

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 23, 2018

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

- \*in loving memory of father Captain Walter Blackwood from Lorna Jamieson;
- \*in loving memory of Jean Brown from:  
Aubrey & Ruby Hill,  
Ron Robbins,  
Clyde & Brenda Flight;
- \*from St. James AOTS Men's Club.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund:**

- \*in loving memory of Jean Brown from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas;
- \*in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath and brother John from Sam & Brenda Butt.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Cemetery Fund:**

- \*in loving memory of a dear husband and father, Neil Anthony from Pauline and Conrad;
- \*in loving memory of Fred Higdon from his wife Claire and family.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to Project Grace:**

- \* in loving memory of Bethany Pike and Joanne Hapgood from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca Pike;
- \*from Ajay Pande & Vanessa Sutton Pande;
- \*from Cheryl Briggs.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the CE Library Fund from Paul Walsh & Robin Bartlett.**

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to Bridges To Hope from**

- \*Sidney & Menetha Dyke, in memory of loved ones;
- \*Ruth Shute.

**We gratefully acknowledge an anonymous donation to Stella's Circle.**

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

Givings for:	December 2:	\$4,249
	December 9:	\$4,945
	December 16:	\$5,992

**Tomorrow, Monday, December 24:** Please join us for our annual Christmas Eve Family Service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

**Next Sunday, December 30:** 11am Worship Service only. (9:30 Service cancelled.)

**WaterWerks Communications** Annual Christmas DiaperDrop to 96 LeMarchant Road, or to Sarah (in Sunday School). [diaperdrop.ca](http://diaperdrop.ca)

**Please remember** to NOT keep anything visible in your car in the parking lot.

**This week: making last minute contributions over the Christmas period:**

The office will be open at the following times:

December 24: 9:30am-1pm

December 27: 9:30am-3:30pm

For contributions outside of these hours, please use the secure mail box (lock box) to the right of the exterior office door. **The financial year end is Dec. 31.**

**Guy Matthews Medical Assistance Fund:** Rev. Guy Matthews a minister and friend to most of us underwent Heart Transplant Surgery in Ottawa in late September. Guy is doing very well, but a fundraising appeal has been established to help the Matthews family deal with the financial stress associated with this surgery. Your donation clearly marked "Guy Matthews Assistance Fund" can be made in several ways:

\*Send / drop off donation to St. James Church office.

\*Drop your donation in the collection plate at a regular Sunday service.

\*Email money transfer to [guymatthewsmedicalfund@outlook.com](mailto:guymatthewsmedicalfund@outlook.com)

\*Online through the Guy Matthews Medical Assistance Fund Go Fund Me website [www.gofundme.com/guy-matthews-medical-assistance](http://www.gofundme.com/guy-matthews-medical-assistance) Google "go fund me" and then search for "Guy Matthews." More Information regarding this fund raising can be found on the St. James United website [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org) or by contacting Stephen Pike, [stephen.pike@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:stephen.pike@nf.sympatico.ca) 765-2438

**Our gifts to M&S** support programs that empower women in the developing world. At the Morogoro Women's training centre in Dodoma, Tanzania a sign reads "Serve God gladly." This centre has partnered with M&S since 1979. It offers a variety of courses, from legal advocacy to agriculture to maternal health. The goal is to empower women to make a better life for themselves, their families and their communities. For the past 5 years, the UCW has supported the traditional Birth Attendants program at the centre. 500 women have graduated from this program and are able to assist mothers to give birth safely in communities that lack a clinic or hospital. Traditional Birth Attendants play a significant role in reducing maternal and infant mortality through pre-and post-natal care and birthing techniques. Mothers and their children are alive thanks to this program and to the vision of the Morogoro Centre. Our ongoing gifts to M&S enable core support for the Morogoro Women's Training Centre.