

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 22, 2019

We offer our condolences to Mary Wiseman, her family and friends, on the passing of Mary's beloved husband, Eugene, on December 16. His funeral took place from Caul's Chapel last Friday.

Message of Thanks: Merry Christmas from the Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers of Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center. *"The generosity of your congregation's food and financial donations is the backbone of the important work we do, and allows us to relieve hunger and restore dignity in our community."*

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

****to the General Fund in loving memory of:**

- * father Captain Walter Blackwood, from Lorna Jamieson;
- * father Gilbert Hiscock, brother Gil and sister Lona from Patsy.

****to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of:**

- * parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath, and brother John Heath from Samuel & Brenda Butt;
- * Fred Higdon from his wife Claire and family.

****to Bridges To Hope in loving memory of:**

- * Bill Coish from Daphne;
- * Nicole Fortier from Uncle Cal;
- * grand-daughter Nicole Fortier from Hope Mercer.

****to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of** Helen Crummell from the St. James' UCW.

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: December 1: | \$4,929 |
| December 8: | \$6,714 |
| December 15: | \$4,940 |

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: Poinsettias are available for purchase, \$15 per plant.

Christmas Eve Family Service: Tuesday, December 24 at 6:30pm. Please join us for 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 and have children interested in participating, please advise the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200 or email info@stjamesuc.org by tomorrow, December 23rd, at noon. We want to ensure that we have costumes for all interested children.

Christmas Eve Service: St. James encourages members of the congregation to sit in the front choir pews and help lead the congregational hymns. All ages and abilities welcome - there will be no anthem and no rehearsal - simply take a seat at the front a few minutes before the service begins.

Contemporary Worship Services have now ended for 2019. Beginning Saturday, January 4, 2020, the Service will move to Saturday afternoons at 4:30pm.

WaterWerks Annual Christmas Diaper Drop to 96 LeMarchant Road, or to Sarah (in Sunday School). 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.

Making last minute contributions over the Christmas period:

The office will be open at the following times:

December 23 and 24: 9.30am – 3:30pm December 25, 26: closed
December 30 and 31: 10am-3pm

If you wish to make a contribution outside of these hours, there is a secure mail box (lock box) for your use to the right of the exterior office door.

The financial year end is December 31.