

Extending our care in the neighbourhood -- We're looking for someone to respond to a request of a woman in our neighbourhood, unable to get to church, to deliver copies of bulletin and sermons.

If you would like to share in this, please be in touch with Karen or Doug Lunam, 250-658-6206.



Christmas Toy Drive

Help us bring joy to children this season by donating *new* toys for our annual **Christmas Toy Drive**. You can drop off your donation from November 10 to December 15 at 625 Queens Avenue, or at one of our gift wrap booths (Mayfair, Hillside, or Tillicum Shopping Centre).

CFAX Turkey Drive

The **CFAX Turkey Drive** is here for the holiday season! Make a cash donation to provide a family with a Christmas turkey. Each turkey costs \$25. Make a donation at atmustardseed.ca/donate today.



James Bay New Horizons Happenings Annual Christmas Bazaar, Tea & Bake Sale Saturday, November 24th

10am – 2pm

Free Admission, Refreshments for sale.
Credit and Debit accepted.
Wheelchair accessible



Movie & Popcorn

Thursday, November 29th at 2pm

For more information about what's playing visit <http://www.jamesbaynewhorizons.ca>

Scripture Reader: Kim Tadei

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott and Cheryl Caldwell

Cup & Conversation: Eunice, Raymond and Carol

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 12 noon

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

Please remember in prayer: Linda and David, Gary Coburn, Sam and family, Ahmed, Leyla, Laurie, and Judith Brown

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Tuesday, November 20 – OUTREACH

9:00am – 11:30am - Front Office Reception

Tuesday, November 20 – Jazz in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm

Friday, November 23 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 2pm

Your donations are gratefully received

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am

Saturday, November 24 – JBUC Sanctuary

Indian Horse – Free Community Movie Screening

As part of our continuing journey of reconciliation, we will be screening the powerful movie Indian Horse. Based on Ojibwe author Richard Wagamese's novel set in the 1960s, *Indian Horse* uses the hook of Canada's national sport — hockey — to grapple with Canada's darkest policy: the Indian residential school system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEASON OF LISTENING – this opportunity awaits us to deepen our knowing of one another. We'll gather for 3 Wednesday evenings beginning with a simple supper, followed by engaging in a listening practice in which we pair up, and through the prompt of a question or two, we give the other the room to speak as we listen attentively. November 28, December 5 and 12. Supper will be served at 6pm.



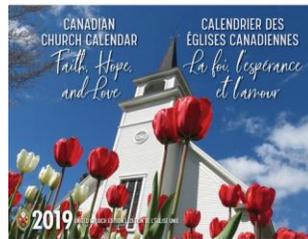
They're back! The **James Bay Children's Chorus** that practices in our sanctuary each Thursday afternoon, are preparing for a **concert on November 29, 4:45 – 5:30.**

They, along with a guest musician, will perform in the

sanctuary and we are all invited. Already the choir has grown to 20 choristers, and they are as thrilled with their practice space (inside and out!) as they were last year. This concert is an expression of their gratitude to us.

2019 Church Calendars

are ready to pick up in the Church office. Cost is \$5 each.



Jazz in James Bay for the neighbourhood!

The people of James Bay United Church are opening the sanctuary of the beautiful heritage building at 511 Michigan on Tuesday evenings for the benefit of our local community. Accessible music venues that you can walk to right in the neighbourhood encourages good mental and spiritual health. And with the help of local jazz legend Kelby MacNayr, we will bring some of the best of the best in the Victoria jazz scene to the heart of James Bay -- A venue without distractions - where the focus is you, the music and the sacred space to listen. Running for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning November 6.

A suggested donation of \$10 (as you are able) will be taken at the door.

See insert for more information on who's playing this week.

Ready for a deeper dive? into your faith, your life, into connection with others? This small group opportunity may be for you. Meet together (at a time and frequency determined by participants) to reflect on your life, bringing what's unfolding in your life into conversation with your faith. A chance to consider the questions, insights, surprises life is raising about what you believe. An opportunity for spiritual growth within the surround of compassionate friendship.

Facilitated by Karen Dickey

More info: www.jamesbayunited.com



“ADVENTuring Alongside Angels” ~

Consider coming away on a 2 day retreat, to a place of beauty, companionship and solitude. *Led by Karen Dickey and Cheryl Macpherson*, our time together will be about opening up to Grace in our midst in the ordinary and extraordinary.

We'll gather at the Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo **Dec 2, beginning at 3pm, departing after lunch on Dec. 4.** Car pooling can be arranged.

Cost for 2 overnights, 5 meals – \$225 shared accommodation; \$270 individual accommodation.

To register for this event, contact Karen kdickey@shaw.ca 250-592-5931 or Cheryl Macpherson cheryl_macpherson@shaw.ca 250-665-7544 **THIS WEEK!!**

New in the JBUC library: two books for children:

A NORTHERN ALPHABET by Ted Harrison - book of the alphabet using words illustrative of the Canadian North . The illustrations are large, colorful and simply drawn. I AM NOT A NUMBER by Indigenous educator Dr. Jenny Kay and Kathy Kacer. This is another contribution to the work of Canadian Truth and Reconciliation, a picture book based on the experience of Irene Couchie Dupuis, grandmother to Jenny Kay Dupuis.

Hello Friends of the James Bay Refugee Initiative –

“You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt” Deuteronomy 10:19

When you last heard from us it was with a note from Leyla in which she spoke about loving her new life in Victoria, about her gratitude for the ways in which she has been cared for and supported, and the loneliness she experiences living in Victoria when her husband and family are so far away. With that in mind we have begun the work necessary to sponsor Leyla’s husband, Ahmad; a move we see as a continuation of our sponsorship of Leyla.

The re-grouped James Bay Refugee Initiative is composed of four members of the original group and a new member who comes with skills that will be helpful for us as we work towards bringing Ahmad to Victoria. Steve works for the federal government, is familiar with the Middle East, and has experience working with Internally Displaced Persons as part of a UN mission. And more importantly, Steve has a huge heart and wants very much to be part of this process.

Ahmad is eager to join Leyla in Victoria and start their new life together here. To that end, he is taking English lessons at the end of his days working as an embryologist.



Leyla dreams of Ahmad’s arrival, of their making a future here and of one day having children who will be Canadian citizens and will be assured of the peace and security their parents were once denied.

Fundraising is part of what we will be about, of course, and it will be a somewhat easier task since there is still a positive balance in the JBRI account, largely because Leyla is a very good money manager and because she found a full time job before her first year was up.

As before, donations can be made through the church office. If you wish to make a donation you may do so by mailing or dropping off a cheque made out to James Bay United Church (with “*refugee sponsorship*” in the memo line), or through PAR.

Or you might want to make an online donation through CHIMP on the James Bay Refugee Initiative section of the James Bay United Church website –

<https://www.jamesbayunited.com/get-connected/james-bay-refugee-initiative/pages/contact-donation-information>

All donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt and 100% of donated funds will be used towards the work of the James Bay Refugee Initiative.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being part of this continuing work, please speak with Aleksa or Judy.

With thanks,
Aleksa Harkness
For the James Bay Refugee Initiative