

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 29, 2017

We offer our condolences to:

- *Robert, Susan and Jane Schamper, their families and friends, on the passing of their dad, Robert Schamper, on January 18;
- *the family and friends of Gerry Murphy, who passed away on January 20. Gerry was a loyal supporter and volunteer at our Escasoni/Pleasant View Towers monthly services. His funeral service took place at Mary Queen of Peace last Tuesday;
- *Lillian Price and family on the passing of Lillian's beloved husband, Harold, on January 21. His funeral took place from Barrett's Funeral Home last Wednesday;
- *Lorna Jamieson, whose only sibling and cherished sister, Ida Mae Dowden (Blackwood), passed away on January 22. Her funeral service took place from Carnell's Funeral Home last Wednesday;
- *Hubert Norman and the family and friends of Daphne Norman, Hubert's wife and Pamela Masterson's mom, who passed away on January 23. Her funeral service took place from St. James last Friday.

We acknowledge the following donations:

- *to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Harold Price from Ron & Lorraine Robbins and Wade & Florence Barbour;
- *to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Harvey Riche from wife Beulah and son Jason;
- *to the Operating Fund in loving memory of Harold Price from the AOTS Men's Club, Peter & Shirley Barbour and Jack & Florence Head.

Congratulations to our Chelsea Skanes on her acceptance as a Steward at the 26th General Council of The World Communion of Reformed Churches to be held in Leipzig, Germany this summer.

A big thank you to all who are responding to our plea to keep our Auditorium, Fellowship Room and Youth Church floors salt free. Keep up the good work!

Today, Remits 2 & 3: An information session on General Council remits 2 and 3 will be held following the 11 am service today. Remit 2 concerns Elimination of Transfer and Settlement; Remit 3, The Office of Vocation.

This afternoon at 3 in the Suncor Hall at MUN Music School: *The Painted Violin* fundraising recital for Project Grace, featuring teaching artist Dominic Greene on violin, with Phil Roberts on piano and special performances by our PG Violin Students. Admission is by Freewill Donation.

Not a Bible Study - Following Jesus: Monday sessions begin tomorrow, 11-noon in the Fellowship Room. This is a 5 week exploration of the spiritual practices of

Jesus and how we can use practices to reach an authentic spirituality following Jesus. Wednesday evenings continue 7-8 in the Choir Room.

Soup Lunches: Starting next Sunday, February 5 as a fundraiser for summer trips to GO Project and Rendezvous youth, young adults and their families will be offering a soup lunch after the service. These meals will be offered on the first Sunday of the month from February – May. We ask for a donation towards the groups' trips, and welcome you to join us for a time of community and fellowship!

A Service for those who Grieve Loss on Sunday, February 12 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary with Rev. Pamela for those who have experienced loss of any kind during these past years. Loss may be due to death, unemployment, health, or any other transition in one's life that may cause suffering. The service will be one of reflection, candle lighting and quiet music. All are welcome.

We invite you to complete the Survey, *What can we offer you?* found in your bulletin, and ask that you return it by February 12 to the office, the exterior mail slot or either of the boxes put for that purpose in the Sanctuary porch or the Administration foyer.

St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1.30pm. This month we will be joined by members of the St. James Guitar Group. We look forward to seeing lots of you for this special Valentine's Day presentation.

Sing!!!!On Sunday, February 19 at 11am, St. James will welcome the Stella's Circle Inclusion Choir to our worship. The choir will share stories in the form of video recordings and song, as well as a production in drama and song of John Lennon's 'Imagine.' This will be an inspiring time of worship filled with moments of hope, justice and liberation. Please plan to join us.

Wanted: Ticket sellers and ushers for the Kiwanis Music Festival at St. James, February 19 – March 1. Please call Phil Saunders, 722-8767 if this interests you.

St. James UCW will be having a *Good as New Sale* on Saturday, March 4, 10am-noon. We are asking the congregations to donate items for the sale; they can be anything you no longer use that could be useful to another – anything except clothing. Please drop your items at the church on Friday evening, March 3 between 7 and 9, or bring them to St. James before 10am on March 4. There will also be coffee/tea and a muffin for a toonie.