

St. James United Church Life and Works, November 29, 2015

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler **Greeters:** Marjorie Tiller, Hardy Winsor

Ushers: Linda Babstock, Sandra Tiller, Cator Brown, Bill & Cindy Pike

We acknowledge the following donations:

*to St. James Senior Choir in loving memory of Capt. Peter and Mrs. Olive Parsons from daughters Brenda Newton, Jean Babstock, Heidi Janes and Susan Bishop;

*to Bridges To Hope from Scott & Brenda McClellan;

*to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from wife Muriel and family.

A big thank you to everyone who turned out for our Auction Fundraiser!

2016 Envelopes are now ready to be picked up. You will find them on the window sills of the Sanctuary in alphabetical order of your last name.

Coffee Break & Spiritual Journey: Please join us on Tuesday, December 1 at 11am for a chat and a cup'a with our staff, and the Spiritual Journey practice for December. Advent is a time of preparation and planning; we will create vision boards, either personal or collective. It will be fun!

St. James Long Term Care (Escasoni) Regular Service will be held on Tuesday, December 8 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1.30.

Christmas Visitor: The deadline for our Christmas *Visitor* submission has been extended to Wednesday, December 2. Please forward your article to SuAn at info@stjamesuc.org

Free movie night, next Friday, December 4 at 7 with a seasonally themed movie - bring your own snacks.

Next Sunday, December 6 at 3pm: *Hallelujah Christmas Concert* by the Gospel Folk Seniors Choir, a youth choir, and featured soloist Leah Antle. Admission will be 'Free Will' only, and proceeds will go toward programs supported by St. James.

St. James Long Term Care (Escasoni) Caroling will happen on Tuesday, December 15 from 2-3:15 pm. There will be 2 teams, one for the South Wing and one for the North Wing of the East Tower. We will sit and make a joyful noise! There are approximately 30 volunteers needed for this outreach ministry event. Please join in this wonderful opportunity to give to others this Christmas by calling the church office to volunteer; 722-1881, ext 200. All meet in the chapel at 1.30 to divide into groups.

Blue Christmas Service: Rev. Terrie and Rev. Pamela will be offering a special evening Worship Service on Sunday, December 20 at 7 in the Sanctuary.

Moderator's Letter: Please see the latest letter from our Moderator, the Right Reverend Jordan Cantwell, '*Response to the Recent Acts of Terror,*' posted on the bulletin boards.

The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will hold a service this evening starting at 6:50 with a sing-a-long. All are welcome.

Hot for the Holidays Yoga Special at St James begins tomorrow until December 17, with Chris Adams in the Fellowship Room, Monday – Thursday, 5.30-6.30pm. Please email chrisadamscoaching@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/nowandzenoaching for details.

Grieving: Coping with the Holidays: Helpful information and suggestions for those who are spending their first couple of holiday seasons without a loved one; Wednesday, December 2, 1:30-3pm or Thursday, December 3, 7-8:30pm at the Health Sciences Auditorium. Rev. Dr. Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959.

Stella's Circle: Please see the annual Christmas letter and wish list from Stella's Circle on the church notice boards.

Topsail UC Men's Club Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 8-11am. Cost \$8 Adults, \$3 Children under 12. All are welcome.

Wesley UCW Breakfast with Santa and Mini Bake Sale will take place on December 5 at 10am. Tickets: Adults, \$10, children, \$5 are available from Phoebe 726-1689 or the church office 579-3682.

'Beautiful the Story', a Christmas recital featuring Megan Buffet, soprano; Anna Bond, mezzo-soprano; Jeffrey Taylor, tenor; Alex Halliday, baritone; and St. James' Amy Dalziel piano, is Saturday, December 5 at 8pm, St. Teresa's Church. Admission is \$15 adult/ \$10 youth.

Saint Luke's Homes 15th Annual Christmas Concert, December 6 at 7:30pm at St. John's Arts and Culture Center, Tickets \$22.50

Cochrane Street United Church 100th Anniversary Celebrations Kick Off Sunday, December 6: In order to allow everyone the opportunity to tour the Church Hall before renovations begin, and to kick off Anniversary celebrations, there will be an open house from 2-4pm in the Hall. Material from the Archives will be on display. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited.