

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 1, 2019

**Worship & Sacraments Committee** would like to thank everyone who helped with the decorating of the Sanctuary on November 23rd. We were few in numbers but achieved a great amount of work!

**The grand Christmas poinsettias adorning the Sanctuary today** are in loving memory of parents, Roma & Eric Paul from Nancy and Anthony.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:**

\*in loving memory of Ben Lake and Beth Holloway from Charlie & Linda Babstock;

\*in loving memory of Beth Holloway and Garry and Andrew Winsor from Janice Winsor;

\*from the Friendship Group; meetings resume on January 22, 2020.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)  
Givings: November 10: \$4,861  
November 17: \$3,264  
November 24: \$4,585

**If you use envelopes**, please find your 2020 box on a window sill or chair in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of your last name. If you are considering setting up PAR for 2020, this is a great time to do it!

**Are you looking to help in some way?** Our Lay Visitation Program Co-ordinator is seeking folks who may be interested in participating in the program. If this area of help speaks to you, please call or email SuAn in the office: 722-1881, ext. 200, info@stjamesuc.org and let her know your availability.

**Christmas Poinsettia deadline today:** please write your order on the sheet outside of Susan's office or on the table in the front entrance; \$15 per plant.

**Monday, December 2:** Susan's Sewing Studio continues, 3-6pm.

**Wednesday, December 4:** Spiritual Fellowship: 12 noon - 2pm; all welcome.

**Wednesday, December 4:** Final collection at St. James of donation gift cards for Stella's Circle.

**Saturday, December 7 at 7:30pm at St. James:** 'Winter Wonderland' concert featuring the St. John's Gay Men's Chorus. Tickets are \$15, available from Patsy, 726-1936 or at the door.

**Next Sunday, December 8 at 3pm** in the Sanctuary: Project Grace Semester freewill donation; all welcome!

**St. James Christmas Concert:** Sunday, December 15 at 7pm: A varied evening of Christmas music showcasing the musical talents of St. James United Church and the local community. Performers include the St. James Senior Choir; Amy Dalziel, organist; Shelby Marshall, violinist; Gillian Sheppard, flutist; Glenda Winsor, soprano and Project Grace students. A freewill offering will be collected at the door.

**WaterWerks** is collecting donations for their 10th Annual Christmas Diaper Drop. Diapers can be dropped off to Sarah in the Sunday School Class room on Sundays, or during the week you can delivered to 96 LeMarchant Road. You can also donate online at diaperdrop.ca All proceeds will be going to the Community Food Sharing Association.

**Please see the Community notice board** outside the Sanctuary for information on more community events.

**At this time of the year**, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a colored bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or celebration of a loved one. Deadline: December 16 at 10am The changing of the lights is a beautiful seasonal visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in the ongoing projects at St. James.

**Memory Tree Form**

Name of person donating: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ Env #: \_\_\_\_\_