

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\*to the Cemetery Fund** in loving memory of husband Charlie Parsons from Annie;

**\*to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Betty Brett from Muriel Baker.

**Financial Update:** To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for:	October 21:	\$2,884
	October 28:	\$3,689
	November 4:	\$5,671

**At the last council meeting**, a plan was discussed to set up an Interim Lay Visitation Program to provide visitation to congregational members while the replacement of the Minister of Visitation is considered. Rev. Brian will continue his usual visitation to those who make a request, but will also provide training and support for lay people signed up to the Visitation Program. Ideally, the program would complement visitation carried out by the UCW and AOTS. Please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200) if you are ready and willing to participate in this effort. Note that a congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held before the end of the year.

**We are currently seeking** a volunteer to serve on the Pastoral Care Committee at Pleasant View Towers. This should not be a very demanding job as the committee only meets approximately four times per year. Please leave your name and contact information with SuAn, and we will follow up to answer any questions you might have.

**Tomorrow, Monday, November 12:** The church office is closed and *Loose Threads Sewing Studio* cancelled.

7-9pm: Writer's Circle in the Fellowship Room;

7:30pm: UCW monthly meeting. Members, please bring your money (\$17) for the Christmas dinner.

**Tuesday, November 13 at 2pm:** Pleasant View Towers Worship Service conducted by members of the men's club. Volunteers please meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

**Important notice for volunteers:** When residents are taken from their floor to go to the Chapel, they now need a floor identification tag, available from the floor nursing station. Residents are not to be taken off the floor without this tag!

**Tuesday, November 13:**

\*5:15pm: The Diversity Committee's next meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions, please email Katie Vardy at [katelyn\\_1997@hotmail.com](mailto:katelyn_1997@hotmail.com)

\*7pm: Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain begins.

**Wednesday, November 14:** Our new Friendship Group meets at 1pm.

**Thursday, November 15:**

\*St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Bonaventure Place, at 2pm;

\*Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

**Saturday, November 17:** Anniversary dinner at 6 for 6:30pm.

**Next Sunday, November 18:** 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service at 11am with guest Minister Rev. Ralph Taylor, the first candidate for ministry from St. James. Following the service, there will be a coffee hour downstairs. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion. Due to the anticipated numbers, we are seeking congregational support with food.

**St. James 2019 Anniversary calendar** is available for purchase during the week from the office at \$20 per copy.

**Anniversary Hymn Sing** on Friday, November 23 at 7pm to celebrate its 60th Anniversary Admission: pay what you can.

**Minute for Mission:** Our gifts for M&S support Indigenous groups in the Philippines. The Lumad are Indigenous peoples in the southern Philippines. M&S has partnered with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), collaborating with the Lumad people in establishing their own schools. These people have faced intense persecution from the Philippine military, including displacement and extrajudicial killings. Lumad schools have been used as temporary military camps, shelters and weapons storage. Traditional Lumad territory is rich in natural resources; encroachment on their land has contributed to their displacement. The Lumad peoples continue to support schools through the Save Our Schools Network (SOS) which works with others like UCCP to support a non-discriminatory, culturally sensitive approach to education. There are currently 205 Lumad community schools providing some 6,000 children with free high quality education. More are needed as other communities require classrooms and support for operating costs, including teachers. M&S supports schools that help lift people and communities out of poverty and build leadership for the future of the Lumad peoples.