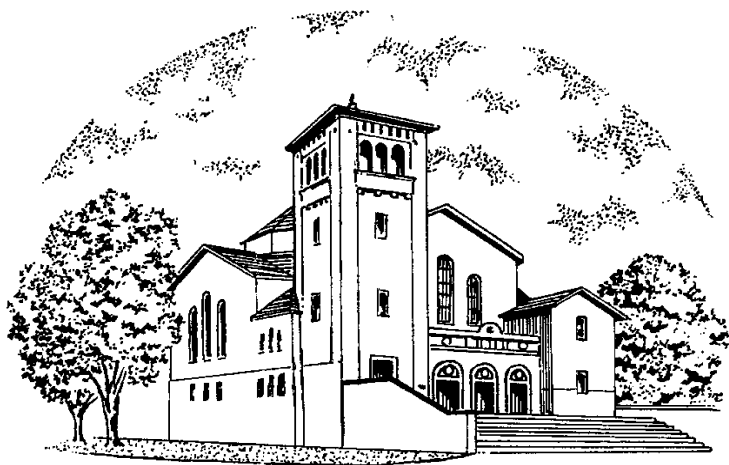


Cochrane Street United Church

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March 24th, 2019

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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 MARCH

Jalna McMaster, Sig Lenser, Fraser Ellis,
Jo-Ann Kelly, David Molyneux, Cecil Pelley

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET MARCH 25 – MARCH 31

Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice

OFFICE

Office Hours: Tuesdays 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Wednesdays 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Thursdays 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Fridays 9:30 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:

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

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT VU # 506, v. 3: Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

***WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE:**

Let our hospitality towards each other reflect God's love.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

REFLECTIVE MUSIC 148: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Like empty jars, we have come to be filled

Like candles, we have come to be set ablaze.

Like aged wine in a cask, we have come to be poured out.

Like weary travelers, we have come to find rest.

Hear the word of God and make your reply:

My heart has heard you say,

"Come and talk with me, O my people."

And my heart responds,

"God, I am coming."

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Most Holy God,

we rejoice in our awareness of your presence.

As you enter our lives,

refresh and renew us;

grant that we may live with love

in the example of Jesus the Christ

and in the power of the Holy Spirit,

through whom we pray. Amen.

***HYMN # 121: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**You call us to follow
and our footsteps falter,
reach out your hand
and we treat you as stranger,
whisper our name
and we simply ignore you.
Gracious God,
slow to anger, swift to bless,
forgive us, restore us.
Grant us hearts that stand firm,
a faith that is strong and a hope that endures. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

**God's love is sure and steadfast,
always providing a way out,
a way through, a way back to God.
We are a forgiven people.
Thanks be to God. Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN MV #78: God Weeps**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

***OFFERTORY HYMN MV #116: Giver of the Perfect Gift
Giver of the perfect gift, only hope of human race,
Hear the prayer our hearts uplift,
Gathered at thy throne of grace.**

GOD'S WORD FOR US TODAY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**Holy God,
reveal your presence to us this day.
Send your Spirit upon us
that we might listen, discern, and take heart.
Be near us this day
and may your Word with us stay
and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1 - 9

**The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.
Reader: Scott Parsons**

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Reader: Sandy Stavlo

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:1- 9

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: The Lord's Prayer, by Jason Seitveit

Faith Story: Liz Ohle, The Quaker Community

***HYMN 353: 'Tis the Gift to be Simple**

GOING FORTH TO SHARE GOD'S LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN 626: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Holy God, Dreamer of dreams,

We offer Cochrane Street United Church to you. We are your people, this is your church. We come to you seeking your guidance, your purpose, your vision. Align our will with yours, so that we will be willing to do whatever it takes to carry out your plan. We ask you to break through in new ways in our church. Show us the great ministry you have in store for us. Help us dream your dreams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, giving us the vision, boldness, and confidence to do all that you call us to do. Amen.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION VU #961

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, March 24th** – **BEEF Stew Luncheon & Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Sunday, April 14th** – **Financial Strategy Meeting**
- Sunday, April 21st** – **Easter Sunday**

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.

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.

Lent is a time to explore our faith. During the season of Lent, we will have guests from a variety of religious communities share their faith stories.

- March 24th – Liz Ohle (Quaker Community)
- March 31st – Brenda Risha (Jewish Community Havura)
- April 7th – Derek Osmond (St. Thomas' Anglican Church)
- April 14th – Palm Sunday

Rev. Miriam will be away from March 27 to April 2. In her absence, Rev. Peter Bartlett will be covering any pastoral emergencies. Rev. Peter can be reached at 552-1831.

Astrid's Graduation Recital will take place Saturday, **April 20**, at **8:00pm** in D. F. COOK Hall at School of Music in Memorial University. Our choral Scholar, Astrid Correa, will be playing works by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Ravel, Morel and Moncada.

COCHRANE UCW will have an eat-in **Beef Stew Luncheon** **March 24**, after church service. Cost is \$10 - includes rolls, dessert, and tea/coffee.

CSUC AGM: Our Annual Meeting will take place **March 24 after church**. It is a great time to look back at what we accomplished together last year and look ahead to the future as we plan for the next few years.

Financial Strategy Meeting: Over the past two years, Church Council has been working diligently to get the congregation's finances in order and we believe that we now have a very good understanding of the current financial capacity of the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the congregation with more detailed financial information and to seek ideas and initiatives on how to secure the financial viability of the congregation and its community initiatives. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 14**, at **12:30 pm** in the rear community space of Cochrane Centre. There will be a potluck lunch prior to the meeting. Everyone is Welcome.

Bridges to Hope Inc. AGM will take place on April 8 at 7:30pm in the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Queen's Road, St. John's. Each of our nine partner congregations is an equal member of Bridges to Hope, entitled to vote at our general and special meetings. **Please provide us with the name of your designated voting representative by Wednesday, April 3, 2019.** S/he must be a person other than your current representative on our Board of Directors. Our AGM is open to all interested persons who wish to attend. Quorum and voting privileges belong to the designated church rep and to current members of the Board of Directors. Please direct queries to angel.138@gmail.com or 709-691-4693.

COFFEE TIME HOSTS: We are looking for people to volunteer as hosts for Coffee Time after church. If you are willing to help host, please contact the office (722-3023) or put your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as you head into the event room. Don't know what to do? No problem. We can pair you with someone who has done it before or just give you an orientation. Your help is very much appreciated!

COFFEE TIME DONATIONS: If you can't volunteer to host a coffee time, maybe you can supply some donations to be kept in the freezer to help out our coffee time hosts. We are looking for donations of cookies, loaves or raisin bread. If you could attach your name to your donations, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Exam Survival Kits: Every year we put together exam survival kits for our university students. This year we are going to fill 12 bags and we need your help. We fill these bags with a variety of items. Use your imagination. Here are some suggestions - chips, popcorn, candy, chocolate, tea, stress balls, gum, and bubbles. Please drop off the items at the office or bring them to church on Sunday. Thanks for your support.

COCHRANE CENTRE – Update on Construction in the Sanctuary: In 2018, Cochrane Centre was awarded \$100,000 from the City of St. John's to make capital improvements in the sanctuary. First Light began working with local contractor K & P Contracting to complete the work associated with the leaking roof in January. The two corners at the front of the sanctuary have had work completed, and are now ready for cosmetic work. The unfortunate battle with water, is that it will continue to find a way in as long as the entire building is not water tight. We have noticed that water continues to find its way in near those corners, but now in different locations. We are working with K & P to stretch the dollars as far as we can before beginning any cosmetic work. We will be meeting with them again next week to determine the priority areas.

Ice on the roof at the Cochrane Centre entrance has caused new leaks as well. This puts at risk the work carried out in the vestibule last year, so we have made this area a priority. We will provide updates in upcoming bulletins to keep the congregation up to date on progress. We look forward to restoring the sanctuary with you all!

We are excited to have June Walker-Wilson set up a gallery in the event space, displaying and selling her collection of oil paintings. No entrance fee, everyone is welcome! Friday, **April 5**, 2PM – 7:30PM & Saturday, **April 6**, 11AM – 7:30PM. Artist's Reception Friday 5:30PM – 7:30PM. More of her work can be found at www.ultramarinefineart.com

Did you know that we are always looking for **volunteers for our upcoming events**? Call 754-2532 or email jenelle@firstlightnl.ca if you are interested in volunteering.

This week at 42 Bannerman Street we are just getting ready for our next presentation in the Performance Space! On **March 29**, join First Light as we **proudly present Eastern Owl in concert**. Eastern Owl is an Indigenous led folk band located in St. John's; they will be debuting their new album Qama'si. Tickets are \$15.00 and available by visiting First Light events on FB or through Fred's Records.

Art Hive is providing off loom weaving Sundays from 12:30pm – 2:00pm in Cochrane Centre's small meeting room. All materials available and at no cost. For further information, email hearthstonestudios@gmail.com.

A COVENANTING SERVICE for Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald and Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray will be held on Sunday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. There will be Special Music and guest preacher will be Karl Wells. Please plan to be attend this important service in the life and work of Gower Street United.

Lenten Communion Gathering: Wednesdays at NOON Rev. Pamela will host a Communion Service in Gower Street United Church's Tait-Osmond Room. This informal service will be 20 minutes followed by a time of fellowship. Tea and coffee provided. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

Lenten Services: Wesley United Church will be holding Lenten services each Wednesday during Lent in the Chapel at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

Our records for the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) cover the years 1931-1961. The activities of the WMS were wide-ranging. They included Christian stewardship, Mission Circles, Canadian Girls in Training and Explorer groups, Mission and Baby Bands, amongst others. Some of us may have our Mission and Baby Band membership certificates and may have been members of CGIT or Explorers, all thanks to the WMS. At Cochrane Street, the annual reports document the extensive involvement of the WMS in the life of our congregation. Our WMS celebrated their 25th anniversary on March 5, 1924.