

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 4, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the General Fund:

* in loving memory of Jacob Parsons from his son, Donald;

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*in loving memory of parents Marg & Ted Giannou and brother Bruce from Karen Giannou.

to the UCW from Effie Parsons.

to Project Grace in loving memory of daughter Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N., and grand-daughter Bethany Danielle Pike from Dot & Dave Hapgood.

Today after the 11am Service there will be a Youth Ministries Soup Lunch, during which time we shall have a short congregational meeting to present a name for the congregation to appoint a Minister Emeritus. The cost for the lunch will be a donation towards the Youth Ministries programs.

Our Youth Ministries are taking orders for Sobeys gift cards. A percentage of sales will go towards their activities. We will be placing orders on November 5 and December 3. Please see the order form at our Soup Lunch. Cards must be prepaid and come in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100.

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

Givings for:	October 14:	\$3,904
	October 21:	\$2,884
	October 28:	\$3,689

This evening: *The VOWR Service will be from St. James.

*Youth Group meeting, 7-9pm. All youth in grades 5-12 are welcome.

Tomorrow, Monday, November 5: *Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm.

Wednesday, November 7 St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Cambridge Estates, 64 Portugal Cove Road, at 2pm

Thursday, November 8: Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

An Evening at the Red Tent: In Biblical times, the Red Tent was a place where menstruating women were segregated from the community and family. It was also a place of spirituality and sisterhood. Next Friday, November 9, from 7-9pm

in the Youth Church Room, join us to celebrate the spirituality of women, the symbols of sisterhood, and the international issue of period poverty. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a package of sanitary napkins or tampons for donation to Street Reach. (We welcome anyone who identifies as female of any age, race or cultural background to this event.)

Next Sunday November 11: the 11am Worship Service will be moved to 4pm for a *'Going Down of the Sun'* Service to commemorate Remembrance Day. The change in time will enable those who are able and interested to attend the Remembrance Day Services held at the cenotaphs in the area. The 9:30am Contemporary Service for November 11 is also cancelled.

The Diversity Committee would like to thank everyone who helped out with the Diversity Fair in September. Our tentative date for next year is September 22, so mark it on your calendars! Stay tuned for our lunch and learn event coming up November 25; more details to follow! Our next meeting will be November 13. If you are interested in joining the committee or have any questions, please email Katie Vardy atkatelyn_1997@hotmail.com.

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

Sunday, November 18: 60th Anniversary Service at 11am with Rev. Ralph Taylor as our guest preacher. Rev. Taylor, son of the late William and Sally Taylor, was 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.

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 featuring well-loved hymns, organ voluntaries and performances by the St. James Guitar Group. Admission: pay what you can.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support counselling programs like the Brandon Counselling Centre in Manitoba. The M&S support helps fund Project Hope, a program that provides free professional counselling to those who are economically impoverished such as non-status Indigenous clients who make up 40% of the city's population, for example, a mom and 3 boys escaping from an abusive relationship - the non-status Aboriginal whose family is far away, up north. The Brandon Counselling centre developed Building Bridges in response to the disturbing trend of domestic violence. This is a 12 week program for men to explore what makes a healthy relationship. Progress is slow but a small decrease in domestic violence is noted. It is the vision of the centre to help people to go from feeling hopeless to feeling hope; from feeling diminished to being empowered. The M&S dollars translate into lives changed and, in some cases, being saved. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of Mission & Service.