

Life and Work - March 26, 2023

Congratulations to Gilbert and Lillian Thomas who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, March 22nd. Gilbert and Lillian now reside at Tiffany Towers in St. John's.

Book Fair Thank you! Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers that surely have some sore muscles after this week: Glenda Winsor, Gloria Le Feuvre, Linda Babstock, Vicki Gill, Susan Pike, Janice Coates, Joel Le Feuvre, Keith Le Feuvre, James Ravenscroft, and Bruce Winsor. Thank you also to Robin Bartlett for getting the word out (and people had mentioned they had heard about it in quite a few places), the UCW and the AOTS for volunteering their time during the fair, and of course the congregation for all their donations. As a result, the Book Fair exceeded all expectations - \$1,510 was our total raised. Thank you again to everyone for their support!!

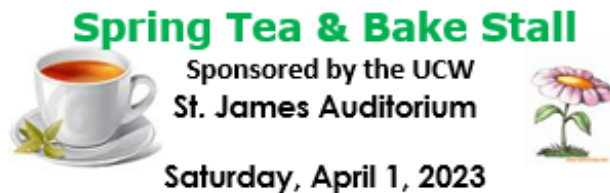
Sewing Studio: on Mondays in Fellowship Room 7-9 p.m. or at Memorial United, Portugal Cove 1-3p.m. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

Reflective Wednesdays at Noon: Each Wednesday throughout Lent, (Rev.) James will lead an informal communion service and bible study focused on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in the Fellowship Room. Communion is at noon, followed by the discussion. Bring a bag lunch if you wish.

Guaranteed Living Income Vigil, March 25 at 2:30 pm: On March 25 our Social and Eco Action Team are co-hosting a GLI Vigil along with Gower St. United Church. Come to the sanctuary as the Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy and various interfaith leaders join together with federal, provincial and municipal leaders in voicing their commitment to making a guaranteed living income a policy priority. Together we can help to eradicate poverty in our local community and all across Canada.

Potluck and Games night rescheduled: The Potluck and Games night scheduled for Saturday, March 25th at 6 pm is cancelled due to impending weather. Will be rescheduled for a date in April.

UCW Spring Tea: St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue



Time: 2 – 4 pm Cost: \$8.00

Co-Conveners: Barbara Butt: (709) 687-1041
Sheilah Beckett: (709) 726-7421

Tickets: May be purchased at the door or from UCW members.

Donations: Donations of baked goods would be most appreciated.

*We also ask if everyone can please bring their own shopping bag

Local Branches for Palm Sunday: April 2 is Palm Sunday. Like last year, you are encouraged to bring a piece of a branch that is locally sourced, for example cedar or spruce or juniper, as part of our celebration. You could also bring a piece of ribbon or cloth to wave. In this we are mirroring what the people did in Jesus' day as they cut branches from the local area and took their cloaks as well to place on the road in front of Jesus.

Join Us: You are invited to come to church early on Easter Sunday and join the Men's club for breakfast. We will begin breakfast service around 9:30 and conclude just before the church service. Free will offering appreciated.

A Petition to Help Kids in Our Neighbourhood: Did you know that there are **29 students** living in the area of Terra Nova Road/ Valleyview Apartments/ Crosbie Road/ Portia Place **that are being denied access to education?** They attend St. Andrews Elementary School but are not given a bus because they are included in the 'family responsibility zone'. Few of these families, many of whom are newcomers to Canada, have vehicles. These children have no other choice but to make a **3 km** round trip twice a day along busy roads. In the winter it is **very dangerous** because few of the sidewalks are passable. Parents must walk with their young children to school. It is not uncommon for a parent to accompany their school aged child while also pushing a stroller or holding a toddler's hand. **Without safe transportation, many of these children miss school.** A group of parents have been trying to get their children bussed to school but have been ignored by the School District for **two years**. These families need our help to amplify their voices. **Please sign the petition asking the school district to finally help these families.**

Reducing Paper Use for Lent: Traditionally during Lent people will give something up. This year at St. James, we are doing this collectively by reducing our paper use during worship on Sunday mornings. We are using the overhead slides more thoroughly. We encourage people who like to use bulletins to share and for those who wish, the bulletin can be accessed through your smartphone.

Topsail United Church Men's Club will be Holding a Breakfast With the Easter Bunny: on Saturday April 1 from 8 Until 11 A.M. Usual Great Menu. Cost \$10 Adults, Children \$5, Face Painting, Colouring, Pictures with the Easter Bunny. All are Welcome.



Easter Butterflies

Butterflies have become a celebration symbol of Ressurrection, spring and new life. Just as the caterpillar emerges from the cocoon a new being, the butterfly, Jesus emerges from the tomb at Easter as the Christ.

After the bareness of Lent we will be decorating the sanctuary of St. James United Church with butterflies for the Season of Easter. We invite you to sponsor a butterfly in celebration of a loved one or a significant life event. (birthday, graduation, anniversary etc.) To sponsor a butterfly, please fill out the form below and return to the church by Palm Sunday, April 2nd, with a donation of \$10 per butterfly.

Easter Celebration Butterflies

Name: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

In celebration of:
