
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: Joyce Blundon

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

USHERING TEAM FOR MARCH

Ian McMaster, Fred Brown, Bill Squires, Blair Bradbury,
and Gerry Penney

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

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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.

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.

The Annual Meeting: The AGM for the congregation will take place on Monday, March 20th at 6:00 at St. Thomas' Anglican Church. We will begin with a potluck supper followed by our meeting. Please bring something to share.

Blessing Bags: The Sunday School is putting together blessing bags for the tenants at Cochrane Centre. They are looking for your help in filling them. Here are some items that would help: facial tissue, toilet paper, hand-soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste.

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:

Three groups of records describe young people's groups. The archives holds records dated 1965 and 1966 for the Kairos group. These include a membership list, some correspondence and a summary of activities carried out. The second group of records relate to the Friday evening "Coffee House" and is comprised of minute book, members and group guidelines dated 1967-1968. The Epworth League is the third group, an early co-ed

group within the Methodist church in North America. Our records comprise minutes, reports and treasurer's records 1890-1895.

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.

WIDER CHURCH

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 session begin on Wednesday March 5th at Gower Street United Church from 7:30 - 9:30. It is not necessary to attend all the session but it is helpful. Sessions will be under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Paul Crittenden and Rev. Miriam Bowlby.

March 8th: Thinking Theologically

March 15th: Stories of Creation

March 22nd: Lives of Jesus

March 29th: As Passion for Christ: Paul

April 5th: 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

St. James: United Church Women will be having a Spring Sale and Afternoon Tea on Saturday, April 8th from 2-4 pm. This will take place in the St. James Church Auditorium, located at 330 Elizabeth Ave. There will be baked goods and variety stalls. Tickets are \$ 7.00 and are available from any UCW member and also at the door.

“Singers Helping Singers” The Bruneau Centre for Excellence in Choral Music is proud to present a concert of choral music featuring the Atlantic Girls' Choir, Aurora Women's Choir, Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir, CARA Choir, Lady Cove Women's Choir, La Rose des Vents, and Quintessential Vocal Ensemble Mixed Youth Chorus, with guest conductor Scott Leithead and soloists Nelson Nagenda and Jonathan Hunt. This will take place Sunday, March 5, 2017, 3-4pm. Gower Street United Church. Tickets \$20 or \$25 for family.

Fish and Brewis Dinner & Musical Entertainment: Wesley United Church will hold a Fish and Brewis dinner with dessert and tea or coffee on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th, starting at 6:00 pm. Following the dinner will be a presentation by the musical group *Fillidia*. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Phoebe at 726-1689 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

Called to Serve?

Part of the ministry of our congregation is done through the leadership provided by the Church Council. Serving on the Church Council or one of its committees is part of our faithful response to the good news of Jesus.

Through the work of the Church Council and its committees we do God's work in the world. Where and how is God calling you to serve? Perhaps in one of the leadership roles on the council or as a member of a committee.

The Church Council:

The Church Council is the governing body for Cochrane Street United Church and as such is responsible for ensuring that the church operates properly. The membership of the Church Council is made up of the executive (outlined below), the chairs (or their designate) of the various committees, the past-chair of the church council, a board of Trustees Representative, the East District Representatives and the Men's Club and the UCW Representatives. The committees of the Church Council (Finance; Ministries; Ministry and Personnel; Property; and Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care) all report to the Church Council. Each of the committees of the Church Council focuses on one aspect of the mission and ministry of our congregation and reports on their work to the Church Council.

Church Council Executive:

The Executive of the Church Council is made up of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and the Minister. The Executive only meets outside of church council when there is a decision that must be made between meetings of the Church Council.

Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee along with the Church Council is responsible for the overall financial stewardship of the congregation. The Finance Committee is made up of the Treasurer and at least two other members who report regularly to the church council. The committee also recommends a budget to the Church Council for approval of the congregation at the Annual General Meeting.

Ministries:

The Ministries Committee is responsible for the outreach projects we do in the community such as Bags to School (with Bridges to Hope), Deal of a Meal and BBQ in the Park. This is also the place that works with Sunday School, Messy Church, fellowship and Christian Education.

Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is responsible for the relationship between the congregation and the staff. The M&P committee is responsible for overseeing the work, duties and relationships of the staff of the congregation. It supports the minister, staff and congregation members, conducts performance appraisals, is involved in the hiring of staff, and deals with many personnel matters of a confidential nature.

Property Committee:

The property committee will advise the Church Council on all matters pertaining to the maintenance of the church building. In the coming year, the terms of reference for this committee will need to be reviewed as they will be working in cooperation with CCOPC which is now responsible for the building.

Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care:

The Worship Committee works in cooperation with the Ministry Personnel to ensure Sunday Worship Services, the Sacraments, membership and pastoral care of the congregation run smoothly.

Fundraising Task Group

The fundraising task group is a small group responsible for planning and implementing fundraisers to further the mission of Cochrane Street United Church. This task group works closely with the Finance Committee and gives regular reports to the church council.

Bridges to Hope Representative

Cochrane Street United Church can appoint one member to the board of Bridges to Hope.

East District Representatives

Cochrane Street United Church appoints members of the congregation to represent our church at East District meetings. These representatives are also members for the church council.

Opportunities to Serve:

- Chair of Church Council
- Vice-Chair of Church Council
- Chair of Ministry, Personnel and Education
- Chair of Ministries
- Chair of Property Committee
- Chair of Worship, Sacraments and Pastoral Care
- Chair and committee members of the Fundraising Task Group
- Members of any committee
- Cochrane Street representative on Bridges to Hope

How to Serve?

If you are interested in offering your time and talent to any of these ministry opportunities, please contact the church office 709-722-3023 or by email: info@cochranestreetuc.com. If you want to know more about what is involved in any of these committees, contact Rev. Miriam at 709-728-8410 or by email: revmiriam@cochranestreetuc.com or the secretary of the Church Council Joyce Blunden joyce.friendly@yahoo.com.