

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 25, 2018

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Donna Hunt, whose aunt passed away recently.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations: to the General Fund:

* in loving memory of son Andrew and husband Garry from Jan Winsor;

*in loving memory of T. Alex Hickman from Nancy and family;

*in recognition of St. James' First Organising Committee and in remembrance of such *Precious Memories*, from Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown.

to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from wife Muriel and family.

St. James extends a heartfelt thank you to the Anniversary Committee, the speakers, the volunteers and the congregation for the Anniversary celebrations from this past weekend. Special thanks go to those who travelled distances to attend. The planning, the preparation work, the musical talents, and the support of the congregation as a whole made it a wonderful experience.

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

Givings for:	November 4:	\$5,671
	November 11:	\$2,300
	November 18:	\$3,745

Are you on PAR for January 1, 2019? This is a great time to set it up or revise your current PAR givings. If you use envelopes, please find your 2019 box on a window sill or chair in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of last name.

It's that time of year again! Christmas Decorating of the Sanctuary will occur next Saturday, December 1. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will be at the church from 10:30am until we are done, usually about 3pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. It is a fun time and many hands make light work, so please make an effort to be there for whatever time you can afford.

The Diversity Committee's Soup Lunch and Learn that was planned for today is now postponed until the New Year.

Tomorrow, Monday, November 26:

*Rev. Colbourne will be taking time off for Continuing Education Leave from Monday November 26 to Monday December 3.

**Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm.

**Writer's Circle* every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room, open to anyone wishing to discover or exercise their creative writing skills as well as folks needing direction, proofreading or editing of their work, with assistance from experienced leaders.

*UCW Executive meets at 7:30pm.

Wednesday, November 28:

*Our Friendship Group meets at 1pm.

*Ukelele class in the Fellowship Room, 8-9pm.

Thursday, November 29: Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

A congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held on December 9 following the 11am Worship Service. If you would like to participate in our Interim Lay Visitation Program, please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200).

Please see the notice board by the Annex door for:

*Stella Circle's Wish List for our White Gift Service;

*Agnes Pratt Home Foundation Appeal for Funds to renovate the Southview Unit. Fundraising efforts will also be matched with a donation from the Fry Family Foundation;

*Bridges To Hope Appeal for funds.

The United Church Bookstore is planning on conducting inventory the week of December 17-21. They are looking for volunteers! Can you spare an afternoon or morning or a full day to help them? It's fairly simple and fun – just count and record. They will take any time that you can spare. Please contact Leona Laundry at ucbookstore@nfld.net or 754-0372 and she will include you in the inventory schedule.

This evening:*The Wesley Male Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a service at Wesley, starting with sing-along at 6:50 pm: all are welcome.

**Draw Near* at 7pm at Cochrane Street UC for an evening of music and readings in preparation for the Christmas Season.

Tuesday, November 27: Gower Street Seniors Club Christmas Gala: All Seniors Welcome! Turkey Dinner and entertainment, 6pm-8:30pm Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Gower church office. Call 753-7286..