

## St. James United Church Life and Work, December 30, 2018

The new poinsettia adorning the Sanctuary today is in loving memory of John & Frances Hussey from the family.

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

Givings for: December 9: \$4,945

December 16: \$5,992

December 23: \$5,738

**St. James' 2018 financial year end is tomorrow, December 31:** For making last minute annual contributions, the office will be open 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.

**This evening:** VOWR's broadcast service will be from St. James.

**The office will be closed** on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

**Memory Tree bulletins** can be found next to the Memory Tree!

**Heads –up for January: the following sessions resume:**

\*Sunday, January 6: Bi-weekly Youth Group, 7-9pm;

\*Tuesday, January 8: Monthly Book Group, 7-9pm;

\*Thursday, January 10: Weekly Not a Bible Study, 7:30pm;

\*Monday, January 14: Weekly Sewing Studio, 3-6pm;

\*Monday, January 14: Bi-weekly Writer's Circle, 7-9pm;

\*Saturday, January 19: Monthly Tech-time, 10am-noon;

\*Saturday, January 19: Monthly Games Night with potluck, 6-9pm;

\*Wednesday, January 23: Friendship Group, 12:30pm.

**Sign up for weekly Congregational emails:** register at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)

**When driving to St. James during the week,** morning and afternoon, please park for free in the first line nearest Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

**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

**Minute for Mission:** We cannot say it enough: Thank you for your gifts for Mission & Service – together we are transforming lives! We all know the statistics of how many community ministries, theological schools, congregations and global partners are supported by M&S, but what about the stories behind the numbers? The young man in St. John's, who told us he would be dead without Emmanuel House; the middle aged man in Hamilton, who has a home for the first time in his adult life; the women of Kenya, who are empowered to feed their families through a bull exchange program- these are but a few of the many stories of how M&S mends the world. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

**The next Grief and Bereavement Information Session** in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre on Tuesday, January 8, 7-9pm. (This session is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month). For further information, please contact Peter Barnes at 777-2167, [peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca](mailto:peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca) or Mag Snook at 777-8972, [margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca](mailto:margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca)

**Celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity** at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service, 3pm on Sunday, January 20 here at St. James United Church. Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on our theme, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut. 16:20). Our offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon. May Christ bind us together in this visible act of corporate worship.