

St. James United Church Life and Works, March 27, 2016

We offer our condolences to June Benson and family on the passing of June's husband, Leslie Benson, whose funeral took place from Carnell's Funeral Home on March 23.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of two very dear people: husband Alan A. Andrews, Senior and son, Alan A. Andrews, Junior from Yvonne Andrews.

We acknowledge the following Easter donations:

***to the Cemetery Fund:**

in loving memory of parents Edison & Cassandra Butt, Clyde & Gladys Heath and brother John Heath from Sam & Brenda Butt;

* in loving memory of father and mother, Ross & Gertie Blackwood and brother Blaine from Sharon, Michelle and families;

*in loving memory of Don Marshall from wife Vera and family;

*in loving memory of dear husband and father, Neil Anthony, from wife Pauline and son Conrad;

***to the Roof Fund** in loving memory of parents Lewis & Leah Bursey, Chesley & Mary Granter, brother Gordon Bursey and daughter Kimberly Renée from Doug and Joan Bursey;

***to the Building Fund** in memory of loved ones from Linda & Edward Murphy;

***to Operating Expenses** in loving memory of parents Capt. William & Susan Moss, Clarence & Margaret Beckett, and Aunt Bessie & Uncle Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of a dear mother and father, Fannie and Ernest Sweetapple, from their daughter Mary Emma Andrews.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday.

St. James is seeking a volunteer to help us coordinate all of our volunteer activities – 2 hours a week. No experience necessary except a good sense of humour and fun. Please contact the office if this interests you, 722-1881, ext. 200, info@stjamesuc.org

Spencer Hartman, flute player, will be presenting his graduation concert on Tuesday, March 29 at 7pm in the D.F. Cook Music Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Free Movie Night next Friday, April 1st 7pm: *Pride*, the excellent 2014 biography, comedy-drama of English gay activists working to help Welsh miners during their lengthy strike of the National Union of Mineworkers in the summer of 1984.

Please join us next Sunday, April 3 following the 11am Worship Service, or Tuesday, April 5 at 7pm, for an educational and sharing circle-session to prepare for a decision on same sex marriages at St. James. The same information will be presented at both sessions. The congregational meeting concerning the decision will be on Sunday, April 10.

4 week Book Study of *Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography* by John Crossan, beginning next Monday, April 4 at 11am or Wednesday, April 6 at 7pm. The book can be ordered through the UC Bookstore or from Amazon or Chapters/Indigo for approximately \$15.

Annual Fish Dinner hosted by our AOTS Men's Club, will be on Friday, April 29. Tickets (\$20) are now available from David Hapgood, 576-4075 or Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Dr. John Dominic Crossan will deliver a 4 session lecture series at St. James on May 13-15. The theme for the series is *Jesus & Paul: Continuity or Discontinuity?* *Lecture 1: The Unity of Jesus & Paul;* *Lecture 2: Jesus & the Kingdom of God;* *Lecture 3: Paul & the Challenge of Equality;* *Lecture 4: God & the Justice of Resurrection.* Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to attend! If this interests you, please talk with Susan, (722-1881, ext. 204) or email scsheppard2016@gmail.com FaceBook at 'Crossan on the Rock'.

Please reserve May 16 and plan to attend an evening with Kevin Collins for his *'Better than Today Concert with special guest Ray Walsh'*. Tickets are \$25, available from the Church office. This is a tremendous opportunity to support the Life and Work of St. James; please promote this event among your friends and neighbours! We hope to have a full house. www.kevincollins.ca

Annual Fellowship of the Least Coin Service, a component of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, on Friday, April 1 at 7.30pm at the Salvation Army, 174 Mundy Pond Road. This is an inter-denominational Worship Service of prayer and reconciliation which supports those needing help, especially in impoverished countries. Please be prepared to give your least coin, the nickel; however, all currencies will be gratefully received. Inez Penney, 368-2200.

Cowan Heights United Church will celebrate its 35th anniversary as a Pastoral Charge on Sunday, April 10. There will be a special church service at 3 pm and a dinner at 5 pm. Tickets for the dinner will be \$20, available at the church office, 745-2871. Contact Diana at 364-8553, or Sandra 745-1976 for more information.

Workshop on leadership in today's Church, April 26-27: Please see the brochure on the bulletin boards.