

Life and Work – November 1, 2020

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- * in loving memory of husband, Charlie Parsons, from wife, Annie
- * in memory of Phil Saunders from Ron and Lorraine Robbins
- * in memory of Ethel Pitt from the UCW
- * in memory of Ethel Pitt from Shirley Bursey

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

- * in memory of dear cousin, Phil Saunders, from Win Kennedy
- * in memory of Phil Saunders from Bill Butt
- * in loving memory of Jacob Parsons from wife, Effie, and sons, Donald and Derek
- * with thanks for Oliver Klemola's baptism from mother, Lindsay Dutton

Important: Even though we are now open for in-person Sunday Morning Worship, you still have to pre-register to attend by calling 700-6064 by the previous Friday.

There will be the usual Contemporary Digital Service at 4:30pm on Saturday, October 31.

In-person traditional Worship Service on Sunday, November 8 at 11am with the Rev. Jim Von Riesen.

Susan's Fall Programs:

Book Study: *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians*, beginning the week of November 15 and running through the week of December 13. This 5-week program will use the book *The Birth of Jesus for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt, available from Woodlake Publishing at a cost of \$12 (paperback) and \$7.50 (e-book). Depending on registration there is the possibility of a morning and evening group. If you are interested, but not yet registered, please email Susan Sheppard, susan@stjamesuc.org

Message regarding Registration:

Please know that when you register for church, it is always on the assumption that you will be able to make it that day. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to attend, that is quite ok. There are no penalties to not coming nor did you keep someone else from attending. We currently have more than enough room. With that being said, if you still don't feel comfortable pre-registering, you can simply call the registration line on Friday afternoon and Jennifer will be able to advise you as to how many are signed up for Sunday. Then, if you wish to join us on Sunday as a walk-in, you can be assured there will be room for you. Please note: walk-ins are always welcome but it is at your own risk. If there is no room at the inn, we will unfortunately have to turn you away. That is why we promote calling and registering.

Minute for Mission:

The Rev. Bronwyn Corlett shares this reflection:

When my father was sick, my minister visited. The minister didn't stay long—just long enough to let us know we were cared for, thought of, and prayed for. After I was in a car crash, I visited my minister to share my fear, anxiety, and confusion. My minister listened and asked questions. Not too many—just enough to let me know I was heard, I was okay, and I was prayed for. I was not alone. Our ministers are present in the big moments: baptisms and funerals, weddings and divorces, celebrations and crises. They are there in the everyday moments: visiting, witnessing, and walking with us. They remind us of God's presence while we wrestle with life, faith, and love. Ministers are not perfect or infallible. They each have different gifts from God and are called to unique service. Thank you to our ministers for - the sermons, the prayers, and the visits; the times you leave your own families to sit with someone else's; your leadership and your late nights; for answering God's call and living it out in The United Church of Canada. Thanks to our gifts for Mission & Service, ministers are supported through training at theological schools and education centers and through continuing education.

Friendly Reminder: The deadline for the Memorial Hymn Sing dedication requests is **November 15, 2020**. You can drop them in the mail slot in the church or email your hymn sing selection to info@stjamesuc.org (Subject: Hymn Sing).