

St. James United Church Life and Works, April 12, 2015

We offer our condolences to Shirley Cook and family on the passing of Shirley's dad, Cliff Howell; his funeral took place on April 1.

St. James is looking for a volunteer to act as Local Mission & Service Enthusiast. If this interests you, please let SuAn know at 722-1881, info@stjamesuc.org

We are assembling a list of volunteers who will "manage" the sound system on the iPad during church services and, occasionally, other events. If you are available at least one Sunday a month, please contact Noah Sheppard (noah832@hotmail.com) or the church office. There is no experience necessary! Once we have a few interested people, training will be scheduled for late April or early May.

The next Escasoni Worship Service will take place at 2pm on this Tuesday, April 14 at the new Long Term Facility on Newfoundland Drive. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1.15 in the chapel to to plan the congregation pick-ups.

The AOTS Spring Fish Dinner is next Friday, April 17 at 6pm: Tickets (\$20) are available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 and Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Memorial Hymn Sing is next Sunday, April 19 at 11am: Please invite your family and friends to this annual service to remember those who are no longer with us. To ensure your hymn requests are included in our special bulletin, please place it in the collection plate or return your request form to the church office or by tomorrow, Monday, April 13.

Lecture Series: Dr. Calvin Hollett will give a lecture entitled *'Barely glowing embers? The State of Methodism in Newfoundland in 1815'* on Sunday, April 19, at 2:30pm in the Gower St. United Church Lecture Hall. This is the first in a series of lectures to be held throughout 2015 as part of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the establishment of both the congregation of what is now Gower Street United Church and Methodism on the Northeast Avalon. Dr. Hollett is the author of the book *Shouting, Embracing and Dancing with Ecstasy: The Growth of Methodism in Newfoundland 1774-1874*.

Bicentennial Committee Message: We are now nearing the major events in our Bicentennial celebrations which will commemorate 200 years in the life and work of the Methodist Church and its successor, the United Church of Canada, in the Northeast Avalon. The erection of the first Methodist chapel in St. John's in 1815 marked the formal foundation of all 12 United Church congregations in the area today. A special joint congregational service will be held on April 26 at 3pm at Gower Street UC with our Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson, as guest preacher. He will be coming especially for this service and our banquet. During

the service, he will dedicate a bronze commemorative plaque which will be later erected near the downtown site of the first Methodist chapel. A reception with the Moderator will follow the service. We are pleased to have received permission for worshippers attending this joint service to use the large private parking lot on Long's Hill. There are also many parking lots along certain sidewalks near Gower.

On Saturday, April 25, a Bicentennial Banquet will be held at the Pleasantville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion at 7pm for 7:30 with our Moderator attending. Our guest speaker, the Rev. Russell Small, will speak on the post 1925 legacy of the Methodist Church in The United Church of Canada. Some tickets are still available for this event and can be purchased by April 15 by contacting Les Dean at 753-3994.

Grief & Bereavement Session on Tuesday, April 14 from 7 – 9 at the LA Miller Centre in the Cafeteria Conference Room.

8-week Bereavement and Information Support Group every Thursday, April 9 - May 28, from 7 – 9 p.m. at Canon Wood Hall, 8 Military Road.

Annual Fellowship of the Least Coin Service on Wednesday, April 15 at 7.30pm at First United Church in Mt. Pearl. This is an inter-denominational worship service of prayer and reconciliation which supports marginalized and impoverished families overseas. Be prepared to give your least coin, the nickel; however, all currencies are happily received. This service is offered by a component of The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Various church groups will minister with song, and refreshments will follow the service. Should you require additional information: www.wicc.org

Bridges To Hope Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, April 20 at 7:30pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Long's Hill/Queen's Road. This is a wonderful opportunity to go and learn about the great work that your support enables them to provide. You are invited to stay after the meeting for refreshments.

The Singing Legionnaires' second annual *As Time Goes By Concert: An Evening of Music* with Erin Winsor, in support of the Singing Legionnaires on Thursday, April 23 at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary, with music by Vera Lynn, Ella Fitzgerald and the Andrews Sisters. Special guests: The Singing Legionnaires, Meghan Herder, Rachel Huys, Erin Eaton, with Evan Smith on piano. Tickets are \$20.

Tickets (\$20) for the Kevin Collins Concerts, *Up Close and Personal* on Friday, May 1 in support of the School Lunch Program, and Friday, May 29 in support of St. James' Outreach programs, are now available from the office. Both concerts will be held in our Sanctuary.