

St. James United Church Life and Works, April 5, 2015

We offer our condolences to:

* Leslie Osmond and family on the passing of Leslie's mother, Elizabeth Shirley Anstey at the Agnes Pratt Home on March 28.

* Bill Taylor and family on the passing of Isabel Parsons at St. John's Long Term Care Facility. Isabel's funeral took place from the Carnell Memorial Chapel last Wednesday.

The flowers beautifying the Sanctuary today are in memory of loved ones from Alex & Nancy Hickman, and in loving memory of a dear husband, Alan A. Andrews from his wife, Yvonne.

Memorial Hymn Sing, 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 return your request form to the church office or place it in the collection plate by **Monday, April 13.**

We acknowledge donations to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of:

* Parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath and brother John Heath from Sam & Brenda Butt;

* Father Ross Blackwood, mother Gertrude Blackwood and brother Blaine from Sharon, Michelle and families.

* A dear husband and father, Neil Anthony, from his wife, Pauline and son, Conrad.

We acknowledge an Easter donation to the General Fund in memory of loved ones from Ed & Linda Murphy, and in loving memory of a dear mother and father, Fannie Evelyn & Ernest Sweetapple from their daughter Mary Emma.

We acknowledge a donation to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

* Mother & father, brothers Bill, Ewart, Jack, Bert and sister Noreen from Roly & Marg Hillyard and family.

* Parents, Capt. William & Susan Moss and Clarence & Margaret Beckett, Aunt & Uncle, Bessie & Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett.

We acknowledge a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Bethany Pike and Joanne Hapgood from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca Pike.

We acknowledge a donation to Bridges To Hope from Ruby Jolliffe.

Easter Egg Breakfast today, following the 8.30 Service in the Youth Church Room. Cost is a donation to the GO Project.

UCW Spring Sale & Afternoon Tea: Warmest thanks to everyone who supported the UCW afternoon tea and spring sale. Your contribution, hard work, time and energy are deeply appreciated. We can always count on you to go the extra mile, so "THANK YOU" again. To date, the UCW has realized approximately \$3,900! *"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it."* (George Elliston)

Our Guitar Group will be playing at Tiffany Village on April 9 and at North Pond Manor in Torbay on April 27. All are welcome

Emma Clark, who is playing trumpet in today's 11:00 Easter service, is giving her graduate recital on Monday, April 13 at 8pm in D. F. Cook Hall (MUN School of Music). Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Tickets (\$20) are now on sale for the AOTS Spring Fish Dinner on Friday, April 17 at 6pm: They are available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 and Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

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 3 p.m. at Gower Street United Church with our Moderator, the Right Rev. Dr. Gary Paterson, as guest preacher. He will be coming especially for this service and our banquet. Another event in the service will be his dedication of 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. On Saturday, April 25, preceding the service, a Bicentennial Banquet will be held at the Pleasantville Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion at 7 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. 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. We are pleased to have received permission for worshippers attending the joint service to use the large private parking lot on Long's Hill. There are also many parking lots along certain sidewalks near Gower Street United Church.

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.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow and Tuesday, April 6 and 7.