

St. James United Church Life and Works, May 3, 2015

Condolences are extended to Gloria Le Feuvre, Glenda Winsor and families on the passing of their Aunt, Mrs. Mildred Legrow, wife of the late Rev. A.B. Legrow, in Gravenhurst, Ontario on Tuesday, April 28. The Memorial Service is to be held in Ontario at a later date.

We acknowledge a donation to Administration/Communication from Rodney & Annie Soper.

Seniors' Worship Service Postponed: The Seniors' Worship Service and Lunch which was to take place on May 13, is postponed until Wednesday, September 30 due to the temporary relocation of the Hillcrest Children's Centre daycare to our auditorium. If you have any question, please contact Rev. Pamela, 722-1881, extension 203.

Do Bulletins Really Matter? *"Last month during Worship at the (Escasoni) Long Term Care Facility, a wonderful soul who regularly attends, said to me, with the bulletin for that day in hand, and a huge smile on her face: "I love these. I have all of them lined up on my windowsill. I pick one each day and read through all of it. I love these!" Do Bulletins really matter? Yes, they do! Did you know that our church bulletins are mailed out upon request every 2 weeks to the sick and shut-ins, connecting them to their church family."* Reverend Pamela.

Our Guitar Group will be playing at Tiffany tomorrow, May 4 at 2pm. All are welcome.

Our next Monthly Morning Coffee and Chat will be this coming Tuesday, May 5 at 11am. Come on out for a coffee and chat with us all – no agenda, but a good opportunity to continue the discussion on *'United in God's Work,'* and also to let us know what programs you would like to see in the fall.

200th Anniversary Lecture Series continues on May 10 at 3pm at St. James: *Early Methodism on the Northeast Avalon* by Garfield Fizzard and Leslie Dean.

Tickets (\$20) for the Kevin Collins Concert, *Up Close and Personal*, in our Sanctuary on Friday, May 29 in support of St. James Outreach Programs, are now available from the office.

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.

The United Church Response to the Nepal Earthquake: The UCC of Canada is calling for prayer and welcoming donations for Nepal Earthquake Relief in response to the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit the South Asian country on April 24. The UCC has contributed \$7,500 and the Canadian Government will match, dollar for dollar, our donations made between April 25 and May 25. Donations may be made in the following ways:

*by mail with 'Emergency Response – Nepal Earthquake Relief' on the face of your cheque to The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit – Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4;

*by phone to 1-800-268-3781, ext. 3050, using Visa or Master Card.

*online via our secure donation page.

For more info: <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/150427>

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 presentations 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.

Walking Together: an easy paced 6 week walking group for people grieving a loss: Eastern Health's Pastoral Care and Ethics Department invites people to meet weekly at the Health Sciences Centre on Thursdays beginning May 14 at 1.30pm. Walks will be at a casual pace with a variety of routes and lengths of walks to meet everyone's needs. They'll conclude with refreshments and a time to chat. Please contact Rev. Jacintha Penney or Paul Grimes at 777-6959 or jacintha.penney@easternhealth.ca for more information or to register.

Flipper Dinners: Wesley Church will be holding two Flipper Dinners (with dessert, tea & coffee), one on Thursday, May 14 and another on Thursday, May 28 both at 6pm. Eat in only, there are no takeouts available. Tickets are \$20 and will only be valid on the night for which they are purchased. Call Phoebe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or the Church office at 579-3682.

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