

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 16, 2017

Ushering at the Ilam Worship Service is provided by Usher in Charge Jean Thompson & team.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary this Easter morning are in loving memory of a dear husband, Alan A. Andrews, and a precious son, Alan A. Andrews Jr. from wife and mother, Yvonne Andrews, and also in loving memory of Vera & Feild Bursey from their children, grand-children and great grand-children.

We acknowledge the following donations:

to GO Project/Rendez-vous in loving memory of Harold Price from Lillian and family.

to the Building Fund:

*in loving memory of father Capt. Walter Blackwood, mother Mildred Blackwood, brother Walter Blackwood Jr. and sister Ida Dowden from Lorna Jamieson;

*in loving memory of parents Leah & Lewis Bursey, Chesley & Mary Granter, and brother Gordon Bursey and daughter Kimberley Renée from Doug & Joan Bursey;

to the Cemetery Fund:

* in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath and brother John Heath, from Sam & Brenda Butt;

*in loving memory of mother & father Gertie & Ross Blackwood and brother Blaine from Sharon, Michelle and families;

*in loving memory of a dear husband and dad, Roy Tiller, from wife Marjorie and sons Gary and Jeff;

to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of parents Capt. William & Susan Moss, Clarence & Margaret Beckett, and aunt and uncle Bessie & Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;

to the General Fund:

*in loving memory of Elsie Hiscock from Enith & Frank Sharpe;

*in loving memory of Gilbert, Gil, Lona and Elsie Hiscock from Ruby;

*in loving memory of family, Gilbert, Gil, Lona and Elsie Hiscock, from Patsy;

A big thank you from our UCW to everyone who helped with the Spring Tea and Sale and made it such a great success; approximately \$4,000 was raised!

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday.

Women's Meeting Place: Non-denominational women's meeting is cancelled for tomorrow.

The regular AOTS dinner meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19; meeting time 5:00 for 5:30. As always, new members are welcome to join us. A presentation entitled *Martin Luther and Protestantism-500 years* will begin following the meal. Other interested members of the Congregation are welcome to join us around 6:00 pm.

UCW rally next Saturday, April 22, 11am – 4pm, with the theme this year being *Worship and work must be done*. All members are welcome; please let Betty Pilgrim know of your attendance, 726-6923.

Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day - Go Project/ Rendez-vous are taking orders for beautiful locally grown pansy bowls. This is a great Mother's Day gift at only \$15. An order form is posted outside Susan's office; orders and payment due on or before April 23.

April 23-30 is National Volunteer Week: Volunteers are the roots of strong communities. Just like roots are essential for trees to bloom, volunteers are essential for communities to boom. Thanks to volunteers, our communities grow strong and resilient. Even the tiniest volunteer effort leaves a profound and lasting trace in a community, much like tree rings that appear over time. Do you volunteer your time and energy at St. James? If so, you are cordially invited to a luncheon on Wednesday, April 26 at noon, hosted by our Ministers and staff. We do need an idea of numbers, so please R.S.V.P. your attendance to SuAn by Tuesday, April 18.

Bridges To Hope AGM is on Monday, April 24 at George Street UC, starting at 7:30pm. Please use the entrance off George St. Light refreshments will be served.

Please see the notice boards for the transcript of our UCC Moderator's Easter Message: *This is Resurrection*. The video can be viewed at www.united-church.ca/news/moderators-easter-message

Minute for Mission: God's world needs leaders. Reflecting on what it means to answer the call to ministry, Rev. Bronwyn Corlett, Ministry Recruitment Program Coordinator, notes that theological education wrestles with many questions - why do bad things happen to good people/ what is the right way to grieve/ how do we retell gospel stories in a responsible and inspiring way/ what does it mean to offer a ministry of presence/ and many, many others. His biggest take-away from theological education was a deeper understanding of how little he knew and the incredible importance of lifelong learning. Challenging assumptions and questioning convictions help to break open scripture and faith and bring the gospel to life. At other times, the incredible wisdom of those who have come before shines through and lights up the importance of understanding and respecting our history and tradition. To deepen our awareness to what God is calling us, we need to engage in theological education to discern and deepen our understanding of what it means to be a part of the body of Christ today. Our gifts to M&S support theological education.

Canadian Blood Services is now open on Saturdays from 9am - 1pm for your convenience. Visit blood.ca for information or to book an appointment.