

St. James United Church Life and Works, December 6, 2015

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Les Dean **Greeters:** Leslie & Grace Dean

Ushers: Bob & Betty Langdon, Ray & Sadie Keats, Oliver Wellon, Aubrey Hill, Jan Winsor

We offer our condolences to Lillian Case and family on the passing of Lillian's husband, William, on November 26 in Bradenton, Florida.

Congratulations to our Chelsea Skanes on being chosen to be part of the United Church *Explorer's Project 2016*. This is a new initiative for 8 young adults from across the country who have proven leadership skills and interest in UC ministry. Chelsea will have an opportunity to experience ministry in another part of the country over the summer months. Way to go Chelsea!

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.

Water Werks Communications is collecting diapers for their annual Christmas Diaper Drop. For more information or to donate diapers, please speak with Sarah in the Godly Play Room after Church, or contact Julie, 738-5090 ext. 213.

This afternoon at 3: St. James is please to host the *Hallelujah Christmas Concert* by the Gospel Folk Seniors Choir, featuring a guest youth choir, soloist Leah Antle, and candle light carols. Admission is by 'free will' – non-perishable items for the food bank will be accepted at the door, or concert goers can make a donation to Project Grace during a collection. Please remember to NOT keep any valuables in your car, particularly over the holiday season.

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.

Our White Gift service will be next Sunday, December 13. We will be collecting 'new' household articles for Stella Burry Corporation and toiletries, hats, mitts and scarves for Street Reach and Stella Burry. Your White Gifts may be dropped off at the church office during the week, or placed in the wagon at the church entrance next Sunday.

St. James Long Term Care (Escasoni) Caroling on Tuesday, December 15 from 2-3:15 pm. All volunteers meet in the chapel at 1.30 to divide into 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.

Tickets for the Christmas AOTS Mens Club Dinner on Wednesday, December 16 are now available from the office or Ron Robbins, 739-9105 at \$22.50 each.

Sunday School Party will be held following the 11am Service on December 20.

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.

Winter Solstice Celebration on 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 2015 Memory Tree: For \$5, you may change a coloured bulb to a white one in loving memory or celebration of someone. Information sheets are on the notice boards: please complete and drop them at the office.

St. James has 10 folding tables to give away, size 6'x2.5'. Please contact the office to arrange pick up. (722-1881, ext. 200)

Paris Climate Summit Multifaith Prayer Walk this afternoon, starting at 2 at the Basilica and proceeding to Harbour Side Park.

Cochrane Street United Church 100th Anniversary Celebrations Kick Off today: 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.

Annual VOCM/Canadian Cancer Society Radiothon in support of Daffodil Place on Wednesday, December 9, from 9-1 pm: call [1-844-274-5990](tel:1-844-274-5990)

Christmas Afternoon Tea at Cochrane Street United Church on Friday, December 11 from 2 - 4pm: food, fun, and entertainment. (Good will offering)

Messiah at the Basilica on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12 at 8pm: tickets (\$25/\$30) are available at the Arts and Culture Centre Box Office - 729-3900 - online (artsandculturecentre.com) and at the concert.

Santa's Place, presented by Peter MacDonald Production, a fulfilled family Christmas musical at Holy Heart Theatre, Dec 10-12, 7:30pm, and a matinee, Saturday, Dec 12 at 3pm. Tickets \$27-\$32 online at holyhearttheatre.com or call [579-4424](tel:579-4424).