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.

Your host(s) this week: Carolyn and Maxine

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

USHERING TEAM FOR JANUARY

Keith Bowden, Eldred Butt, David Boone, Harold Grandy, and John Bowden

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 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.

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.

Annual Reports: Soon it will be time for our annual general meeting. The Church Council asking all groups and committees 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. The deadline for reports is February 10th.

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:

As reported in the previous Notes from the Archives, the organ had been played for the first time on January 14, 1917. One month later, on February 15, 1917, a choral and instrumental recital was held, showcasing this new organ. Built by Harrison and Harrison of England, it had three manuals, 50 stops and 2974 pipes. The plaque from the previous organ, found in the ruins of the church, was installed in the choir loft where it remains today.

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.

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.

WIDER CHURCH

Remits: The United Church of Canada is looking at changing how it governs itself. When making decisions that shape the future of our denomination, every congregation is consulted and asked to vote using the remit process. This year there will be 6 remits to vote on. One of the major remits looks at changing the structure of the United Church from its current four court model to a three court mode. Our church council will be voting on these remits but you don't need to be a member of the church council to participate. If you would like to become involved you are welcome to attend the remit study sessions held at George Street United Church February 11th and 18th 9:30 - 3:15 with a potluck lunch. Our facilitators will be Roy West and Tim Reynolds. Please email info@cochrancestreetuc.com by February 3rd if you would like to attend. The remits and background information on the remits can be found at: www.gc42.ca/remits

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. All cheques should be made payable to "The United Church Observer"

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

Project Grace: Project Grace is pleased to host it's first fundraising recital: The Painted Violin featuring teaching artist Dominic Greene on violin, with

Phil Roberts on piano and special performances by our PG Violin Students. This event will also be the launch for our beautiful violin, hand painted by Cara Kansala of the Grumpy Goat Gallery. The Painted Violin fundraising recital takes place on Sunday January 29th at 3pm in the Suncor Hall at MUN Music School. Admission is by Freewill Donation (Suggested \$10). Questions & Information: projectgracenl@gmail.com or facebook.com/ProjectGraceNL

Wesley Male Choir: The Wesley Male choir and Reverend Bill Mercer will hold a service on Sunday, January 29th starting at 6:50 pm with a singalong. Special guests will be "Jacobs Ladder". All are welcome to what promises to be an enjoyable and uplifting service.

Cowan Heights United Church invites you to an "Evening of Food and Fellowship". Come join us for Moose Stew Dinner (Beef Stew Also Available) served with rolls, coffee/tea and dessert. Saturday, February 25 and 6:00 pm, and Donnie Kelly Auditorium, in Cowan Heights United Church. Tickets are \$15 each and are available from the CHUC Men's Club or call the office at 745-2871.

Not a Bible Study: *Following Jesus* is a 5 week exploration of the spiritual practices of Jesus and how we can use practices to reach an authentic spirituality following Jesus. Sessions are on Wednesday evenings, 7-8, January 25 - February 22, or Monday mornings, 11-noon, January 30 - February 27, all at St. James UC, 330 Elizabeth Avenue; all are welcome.

T'ai Chi Chih: Come "Awaken the Energy Within" for more natural energy, wellness and joy! Join us for an 8-week Wisdom Healing Qigong session on Tuesdays and T'ai Chi Chih on Wednesdays and Thursdays, morning and evening, at The Lantern, 35 Barnes Road, St. John's, starting January 24th, 25th and 26th. New and returning students welcome! For more details www. Taichichihnl.ca or contact Sheila at sheilaleonard@nl.sympatico.ca or 727-7863.

Living Faith in a Different Way: Are you blessed with room in your heart and home for a child with complex needs due to their family circumstances? Would you consider becoming a stay-at-home mom or dad with a professional fee that makes this possible? Key Assets is a non-profit organization that provides quality family-based care for children and youth who cannot live with their own families. If you are interested in exploring possibilities please log on to: www.keyassetsnl.ca, email: info@keyassetsnl.ca or telephone: 579-1624.