

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

No Scents Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Reactions can vary from not being able to breathe to severe headaches. Thank you for helping.

Faith Stories: Lent is fast approaching! Once again, this year we are looking for volunteers to share their faith story. If you are interested or want to know more about this, please contact Rev. Miriam at revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com

Choir practice: The choir rehearses every Tuesday at 6:30pm, as well as Sunday mornings at 10am. EVERYONE is welcome - at any level of singing or music-reading. Come join us in the joy of singing together - spiritually & scientifically proven to be good for the soul!

Cup Towel and Dish Cloth Shower: We are looking for cup towels and dish cloths for the kitchen. Bring them to church on Sunday or drop them off at the office during office hours. Thanks so much.

Cochrane UCW will have an eat-in beef stew luncheon on March 18 after church service. Cost is \$10.00 which includes rolls, St. Paddy's Day dessert, and tea/coffee.

ZATOUN OLIVE OIL – OUTREACH PROJECT: Our Church Council is offering Zatoun Olive Oil for \$20.00 a bottle. “Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle” - Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Proceeds benefit farmers and children living in occupied Palestine and create awareness for peace in Palestine. Gower Street United Church are distributors for Zatoun as an Outreach Project. Several United Churches and the Presbyterian church are participating in this project. Please contact Stephen Jewczyk after church or at 753-6265 or sjewczyk@gamil.com if you wish to purchase this oil.

CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING is scheduled for **March 18, 2018**, after the Worship Service with a “Snow Date” of April 15, 2018. Deadline for all reports of church groups and committees to be included in the annual report is February 20, 2018. Please submit your reports including financial reports to Harold Grandy preferably in an electronic format via email hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

CHURCH COUNCIL 2018: The church council meets once a month and is responsible for leading the congregation. If you are interested in living out your faith by serving on the church council, please contact Rev. Miriam. Email: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or 722-3023.

Envelopes: Do you need envelopes? If so, please contact Harold Grandy. Email: hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca.

PAR: What is PAR? It stands for Pre-Authorized Remittance. It means that an amount determined by you gets deducted from your bank account each month. For more information or to sign up for PAR, please contact the church office at info@cochranestreetuc.com



Home Again Furniture Bank: Donating your used furniture could change a life! Home Again Furniture Bank is a non-profit organization providing gently-used furniture and household items to individuals and families in need. Home Again works through a referral system of local agencies to ensure that everyone can make their house a home. Maureen Lymburner would be happy to share information about what they do and answer any questions that might arise. She may be reached at (709) 325-4040 or maureenlymburner@homeagainfb.com. Your support is much appreciated!

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.

UNITED COMMUNITY OF FAITH: As many of you are aware, the Downtown Churches here in the city have been meeting for many years. The committee for the Downtown Churches has now been expanded to include all of the United Churches in the city. The new name now is United Community Of Faith. The main focus of the committee is to take action on things in which we have a common interest. In the past, the committee has done many things including the Re-imagining Church, Remit Sessions, Fundraiser for Bridges to Hope, as well as increasing the number of combined services in Winter and Summer months. A meeting of the expanded committee was held at Cowan Heights United Church on Oct. 4, 2017, with members of the original committee and representatives from St. James and Cowan Heights. The committee recently held an Asset Mapping Workshop at St. James United Church with 52 individuals attending from all over the city. We are planning joint evening services. Gower will host the first service in May 2018 and Cowan Heights will host the second service in October 2018. We are considering Common Prayer for all churches. We are also considering a minimum fee for weddings for all churches. We have had discussions with Mr Jerry Dick, Executive Director, Heritage Foundation NL, regarding Heritage related issues that may lie before us. Do you have any ideas or suggestions that we can bring to our next meeting that will improve the operation of the United Churches here in our city? We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much.

Stuff the Shopping Cart for Bridges to Hope! We are going to fill a shopping cart full of the most helpful items. The top priority items are canned milk and canned beans. Other helpful items are: canned meat, one liter of juice or juice boxes, cereal and pasta sauce. Bring your items to church on Sunday. Thank you for your support.

Bridges to Hope invites you to Give 30! We challenge the community to give up a daily perk for 30 days, and donate the money you would have spent to help feed a neighbour in need. Or you can even just put aside a dollar or two day if you can't think of anything you should cut out of your life. Bridges to Hope has provided extra envelopes to your church office to keep your Give 30 funds in a safe and easy to remember place. We invite you to follow Bridges to Hope on Facebook where there will be extra ways for you to join in the Give 30 initiative. If you are social media savvy please search for #bridgesgive30 on your chosen network starting February 19.

The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer along with special guests Deborah and Keith Collins will hold a service March 4 starting at 6:50 pm with a sing-a-long. All are welcome!

Exploring Queer Spirituality Panel - Out In Faith Event: This panel discussion will explore queer spiritualities and the diverse ways that queer individuals find, create and maintain community inside, as well as outside, their faith. It takes place MAR 8, 7-9pm, at Bruno Centre, MUN, IIC 2001. Parking is available in Lot 17. Any questions please contact: OutInFaithNL@gmail.com.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

100 years go!

Sunday services were at 11 AM and 6:30 PM with Sunday School at 2:30 PM

Praise and prayer meeting Friday at 7:45 PM

Class meetings (for adults) Sunday at 10 AM, Wed at 3 PM and Fri at 4 PM

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 FEBRUARY

Roger Crosbie, Jim Austin, John Perlin
Jeff Critch, Jim Oakley, Lloyd Brown

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 4

Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice
Sunday: 1:00 AM Worship at Cochrane Street United Church

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
10:30 am – 1:30 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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