

# St. James United Church

# An Affirming Ministry

Weekly Newsletter January 19, 2020

# 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Congregational Meeting

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# Welcome

We are so glad that you are here today! Please join us for continued fellowship in the <u>Friendship Room</u> following our service.

## **Upcoming Services**

Jan. 20 Epiphany	Jan.	26	Epiphany	3
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Feb. 2 Food Bank, Epiphany 4

Albert Moher, guest musician

10:30 AM

Feb. 9 Minute for Mission

Epiphany 5

Men's Club

**Congregational Meeting** 

# **Upcoming Meetings**

Feb. 3

UCW Meetings:					
Jan. 20	Unit #2	7:00 PM			
Jan. 22	Unit #3	7:00 PM			

Jan. 22 Unit #3 7:00 PM Jan. 23 Unit #1 @Swiss Chalet

#### To Remember In Our Prayers

Those who are ill at home or in the hospital.



#### **Notices**

#### 2019 financial report

I am very pleased to report that we ended 2019 with a small surplus of \$2245 in our general funds (on overall expenses of about \$250,000). This is due to the large donations made to the church by the UCW and St. James Players in December, and to the generosity of our members throughout the year but especially in the last month of 2019. This means that we have had a small surplus in 4 of the past 6 years.

There is a copy of the financial statement on the wall to the left of the ramp outside the sanctuary for anyone to look at. This will be discussed further at our annual congregational meeting in February.

Thank you to everyone for helping achieve this surplus!

Ron Horton, Treasurer.

#### <u>Jitterbugs</u>

Jitterbugs preschool group meets Mondays at 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

If you or someone you know have a little one between the ages of 1-4, we meet in the gym and have time for play and a circle time. Please bring your own snacks. Hope to see you there!

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#### **News from the Worship Committee**

With the support of the Official Board, beginning this month we will be using St. James' original communion table at the front of the church.

While the communion table that we received from Knox is beautiful, it is extremely heavy to move and needs to be moved on a regular basis.

The St. James communion table is smaller, very portable and equally aesthetically pleasing.

The Knox table will remain in the sanctuary at the back of the church, where we will be able to continue using and appreciating it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the Worship Committee.

#### **Gift Card News**

Welcome to 2020 all you gift carders.

We had a fantastic 2019. You contributed \$2,929 to St. James through your purchases of gift cards last year.

So now let's get started on 2020. Pick up an order form today. The next order will be processed on January 26th.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

#### 2019 tax receipts:

The 2019 tax receipts are available at the front of the church starting Jan. 19. Please pick up yours (and maybe a neighbour's or friend's) by February 9 to save postage costs. Thank you.



#### **Volunteers Needed**

St. James Men's Club runs the breakfast program at Keith Wightman School and has done so for over 10 years. We currently have about 35 volunteers but could use a few more. There are two types of jobs available: one involves arriving at the school at 7:15 a.m. to cut up and prepare the fruits and vegetables for the students. You would be finished about 9:00 a.m.

The second job is serving the students. For this position, your arrival time would be from 7:45 to 8:00 and it ends about 9:15. We serve toast, bagels, hot and cold cereal, and fruits and vegetables to them. Alternatively, we have a few people who currently fill both positions.

Our volunteers come from St. James members as well as other people from the community.

At the present time, we could use a server on Mondays, a prep person/server on Tuesdays, and a server on Fridays. In addition, we would welcome a couple of people who could fill in when someone is away sick or on vacation.

Please see Ron Horton for more details if you are interested.

To the Congregation of St. James Church,

Now that the fun and excitement of the Christmas season is over, it is time to reflect on the amazing things donors in our community have accomplished this past year.

What an incredible gift you have given to so many children. I simply cannot thank you enough for your very generous donations of gifts, clothing, pajamas and other hygiene products for children involved with the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS). This Christmas, we collected gifts for 1,093 children and St. James Church has played a big part in making so many Christmas wishes come true.

For most of the children and their families involved with the KHCAS, financial struggles are a predominant part of their everyday lives. The feeling of hope and normalcy you give to children by purchasing them a Christmas gift or donating clothing and hygiene products, is difficult to describe. You have let a child and their caregivers know that someone in their community is looking out for them and understands their need.

Thank you for being such heroes to local atrisk children over the past years. You truly make a difference in the lives of these kids.

With best wishes,

Deb Aben, Executive Director

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