

## Life and Work – December 18th, 2022

### **We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

\*In memory of Dorothy Hapgood, Joanne Hapgood and Bethany Pike from Cathy and Luke Grenning and Family.

### **We acknowledge the following donations to the Cemetery Fund:**

\*In loving memory of parents, Gil and Ruby Hiscock, Sister Lona and brother Gilbert from Patsy.  
\*In loving memory of Fred Higdon from his wife Claire and family.

### **We acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:**

\*In honor of Claire Higdon who celebrates her birthday on December 26<sup>th</sup>. From Steven O'Dea.  
\*In loving memory of Mom, Dorothy (Dot) Hapgood, as we remember you on your birthday, December 19. Love Susan, Stephen, Rebecca and Kyle

### **Christmas Eve Service Times:**

4:30 pm: Family and Fun - Come one and all to this family focused Christmas service. There will be pop-up pageant in which any child comes gets to take part in "The Manger Mystery: A Detective Story". No rehearsal necessary.

7:30 pm: Carols and Communion. Come to this traditional service of readings, carols and a sharing in communion. Come early for a 20 minute carol sing before the service begins.

**Office Closure:** The office at St. James will be closed for the holidays beginning on December 23 to December 29, 2022, and then from December 31 to January 4, 2023.

**Wildlight Spiritual Oasis:** Winter Solstice celebration 7PM at Susan's garden on Wednesday, December 21. Dress for the weather. In case of bad weather, go to either the St. James or Wildlight Facebook groups.

**For all who find Christmas to be difficult:** *Topsail United Church* is hosting a special "Longest Night" service on **December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to acknowledge our sadness and concern and to realize that we are not alone. Through music, scripture and the sharing of light may we know that even in the darkest of nights, God's light of hope shines. All are welcome. Refreshments will follow the service.

### **Ways you can help this Christmas:**

**Christmas Diaper Drop:** WaterWerks is collecting donations for their 13th Annual Christmas Diaper Drop. Diapers can be dropped off at 96 LeMarchant Road, or you can donate online at: [diaperdrop.ca](http://diaperdrop.ca). All proceeds will be going to the Community Food Sharing Association.

**Please Help Ukrainians and Other Newcomers - There are many different ways to do so:** If you have extra space in your house, please consider hosting someone or even a family for one (1) to three (3) months. Everyone is screened and matched. For information on this program, visit [www.ancnl.ca](http://www.ancnl.ca), or contact the ANC's volunteer / Community Connections and Resettlement Departments at 722-9680 or by e-mail: [ancreceptionist@nfld.net](mailto:ancreceptionist@nfld.net), or [volunteer@ancnl.ca](mailto:volunteer@ancnl.ca). Please post any information you have about donations of mattresses/beds and other furnishings jobs, rooms or apartments, or jobs, on the Facebook group site, **Newfoundland and Labrador Help/Host Ukrainians**. Thank you!

**Bridges to Hope:** At this time of year, Bridges to Hope are finding themselves short in certain types of food donations at the food bank. The Board has decided to designate the first Sunday of each month to make a special appeal to participating churches to ask their congregations to

provide a specific item – a different item each month. For December, this item is Cereal/ Instant Oatmeal. The hope is that a unified appeal will help supply many hampers with items that are considered “staples”. The Board has also provided a list of other staples that are on sale at various grocery stores this week. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be brought to the Church or to Bridges to Hope. Thank you for your cooperation.