

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 17, 2017

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Bridges To Hope in loving memory of Gerry Murphy from his wife Kay and family.

Your White Gift may be placed in the wagon at the church entrance.

Please feel invited and welcomed to open and/or download today's Sunday bulletin and Life&Work from our website for your perusal. The password for StJamesGuest is StJamesUC

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Please join us for Coffee Hour after the 11am Worship Service today, with thanks to our hosts, the Christian Development/Sunday School Committee.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 18:

***NIA (no-impact aerobics)** with Elaine Dunphy at 11am; \$5 drop-in fee. Seniors are welcomed and encouraged. If you cannot move your legs, it can be practiced in a chair. Come on out and discover the joy of movement!

***Take a pause from your busyness and give yourself a treat!** Please join us to spread some Christmas joy to the folks in Pleasant View Towers at their Annual Congregational Christmas Carolling. We meet in the chapel by the playground at 1:30pm and will be singing everyone's favourite carols. All are welcome!

Winter Solstice Service on December 21 at 7pm in Susan Sheppard's garden, Thorburn Road. There will be a bonfire, but dress warmly as this is an outdoor event. Please bring mugs and flashlights. susan@stjamesuc.org

Christmas Eve Worship Services: There will be 3 Worship Services at St. James on Christmas Eve – something for everyone!

9:30am: Contemporary Worship;

11am: The Advent theme of love, with Communion;

6:30pm: Christmas Eve Family Worship.

The Senior Choir director, Emma Clark and choir member Louis House will be getting married at St. James on Thursday, December 28 at 1:30. Please feel welcome to attend!

WaterWerks is collecting donations for their 8th Annual Christmas Diaper Drop. Diapers can be dropped off at 96 LeMarchant Road, or you can donate online at diaperdrop.ca All proceeds will be going to the Community Food Sharing Association.

Office hours and last minute contributions over the Christmas period:

The office will be open at the following times:

December 18,19,20,21: 9:30am – 4:30pm;

December 25 and 26: Closed

December 27, 28: 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.

PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance) It's time to take note!

At the end of the year it is always interesting to note the number of unused church envelopes in your box. Statistics have shown that, on average, most people have at least 10-12 left on December 31 each year. However, families using PAR have their contribution "on the plate" every month. This is much appreciated for carrying on the day-to-day business of the Church during times of low attendance. Please consider using PAR if you are not already doing so. Call SuAn at 722-1881, ext. 200 to make arrangements.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S offer support to congregations. Worship is at 3pm at Northern Arm Pastoral Charge, NL, a four-point pastoral charge. Members feel this is a convenient time for worshippers to gather and also gives folks of other traditions who are curious an opportunity to check the church out. Northern Arm is a warm, welcoming pastoral charge on the beautiful Bay of Exploits. Worship is held in one of its churches each week. The charge receives a Mission Support Grant funded by M&S. At the end of each year, any funds left over are donated to M&S in the spirit of gratitude to pay it forward. We sing thanksgiving for the giving heart of communities of faith whose gifts for M&S change lives and offer hope.

This afternoon at 3: The Gospel Folk Seniors Choir invites you to *An Hallelujah Christmas* at St. Mary's Anglican Church on Craigmillar Avenue; just show up - freewill offering.

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

Christmas 2017 Memory Tree: Deadline is tomorrow, Monday, December 18. Please ensure that the office receives the wording for your contribution.

Memory Tree Form

Name of person donating: _____

In Memory of: _____

Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____