

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 23, 2017

**We offer our condolences** to Cathy Hesson and family on the passing of Cathy's brother, David Snow, on April 15. His Memorial Service took place at the Fluvarium last Friday, with interment at a later date.

**We acknowledge the following donations:**

- \*to **GO Project/Rendez-vous** in loving memory of Reubena (Ruby) Soper from Rodney & Annie Soper;
- \*to **Administration/mailings** from Rodney & Annie Soper.

**Celebrating Life's Journey in Song**, our Congregational *Hymn Sing*, will be next Sunday, April 30 at 11am. Deadline for hymn requests is now Tuesday, April 25.

**Important Congregational Meeting** next Sunday, April 30, following the 11am Service concerning the J.N.A.C. (Joint Needs Assessment Committee) Report. Congregational members are encouraged to attend.

**A big thank you** to all who helped chase the Easter Dust Bunnies in our spring clean up. A significant amount of garbage was taken from the pews. Please take your candy wrappers home with you!

**Pansy Bowls for Mother's Day:** Go Project/ Rendez-vous are taking orders for beautiful locally grown pansy bowls for \$15. Please give your order and payment to one of our ushers today.

**Bridges To Hope AGM** is tomorrow, Monday, April 24 at George Street UC, starting at 7:30pm. Please use the entrance off George St. Light refreshments will be served.

**April 23-30 is National Volunteer Week:**

- \*St. James' Volunteer luncheon is on Wednesday, April 26 at noon.
- \*AOTS Fish Dinner is next Friday, April 28 at 6pm

**Music for the Soul:** A time of prayer and song followed by a brown bag lunch, every Wednesday for 5 weeks beginning on Wednesday, May 3 at 12:15. This time of worship will be approximately 30 minutes in length followed by lunch. All are welcome. Any questions, please contact Rev. Pamela.

**St. James 'Day Away':** All are invited to a congregational inspirational day of fun, learning and fellowship on June 11 beginning at 1:30 pm. This mini retreat will be led by the Rev. Roger Janes, Stewardship and Gifts Ambassador, UCC, Atlantic Canada. We will gather at North Bank Lodge, Pippy Park. Supper will include a barbecue, followed by worship and some fun. There will be time in the afternoon to walk, talk and enjoy the blessings of nature. Please mark this in your

calendars. It will be an event not to be missed!! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**This afternoon at 4:** The Jewish Community Havura's Annual Holocaust Remembrance will take place in the Bruneau Centre Auditorium (IC2001). The theme for this year's observance is *Why We Remember*. It will connect what happened in the 1933-1945 period to things that have been happening today. All are welcome. Parking is available in lot 1A in front of the Arts Building (off Elizabeth Avenue).

**Wesley United Church** will host a soup luncheon with a social (Auction & Bridge) to follow on Thursday, April 27 starting at 12:30pm. Tickets are \$12 and can be obtained by contacting Pheobe Sheppard at 726-1689, Marvin Barnes at 579-7900 or the Church Office at 579-3682.

**George Street UCW Spring Tea and Sale** begins at 2pm, Saturday, April 29 in the Jimmy Pratt Outreach Centre: tickets, \$7.

**Friday April 28, 7pm: Memorial United Church, Portugal Cove** presents Forward & Lewis, an evening of country and country gospel songs; cost is \$10.

**'reVITALize' - Opportunities Born out of Challenges!** We are currently in a time when many of the institutions that we created, developed, paid for, volunteered at, understood - are rapidly changing or closing. With all of these changes there is cost and an opportunity! Rev Dr. Jeff Crittenden, Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Huron University College at Western University and Senior Minister at Metropolitan United Church in London, ON will be visiting St. John's to deliver an inspirational message entitled "*reVITALize' - Opportunities born out of Challenges!*" during a 3 course dinner event on May 27 at 7:30pm at Wesley United Church. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling the Gower Street United Church office at 753-7286 or by email at groberts2528@gmail.com

**April is Cancer Awareness month:** to help prevent cervical cancer and to learn more about Pap testing, call the Cervical Screening Initiatives program at 1.866.643.8719

**Canadian Cancer Society Cancer Fact for April:** About one-third of all cancers can be prevented by eating well, being active and maintaining a healthy body weight. It's all about balance, moderation, and variety. Include lots of fruits, vegetables and fibre in your diet, and limit red meat and processed meat. Learn more at [itsmylife.cancer.ca](http://itsmylife.cancer.ca)