

## St. James United Church Life and Work, November 24, 2019

**We offer our condolences to** the children, family and friends of Helen Crummell, who passed away on November 19. Helen's funeral service will take place from St. James tomorrow Monday, November 25 at 2pm.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations** to the General Fund in loving memory of Ben Lake:

- \*Kevin & Marilyn Pardy
- \*Howard & Alice Forsey
- \*Running Peeps and Stride
- \*Craig and Cathy Whalen
- \*Edward Hodder
- \*Jean and George White
- \*Mary Lush
- \*Nellie Thompson
- \*Wife Maude Lake
- \*Jean and Paul Thompson

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation** to the General Fund in loving memory of Rev. William Coish from Howard & Alice Forsey.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation** to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from Muriel and family.

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.)

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| Givings: November 3: | \$3,168 |
| November 10:         | \$4,861 |
| November 17:         | \$3,264 |

**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 looking for 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. *"One of the comforts that life offers us is that you cannot sincerely help others without helping yourself."* William Shakespeare

**Monday, November 25:** Susan's Sewing Studio is cancelled due to the funeral.

**Christmas Poinsettia:** If you would like to order one or more, please write your order on the sheet outside of Susan's office; \$15 per plant.

**Next Sunday, December 1:** The Soup lunch is postponed until Sunday, December 15.

**Stella's Circle annual Christmas event** seeking donations of gift cards. Gail Thornhill, Housing Director for Stella's Circle, notes: *"St James UC has been generously supportive of the Stella's Circle annual Christmas service and dinner. The past couple of years the congregation has donated gift cards to be given out at the dinner as draw prizes."* Cards can be dropped off at our church office by Wednesday, December 4.

**The popular Palestinian** olive oil, dates and seasoning are again available for purchase from Karen Brown, 689-7297.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for Mission & Service support ministries like *Our Place Society* in Victoria, BC, which offers programs for those on the margins that make everyone feel like family. One of the proudest moments of the Victoria Pride Parade was when a young pre-op transgender woman said that she never felt brave enough to walk in the parade until the day she marched with the staff and family of Our Place. It says a lot about the unique downtown centre for Victoria's most vulnerable that this woman felt included in Our Place's definition of family. It is one thing to preach hope and belonging, but quite another to live it. Loving our neighbours is at the core of Our Place, as all who come through its doors become family.

## **Bethlehem Market, Saturday, November 30 at St. James!**

Admission: \$2.00 single; \$5.00 family of 3 or more

### Sanctuary: Nativity with music

11-11:30: Contemporary

12-12:30: Children's Music

1-1:30: Pipe Organ

2-2:30: St. James' Guitar Group

### Auditorium: Bethlehem Market Café

10-11:30: Muffin and drink \$2.00

11:30- 2: Hot dog, drink and a sweet \$5.00

Soup, roll, drink and a sweet \$5.00

\*Live animals

\*Bake Sale

\*Craft Sale

\*Flea Market

\*Fish Pond

\*Carpenter Shop

Items for the bake table and the café can be dropped off at the church anytime after 1 pm on Friday

### **Items remaining to be volunteered:**

\*Soup - 1 Vegetarian, 1 Turkey

We look forward to seeing you here!

**This evening at 7: Cowan Heights United Church:** A Musical Pot Luck for a celebration and dedication of their Grand Piano. Tickets are \$20; children under 12, no charge. For tickets contact Cowan Heights church office, 745-2871 or Sharon Collins, 682-7973.

**Yoga at Cowan Heights UC:** Chair Yoga Classes: Tuesday and Wednesday at 10am. Yoga: Monday and Wednesday at 7pm. \$10 drop-in fee; buy 7 classes, get your 8<sup>th</sup> class free. Instructor is Pat Watkins, fit4life\_nl@yahoo.com

**The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies' Auxiliary's annual Christmas Gospel Concert,** Friday, November 29 at 7:30pm at The Salvation Army St. John's Citadel, Adams Avenue. Tickets (\$12) from Bernice Langdon (368-1850), Major Fran Duffett (745-5232), or the Glenbrook Lodge (752-8896).

**Gower Street UCW Fall/Christmas Afternoon Tea and Sale,** Saturday, November 30' 2-3:30pm in their Lecture Hall. Tickets are \$7 at the door.

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