

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 15, 2019

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund** in honour of Mom’s, Ruby Hiscock’s, 101<sup>st</sup> birthday from son Paul and daughter-in-law Susan.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund** in loving memory of Matthew Arklie from grand-parents Albert & Myrna Arklie.

**We gratefully acknowledge donations to the General Fund and to the M&S fund** from the wonderful ladies of the St. James UCW.

**Have you received your special envelopes?** Our church bases much of its budget on special collections at Thanksgiving, our Anniversary and Christmas. If you have received these envelopes we encourage you to return them with your regular collection. If you don’t have one let us know and we’ll make arrangements. We sincerely thank everyone for their on-going support!!

**Today, after the 11am White Gift Worship Service:** Please join us for a soup lunch, hosted by our CE and Stewardship Committees. **Poinsettias** will be available for purchase in the Auditorium at the lunch; \$15 per plant. This is a fundraiser towards our Youth participation in Rendez-vous 2020 in Calgary in the summer. Your White Gift will be donated to Stella’s Circle and Thrive.

**This evening in our Sanctuary at 7: St. James Christmas Concert:** A varied evening of Christmas music showcasing the musical talents of St. James UC 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.

**Saturday, December 21:** Winter Solstice Worship and Bonfire at Susan’s house (call for directions) at 7pm. Please bring a mug a flashlight and if needed, a camp chair. Dress warmly! In the event of bad weather, an update will be posted on our Facebook page.

**Christmas Eve Family Service:** This year we are planning a traditional Christmas Eve service focusing on the family and the birth of Christ.

There is sure to be something for all ages. In that regard we are seeking children to dress as angels and/or shepherds. There are no speaking parts and costumes will be available at the church. If you are planning to attend the service (6:30pm) and have children interested in participating, please advise the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200 or email info@stjamesuc.org as soon as possible, but no later than December 23rd at noon. We want to ensure that we have costumes for all interested children.

**Important notice:** In 2020, our Contemporary Worship Service will move to Saturday afternoon at 4:30pm, beginning on Saturday, January 4.

**The United Church bookstore** is seeking volunteers to help with inventory this week, December 16-20. If you have any time to give, please call Leona Laundry, 1-800-268-3781, ext. 6141. *“More hands make light work.”*

**WaterWerks** is collecting donations for their 10th Annual Christmas Diaper Drop. All donations can be dropped off at 96 LeMarchant Road, or given to Sarah (in Sunday School) All proceeds go to the Community Food Sharing Association. diaperdrop.ca

**Broadview magazine** is offering special gift subscriptions for only \$20, plus tax. This makes an inspiring gift for family or friends. Contact Barry Cutler for details, newfie\_1\_ca@yahoo.ca

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

**Christmas 2019 Memory Tree deadline is tomorrow!** Please ensure that the office receives the wording for your contribution.

<b><u>Memory Tree Form</u></b>	
Name of person donating:	_____
In Memory of:	_____
Address: _____	Donation: _____ Env #: _____