

Life and Work – December 5, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

*In loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from Muriel and family.

*In memory of James Beckett from Aubrey and Ruby Hill

We gratefully accept the following donations to the General Fund:

*In memory of Jim Beckett from Shirley Bursey

*In loving memory of Jim Beckett from George & Jean White.

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Choir Fund:

*In loving memory of Captain Peter & Mrs. Olive Parsons, and daughter Susan Bishop from Heidi Janes, Brenda Newton, and Jean Babstock.

Keep updated with news from St. James by signing up for our weekly email. Call Tracy at 722-1881 to be added to the list.

2022 "My Offering" envelopes are available for pick up at the office. Office hours: 10am - 2pm Monday - Friday

You can collect them at Sunday's worship service as well.

If you are unable to pick them up, please get in touch with Tracy at the office 722-1881.

"Blue Christmas" Service

It will be held at St. James United Church on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Please extend this invitation to members of the congregation who have had a death in the family this past year as well as anyone who may be feeling blue because of job loss, illness, the end of a relationship, have become empty nesters, etc.

The service is co-led by the ministers of the NE Avalon.

Upcoming Young Adult Event: Are you between 18 and 35 (give or take)? Want to hang out with others around the same age? SJUC's young adult group meets regularly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. We hope to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday, January 5th, 2022. For more information about this you can email info@stjamesuc.org

Stella's Circle - It's the time of year for generosity and giving to those in need. As usual, St. James is collecting donations for Stella's Circle's clients on White Sunday, December 5 and up till December 15.

Their Christmas Wish List includes new household items, kitchen supplies, toiletries, clothing and adult activities (E.g. cards, art supplies) and we kindly ask that you do not wrap these items that are donated on White Gift Sunday, December 5.

Robin Bartlett, Chair of Stewardship, will also be collecting items until Wednesday, December 15. The church office will be accepting items as well and you can drop your donations off Monday to Friday, 10 am to 2 pm, or after hours, call Robin at 682-3927 for pick up. You can also drop items directly to Stella's Circle, 142 Military Road by December 22, and ask for Cathy White (738-7730). Thank you!

A New Committee

Are you interested in community issues like systemic racism, housing insecurity and right relations with Indigenous peoples?

Do you worry about climate change and loss of biodiversity?

Are you concerned about international conflicts and other global issues?

Then you will be interested in a new ad hoc committee that we are establishing to help us respond to social and ecological justice issues. Contact James for more information.

Email: james@stjamesuc.org Phone: 722-1881 Cell: 351-0983

Men's Club - This is an advanced notice that the activities of the Men's Club will resume in January 2022, if current COVID regulations remain in place. Dinner meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. New members are encouraged to consider attending and participating in the activities of the club.

Zatoun Products

St. James is again offering Zatoun Olive Oil for sale. Zatoun products reflect the rich culture and the essence of Palestine, and they make perfect fair-trade gifts. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine.

COST: Olive Oil is being sold for \$20.00 per bottle, contact Karen Brown at 437-1520 or email tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com

Contact Tracy at the church office (722-1881) to get yours now!

Memory Christmas Tree

At this time of the year, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or celebration of a loved one.

The changing of the lights is a beautiful, seasonal, visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in the on-going projects at St. James.

Please have your request into the office by noon on Friday, December 17 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert.

God bless you for your kindness.

Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

Introducing "The Great Christmas Visit" (see insert to sign up)

The Advent-Christmas season is upon us. It is a favourite time of year for so many, especially because it is a great time to connect with loved ones (while following public health protocols).

Family and friends include all of the church family, so why not reach out to members of St. James United Church who may be feeling isolated or lonely, especially if they have trouble getting around or are staying in due to the pandemic.

You can participating in our *Great Christmas Visit* by simply signing up and you will be matched with someone to visit this holiday season (remember to wear your mask and stay 2 meters apart).

Visit with your match at some point between Sunday, November 28, 2021 and Thursday, January 6, 2022, extending to them the care of this faith community.

Community News

Wesley United

This holiday season we present "Music From Around the World"

WHEN: Friday, December 10th at 6pm
WHERE: Wesley United Church 101 Patrick St, St. John ' s
DETAILS: Free admission, Wheelchair accessible, Parking available
Register: mary.o@mwonl.com or 726-0321
All attendees required to present vaccine passport and photo ID.
Mask wearing protocol will be in place.

Cowan Heights United Church - Christmas Craft Fair

When: Saturday December 4, 2021, from 10am -4pm
Where: 141 Frecker Drive
Admission: \$2, children under 12 free

George Street United Church and the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Center - CHRISTMAS Vegetable Hampers –

offering fresh local Vegetable Hampers at Christmas time.
Hampers include 13 pounds of locally grown vegetables including potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and turnip. This would make a wonderful gift for friends and family at Christmas.

Pick-up dates: December 21, 22, and 23.

Cost: Hampers are \$20.00 each.

To place your order please contact: Ruth Butler at 722-4961,
Ruby Shea at 745-4807, Nancy McCarthy at 726-8775 (Office),
or George Parsons at 685-0066.

Cowan Heights United Church

Mid-Week Advent Worship: Join us on Wednesday evenings this upcoming Advent season for a more reflective and quiet service. Through times of silence, poetry, scripture, and song, we will be reflecting, longing, waiting, and discovering as Advent people on this journey through the December darkness.

DATES: December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00 p.m. You can register for the services by visiting our website www.cowanheightsunited.ca or by calling (709) 745-2871.

George St. United Church

Join Newfoundland Music Legend, Bud Davidge with Hamilton Sound as they ring in the Holidays in Traditional Newfoundland style. Enjoy your favorite Simani songs including those from their Iconic Christmas Album, Christmas Fancy.

If that weren't enough, Corey Crewe (Corey and Trina) will be along with some tales and tunes to tickle your funny bone.

WHEN: Friday, December 10, 2021, at George St. United Church

COST: Tickets are \$35 each and are available at www.quayconcerts.com

St. John's Choir invites you to its Christmas Concert

"A Festive Noel"

WHEN: Saturday, December 18th

WHERE: The Anglican Cathedral, Church Hill.

Doors open 6:30 p.m. Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door.

For more information contact stjohnschoir.info@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page @StJohnscChoirNL.