

## St. James United Church Life and Work, December 3, 2017

**We offer our condolences to** Yvonne Andrews on the passing of her sister, Louise (Betty-Lou) Parsons-Williams on November 25. Her funeral service took place from Carnell's Memorial Chapel on November 28.

**The poinsettias adorning the Sanctuary** today are in loving memory of cherished parents, Roma & Eric Paul, and grandparents Nellie & Ted Vincent and Lily & Gideon Paul, from Nancy and Anthony.

**2018 Envelopes are now ready to be picked up.** You will find them next to the side aisle windows of the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of your last name.

**This afternoon at 2:** Covenanting Service for Rev. Brian Colbourne in the Sanctuary. All are welcome.

**Tomorrow, Monday, December 4 at 11am:** Free introductory class to NIA (no-impact aerobics). Seniors are welcomed and encouraged. You will nurture your inner child in a NIA class – it's fun and easy to follow. If you cannot move your legs, it can be practiced in a chair. Come on out and discover the joy of movement!

**Next Sunday, December 10,** Project Grace will offer their Semester Showcase at 3pm; freewill offering. For their annual *Stuff Our Stocking* campaign, they are collecting small items which are needed by the children to keep playing their instruments all year long. These items include pencils, reeds, rosin, strings and other things! Gillian at projectgracenl@gmail

**The next Pleasant View Towers Worship Service** is at 2pm on Tuesday, December 12. Volunteers, please meet at 1.30 in the chapel. Their Annual Congregational Christmas Carolling will be on Monday, December 18, beginning at 1:30pm. We would love to have lots of voices with their Christmas Spirit; in other words, many volunteers are welcome!

**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. They would be delighted if any members of the congregation would like to attend the ceremony to help them mark such an important occasion in their lives. Please feel welcome to attend! Emma is also fundraising for her second choir, *Quintessential Vocal Ensemble*, to travel to Wales next summer. If you are interested in purchasing a tub of homemade chocolate chip cookie dough (\$15), or a 2kg ham (\$20), please contact her at emmalclark@gmail.com, where you can also e-transfer payment. Orders will be delivered before Christmas.

**Stella's Circle Annual Christmas Alternative Service** is on Wednesday, December 14 at Gower Street UC. If you would like to contribute, you are invited to buy a gift card(s) and place it in an envelope with your name and address. All gift cards can be given to Rev. Pamela, Spiritual Co-ordinator, Stella's Circle.

**Our White Gift service will be on Sunday, December 17.** Please see the notice boards for the wish list from Stella's Circle. Your White Gifts may be placed in the wagon at the church entrance, or brought to the church office during the week.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts to M&S support micro-credit programs. Women with disabilities living in urban slums and rural areas in Kenya face multiple levels of discrimination and struggle to earn a living. M&S partner, the *Ecumenical Disability Advocates Network* (EDAN), a Ministry of the World Council of Churches, is committed to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in church and society. EDAN has partnered with the organization *Women Challenged to Challenge* to address the issues of poverty these women face. In Kenya, EDAN and *Women Challenged to Challenge* have established a revolving loan fund that gives women with disabilities access to modest business loans. The loans, averaging \$50 US, allow women to run their own small scale businesses ranging from vegetable stalls, selling used clothing or making food to sell. No matter the business, what the loans provide is opportunity for women to improve their families' lives and provide shelter, food, clothing and an education for their children. We sing thanksgiving that M&S is supporting women disabilities in Kenya to improve their families' lives.

**Coping with the Holidays**, a free grief seminar, Tuesday, December 5, 7-8:30 pm, and Wednesday, December 6, 2-3:30pm at the Health Science Centre, Main Auditorium.

**Christmas 2017 Memory Tree:** Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. As with all special celebrations, we remember with fond and loving memories those who are no longer with us to share in these occasions. One of the ways we at St. James acknowledge this at this time is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory of your loved ones. The changing of lights is a beautiful seasonal visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in our Life & Works.

### Memory Tree Form

Name of person donating: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Env #: \_\_\_\_\_ Address if no Env. #: \_\_\_\_\_