

Ushering this week is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Marilyn Adams

Greeters and Ushers: Les and Grace Dean, Wayne and Michelle Skinner, Sophie Skinner, Baxter Howse, Ruth Baker, Don Blackmore

A donation has been made to the Sound System in loving memory of Helen LeGrow from Ches and family.

“Thanks to Brenda and her Sunday School group for sharing their time and talents - their Easter skit - with residents at The Agnes Pratt Home on April 6th. It was appreciated by residents, volunteers, staff, family members, and guests alike.” Ettie Gordon-Murray, Chaplain

Today at 3pm in the Sanctuary there will be a Service conducted by Susan for the Deaf Ministry.

UNITED CHURCH HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Monday – Thursday begin at 7:30pm
Good Friday's service is from noon – 3:00pm

Monday, April 14Pouch Cove UC

Tuesday, April 15St. James UC

Wednesday, April 16Cowan Heights UC

Maundy Thurs, April 17George Street UC

Good Friday, April 18Cochrane Street UC

Offerings for these services will go to the East District Chaplaincy Fund

Easter at St. James:

Good Friday Walk will be on April 18th, starting at 10am from St. James. Homemade hot cross buns and refreshments will follow!

Good Friday Vespers at 7.30pm

Easter Sunday Communion at 8.30am

Easter Egg Breakfast following the 8.30 service: Join the GO Project on Easter morning for eggs, toast, coffee, tea and juice. Cost is a freewill donation.

Traditional Easter Service at 11am.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at Cambridge Estates on April 15th at 2pm. All are welcome to attend.

The next dinner meeting of the St. James AOTS Men's Club will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30pm.

The church office will be closed on Monday April 21st.

AOTS semi-annual fish dinner: April 25th at 6pm. Tickets (\$20) can be purchased from David Hapgood, 576-4075, or Albert Styles, 754-6628.

Sunday, April 27th: First United is pleased to present *A Concert with Heart*, featuring the music of Irene Bridger from Twillingate and her special guest & sister Madge Jennings-Ventriloquist! Funds from this event will help purchase a portable defibrillator for their Church. Tickets for 'A Concert with Heart' are just \$10, available from the church office at 368-2194 or Inez Penney at 782-3551.

New Faith Study: 'Embracing an Adult Faith – Marcus Borg on what it means to be Christian.' 5 sessions, facilitated by Susan, beginning Monday April 28th at 10am or Tuesday April 29th at 7pm. For those considering Adult Confirmation or Reaffirmation of Faith in June, this will be a great program.

The Annual General Meeting for Bridges To Hope will take place on Monday, April 28th at St. Andrew's Church at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

A letter of thanks to the many thousands of United Church members and adherents who generously volunteer their time and talents every day from the United Church's Moderator, the Right Rev. Gary Paterson: *“Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, I am writing today as Moderator to say thank you to the many thousands of volunteers who are part of our United Church family. Volunteers are the heart, soul, and backbone of The United Church of Canada from coast to coast to coast. It's impossible to calculate the number of volunteer hours offered each day, week, month, and year in congregations and communities throughout Canada and around the world; the positive impact of that work is equally immeasurable. But when you stop to think about it, even within your own congregation, it is truly impressive. In my travels as Moderator, I have met many hundreds of faithful volunteers, all of whom have offered countless hours in service to others. And United Church people don't limit their volunteering to church activities—you will find them involved in projects that benefit the whole community, assisting individuals in need, and contributing their time and talents in ways that help to make this a better world. Whether it's working at a food bank, being a volunteer driver, organizing a fundraiser, or visiting a patient in hospital, there is always much to do. And you do it, faithfully, generously, and with a smile. Thank you.”*

Blooper of the week: A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.