

We offer our condolences to the following families:

** Ruby Hiscock and family on the passing of her daughter, Lona, whose funeral took place from St. James on January 13;

**The Sheppard family on the passing of their mother, Joy Sheppard, whose funeral took place from St. James on January 14.

We acknowledge the following donations:

**to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Eric Paul from Todd & Josephine Squires;

**to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Chesley Moore from his wife, Barbara;

**to St. James in loving memory of Lona Hiscock from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas.

Coffee Hour today, after the 11am Service, in the auditorium.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow morning, Monday, January 19; it will reopen at 1.30pm.

The next St. James Men's Club dinner meeting will be held at 5.30pm on Wednesday, January 21 in the auditorium. New members are extended a special welcome.

Bicentennial Banquet: The Bicentennial Celebrations Committee is proceeding with its celebration of 200 years (1815-2015) in the life and work of the Methodist Church and its successor, the United Church of Canada, on the Northeast Avalon. We will hold a Special Joint Congregational Banquet at the Royal Canadian Legion at Pleasantville on April 25, at 7 p.m., the day prior to the Special Joint Congregational Service at Gower Street United Church on April 26 at 3 p.m. Our Moderator will be our special invited guest at both events. Banquet tickets are now available and have been assigned on a pro rata membership basis amongst all 12 United Church congregations on the Northeast Avalon at a cost of \$35 single until February 27, after which date all unsold tickets will be placed in a common pool and will cost \$40. Those who cannot obtain tickets from their respective initial congregational ticket allocation will be given priority for tickets in the common pool after February 27 at the initial \$35 cost. It is the Committee's hope that there will be a favourable and early response to this notice given that the deadline for holding our reservation with the Royal Canadian Legion is March 15.

Members and friends of St. James congregation can contact Leslie Dean at 753-3994 for tickets and information. You can pay by cash or cheque; please make cheques payable to St. James UC Men's Club and write "Banquet Ticket" in cheque memo space.

Pastoral Visitation: For those who are sick and shut-in, the winter months can be very long, dark and gloomy. If you are aware of anyone in our congregation who is limited by mobility or otherwise during the winter months, and they would like a pastoral visit, please let Rev. Pamela know through the Church Office. There is a regular visiting rotation; however, this list is always being revised.

Grief and Bereavement Information and Support Group: Eastern Health's Pastoral Care and Ethics Dept. is offering an eight week "Grief and Bereavement Information and Support Group" for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Sessions begin on Thursday, January 29th from 1:30pm-3:45pm. To register, please contact Rev. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959. Confirmation of appointment slips available.

GO Project Initiative: We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to serve for a short period of time developing a promotional program for the GO Project, St. John's. This promotional material would be distributed throughout the NL Conference of the United Church to encourage youth and leaders to take part in GO, and to promote the positive effects on youth and congregations who have already been involved. To volunteer for this worthwhile project, please contact Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204, or susan@stjamesuc.org

SPCA seeking Volunteers for Shelter & Thrift Store: Help animals in need with just 3 hours a week. We're seeking dependable volunteers to work with our cats on weekday mornings or at our thrift store in Mount Pearl providing excellent customer service. To apply, please drop by either the shelter on RCAF Rd or the thrift store at 162 Park Ave, Mt Pearl to apply. Questions? Please call Lesley at 690-5625.

Winter Scavenger Hunt: Free family fun for everyone next Sunday, January 25, 2-4pm. Families of all ages and abilities (including furry friends) are invited to Bowring Park for an afternoon of adventure and fun! Meet outside the Bungalow to start the Winter Scavenger Hunt and learn some interesting facts about the park as you go. Search for hidden clues to solve the puzzle and reveal the answer. Collect a small token from our treasure chest when you're done! For more information visit www.stjohns.ca, email recreation@stjohns.ca or call 576-8499.

Wesley Church Fish Luncheon: Wesley United Church will hold a fish luncheon on Friday, January 30 at 12 noon.. Cod, salmon, dessert and coffee or tea will be served. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased by calling Pheobe at 726-1689, Marvin at 579-7900 or the Church office at 579-3682.

Pun of the week: The fattest knight at King Arthur's Round Table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.