

St. James United Church Life and Works, April 26, 2015

We offer our condolences to Bert & Pauline and Bradley Tulk, on the passing of their son and brother, Blair, last Sunday, April 19, and also to the family and friends of Marion Green, whose funeral took place from Barrett's Funeral Home on April 23.

We acknowledge the following donations:

* to the GO Project from Lillian & Gilbert Thomas;

*to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Blair Tulk from Doug & Joan Burse.

Summer Student Employment in the office and for other special projects. If you are interested in being considered, please email or drop off a résumé to the church office (info@stjamesuc.org) by Thursday, April 30. Interested students should be attending post-secondary during the fall, and be available July and August.

St. James is looking for the following volunteers:

* to act as Local Mission & Service Enthusiast. If this interests you, please let SuAn know at 722-1881, info@stjamesuc.org

* to 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.

Bicentennial Joint Congregational Service Today! at 3pm at Gower Street UC commemorating 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. Our Moderator, the Right Rev. Gary Paterson, will be the guest speaker. He will also be dedicating a bronze commemorative plaque which will later be erected near the downtown site of the first Methodist chapel. A reception will follow the service. We have received permission for worshippers attending this service to use the large private parking lot on Long's Hill.

Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre celebrates Camping Sunday today:

Please see the poster outside the Sanctuary for this year's camping schedule: crafts, sports, nature, canoeing, swimming and more for children aged 9-15. We invite you to visit our website at burryheights.com where you will find applications for volunteering or participating.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at North Pond Manor in Torbay tomorrow Monday, April 27 at 2pm and at Tiffany on May 4 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Tickets (\$20) for the Kevin Collins Concerts, Up Close and Personal, in our Sanctuary on Friday, May 1 and Friday, May 29 are now available from the office.

Live Web Forum on *United in God's Work: the Comprehensive Review Task Group Report* on Tuesday, April 28 at noon Eastern Time. (1.30pm in St. John's). Review Task Group members will offer an overview and take your questions, which can also be submitted in advance of the forum via Facebook, email to crtg@united-church.ca, or posted live during the webinar. If you are not computer savvy, please let Rev. Terrie, Susan or SuAn know your questions and comments tomorrow, Monday, April 26.

200th Anniversary Lecture Series continues on May 10 at St. James: *Early Methodism on the Northeast Avalon* by Garfield Fizzard and Leslie Dean.

Spring Scavenger Hunt: The City of St. John's invites families of all ages and abilities (including furry friends) to attend the Spring Scavenger Hunt at Bowring Park this afternoon for an afternoon of adventure and fun. Meet outside the Bungalow at 2pm in the centre of Bowring Park.

Calling all United Church Women to a rally on May 2, at Gower Street United Church. The theme of the rally is "*One More Step Along The Way I Go*". Registration begins at 11:30am at a cost of \$10. Should you require further information, please call Joan Strickland at 368-0434.

The Agnes Pratt Home Auxiliary will hold a Luncheon at Wesley Church, Patrick Street, on Thursday, May 7 at 12:30pm. Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Roll, Assorted Sundaes, Tea & Coffee will be served; social to follow. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased by calling Marjorie at 722-6825 or Phoebe at 726-1689.

Morgan Brothers' Southern Gospel Concert in the sanctuary of George St. UC at 7:30pm on May 8th. Advance tickets are \$10 each with \$12 admission at the door (if seats available). All proceeds will be in support of the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre and the Capital Fund. Call the church office at 726-8775 or George at 685-0066.

10th Annual Multi-Faith Symposium on Spirituality will be hosted by The Hindu Temple on Saturday, May 9. The theme for this year is '*The Role of the Knowledge of the Self in Spiritual Growth*'. Speakers from several faiths will make presentation on this occasion. The program starts at 8am and will run up to 2pm. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please register in advance by e-mailing Dr. Sanjay Ralhan at ralhan.sanjay1@gmail.com or call Dr. Ralhan at 233-5232 by 8pm on May 7. There is a nominal registration fee of \$ 5.00.

The Wesley United Church Thrift Shop is accepting used clothing (men's, women's & children's) as well as housewares and plastic hangers. The best time to drop off donations is Tuesday mornings.