

**Life and Work - April 6, 2025**

**Holy Week Services:**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17: Cowan Heights United Church at  
7:30PM**

**Good Friday, April 18: Gower Street United Church  
Worship at 1:00PM and Prayer Walk at 2:00PM**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19: St. James United Church at  
8:00PM**

**Easter Sunday, April 20: St. James United Church at 11:00AM  
Easter Breakfast downstairs at 9:30AM to 10:15AM. Easter Egg  
Treasure Hunt upstairs in the Sanctuary after the service.**

**Prayers of the People:** Throughout this Lent, we are making the Prayers of the People really of the people. Last season, we emphasized this by having the worship assistant pray the prayers (that Rev. James wrote). However, this season we will highlight this differently and invite you to let us know what you want prayed for. When you come into the church there will be slips of paper for you to write prayer intentions on and then they will be brought up to the front during the offering. Alternatively, email Rev. James with your prayer requests. [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)

**Branches for Palm Sunday:** It will be Palm Sunday in a couple of weeks (April 13). As done in years past, you are invited to bring in your own branches to wave as part of the procession. It could be a cedar branch or a spruce bough or even some pussy willows (a custom from Ukraine and Poland). Equally you could wave a ribbon, or use a clapper to show your enthusiasm for Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem. This year the gospel says that the people placed cloaks on the ground. In honour of this you could also bring in a gently used coat that we will gather in anticipation of the coat drives often held in the fall.

**Online Bible Study Cancelled:** For the next two weeks the online bible study is cancelled due to low turnout. Instead, we will focus on our bible study on Sundays after worship.

**Lenten Prayer:** Along with study, prayer is another important practice during Lent. To this end, Rev. James will be leading centering prayer on Thursdays at 12:15 pm. He will do so via Zoom. Centering prayer is a prayer of quiet and stillness. He will explain it more as part of the group practice. Use the below information to join the Zoom meeting.  
Meeting ID: 826 6779 2442  
Passcode: 401894

**AOTS Men's Club Meeting:** The next AOTS Men's Club lunch Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th with lunch served at 1:00PM. New members are always welcome.

**UCW Spring Tea and Bake Sale:** The UCW will be holding the Spring Tea and Bake Sale in the auditorium on *Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 2-4pm*. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained from any UCW member. Tickets will also be available at the door We welcome any support you can give, baked goods or a monetary donation, all donations are gratefully appreciated, proceeds go to the life and work of the church. Contact Sheilah Beckett 709-726-7421 or Barbara Butt at 709-687-1041

St. James United Church  
330 Elizabeth Avenue

### Spring Tea & Bake Stall



Sponsored by the UCW  
St. James Auditorium



Saturday, April 12, 2025

Time: 2 – 4 pm Cost: \$10.00

### AOTS Men's Club Fish Dinner:

St. James United Church,  
330 Elizabeth Avenue



AOTS Men's Service Club  
**Fish Dinner**



Friday, April 25, 2025

Time: 6pm Cost: \$25.00

\* Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - 709-726-8306 \*

**Easter Sunday Breakfast - April 20:** Once again the AOTS Men's Club will be hosting Breakfast Downstairs with Eggs, Toast, Jam, Juice, Tea and Coffee. We will be serving breakfast from 9:30AM to 10:15AM. Enjoy your Breakfast before going upstairs for the Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 am.

**KEVIN COLLINS CONCERT with special guests 'The Right Fit' at First United Church:** Come and enjoy an evening of uplifting and encouraging music by our very own Kevin Collins and guests on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Tickets cost \$30. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the church office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10 am and 2 pm or after 11 am Sunday service. We accept cash or cheque only.

**Gower Street United Church's 4th Annual Dessert Auction and Concert will take place on Saturday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).** The event will be held in the Gower Lecture Hall, featuring entertainment and dessert for all attendees. Entertainment will be provided by the very talented Peter Halley and Shelly Neville. Gather a group or come alone for a fun evening of great entertainment and delicious desserts. Tickets are \$30 each and are available for purchase at the church office (709) 753-7286. Office open Wednesday and Thursday, 11-4. Payment is due via e-transfer, cheque, or transfer before the event.

**Tyler Young Country Gospel Show:** Featuring Junior Reid - Mark your calendars for an evening of wonderful music at Cowan Heights United on Saturday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. Featuring Tyler Young and Junior Reid. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available for purchase from the church office by emailing: [office@cowanheightsunited.ca](mailto:office@cowanheightsunited.ca) or calling (709) 745-2871.

# Easter Butterflies

Butterflies have become a celebration symbol of Resurrection, spring and new life. Just as the caterpillar emerges from the cocoon a new being, the butterfly, Jesus emerges from the tomb at Easter as the Christ.

After the bareness of Lent we will be decorating the sanctuary of St. James United Church with butterflies for the Season of Easter. We invite you to sponsor a butterfly in celebration of a loved one or a significant life event. (birthday, graduation, anniversary etc.) ***To sponsor a butterfly, please fill out the form below and return to the church by Friday, April 18, with a donation of \$10 per butterfly.***

## Easter Celebration Butterflies

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of:

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