

Life and Work - April 23, 2023

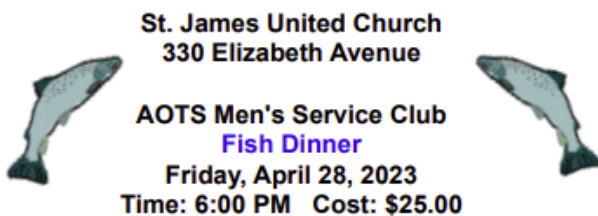
We gratefully accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* A donation of \$4,000 was given from the UCW from the proceeds of their Spring Tea and Bake Stall.

Summer Edition of The Visitor: The Summer edition of The Visitor needs you. Please send any stories, poems, or reflections about the church, faith, or the community at large, so we can showcase this congregation. Send all to the following email: gparwarren98@yahoo.com with "Summer Newsletter" in the subject line. Entries **must** be in by **Monday, May 1**. Maximum 300 words and entries may be edited for clarity or space.

Reflective Wednesdays at Noon: Each Wednesday throughout Easter, (Rev.) James will continue leading an informal communion service and bible study focused on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in the Fellowship Room.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306



Spring Clean-up, Sunday, April 30

It's spring! Crocuses and robins are back. But these are not the only things that are back! Our **St. James' Social Outreach and Environmental Action Committee** and our church Councillors invite you to join them to cleaning up the church grounds and surrounding neighbourhood, next **Sunday, April 30 at 12:30 pm** for a couple of hours, *weather permitting*. Bring a couple of garbage bags, preferably clear ones according to the city's regulations. Dress appropriately and bring gloves, a pick-up tool, a drink, snacks/ lunch, etc. Call Robin: (709) 682-3927.

Sewing Studio: On Mondays, St. James 1pm-3pm and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

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. The petition is available to sign at the church.**