

## Life and Work – December 12, 2021

We offer our condolences to the family of Ruby Hiscock on her passing on December 3, 2021. A family funeral took place on December 4, 2021 at Barrett's Funeral Home.

**\*Please Note:** Pre-registration will be required for Christmas Eve Worship services. This helps us plan for the services, and to save time upon your arrival for the services. Vax Passes will be required, and masks will have to be worn during your time in the building.

We can open for FULL capacity for these services and having your contact info before arrival will help speed things along.

**Reminder:** With the winter season upon us, and the snow arriving before Christmas we would like to let you know about our closure policy when weather advisories are issued. St. James United will be following MUN for closures related to weather. If MUN is closed, they can NOT clear our parking lot and the office is unable to open for visitors. Tracy will be available during closure days via virtual office.

**2022 "My Offering" envelopes** are available for pick up at the office. Office hours: 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday

You can collect them at Sunday's worship service as well.

If you are unable to pick them up, please get in touch with Tracy.

### "Blue Christmas" Service

It will be held at St. James United Church on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Please extend this invitation to members of the congregation who have had a death in the family this past year as well as anyone who may be feeling blue because of job loss, illness, the end of a relationship, have become empty nesters, etc.

The service is co-led by the ministers of the NE Avalon.

**Men's Club** - This is an advanced notice that the activities of the Men's Club will resume in January 2022, if current COVID regulations remain in place. Dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. New members are encouraged to consider attending and participating in the activities of the club.

**Stella's Circle** - It's the time of year for generosity and giving to those in need. As usual, St. James will be collecting donations for Stella's Circle's up till December 15.

Their Christmas Wish List includes new household items, kitchen supplies, toiletries, clothing and adult activities (E.g. cards, art supplies) and we kindly ask that you do not wrap these items that are donated.

Robin Bartlett, Chair of Stewardship, will also be collecting items until Wednesday, December 15. The church office will be accepting items as well and you can drop your donations off Monday to Friday, 10am - 2pm, or after hours, call Robin at 682-3927 for pick up.

You can also drop items directly to Stella's Circle, 142 Military Road by December 22, and ask for Cathy White (738-7730). Thank you!

## **MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE**

At this time of the year, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or celebration of a loved one.

The changing of the lights is a beautiful, seasonal, visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in the on-going projects at St. James.

Please have your request into the office by noon on Friday, December 17 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert.

God bless you for your kindness. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

## **Upcoming Young Adult Event:**

Are you between 18 and 35 (give or take)?

Want to hang out with others around the same age? SJUC's young adult group meets regularly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We hope to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022. For more information about this you can email [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

## **Introducing "The Great Christmas Visit"**

The Advent-Christmas season is upon us. It is a favourite time of year for so many, especially because it is a great time to connect with loved ones (while following public health protocols).

Family and friends include all the church family, so why not reach out to members of St. James United Church who may be feeling isolated or lonely, especially if they have trouble getting around or are staying in due to the pandemic.

You can participate in our Great Christmas Visit by simply signing up and you will be matched with someone to visit this holiday season (remember to wear your mask and stay 2 meters apart).

Visit with your match at some point between Sunday, November 28, 2021 and Thursday, January 6, 2022, extending to them the care of this faith community.

## **A New Committee**

Are you interested in community issues like systemic racism, housing insecurity and right relations with Indigenous peoples?

Do you worry about climate change and loss of biodiversity?

Are you concerned about international conflicts and other global issues?

Then you will be interested in a new ad hoc committee that we are establishing to help us respond to social and ecological justice issues. Contact James for more information.

Email: [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org) Phone: 722-1881 Cell: 351-0983

## **Winter Solstice - Forest Church**

WHEN: Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm

WHERE: Susan Sheppards backyard.

Please dress for whatever the weather may bring. Contact Susan for directions at [youthchurch@stjamesuc.org](mailto:youthchurch@stjamesuc.org)

## **Community Christmas Carol Sing-along December 19 at 7 pm**

Strike the harp and join the chorus! St. James United Church warmly invites everyone of all ages and backgrounds to join in their **Community Christmas Story and Carol Sing-along on Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm!**

Come hear and celebrate the story of Jesus Christ's birth through readings, poems, music, pictures of artwork from around the world and sing Christmas carols! Music provided by St. James' talented musicians and singers with special guests, **Newfound Sound Women's Barbershop Chorus!** No charge; donations for Bridges to Hope Food Aid will be collected. Vax passes and masks required. St. James is an accessible, inclusive church. For information call 722-1881.

## **Community News**

### **Miracle on Cookstown Road Campaign - Bridges to Hope**

It has been another unforgettable year for all of us. Yet, despite the struggle, every day at Bridges to Hope we are fortunate to witness the miracle of kindness: Neighbors feeding Neighbors

Help us help others this Holiday season. Why?

Not only do we relieve hunger in our community; we also restore dignity by giving our clients access to fresh, healthy and homemade food.

During the Christmas Season, we will see a huge increase in our food aid center volume. Hunger is not always recognized. These families, seniors or students could be your own neighbors or colleagues that will have to make a choice of paying rent, heat or feeding their families.

Newfoundlanders and Labradoreans have always had a strong tradition of helping those less fortunate. That is why today, we are hoping to count on you to make a donation to ensure that no family goes hungry in our community this holiday season. No amount is too small!

What impact will my donation have?

\$10 — Makes 20 loaves of Homemade Bread

\$25 — Makes 50 bowls of Homemade Soup

\$50 — 25 clients receive Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

\$100 — 20 kids receive 5 days supply of Healthy Snacks

\$250 — Feeds 10 families for 5 days

Happy Holidays from the Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers. Thank you from those who matter most – our clients!

### **Cowan Heights United Church**

Mid-Week Advent Worship: Join us on Wednesday evenings this upcoming Advent season for a more reflective and quiet service. Through times of silence, poetry, scripture, and song, we will be reflecting, longing, waiting, and discovering as Advent people on this journey through the December darkness.

DATES: Wednesday, December 15, and 22 at 7:00 p.m.

You can register for the services by visiting our website [www.cowanheightsunited.ca](http://www.cowanheightsunited.ca) or by calling (709) 745-2871.

## **Donations - December 12, 2021**

### **We gratefully accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:**

- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from George and Jean White.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Dot and Dave Hapgood.
- \*In loving memory of Albert Styles from Elaine Burney & Kevin Penney.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from St. James UCW.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Brenda & Clyde Flight.
- \*In loving memory of Jim Beckett from Brenda & Clyde Flight.

### **We gratefully accept the following donations to the General Fund:**

- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from June Jones.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Jack & Florence Head.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Linda & Charlie Babstock.
- \*In loving memory of Mother, Ruby Hiscock, from Patsy.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Paul & Susan Hiscock.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Barry & Janine Hiscock and Family.
- \*In loving honour of Ruby Hiscock's 103 birthday from daughter Donna & Family.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Gilbert and Lillian Thomas.
- \*In loving memory of Beth Holloway from sister Jan & Glenn.
- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Glenn and family.
- \*In loving honour of Ruby Hiscock on what would have been her 103 birthday love Baden & Gennie.
- \*In loving honour of Ruby Hiscock on what would have been her 103 birthday love Keith & Kathie, Stephen, Robin, and Krista.

### **We gratefully accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:**

- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Muriel Cole.

### **We gratefully accept the following donation to the Operating Fund:**

- \*In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Vera Marshall.