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# Welcome to Cochrane Street United Church

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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.  
Your host(s) this week:

We are looking for volunteers for tea after church. For more information email the church office or contact Laura Baker.

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## **USHERING TEAM FOR FEBRUARY**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT COCHRANE STREET**

Sunday: 10:00 AM Choir Practice  
11:00 AM Worship, Sunday School and Fellowship Time  
Tuesday: 6:30 PM Choir Practice – new members welcome  
Friday: 2:00 – 4:30 P.M. Bridge, St. Thomas' Anglican Church

## **OFFICE**

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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](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or Cell: 709-728-8410

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Worship:** Worship on Sundays is at St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church at 30 Aldershot Street off Merrymeeting Road.

**Joint Fundraiser:** Our joint fundraiser with our friends at Gower Street and George Street for Bridges to Hope and Jimmy Pratt Soup Kitchen raised \$836! Thanks to Peter Elliott for the great pictures.

**Bring Your Travel Mugs!** Bring your travel mug on Sundays! There is no dishwasher at St. John's Seventh-day Adventist Church so we are asking everyone to bring their own mug.

**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.

**Envelopes:** Do you need envelopes? If so please contact Harold Grandy. Email: [hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:hgrandy@nf.sympatico.ca).

**Faith Stories for Lent:** Once again during Lent, we are inviting members of the congregation to share their faith story. We each have a unique way of experience God at work in our lives and in the world around us. If you would like to share your faith story during Lent this year, please contact Rev. Miriam. Email: [revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com) or 709-728-8410.

**Annual Reports:** Soon it will be time for our annual general meeting. The Church Council asking all groups and committee to include in their reports a list of their officers/members, a description of your activities over the last year, and your financial report. All reports can be sent to [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com). The deadline for reports is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Recycling:** Did you know that the church has account at Evergreen Recycling on Elizabeth Avenue? Drop off your recyclables and use the church's phone number for the account number (7223023) and all the money will go to the church. Thanks for your generosity.

### **Notes from the Archives:**

Tyros was a group for young boys and the archives has only photographs from the 1960s for this group. Explorers and Canadian Girls in Training (CGIT) are groups for girls. Our Explorer records are sporadic and include records for two groups – one in the 1960s and the other 1980s and 1990s.

A photograph with members identified is dated 1960 and a photograph album of group's activities 1988-1992 illustrates the second group. Our CGIT records are far from complete but also describe activities in the 1960s-1970s and again 1990s-2000s. One important group of records is audiotapes of church services led by the CGIT in 1997 and 1998.

**Choir:** Love singing? Why not join the choir? No stress, no pressure, no expectations, just a group of people who love music, singing together. Some choir members read music, others don't. All are welcome and all are equal. We rehearse 6:30pm on Tuesday nights at Gower Street United and meet at 10:00am on Sunday mornings. So make a joyful noise and join the CSUC Choir!

**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.

**PAR MEMBERS Take Note:** *You may have noticed that your PAR contribution for January was not processed by the Church's bank. As your new treasurer I have been dealing with the bank since mid December trying to get on line in order to process our PAR contributions. The bank is accepting full responsibility for this delay however, I know this is frustrating for you as well as us. I will be in touch with each of you individually on how you can contribute your January givings. Thanks and please have patience as we work through this process with the bank. Tim Reynolds, Treasurer*

**Congregational Email:** Do you want to keep up on church news? If so we can add you to the congregational email list. Please send your email to [info@cochranestreetuc.com](mailto:info@cochranestreetuc.com).

## WIDER CHURCH

**Observer Subscription:** If you would like to receive for the first time or continue to receive your United Church Observer, please contact Paula Reynolds: [pt2reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pt2reynolds@gmail.com). **All cheques should be made payable to "The United Church Observer"**

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7 p.m** 2017 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for ST. JOHN'S CHURCHES takes place at the WEST END SALVATION ARMY, 174 Mundy Pond Road. This is an Ecumenical Family Service written by the WICC Committee of The Philippines with the Theme "AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU"?

**Living the Questions:** An open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers to questions about faith. We interact with each other as we explore together the best of today's theological thought, and talk about what is next for Christianity. There is a 20 minute video we watch together, and then discuss the concepts one with the other as well as in group. Coffee break included! The six sessions begin on Wednesday March 5th at Gower Street United Church from 7:30 - 9:30. It is not necessary to attend all the sessions but it is helpful. Sessions will be under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Paul Crittenden and Rev. Miriam Bowlby.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** Take the Bible Seriously

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Thinking Theologically

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Stories of Creation

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Lives of Jesus

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** As Passion for Christ: Paul

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Out into the World: Challenges facing Progressive Christians

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CFUW's 2017 Great Big Used Book Sale:** Book collecting will start Sunday, January 22nd from 2-4 pm and continue every Sunday from 2pm to 4pm and every Saturday from 11 am -1pm until further notice at Woodgate Plaza, 58 Kenmount Road. Please use entrance west of Toys R Us. We take most gently used books including Children's Books: Fiction and Non-Fiction. We will sell your books at the Arts and Culture Centre, from Tuesday, March 28 –Thursday, March 30, to help fund scholarships and other community outreach projects. Details TBA. Sponsor: Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Contact: [cfuwstjohns@gmail.com](mailto:cfuwstjohns@gmail.com)

**St. James:** UCW will be having a *Good as New Sale* on Saturday, March 4 from 10am until noon. There will also be muffins, coffee and tea for a toonie. We hope to see you at St. James United Church with free parking that day.

**Wesley Pancake Supper & Social:** Wesley United Church will be holding a Pancake Supper & card game on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Pancakes, bacon, bologna and baked beans will be served along with dessert and tea or coffee. Tickets are \$15 for adults & \$6 for children under 12 and can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Pheobe at 726-1689 or the Church Office at 579-3682.