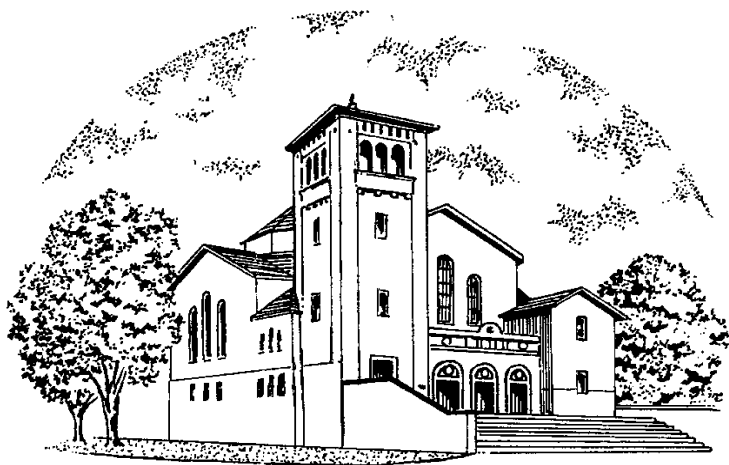


Cochrane Street United Church

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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 SUNDAY, MARCH 31

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

THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET APRIL 1 – APRIL 7

Tuesday: 12:30 PM YOGA
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice Bannerman Street Entrance
Wednesday: 12:15 PM Prayer Group
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:

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GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*please stand as you are able

Leading today's service: Stephen Jewczyk and Tim Reynolds

PRELUDE:

***INTROIT VU # 506, v. 4: Take My Life and Let It Be**

Take my will, and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

***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. **2X**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

You challenge us to trust you
and be prepared for all eventualities,
even when the load is heavy
and we struggle to succeed.
But with your challenge comes blessing.
Filmsy nets are filled,
broken lives made whole.
From emptiness to abundance.
Thank you for your challenge
Grant us courage to follow.

***PRAYER OF APPROACH:**

Holy God,
Your light is the only light we need
as we travel through life's mystery,
Your word is that still small voice that leads us
Your presence is the only company we need
as we walk this road of faith,
Your fellowship the warmth we crave,
to help us on our way. Amen

***HYMN #112: O God, How We Have Wandered**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Creator God,
forgive our moments of ingratitude.
Forgive us for taking without giving,
reaping without sowing.
Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise,
our hands to share.
May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread,
and our footsteps be worthy of following,
for they lead to you. 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 # 117: Jesus Christ Is Waiting**

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY & PRAYER

***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

Joshua 5:9 - 12

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

Reader: Faith Roberts Pike

RESPONSIVE PSALM 32 page 759

Reader: Jeff Critch

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15, 1 – 3, 11 - 32

The Word of the Lord – Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: When You Prayed Beneath the Trees, *by Lloyd Larsen*

FAITH STORY: Brenda Rishia, Jewish Community Havura

***HYMN: Henei Ma Tov (Behold How Good), recording by Paul Wilbur**

Translation

Behold how good and

How pleasant it is

For brothers to dwell together **2X**

In unity (In unity)

Lai lai lai lai lai

Lai lai lai lai lai **2X**

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 # 135: Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Wednesday, April 3rd** – **Prayer Group**
- Saturday, April 13th** – **Quilting Bee**
- Sunday, April 14th** – **Financial Strategy Meeting**
- Sunday, April 21st** – **Easter Sunday**

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- Monday, April 15, 7:30pm – Wesley United Church
- Tuesday, April 16, 7:30pm – Cochrane Street United Church
- Wednesday, April 17, 7:30pm – Cowan Heights United Church
- Thursday, April 18, 7:30pm – Gower Street United Church
- Good Friday, April 19, 12:00pm – George Street United Church

All the donations from the services will go to the new Stella's Circle program called, "Fresh Start Accounts that Count" that is run by the Just Us Women's Centenaries.

FAITH STORIES: Lent is a time to explore our faith. We will have guests from a variety of religious communities share their faith stories.

- March 31st – Brenda Rishia (Jewish Community Havura)
- April 7th – Derek Osmond (St. Thomas' Anglican Church)
- April 14th – Palm 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.

No Scents Makes Good Sense! A friendly reminder that members of our congregation are sensitive to scented products. Thank you for helping.

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.

QUILTING BEE: Cochrane St. United Church Women are having a Quilting Bee on Saturday, **April 13**, at **10AM** in the hall upstairs. We welcome any ladies in the church to come and join us. We will be cutting strips for lap quilts which will be donated. No experience needed for cutting quilt strips.

When we get hungry, there will be a pot luck lunch provided by UCW. Entrance will be from Bannerman Street.

Guide to the Good: Our treasurer, Tim Reynolds, is on the advisory board for Guide to the Good. Take a minute to read the important blog he wrote. <https://guidetotheood.ca/2019/03/25/combating-loneliness-at-cochrane-street-united-church/>

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.

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 rangel.138@gmail.com or 709-691-4693.

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.

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!

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.

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.

Burry Heights Camp offers camping experiences for children ages 9-15. Crafts, sports, swimming, canoeing, hiking, thinking spiritually, and nature study are among some of the activities offered on a weekly basis, for 8 weeks each summer. Registration for the 2019 camping season will be available on March 28th, 2019 – check the Burry Heights website <http://www.burryheights.com/summer-camp.html> for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

A Covenanting Service between Rev. Simbarashe Mazhara, The Carbonear Pastoral Charge, and First Dawn Eastern Edge Region will take place, at **7PM** on **April 16** at Bethany United Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this service.

Tuesday, April 16 at 12 noon at St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Avenue: **A Presentation of Organ and Choral Music for Holy Week** featuring Amy Dalziel, organist, and the AOTS and UCW choirs under the direction of Doreen Brown. Entrance: freewill offering.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES

The United Church Women (UCW) was formed in 1962 with the disbanding of both the Women's Association and the Women's Missionary Society. In Newfoundland, the inaugural meeting of the UCW at the Conference level was held at Cochrane Street on March 13, 1962, with Mrs. Blanche Luscombe of our congregation elected President. Our records date from 1962 and comprised of minutes, list of members, and reports from the various units into which the UCW was organized. Unit records other than the Fellowship Unit end at 1998 with the Fellowship unit records ending in 2010. Of interest from the Archives might be a pillow containing the embroidered names of 30 members and guests who attended a garden party at the home of one of the unit leaders, Olga Davis, on July 28, 1983.