

Life and Work – September 5, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

*in loving memory of Peter Winsor from his wife Betty.

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

*in loving memory of Betty Henderson from the UCW.

***Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, Sept 6, 2021 to observe the Labour Day holiday.**

St. James United Church is seeking an Associate Music Director

St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, is seeking to fill the position of Associate Music Director, effective September 2021. Primary responsibilities are senior choir direction, (including selection of music), weekly choir practice and preparing for Sunday morning worship services, assist with the selection of Choral Scholars based on the needs of the senior choir, and provide back up to the Director of Music as required.

Preference will be given to a student/graduate of the MUN Music School, especially those interested in Choral Conducting. To acquire further information or to apply for this position please contact the church office at 722-1881 extension 200 OR email your resume to info@stjamesuc.org. The closing date for this position is Friday, September 17, 2021.

UCW will be holding its first meeting since the pandemic!

It will be held on Monday September 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM (note the time change). COVID restrictions will be observed. Obviously, several changes will be made in the format of the meeting compared to pre-Covid times. Members will be receiving a phone call with more specific information before the meeting. We hope to see many of you there and look forward to meeting again

New Feature Added to Our Website - St. James United Church website now contains "Messages" (Sermons) from Rev. James Ravenscroft's Sunday worship services. The Messages are available to download and view on our website in the top right-hand banner under the heading called "Sermons". Rev. Ravenscroft's messages will be added weekly. We hope you have enjoyed reading them !!!

Making Guaranteed Livable Income a Federal Election Issue:

This week, (Rev.) James was contacted by Rev. Marion Parady, our former moderator, asking SJUC folks to help make "Guaranteed Livable Income" (GLI) an election issue. Some ways to do this include:

1. Writing a letter as a member of the United Church (or as a concerned citizen) to all candidates seeking election in your district to highlight that GLI is a campaign of The United Church of Canada along with numerous organizations and individuals Canada, asking if their party will implement a Guaranteed Livable Income for all? Rev. Parady is sending James a list of people to contact.

2. Telephone all candidates seeking election with the same question.

3. Write a letter to the leaders of all federal political parties asking the same.
4. Organize an All Candidates Meeting (via Zoom). We don't need to do this alone. We can work with another community organization, UC congregation, another denomination, or a multi-faith community.
5. Sign a Petition through www.basicincomenow.ca.

For more information about all of this, see United Church Election Resources as well as the main website of The United Church of Canada under Guaranteed Livable Income. And looking ahead, the United Church has named October 17th (International Day for the Elimination of Poverty) as GLI Sunday.

Celebrating Creation Time

Beginning next Sunday, we will be celebrating the Season of Creation. This five-week church season concludes with Thanksgiving here in Canada.

First celebrated as a four-week season in Australia in 2000, the inspiration to set aside time to pray for the natural world harkens back to 1989 when Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed September 1 as a day for members of the Orthodox Church to pray for creation.

Since then, this season has been adopted by more and more churches, becoming fairly common in United Church congregations over the last ten years. Given the increasing volatility of the weather due to human-caused climate change, it is more crucial than ever that we take time to give thanks for creation as well as to consider what we can each do to help protect this planet for future generations.

VOWR Needs Your Help!

VOWR is an all-volunteer church operated radio station, supported by public donations, that has been broadcasting since 1924. That's 97 years! On August 21st a severe storm destroyed the station's transmitter at its Mount Scio facility. Early estimates of the cost to replace the transmitter are in the \$100,000 range. This far exceeds the amount VOWR has budgeted for maintenance and repairs.

For all its 97-year existence, VOWR has been kept on the air by donations from businesses, churches and by our loyal listeners. In 1982 when VOWR's broadcast tower toppled down in a storm, it was donations from listeners and others that allowed the tower to be replaced and broadcasting to be resumed – now, nearly 40 years later VOWR is once again asking for your help in the form of donations to allow repairs or replacement of the damaged transmitter. All donations, regardless of the amount, either from businesses or individuals would be greatly appreciated, at your earliest convenience, and tax receipts will be provided. Donations can be made in several ways:

By e-transfer to: manager@vowr.org

By surface mail to: VOWR 800
P. O. Box 26006
St. John's, NL A1E 0A5

Via the Website: WWW.VOWR.ORG

Mail Slot: Deposit in the secure drop box on Patrick Street

For 97 years VOWR has been there for you, now the station needs your help!

United Church of Canada – Pay It Forward

Visit <https://united-church.ca/news/matching-vaccine-donations-announced> for more info or to donate.

For just \$25, you can give the gift of a two-shot dose of vaccine in a country still struggling through the worst of the pandemic and support the worldwide effort to protect people from COVID-19.

The Government of Canada will be matching your gift donation dollar for dollar until September 6, so share a gift today!

Your Gift will provide a complete COVID-19 vaccination to one person in a country where vaccines are in short supply. Until September 6, each vaccine purchase will be matched by the Canadian government.

Vaccine procurement, logistics, and delivery provided through UNICEF.

ELECTION CANADA wants to hear your voice on September 20, 2021 in the upcoming federal election.

You have four options:

1. VOTE NOW!!! Until September 14th, you can go to any Elections Canada office. We are open Monday to Friday 9am-9pm; Saturday 9-6pm; and Sunday 12-4pm.
2. You can vote in the Advance Poll at the polling station listed on your Voter Information card from September 10th to the 13th 9am – 9pm each day.
3. Go online to get a mail in ballot at electionscanada.ca or call either of the Elections Canada offices listed below. The deadline for this is September 14th!!!

St. John's East St. John's-Mount Pearl
Bally Rou Place The Viking Building
370 Torbay Road, Suite E200136 Crosbie Building, Suite 301
St. John's, NL St. John's, NL
Phone: 1-866-201-2988 Phone: 1-866-201-3039

4. Vote on election day, September 20th, at the designated polling station on your Voter Information Card. If you don't receive a card in the mail or if there are errors on your card, please call an Elections Canada office so we can get you on the proper list to ensure smooth voting.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR 2 PIECES OF ID WITH ONE SHOWING YOUR STREET ADDRESS. YOUR VOTER INFORMATION CARD IS ONE EXCELLENT PIECE OF ID.

PS. If you are interested in working at the polls, please apply online at elections.ca. If you need additional help, please call one of the offices listed above.