

Life and Work – December 13, 2020

We would like to acknowledge the following donations:

To the Memorial Fund:

In memory of Captain Peter and Mrs Olive Parsons from Derek and Heidi Janes

In memory of Thomas Hill from wife Joyce and family

To the General Fund:

In honor of our son's baptism from Paula, Troy and James Pike

To the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:

In memory of Bethany Pike from Susan Pike and Michael Kavanagh

We offer our condolences to Barbara Butt, her family and friends, on the passing of Barbara's beloved husband of 62 years, William (Bill) Hedley Butt, on December 7. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of Bill's life will take place at a later date in 2021.

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Florence White who passed away on December 5. Her funeral service took place on December 7.

The Stewardship Committee and the Ministry extend a sincere thank you to the congregation, and to the members of Newfound Sound Women's Barbershop Chorus, who donated in support of Stella's Circle. We are so pleased with the abundance of toiletries, housewares and clothing items, including many beautiful hand-knit and crocheted items. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated!

Christmas Eve Services

In light of the seating restrictions and limitations on church capacity, we have decided to offer two Christmas Eve services on December 24: the first being at 4:00 pm and the second at 7:30 pm to allow for sanitization between services. As per our Covid-19 policies, registration is required (700-6064). The deadline for both services will be 4:00 pm on December 18. Should there be low numbers registered for the 4:00pm service, it will be integrated into the one service at 7:30 pm, and the registrants will be contacted regarding their attendance for the 7:30 pm service.

Registration Christmas hours

December 21,22, 23: 11am - 4pm

December 24: 10am - 3pm

December 25: Closed

December 28, 29, 30: 11am - 4pm

December 31, January 1: Closed

Regular hours will recommence on January 4, 2021. Monday to Friday 11-4 and closed on weekends.

Bridges to Hope

Drive-thru' Food Drive this Sunday, December 13th in the St. James parking lot from 12-2. Drive up, drop your food donation and our Youth will take care of the rest! All donations will be brought to Bridges to Hope. You may also support Bridges to Hope's Christmas '*Miracle on Cookstown Road*' campaign: visit www.bridgestohope/miracle

The Worship & Sacraments Committee would like to thank all those who assisted with the decoration of

the Sanctuary on December 5th. Special thanks to Josh Tobin, Amy Dalziel, Brendan Walsh, Hannah Sheppard, Joel Le Feuvre, Susan Pike and Marilyn Adams.

George St. United Church is offering fresh, locally grown, Christmas vegetable hampers for \$20 each, containing potatoes, carrot, turnip, and cabbage (13 lbs of fresh local vegetables). Early Hamper orders must be in by Tuesday, December 15th to be picked or delivered on Wednesday,

December 16th. Other orders must be in by Sunday, December 20th to be picked up or delivered on December 23rd. To order or request more information, please call the church office at 726-8775.

As a reward for your support, one purchaser and one seller will win a full turkey hamper with a fresh local turkey or a Butterball Turkey and all the trimmings including the Old Port Salt beef and local vegetables from Keith's Farm and Roadside Market In CBS.

Sunday, December 20: A Service of Lessons and Carols will take place at 11am and 7pm at Cochrane Street United Church. Soloists this year are Mary Antle, Meg Herder, and Darrin Martin along with our Music Director Evan Smith and our choir. To register to attend, visit: www.cochranestreetuc.com/christmas-instjohns

The Community Sector Council NL has many free online training opportunities happening every month, including some for professional development. Visit www.communitysector.nl.ca and click on techKNOWtutors for the full list of upcoming training events in December, including *Understanding Facebook Live*, *All About Smartwatches* and more.

Thursday, December 17, 12:30-1:30pm: the Alzheimer Society of NL will be hosting another Lunch & Learn webinar with information on the First Link program, including how to become a referring partner. This presentation is free and open to the public. If you are interested in registering for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimer.nl.ca or give them a call at 576-0608.

2021 Envelopes: Our Zone Captains will be delivering the 2021 envelopes that have not been picked-up. If you have received *The Visitor* by snail mail in the past, your envelopes remain at the church, so when you attend a service, please ask an usher to collect them for you.

NSO Presents Handel's Messiah Online: Friday, December 11 at 7:30pm

From the beautiful Basilica of St. John the Baptist, the NSO presents Handel's masterpiece, *Messiah* – sponsored by Cox & Palmer. The NSO is joined by a special choir of local singers, a cast of all Newfoundland and Labrador soloists including: Maria Lacey, soprano; Abra Whitney, contralto; David Pomeroy, tenor; and **Branden Olsen (St. James United Church's Associate Music Director)**, baritone under the direction of conductor Kathleen Allan. The concert will begin streaming online on Friday, December 11 at 7:30pm, and will be available then for 30-days for you to enjoy as many times as you wish during the Christmas season. For details and tickets visit www.nsomusic.ca or call Lynn Ann at 722-4441.

December 3 was International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Paul Walsh, a member of our congregation, is honoured to receive 'Empower', the Independent Living Resource Centre's *2020 Cecilia Carroll Award for Individual Advocacy for Independent Living*. Paul has volunteered in the disability community for more than 25 years, advocating for their rights. He has served with the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities' (COD-NL) board in different roles for many years including as their President for three years. Paul was also the Chairperson for the Provincial Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities from 2014-17 and for the past two years, has brought his accessibility knowledge to the city's Transportation Commission where he is currently their Chairperson. *Congratulations Paul!*

Memory Tree:

As is our tradition at St. James, we are once again lighting bulbs on our Memory Tree in the porch, in memory of our loved ones. If you wish to donate to have a bulb lit in your loved one's memory, please either:

1. complete the short form below with the name(s) of your loved ones and leave the form with your donation in the church's secure mail box.
2. e-mail the church office, info@stjamesuc.org with the names of your loved ones and your means of donation.
3. donate using the "Donate" button on our web site www.stjamesuc.org and include the name(s) of your loved ones, indicating it's for the Memory Tree;
4. contact Robin Bartlett, Chair of Stewardship, at 682-3927 or 754-5409 or by e-mailing robinbartlett1224@gmail.com.
5. leave your donation request form along with your donation in the collection plate.

 Memory Tree Dedications and Donations

I wish to have a bulb lit in memory of:

Name: _____ Donation amount: _____

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Name: _____ Donation amount: _____

Donor's name: _____

Envelope or PAR #: _____

Donor's address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Donor's e-mail address: _____

The deadline for request forms is Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Thank you for your support!