

Life and Work - April 16, 2023

Office Closure: The St. James Church office will be closed on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. We will reopen on Wednesday morning.

Sunday after Service: This Sunday, April 16th, after the service, we will be having a coffee hour and celebration of our volunteers in the auditorium downstairs.



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: gpwarren98@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.

Interfaith Vigil in Support of a Guaranteed Living Income: The vigil that was previously scheduled for March will be held in our sanctuary this Saturday at 2:30 pm. Join friends from the interfaith community as we encourage our elected officials to keep pushing to end poverty in our community.

Sewing Studio: A reminder that we will return on Monday, April 17th for 6 weeks on the following schedule. St. James 1pm-3pm and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome.

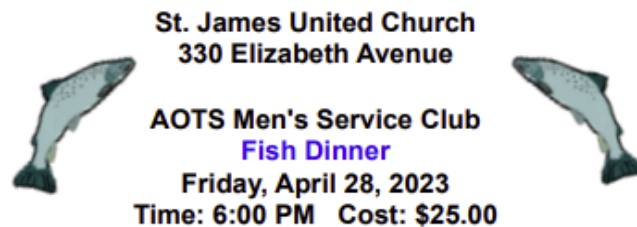
Men's Club: will meet on Wednesday April 19 with lunch served at 1:00pm as usual. New members always welcome!

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.

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 at Susan's to celebrate Earth Day. Dress for the weather.

AOTS: Fish & Brewis Dinner: Tickets are available from any member of the Men's Club or Aubre



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.

Easter Butterflies:

In memory of: Dorothy Hapgood, Olive and Roy Pike from Susan, Stephen, Rebecca and Kyle.

In memory of: husband Carlson Emberley and son Brian Emberley from Ann Emberley.