

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Scents Makes Good Sense!

A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for respecting 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.

Next Meeting of Church Council is **December 10, 7:30pm**. If anyone has a matter they wish to bring to the attention of Council, please outline the matter in an email and forward to Stephen Jewczyk Council Chair at sjewczyk@gmail.com.

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"

JOIN US THIS FESTIVE SEASON Cochrane Street United Church

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

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 **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!

Poetry Blog: Frances McNiven, a member of our church, is sharing her poetry. You can check out her blog at <http://francesmcpoet.blogspot.com>

PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) is an amount determined by you that is deducted from your bank account monthly. For more details or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com.

Envelopes: If you need envelopes, please contact Harold Grandy at hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

Recycling: We have an account at Evergreen Recycling on Elizabeth Avenue and Blackmarsh Road. Drop off your recyclables and use our church's phone number for the account number (7223023) and all the money will go to the church. Thanks for your generosity.

Stella's Circle Xmas Wish List: 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 agnespratthomefoundation.com, or by phone (752-8957).

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.

Candle Light Vigil December 9, 3:00-4:00pm: This is held annually 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. 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.

Holy Heart presents "Music to Warm Your Heart - A Christmas Concert featuring Holy Heart Choral and Instrumental ensembles. A great start to the Holiday Season! December 10, 7:00pm at Holy Heart Theatre. Tickets available by calling 579-4424 or www.holyhearttheatre.com.

Wesley Church Christmas Communion: The annual Saturday Christmas Communion Service will be held at Wesley United Church **December 15 starting at 2:00 pm**, with refreshments to follow. Anyone wanting to have transportation to and from this service should call the church office at 579-3682. All are welcome to attend.

A Christmas Festival of Carols and Choirs at St. James United Church on **December 16 - 7 pm**. A congregational carol sing alongside performances by the Senior Choir and various groups from the St. John's community. Entrance: freewill offering.

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

An extract from a letter to the congregation from Arthur Mews, Secretary, Board of Trustees, dated December 14, 1919:

"Next Sunday is our Church Thanksgiving Day. Let us make it a great success. Let us do better than we did last year. You remember how glad we were and how proud we felt a year ago, when we rallied to the help of our own church and laid on the collection plates Twelve Thousand Dollars. It was splendid. It took the town by surprise. People did not think we could do it, but we did and we can do it again and better this year...."

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 10 – DECEMBER 16

Monday: 7:30 PM Council Meeting Bannerman St Entrance
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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Cochrane Centre Contact information for bookings
709-754-2532 or info@cochranecentre.ca

CONTACT REV. MIRIAM

Have a question or need to make an appointment?

You can reach Rev. Miriam in the following ways:

Email: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or Cell: 709-728-8410

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