

Life and Work – December 19, 2021

Donations

We gratefully accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

- *In loving memory of Albert Styles from Glenda & Bill Butt.
- *In loving memory of Howard Forsey love Alice Forsey.
- *In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Karen and Ken Barbour, Kyle and Kara Osmond-Barbour.
- *In loving memory of Ruby Hiscock from Desiree Skinner.
- *In loving memory of James Beckett from Maxine Bursey.

We gratefully accept the following donations to the General Fund:

- *In loving memory of father Gilbert Hiscock, mother Ruby Hiscock, sister Lona Hiscock, and brother Gilbert Hiscock love Patsy Hiscock.
- *In loving memory of a loving best friend Ruby Hiscock from Shirley Bursey.
- *Recognizing family and friends at this time of year who are here and no longer here, far and not so far. With loving memories, Dora-Lee (Coish) and Greg Pope.

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

- *In loving memory of Fred Higdon from his wife Claire and family.

We gratefully accept the following donations to the Operating Fund:

- *In memory of parents and grandparents, Capt. William and Susan Moss from Sheilah and David Beckett and family.
- *In memory of father and grandfather James Alan Beckett from son David, daughter-in-law Tina, and granddaughter Kayleigh.
- *In memory of husband James Alan Beckett from his wife, Sheilah.
- *In memory of Ruby Hiscock from Aubrey and Ruby Hill.
- *In memory of Ruby Hiscock from Barbara Butt.
- *From St. James UCW.

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Mission & Service Fund:

- *From St. James UCW.

***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 these services. Vax Passes will be required, and masks will have to be worn during your time in the building.

We are able to open for FULL capacity for these services and having your contact information before your arrival helps speed along your entry into the service.

Registration Line: 700-6064

Christmas Eve Service: 4:30pm and 7:30pm

Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Date: Sunday, December 19 at 7:30pm *please note the time

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 7:30 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!

No charge: donations for Bridges to Hope Food Aid will be collected.

Vax passes and masks are required. St. James is an accessible, inclusive church. For information call Robin at 682-3927.

United Church Women's Group

The UCW ladies would like to thank the members of the congregation for their support in their fundraising project "The Bakeless Bake Sale" this fall.

Through donations from the UCW ladies and members of the congregation the ladies raised over \$3600. As a result of these efforts donations have been made to the Operating Expenses of the church and to the Mission and Service fund.

2022 "My Offering" envelopes are available for pick up at the office. Office

hours: 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday

You can collect them at Sundays worship service as well.

If you are unable to pick them up, please get in touch with Tracy at the office 722-1881.

Winter Solstice - Forest Church

WHEN: Tuesday, December 21 at 7pm

WHERE: Susan Sheppard's backyard.

Please dress for whatever the weather may bring.

Contact Susan for directions at youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

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

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 Phone: 722-1881 Cell: 351-0983

NOTE: James and Susan will be taking a few days off over the Christmas season to enjoy the holidays with their loved ones. Worship services for Saturday, December 25 at 4:30pm, and Sunday, December 26 at 9am are both pre-recorded services, and they will be available online for you to enjoy from the comfort of your own home with your loved ones.

The office will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Tuesday, December 28 and will reopen on Wednesday, December 29 at 10am with regular office hours (10-2) resuming December 29 - 31.

James and Susan will be working from home and can be reached via email or phone during those days that the office is opened.

If you have an emergency and need to speak to James or Susan over the holidays, please use the pager number 727-4067 to reach one of the ministers.

Community News

CHRISTMAS ON COCHRANE

Everyone is welcome to join us for our newest Christmas tradition at 81 Cochrane Street as we countdown to Christmas. Each week we will have Christmas Carols, special guests and a joyful celebration of community as we light up trees for hope, peace, joy, and love.

Come join us 4pm on December 19, & 24. Please bring along a non-perishable food item so Bridges to Hope Food Aid Centre can continue to help our neighbors.

Suggested items: 1 litre Juice, canned milk, cereal, crackers, Mac-n-Cheese (ie Kraft Dinner), canned soup, canned beans, canned pasta (Ravioli, etc), canned fruit, pasta foods/sauce, packaged meals (Sidekicks, Mr. Noodles etc), hygiene items.

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: December 22, at 7:00 p.m. You can register for the services by visiting our website www.cowanheightsunited.ca or by calling (709) 745-2871.

Gifts with VISION

“Help change the world” with your generosity, and through specific Mission & Service Partners! New gifts ideas for 2021-2022 are now available.

The *Gifts with Vision* paper catalogue provides a sampling of available gifts; the complete list is available on the Gifts with Vision website. Your gifts transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose and build a better world. Some of our Region’s Ministries that will make a difference through this year’s gifts include:

During the Advent and Christmas gift giving seasons, we invite you to share some Gifts with Vision, to help change the world, in Jesus’ name.

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.

Bridges to Hope is asking you to support our **Miracle on Cookstown Road Campaign** to enable us to provide support to thousands of people within our St. John's community that go hungry.

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!