

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 Make 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.

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.

Donations for 2016: Due to circumstances beyond our control, all donations received after December 24th 2016, will be credited to your 2017 tax receipt.

New Treasurer: Tim Reynolds has agreed to take on the role of treasurer. Thank you Tim. Tim can be reached at: csuctreasurer@gmail.com.

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.

Men's Club: Men's Club will resume its meetings for the New Year on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 pm. All meetings are dinner club meetings and are presently held at St Thomas's Anglican Church with entrance at Kingsbridge Road. All men are welcome to attend and enjoy an evening of good food, great fellowship and fun. The men's club wishes a healthy and safe 2017. Any questions call church office at 709-722-3023.

Notes from the Archives:

For Jan 8, 2017

Happy New Year!

How many of us remember Watch Night services at Cochrane Street? They were held on New Year's Eve at Cochrane Street at about 11:15 and were a wonderful way to welcome the New Year. Saying goodbye to the past year and greeting the coming year with confidence and hope was an affirming occasion.

For Jan 15, 2017

From the Methodist Monthly Greeting (Feb, 1891): "St. John's East [Cochrane Street]-Thanksgiving Services – The first Sabbath in the New Year was the time appointed for

receiving thanksgiving offerings, in aid of the liquidation of the debt on the East Circuit Church [Cochrane Street] property. Able and fulfilling discourses were preached by the Revs. F. R. Duffill and G. P. Story. The congregations were exceedingly large, and the financial success amounted to \$660 [at least \$14000 in today's dollars]. The special music by the choir was all that could be desired."

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

NOMINATIONS: General Council are currently seeking nominations for some important roles, including areas of new work. Details on each of these opportunities and the nominations process are available on the website: <http://www.united-church.ca/opportunities>

COMMUNITY

KEY ASSETS: 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.

BEREAVEMENT AND SUPPORT GROUP: Eastern Health's Pastoral Care & Ethics Department invites people grieving the loss of a loved one to join an 8-week Bereavement Information & Support Group beginning January 19, 2017. Sessions are held Thursday afternoons from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Location: Health Sciences Centre. For more information, or to register, please contact Jacintha Penney at 777-6959 or Paul Grimes at 777-7611.

ST. JAMES: Monday January 16: Non-denominational women's meeting on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome to come and share an evening of fellowship and fun at St. James United Church at 7pm; 330 Elizabeth Avenue. Bring a friend!