

Life and Work - April 9, 2023

We accept the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In loving memory of Wayne Dim, Ross, Gertie and Blaine Blackwood from Sharon, Michelle and Families.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of my parents, William and Ruby Vallis from Daughter, Betty (Vallis) Sherstan.

A UCW thank you! Sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who supported our Spring Sale and Afternoon Tea on April 1st. We are extremely grateful to our members, the men and women of the congregation, who, when called upon, so willingly helped in many ways. We are very thankful for the donations of baked goods and financial contributions. It was heartwarming to see the number of people that came out to support us and help make it a tremendous success. THANK YOU!

Sewing Studio: A reminder that we are now on a two-week Easter break. Following the break, we will return on April 17th for 6 weeks on the following schedule. St. James 1-3 and Memorial United 7-9. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

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.

Pub Theology Delayed by a Week: With the first week of April being Holy Week, our monthly Pub Theology gathering will be this week, April 12. At that time, we will gather at Guv'nors at 7:30 pm.

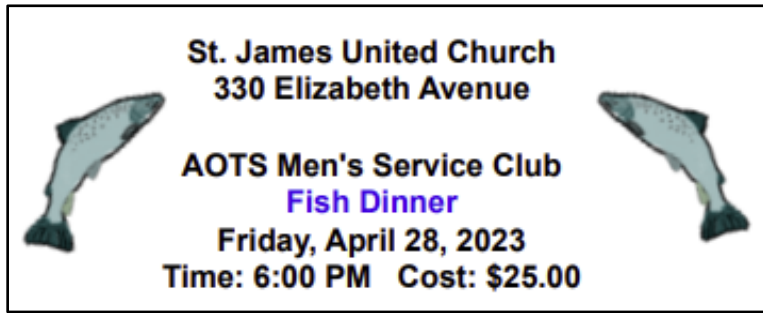
Easter Egg Hunt: Following the Easter Worship service, we are having an Easter Egg hunt for our young and the young at heart. Search the Sanctuary, Porch, Balcony, and Chancel for some sweet treats!

Holy Humor: Throughout the Easter Season (beginning on April 16) we will include a time of humor.

Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium: On Saturday, April 22nd at 6pm. Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun playing board games and even a game of cards!

Wildlight Spiritual Oasis: Gathering on April 22 @ 2PM. More details to come next week.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: We will be having our Spring Fish Dinner again this year on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$25.00. Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306



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.

Bridges to Hope is looking for a volunteer bread maker: for Wednesday mornings from 9:00am - 1:00pm, commencing at the end of April. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact Jody Williams by phone - 709-722-9225 or email j.williams@bridgestohope.ca

