

St. James United Church Life and Works, December 20, 2015

Ushering this week is provided by Ushers in Charge: Ross Pilgrim

Greeters: Jack & Florence Head

Ushers: Rev. Bill & Daphne Coish, Tom & Maxine Rose, Bruce Hunt

We offer our condolences to Jack Tucker and family on the passing of Jack's wife, Marion. Her funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, December 21.

We acknowledge the following donations:

*to St. James in memory of Bonnie Vincent from Ettie Gordon-Murray;

* to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund from the United Way of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The beautiful poinsettias in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of Eric and Roma Paul from Nancy and Anthony, and also in loving memory of Nellie and Bill Bishop, former members of the congregation, from Karen Bishop.

We extend a big thank you to:

* all the carollers who volunteered their voices at the Long Term Care Facility last Tuesday. We made a joyful noise!

*the AOTS Men's Club for the new and light folding tables in the Fellowship Room and Youth Church.

Please join our Sunday School Party and Coffee Hour in the Auditorium following the 11am Service today.

Blue Christmas Service this evening at 7: Rev. Terrie and Rev. Pamela will be offering a special evening Worship Service in the Sanctuary for those folks who find Christmas difficult for any number of reasons.

Winter Solstice Celebration tomorrow, Monday, December 21, will be held at 7pm in Susan's front yard, 397 Thorburn Road. This is an outdoor event, so dress for the weather and bring a flashlight and mug.

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

There will be no 9.30 Contemporary Service next Sunday, December 27. This Service will resume on January 3, 2016.

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

During periods of extreme weather, a committee consisting of Council Chair, Property Chair and the Clerk of Session (or their designates) in consultation with the Ministerial staff will determine if it is not reasonable to open for Sunday worship. Notification to the Congregation will be via VOWR, other radio stations, and the recorded telephone message by 8:30 am on the Sunday morning in question. A telephone contact sheet consisting of other key people to receive early notification will be maintained. This list includes, but is not restricted to the Chief usher, musicians, and choir.

Making last minute contributions over the Christmas period:

The office will be open at the following times:

December 21, 22, 23: 9.30am – 1pm and 1.30 – 5pm

December 24: 9.30-4.30 December 28: closed

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 31, so if you do make a contribution outside of regular hours, please use the lock box and ensure your contribution is clearly marked for 2015.

Project Grace is making its list, checking it twice, and asking for your help! Please consider donating to the 2015 *Stuff Our Stocking* supply drive with musical items such as clarinet reeds, rosin and strings for violins and cellos, valve oil, cork grease, pencils and more to help keep our orchestral program running smoothly. Please visit [facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL](https://www.facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL) for the full list - or Long & McQuade Musical Instruments where the Elves would be happy to help you out! Questions? Email us at projectgracenl@gmail.com

If you have a last minute Memory Tree wish, please complete the 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. #: _____