

## Life and Work – December 11th, 2022

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

- \* In memory of Dorothy "Dot" Hapgood from Jean Morgan.
- \* In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Harriet Mercer.
- \* In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Karen Pike.
- \* In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Leah Tulk.
- \* In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Audrey and Cecil Templeman.
- \* In memory of Husband Carlson and Son Brian from Ann Emberley.
- \* In memory of Dorothy Hapgood from Melvia, Denise and Janice Wadden.

### **We gratefully accept the following donation to the Bridges to Hope Fund:**

\*In loving memory of Vincent Pike from Glen and Glenda Winsor.

**Weekly Quote:** "Care Deeply. Think Kindly. Act Gently, and be at peace with the world, for this is the Spirit of Christmas.. This is the Spirit of Love." Written by Linda Staten.

**Office Hours:** The office hours are now 8:30AM to 1:30PM Tuesday to Friday.

**The Christmas Visitor:** The Visitor's are now ready for pick-up! Zone Captains can pick up their Visitor packages at the office during office hours.

**Adult Actors Needed for Christmas Eve:** We are looking for some adults to take on roles for the 4:30 pm service. Rev. James is working on a script but is hoping to have at least 8 people to assist with a few lines, most from where the person is sitting.

**Today's White Gift Sunday:** If you would still like to give to Stella's Circle Donations can be made to St. James United Church Office. We will bring all donations to Stella's Circle directly. You can view the list of items on our website at [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org)

**Please Help Ukrainians and Other Newcomers. There are many different ways to do so:** On Tuesday night, 186 more Ukrainians arrived here direct from Warsaw with only a suitcase each, to find safety and peace and to start their lives over all again. There are now more than 1500 here. We are accepting donations of Winter clothing for the Association for New Canadians (ANC) Call Stephanie at the St. James church office: 722-1881, or Robin Bartlett: 682-3927 for more information.

**A Big Thank You:** Our Stewardship Committee thanks all of our numerous contributors -- volunteers, donors, vendors and performers -- for your "time, talents and treasures" which made our Bethlehem Bazaar a lovely, community event as well as a good church fundraiser. It had been three years since we last held something like it. There was a great variety of goods to buy and activities to enjoy. As the Chairperson, I especially thank: Jean Thompson and Rev. James for being the main organizers; Amy Dalziel, our Music Director, for organizing and performing at our little concert; the UCW and the AOTS members; those who ran the café (Linda, Vicki, Susan, Marilyn, Jean and others of whom I may not know); the St. James Guitar Group and Newfound Sound for taking the time to perform; and of course the vendors without whom we would not have been able to have a market! There are so many others who contributed in their own way. You are all greatly appreciated! May you all have a pleasant Christmas! – Robin Bartlett

**A New Song by Becca-Ann Bartlett:** We'd like to share some good news. Becca-Ann has just released a new song entitled "Dreams Were Meant for Sleeping". You can find it on YouTube (follow the link listed below if you'd like) or search YouTube for Becca Bartlett. The song will pop up. You can also find it on other platforms like Spotify or Apple Music. Have a listen. It's really good. [www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=dreams+were+made+for+sleeping](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=dreams+were+made+for+sleeping)

**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.

**Weekly “Specials”**

**December 8 – 14, 2022**

**Good Suggestions for the Food Trolley**

Sobeys	Compliments Canned Vegetables	\$0.99
Dominion	Graves Apple Juice	<b>\$0.66</b>
	Green Giant Vegetables	\$0.99
Walmart	Palmolive Dish Detergent	\$1.97
	Dairy Isle Evaporated Milk	\$1.33
Colemans	Heinz Beans or Pasta	4/\$5.00
Shoppers Drug Mart	Blue Menu Peanut Butter	\$2.99
No Frills	Colgate Toothpaste	\$1.00

**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.

**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.

**Toy Drive:** The ANC is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive for newcomers' first Christmas in NL! Join us in giving to help make this holiday season extra special. We are looking for Unwrapped and New Toys, Books, Board games, or Gift cards for ages 0-18. Please have donations in by December 13th, 2022

Item drop off is at:

\* [Cal LeGrow Insurance & Financial Group](#)

Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

189 Higgins Line, St. John's

\* [Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador](#)

Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm

10 Austin St Suite 100, St. John's

## Memory Christmas Tree:



### MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE FORM

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, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or in celebration of loved ones. We often think of this in terms remembering those who have died but we also may have happy memories that we want to acknowledge, like the birth of a child, a graduation or perhaps an important anniversary. The money raised through your gift helps to fund the many projects and activities that make St. James the vibrant faith community we love. Please have your request into the office by noon on Friday, December 16 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

Donor's Name(s):

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In Memory or Celebration of:

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Address:

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Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_