## St. James United Church Life and Work, April 9, 2017

We acknowledge a donation to the GO Project in loving memory of Marilyn Sheehan, née Stratton, grandmother, mother, sister and aunt, from the Hapgood family.

**Celebration of Life Easter Butterflies:** The deadline for sponsoring a butterfly for Easter Sunday morning is now Wednesday, April 12.

## Holy Week at St. James

**Not a Bible Study:** 5 Marks of Love concludes tomorrow, Monday, April 10 at 11am, and Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm

**St. James monthly Long Term Care (Pleasant View Towers) Service** Tuesday, April 11 at 2pm. All volunteers please meet in the chapel at 1:30.

**Wednesday Lenten** Communion Service beginning at 12:15, followed by a brown bag lunch.

**Thursday, March 13** at 7:30 pm, our annual showing of *Jesus Christ Superstar* followed by communion. Everyone is welcome.

**Good Friday**: 10am for the neighbourhood walk and readings; evening Service in the Sanctuary at 7.

**Saturday, April 15:** "Offer an hour of your day to help spring-clean the church for Easter." We will be open between 10am and noon on that day. Bring your cleaning materials and pick a spot to brighten St. James.

Easter Sunday: The Worship and Sacraments Committee advises that communion will be held at both services on Easter Sunday; at 9am, a traditional Easter Communion Service and at 11am, our Easter Celebration Service. This change is made to reflect the theological response to the Resurrection - new life through Jesus Christ. As a secondary note, we acknowledge the changing needs of our congregation and hopefully enable more members to participate in this Sacrament. We remind also that the GO project breakfast will be held as usual between these services, and encourage all who may be interested in this fellowship to remain after the first service or come early to the second service.

**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, with orders and payment due on or before April 23.

**Tickets for the AOTS Fish Dinner** on Friday, April 28 at 6pm, at \$20 each, are available from David Hapgood or Aubrey Hill.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support human rights. There is major ongoing social unrest in the Philippines today. Human rights violations are widespread, with thousands of activists being intimidated, 'disappeared,' jailed without charges or trial, or killed. These people have stood for the rights of the Filipino people, including indigenous people, who are often involved in land disputes with the government and corporations, particularly around mining. M&S partners with the United Church of Christ and the National council of Churches in the Philippines who are actively involved in advocacy for human rights. These groups are calling for peaceful resolutions to conflicts and for assurance that people most affected will be included in the discussions. They condemn violent responses to communities trying to determine their own futures. We sing thanksgiving for M&S partners walking with people in the Philippines in their struggle for human rights.

## This afternoon

Gower Street UC at 3. The Gower Senior Choir, The Anchorman Barbershop Chorus, The Phillies Women's Choir, and university bursary recipients will provide a fun-filled afternoon of singing and humour. After the concert there will be coffee and a bake sale. Tickets are \$15 each or two for \$20, available at the door. Tiffany Village and Kenny's Pond Retirement Living from 1-4: Spring Open House. Enjoy the convenience of viewing both locations on the same day. Tour their residences, enjoy refreshments, enjoy entertainment & meet their friendly staff. Discover how they can make retirement living anything you want it to be.

Stella's Circle Sings for Canada with Amelia Curran on Tuesday, April 11 at the LSPU Hall. With performances by the Inclusion Choir and Juno-Award winning Amelia Curran, this event will showcase a song written in collaboration with Amelia, celebrating pride for everyone; pride in ourselves, pride in our communities and pride in our country! Also, honouring the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Inclusion Choir, Stella's Circle Sings for Canada is a joyful reminder that Hope Lives Here. The Inclusion Choir sang recently at St. James United Church, Sunday worship February 19, with Amelia Curran in the congregation. Tickets are available at LSPU Hall, Monday – Friday, 12 – 5, 3 Victoria Street. 753-4531

Canadian Cancer Society Cancer Fact for April: About one-third of all cancers can be prevented by eating well, being active and maintaining a healthy body weight. It's all about balance, moderation, and variety. Include lots of fruits, vegetables and fibre in your diet, and limit red meat and processed meat. Learn more at itsmylife.cancer.ca