

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIALS

*In Memory of my brother, Dennis Riche,
from Gerald Riche*

No Scents Makes Good Sense!

A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for being respectful of their needs.

Announcements: If you wish to have an announcement included in the bulletin, please have it into the office by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.

Sanctuary Sound System: We have a looped system for the hearing impaired. Please ask one of the ushers for a headset.

JOIN US THIS FESTIVE SEASON Cochrane Street United Church

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| December 2 nd : | Draw Near to Hope
Advent Communion Service |
| December 9 th : | Draw Near to Peace
White Gift Sunday |
| December 15 th : | Messy Church 4 – 6 pm |
| December 16 th : | Draw Near to Joy |
| December 18 th : | Beer and Hymns
7:00pm: Bridie Molloy's |
| December 23 rd : | Draw Near to Love – Lessons and Carols |
| December 24 th : | Draw Near to Jesus
7:00pm: Kids, Candles and Chaos
9:00pm: Carols, Candles and Communion |
| January 6 th : | Epiphany Guest Preacher: Oliver Dingwell |

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: This year we are collecting toiletries for the 22 bed shelter at First Light. Some helpful items include men's deodorant, men's body wash, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, and soap. If making a cash donation, please mark it clearly as "White Gift for First Light"

Daily and Weekly Advent Devotionals are available. If interested, please contact the church office at 722-3023 or pick one up Sunday at the back of the church.

PRAYER GROUP: This group meets weekly to pause, give thanks, breathe deeply, and pray for others. If you have a prayer request, you can put them in our offering plate or email prayers@cochranestreetuc.com.

The Men's Service Club appreciates and thanks those who gave up their time and effort to decorate the sanctuary in preparation for Advent. Thank you Dave Boone, Bob Mercer, Brian Johnson, Gerry Penney, and the young gentlemen from First Light – Bradley and Newell! Merry Christmas to all, and God Bless!

The **2019 CHURCH CALENDARS** are now available at a cost of \$6. For orders, please contact Ruth Lenser at church or by phone, 753-4628. These go quickly, so please put in your request ASAP!

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER: Anyone who is interested in renewing their Observer subscription (\$25) or who would like to receive it, please contact Paula Reynolds at 325-2106. If writing out a cheque, please make it payable to the United Church Observer. Thank you!

The United Church Bookstore is conducting inventory the week of December 17-21, 2018. We are looking for volunteers! Can you spare an afternoon or morning or a full day to help us? It's fairly simple and fun – just count and record. We will take any time that you can spare. Please contact Leona Laundry at ucbookstore@nfld.net or 709-754-0372 and we will include you in the inventory schedule. Thank you for your consideration.

United Church Bookstore & Gifts CHRISTMAS SALE December 3 – 7 from 8:30am - 4:30pm at 320 Elizabeth Avenue. 20% off select items! REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

Stella's Circle Xmas Wish List: Each year we endeavor to provide a meaningful gift, showing that someone cares for them at this special time. We sincerely hope that we can count on you once again to assist us make Christmas a time of joy for all. **A "wish list" is attached** and on CSUC's bulletin board to assist you in choosing items we need most. **Please ensure that all gifts are new** items as we are unable to accept used items. Receiving your donations by December 10, 2018, will ensure that we are able to distribute gifts to participants for Christmas. Donations received after this date, will be gratefully accepted for participants' needs following Christmas. On behalf of Stella's Circle, thank you for your support and we wish each of you the blessings of a heartfelt Advent/Christmas.

Southview Unit Renovation – "Change of Face" Phase 4: At the spring meeting of Conference in Carbonear, the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation made a presentation to ask for support from congregations of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference. The Agnes Pratt Home provides care to 134 long term residents from communities throughout the province and is **in need of \$400,000** to renovate the Southview Unit. Any assistance our congregation can provide in this effort would be greatly appreciated. The foundation is a 100% volunteer group, with all monies raised going to benefit Agnes Pratt residents. Please note that fundraising efforts will also be matched with a donation from the Fry Family Foundation. Donations can be made by cheque, online at www.aphf.ca, by e-transfer to agnesprathomefoundation.com, or by phone (752-8957).

Noël! Noël! – St. John's Choir Christmas Concert: The St. John's Choir Christmas Concert, with guests The Gay Men's Chorus, will be held at **7:30 pm on December 2**, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (The Kirk) at 76 Queen's Road. Tickets \$20 can be purchased from Choir members, at the door, or text/call 709-746-8947, or call 579-6585. Doors open at 7:00 pm.

Candle Light Vigil December 9, 3:00-4:00pm: This annual community vigil is held to remember those who died by suicide and to support survivors of suicide loss. You are invited to bring a framed photograph of your loved one to be displayed during the vigil. Music by Shelley Neville, Peter Halley, Dan Dillon, Judy Brazil, & Shannon Power. Please feel free to bring along sandwiches/cookies for tea following the vigil. This is open to everyone regardless of faith! Join with us at St. Patrick's Church, 6 Patrick Street, St. John's. Parking: Church parking lot on Patrick Street.

Shelley Neville presents HOLY NIGHT December 19 & 20, 7:30pm, at the Arts & Culture Centre with special guests David Pomeroy, Peter Halley, Sheila Williams, Cory Tetford & John Neville (Shelley's dad) – plus a few surprises! Tickets \$57 (includes HST). If interested, please call 729-3900 or go on-line at ARTSANDCULTURECENTRE.com.

The Atlantic Canada Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service is looking to establish a network of volunteers in churches throughout all the Atlantic provinces in order to be better prepared to meet the needs of those who lose their homes to floods, fires, earthquakes or any other form of disaster. You can learn more about MDS by checking the website: <https://mds.mennonite.net/>. For more information, please call Daniel Garland at 709-381-1113. The following link is to a Facebook group that was set up for the Atlantic Canada Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mdsacu/>. Please consider becoming a part our Facebook group.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

On Jan 7, 1958, the Men's Club held their 2nd annual Ice Carnival at Prince of Wales Arena. Admission was 50 cents and there were 25 grand prizes. I can find no information about the first carnival or any subsequent ones.

Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

Whether you are here for the first time or this is your church home – welcome to our community of faith.
Following worship there is a time of fellowship.

USHERING TEAM FOR DECEMBER

Ian McMaster, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury, and Gerry Penney

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET DECEMBER 03 – DECEMBER 09

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group Bannerman Street Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am – 1:30 pm
Wednesdays 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

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CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

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