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### MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Jesus engaged people of all kinds, people of every possible social background and standing, but he was very deliberate and intentional about reaching out to the vulnerable, hurt, weak and misunderstood and to those who suffered as the result of either their own actions or because of human neglect, wickedness, societal prejudice or injustice.

The Church, the community of believers, is called to follow in the footsteps of its Lord and Master, to define its existence and purpose by sharing the good news, by allowing the risen and living Jesus himself to come close to and meet those living in every age and everywhere, including our time and our immediate and wider community.

Every one of us is called to go, to engage and to relate in a Christ-like way with individuals and the world at large. We all are sent to participate in the life of people, in the life of the community and of society, to make ourselves available through being perceptive to personal as well as societal needs and issues and by responding to them.

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands has 195 congregations, 9 of which are located here in Grand Cayman. They all are involved in a wide range of ministries, reaching out to people at all stages and aspects of their lives.

Jesus calls us to serve him in many ways and capacities, using our various gifts, talents and resources to touch the



*Mrs. Valerie Anderson presenting the Children's Time at South Sound United Church*

lives of others and to bring about a positive change that will – in some respect- last forever. Some are offering practical, hands-on help like pantry ministry, others are involved in working with children and youth in our church schools, camps, youth groups or After School programs. Others offer professional help such as guidance and counseling, financial assistance, advocacy and medical help.

We, the Church, also seek ways to cooperate with the stakeholders in the public sector and with governmental agencies to make a positive and tangible impact in our communities. And the list goes on.

All this does not mean that making ourselves available for Jesus's purpose and will is easy. In addition to serving in various ways and capacities we all have our own personal lives, issues and responsibilities to deal with, which themselves can be quite challenging. The same can be said about serving which can be a great source of personal growth, fulfilment and joy but also frustration and disappointment. At times it may even seem that we are not making any progress or that we achieve very little considering the amount of time, energy and effort invested in our ministries.

Let us all keep in our minds the following,

- Every believer is called to serve in some way
- Every difficulty is an opportunity to grow
- We all can give and seek support
- Our service makes an impact whether we see it or not
- Jesus expects obedience and faithfulness, not success

In all things, glory belongs to God alone.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 15:** Central Mission Committee Meeting - Jamaica (CMC)  
**November 25:** Council Executive Meeting  
 5:00 pm Council Office  
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 6:00 pm Council Office



- November 17:** Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield and Rev. Otto Menko  
**November 24:** Ms. Camile Watt  
**December 01:** Mr. Ormond Williams  
**December 08:** Rev. Louis Sully

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
 THANKSGIVING LUNCH**  
 November 28, 2019 11am to 2pm  
 Elmslie United Church Hall  
 Cost: \$15.00

Tickets available from Women's Fellowship members.



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*Children assisting with Meals on Wheels delivery during Children's Camp 2018*

### CHILD CARE AND PROTECTION POLICY PROVISIONS 8-10

**8.** Training will be delivered to the Minister, Elders and other leaders - including Sunday School Teachers, Superintendents, Workers and others involved in leadership with children to ensure there is clear understanding of the legal requirements for the safety and protection of children and the United Church's Child Protection Policy. Training will include principles of safeguarding of children as well as requirements to report suspicions of all forms of abuse – including physical, verbal and sexual abuse, bullying and human trafficking. These training sessions are designed to share knowledge on risk management in all applicable United Church fora. Training shall include procedures to reinforce the monitoring systems of the Synod of the United Church, in its quest to create Child-friendly Congregations.

**9.** Children will undergo bi-annual training on the principles of safeguarding and on ground rules for operation (i.e. appropriate and inappropriate self, other and group conduct) while engaged in United Church-related activities or on United Church premises. Children shall be informed of the value and importance of communicating with those supervising them to facilitate their health, safety and wellbeing. Children will also be assured of the established procedures for reporting abuse or neglect and of the appropriate handling of private information by those supervising them in cases where sensitive information is shared.

**10.** Keeping proper records of all children within each Congregation – including collecting health-related data on all children affiliated to United Church Congregations – such as information relating to allergies, ailments and disorders (and unique behavioral characteristics) that may affect the individual child and/or other children. The appropriate procedures to address or treat children with known conditions should also be recorded to guide quick responses in emergency situations (e.g. asthma attacks or epileptic seizures). This information should be included as part of Sunday School registration, and pre-registration requirements for all excursions involving children. Non-members who are parents with children attending Sunday Services regularly will be prompted to share information on their child(ren)'s health to facilitate the establishment of up-to-date records on children within United Church Congregations.