service on December 21 at 7pm in Susan Sheppard's garden, Thorburn Road.

The Senior Choir director, Emma Clark and choir member Louis House will be getting married at St. James on Thursday, December 28 at 1:30. Please feel welcome to attend!

WaterWerks is collecting donations for their 8th Annual Christmas Diaper Drop. Diapers can be dropped off at 96 LeMarchant Road, or you can donate online at diaperdrop.ca All proceeds will be going to the Community Food Sharing Association.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support the work of resolution in places of conflict. In Bethlehem, Wi'am strives to build a just society through mediation, conflict resolution and non-violence. Its premises are bordered on one side by Israel's controversial separation wall and on another side by a street that often sees confrontation between Palestinian protestors and Israeli soldiers. Rocks, tear gas canisters, rubber bullets and live ammunition sometimes land in Wi'am's garden. The program manager says that simply being present here is an act of non-violence. In its work with schools, Wi'am teaches children and young adults the skills they need to mediate conflict in non-violent ways and how to live and work in a society under the constant stresses of occupation. As a result, there has been a significant decrease in violence in the schools it has been working in. Students talk about how Wi'am changed their lives, gave them confidence, and put them in situations where they met Israeli students like them on neutral ground- often the first time they met Israelis who weren't soldiers. We sing thanksgiving for the conflict resolution and mediation of Wi'am supported through M&S.

Remember to NOT keep any visible valuables in your car, particularly over the holiday season.

Christmas 2017 Memory Tree: Deadline is Monday, December 18. Please ensure that the office receives the wording for your contribution.

Memory Tree Form

Name of person donating: _____

In Memory of: _____

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