St. James (Inited Church Life and Works, December 21st, 2014

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Ross Pilgrim

Greeters: Sabrina Pilgrim, Willow Pilgrim, Gracie Pilgrim, Ross Pilgrim
Ushers: Baxter Howse, Jack Head, Bruce Hunt, Eric King, Oliver Wellon

We offer our condolences to Beulah Riche on the recent passing of her brother-in-law, Stanley Warren.

The following donations have been received:

- **to the AOTS in loving memory of husband, Reginald Parsons, from Bertha Parsons, and in loving memory of husband, Don, from Vera Marshall;
- ** to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Bethany Pike from Robert & Elizabeth Young;
- **to Project Grace in loving memory of Bethany Pike from Gerry & Ann Beresford and also from Christopher March;
- **to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Eric Paul from Nancy's friends and colleagues at the Department of Justice, and also from the UCW;
- **to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Eric Paul from Shirley Bursey, and in loving memory of father, Capt. Walter Blackwood, from Lorna Jamieson;
- **to Bridges to Hope in loving memory of Roma & Eric Paul from Menetha & Sid Dyke, in loving memory of Violet Hodder from Shirley Bursey, and in loving memory of husband, Bas Jamieson, from Lorna Jamieson;
- **to the General Fund in loving memory of mother, Mildred Blackwood, and brother, Walter Blackwood Jr., from Lorna Jamieson;
- **to the Mission & Service Fund in loving memory of husband, Cecil G. Cole, from Muriel Cole.

Winter Solstice Service this evening at 7: Dress for the weather; bring a flashlight and mug. Location is Susan Sheppard's front yard.

Christmas Eve Worship at St. James will begin at 7pm as an inter-generational, family-friendly gathering of story and song, transitioning into a more reflective and contemplative Communion Service at 8pm. Please feel welcome to join the service at any time.

December 28th Worship Service: We will be offering a special end of year Worship Service next Sunday, December 28th at 11am. The spirit of the season continues as the Senior Choir leads us in a Christmas Carol Sing.

Procedure in the event of extreme winter weather: Last winter it was felt that the procedure approved some years ago should be reconsidered. For a trial

period of Jan and Feb, 2015, a committee of 3 Council members will consider and decide if it is not reasonable to open for Sunday Worship and notify the Congregation via VOWR, other radio stations and the recorded telephone message by 8:30 am. on Sunday morning. This procedure will be either ratified or revised by the Congregation at the Annual General meeting in March. Let's pray for favourable weather this winter. Clyde Flight, Council Chair.

Making last minute contributions over the Christmas period:

The office will be open at the following times:

December 22nd: 9.30am – 5pm

December 23rd: 9.30am-1pm and 1.30 – 5pm

December 24th: 9.30am-1pm and 1.30-4.30pm

December 29, 30, 31: 10am-3pm

If you wish to make a contribution outside of these hours, there is a secure mail box (lock box) for your use to the right of the exterior office door.

The financial year end is December 31st, so if you do make a contribution outside of regular hours, please use the lock box and ensure that your contribution is clearly marked for 2014.

GO Project Initiative: We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to serve for a short period of time developing a promotional program for the GO Project, St. John's. This promotional material would be distributed throughout the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference of the United Church to encourage youth and leaders to take part in GO and to promote the positive effects on youth and congregations who have already been involved. To volunteer for this worthwhile project, please contact Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204, or susan@stjamesuc.org

Remember to NOT keep any valuables in your car, particularly over the holiday season.

If you do have a last minute Memory Tree wish, please complete this form and put it between the office half-doors before you leave today. Money contributions can be left in the plate or brought in during the week.

Memory Tree Form	
Name of person donating:	
In Memory of:	
Env #:Address if no Env. #:	