

St. James United Church Life and Works, February 8, 2015

We offer our condolences to Sandra Journey and family on the passing of Sandra's mom, Minnie Barbour, whose funeral took place from Carnell's Funeral Home yesterday.

We acknowledge the following donations:

- **to the GO Project from Eastern Wind Ensemble;
- **to Project Grace from Eastern Wind Ensemble;
- **to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Gilbert, Gil and Lona Hiscock from Ruby Hiscock.

Good Friday: If you would like to help out at this year's Good Friday evening service, please let us know! The Worship team has begun planning this year's worship, so please contact one of us if you are interested in participating.

The next Escasoni Worship Service will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, February 10. The guitar group from St. James will be joining us for worship this month. Due to the physical size of the new Long Term Care Facility, it is taking much longer to transport patients from their rooms to the worship space/chapel. As a result, volunteers are asked to be at the facility by 1.15pm, ready to transport residents in order for worship to begin at 2 pm.

Escasoni Ministry-Volunteers Needed: The ministry at Escasoni is a long established part of the outreach ministry here at St. James. It is extremely important and greatly appreciated by the residents and pastoral care team at the Long Term Care Facility (old Escasoni Complex). While part of the ministry is conducting and leading worship each month, another huge part of the ministry includes pastoral care. How does Pastoral Care happen in this ministry? Residents get to know us, our faces and our names, and look forward to being greeted by the St. James volunteers each month. As residents are being transported to and from worship, many conversations happen in the elevators, as patients are being wheeled down the corridor to the chapel, or taken from their rooms on each particular floor. We create a bulletin for each worship. Residents often say they will take the bulletins and display them in their rooms. "*The pictures make me smile.....the pictures help me pray.*" are the comments heard from residents. Often St. James United volunteers are the only contact many residents have with those who do not work in the care facility. Some have no family or friends in the city to visit them. Often residents will say how worship warms their souls, or "*puts Jesus in their hearts.*" Since moving to the new Long Term Care facility, worship numbers have increased and we are needing more volunteers to transport residents to and from worship, as well as providing a warm smile and a caring, listening ear to those we meet in our ministry. Worship is held every month on the second Tuesday. It is about a two

hour time commitment. Your ministry will touch someone's life in many ways beyond those few hours. If you have been thinking about being part of the ministry team at Escasoni, please contact Rev. Pamela for more information. Your help is urgently needed and very much appreciated.

Pancake Supper: Join us on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5:30 pm for our annual Pancake Supper. Tickets are just \$8 adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from the church office.

Lectio Devina for Lent - Lectio Divina is a Latin term meaning "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. Join us for a relaxed hour of deep listening, reflection and sharing: Wednesdays at noon during Lent, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18.

Sacred Circle Dance: Another 6 week session of Circle dance will begin on Thursday, February 19 at 10:30 am. This is an ancient form of meditative worship. No partners or special shoes are required. We worship through movement and song for about an hour. The dances are taught each week so participants can join at any time. No experience needed!

Student Supper: We are inviting all MUN, MI and CNA, etc. students who attend St. James to a free supper on Friday, February 20 at 6 pm. This is a '*let us get to know you*' event so we can plan other activities of interest in the months ahead. If you plan on attending or would like more information please call, talk to or email Susan Sheppard (722-1881.204 or susan@stjamesuc.org) so we can have an idea of how many people to prepare for.

February is Black History (or African Heritage) Month in Canada, a time to honour the historical and present contributions of peoples of African descent. It is also a time to remember the struggles from which Black peoples came, and the continued legacy of the transatlantic slave trade. Just having this awareness allows us to become more culturally sensitive, racially inclusive, and justice-conscious.

Valentine's Skate & Snow Play: Saturday, February 14, 1.30-3pm in Bannerman Park. After your skate around the Loop, there will be an opportunity to play in the snow. Next to the playground beside the Loop you will find shovels, buckets, and coloured water in spray bottles to help with your frozen creations. This event is weather and snow dependent.

Fame: The Musical will be presented by Prince of Wales Collegiate at the Arts and Culture Centre from Feb 26-28. Tickets are \$30, (\$25 senior. and student) and available at the Box Office. 6 of our St. James Youth are involved in this production!