

## LIFE AND WORK – MAY 9, 2021

**We would like to acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Winona Kelsey:**

- \* John & Loretta Coish
- \* Ern & Stella Bishop
- \* Ruth Baker

**We would like to acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

\*in memory of our Mothers Mary Duke and Anastasia Hann  
from Sidney & Menetha Dyke

**The George St United Church** and the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre will be hosting a Turkey Cold Plate Take Away Dinner on May 29th, 2021 AT 4:00 PM. Tickets for the dinner are \$15.00 each and can be purchased at the GSUC office Monday-Friday 8:00 AM -12:00 PM. Tickets will be on sale till May 25, 2021. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

**Topsail United Church Men's Club** will be holding a takeout Flipper Dinner on Monday May 24 from 4:30 P.M. until 6 P.M. Tickets \$25 and must be paid for in Advance. No tickets sales at the Door. Tickets are available by calling the church office at 834-4567. Due to Covid 19 social distancing must be maintained during pick up. There will be no ticket sales after May 19.

**Donation request:** Our property committee is seeking donations of flowers for our flower beds for this Spring/Summer. Please call the office at 722-1881 to arrange a drop off.

### **DANIEL'S STORY:**

Daniel forgot his lines in a Sunday School play. Luckily his is mother was in the front row especially to prompt him. She gestured and formed the words silently with her lips, but it did not help. Daniel's memory was completely blank. Finally, she leaned forward and whispered the cue: "I am the light of the world."

Daniel beamed and with great feeling and a loud clear voice announced, "My mother is the light of the world."

### **FULL TIME MINISTER for St. James United Church**

Many of you attended the congregational meeting on Monday, April 26 when the Search Committee provided the name and some information on their recommended candidate for the full time minister position at St. James. The vote to accept the nomination was overwhelmingly positive. I have been asked a number of times why the information has not been released to the congregation through our various social media outlets. The reason being that he had not accepted our call until after the meeting; and, had not informed his current congregation until Sunday, May 2. It is important to note

that the notice required by clergy to leave a pastoral charge is 90 days. Based on that timeline, the latest we will see him would be on/or about Monday, August 2, 2021.

Who is he? **Rev. James Ravenscroft** is currently the Minister at Richmond Hill United Church, Richmond Hill, Ontario. He was ordained in 2008 and is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree.

Trevor Bartlett, Chair of the Search Committee advised that, during the interview process, the committee utilized our Mission Articulation Plan (MAP) goals as a guide. Responses received to their questions, met, and/or exceeded, our goals. Rev. Ravenscroft noted he is keenly interested in visitation, loves outreach to all, and has a strong sense of nature. It was also noted that he has a progressive mind, believes in gender equality and appears to be very thoughtful. He also possesses a keen sense of humour. He comes with exceptional references from his current pastoral charge - hardworking and energetic; his work is astonishing.

I am certain there is much more we will learn about Rev. Ravenscroft once he arrives, and I have no doubt he will receive a very warm welcome at that time.

Marilyn Adams  
Chair, Church Council