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YOUR INVITATION TO
ATTEND HOLY COMMUNION
ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019

Time: 10:30 a.m. – Service of Worship

Please advise the church office (416-622-4113) if you wish a visitation from a minister or of any pertinent information necessary to update church records. Updates can also be sent to stjames_uc@rogers.com

Outreach offering in support of:
St. James Food Basket (90%)
Benevolent Fund (10%)

Next Epistle Deadline: September 22, 2019

Please email all items to sjepistle@yahoo.com if at all possible, or place in the Epistle mail slot at the church.

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Dear Friends of St. James



Happy Easter!
Joyous spring! It is the season of new life and the promise of renewal and resurrection. In the same way that

Christmas is a season that lasts 12 days, Easter is also a season which lasts 50 days until Pentecost. It celebrates the ever expanding awareness of the living presence of the risen Christ among us and love that defies all limitations and exceeds all bounds. Easter is a season to rejoice in One whose love comes to be with us, showing up at unexpected times, in unexpected places to forgive and set free.

Easter also invites us to live with hope and count our blessings. We at St. James are incredibly blessed with so many people who give generously of their time and talent, often behind the scenes. Our Property team, with the help of our Trustees, Finance and Stewardship teams and, of course, your generous donations, have now completed all of the capital projects within our Roof, Floor, Doors campaign. We now have new glass, push button, accessible doors at the top of the exterior ramp and at the entry to Fellowship Hall. What a difference this makes! This spring, we expect to have a new digital outdoor sign to

share the good news of St. James with people walking past or stopped at the traffic light. Thank you to the anonymous donor whose gift has made it possible.

Confirmation class is well underway, with Jordan Li, Ross Miller and Andrew Paley getting ready to join our church. The youth met with Marie Truelove recently and were shocked to discover that some of the Wednesday Food Basket volunteers begin at 6:45 a.m. and that volunteers are active Monday through Saturday with everything from meal preparation for the buffet lunch through to picking up food to store in our freezer. This is the largest ministry of our church and a great example of inter-faith cooperation and people of no faith who believe in what we are doing. Please come by on a Wednesday afternoon and witness love, hope and new life in action. St. James Food Basket will be the recipient of our Outreach Offering on Father's Day, June 16 to help us continue to meet the needs of families through the summer season when donations from other sources run low. Thank you for supporting this amazing ministry!

There are several big events coming up during May and June. Donations are pouring in for Spring Fling on Saturday, May 11th. Thank you to the planning teams, helpers and the incredible generosity of all who help make this a success.

On Sunday, May 5th we celebrate the 67th Anniversary of St. James United Church. Since there are not many more opportunities to appreciate the amazing music of Clive and Pat, our three choirs and soloists, your Worship and Music team suggested a music celebration, instead of a guest speaker. Clive Dunstan has agreed and is putting together an amazing musical treat for all of us.

It is hard to believe that Clive and Pat Dunstan came to St. James in September 1977. Edith Paxton knew of Clive's talent and encouraged our search team to approach him to serve as Organist and Choir Director. Clive initially agreed to stay for one year to fill in. Fortunately for us, one year has turned into 42, and we have been blessed with so much more than we ever dreamed: award-winning choirs, consistent excellence week after week, inspiring instrumental duets, musical accompaniment that enabled singers to shine and transposed the music to fit the range of their voices, Pat accompanying the Junior and Youth Choirs in addition to the Chancel and Senior Choirs; two professional CD recordings including "Love Came Down at Christmas." This CD was chosen as an example of outstanding choral music by the National Music Archives in Ottawa. There were musicals of Broadway hits that not only entertained but energized, challenged, raised funds and built community. There were also

bursaries to gifted young singers with vocal training; a 42 piece orchestra for our 50th anniversary as a church,; Men's Choruses; the annual Christmas Candlelight Cantata and yummy refreshments afterwards; extra rehearsals with soloists, a litany of guest artists to add variety and interest, all to the glory of God and enhancement of worship. Clive and Pat have helped us sing our faith and nurture our spirits.

Of course, Pat and Clive have given us far more than music. They have given a lifetime of volunteer service. When St. James prepared Meals on Wheels and delivered them for decades prior to the Red Cross centralizing this service, Pat was one of the cooks preparing homemade, delicious meals. Later Pat and her friend Sandra Dryden became the coordinators for the monthly Seniors' Lunch for which they shopped, cooked and baked for 35-55 people; coordinated the entertainment of educational programs; arranged rides and cared for our seniors. Pat was also active with United Church Women and later the Women's Friendship Circle; organized the Spring Fling fundraiser; gifted us with her beautiful printing and artistic design for countless posters and displays; cuddled every new born baby; took an interest in every child and sent out thousands of greeting cards with hand-written notes to express her warmth and care.

Clive has been a dynamic and competitive presence with the Men's and Co-ed Curling teams; both Pat and Clive are avid bridge players and were members of Couples Bridge; Clive spearheaded the Gardening Team, demonstrating his flare for landscaping and design. Both Pat and Clive came out every Saturday to transform our church property into a work of art with stunning roses and splashes of colour, that won awards from the city. Clive even preached a Sunday sermon after he returned from a trip to Bangladesh with Sleeping Children Around the World to deliver bed kits; and we have Clive to thank for choosing the classy deep blue carpet with small gold accents in our newly decorated lounge - the perfect touch to add beauty, warmth and sophistication.

Words can't begin to express our appreciation or our prayers for God's blessing upon you, although we will do our best on Sunday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m.. Clive and Pat, you are at the heart of our St. James family; you are good friends to many of us, and role models for all of us. We thank you from full and grateful hearts. You have left a lasting legacy and we will always think of you with love.

I hope you will be part of Clive and Pat's retirement celebration as well as some of these other special opportunities made possible by the generous and talented people of St. James:

- Easter: A joyous celebration of new life, Sunday, April 21 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Family Games Night – Friday, April 26 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Seniors' Luncheon – Thursday, May 2 @ 12:30 p.m.
- Christian Development Volunteer Breakfast Saturday May 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Integral Healing Workshop - Saturday, May 4 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Richard Paley's Celebration of Life – Saturday, May 4 @ 2:00 p.m.
- 67th Anniversary Sunday, May 5 - a music-filled celebration followed by full-course buffet Lunch by donation prepared by our Chefs
- Spring Fling – Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Alzheimer's Workshop Caregiver Stress – Mon., May 20 @ 1:30 p.m.
- Sunday School Promotion & Congregational Picnic -

Sunday, June 2 @
12:00 noon

- Father's Day, Holy Communion & Outreach Offering for the St. James Food Basket – Sunday, June 16th 10:30 a.m.
- Family Games Night - Friday, June 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Clive and Pat Dunstan – Celebrating 42 years of music and their retirement – Sunday, June 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Services in July and August will continue to be at 10:30 a.m. this summer and not switch to an earlier time. We lead worship jointly in cooperation with Bloordale and Richview United Churches.

- July 7, 14 and 21 at St. James United Church.
- July 28, August 4 and 11 at Richview United Church.
- August 18, 25 and September 1st at Bloordale United Church.

In this season of Easter, may you know the risen Christ walking with us, and a Holy Love leading us forward.

Rev. Coral



Editor's Notes



Welcome back. This is the final edition before our summer break. In the last issue, we asked for your help in making this issue a tribute to Pat and Clive and want we to thank you for all your contributions. There are so many heart warming stories that have been shared. The Dunstons are truly a remarkable couple. In fact, aside from the wellness program, it was the music that moved me to join St. James. (J. Ling). We hope you enjoy the stories of Pat and Clive and how they have touched us both personally and professionally. We wish everyone a joyful summer.

Jennifer Flaxman was a long time member of the choir and she would like to share a few words:

Back in the early 90's I was encouraged by Rev. Merrill James to become a member of the Chancel choir. Clive was gracious enough to give me the opportunity to sing with this award-winning choir and be included in the whole choral experience a la the Dunstons. I admired their dedication and

commitment to excellence and enjoyed being a part of their varied approach to a "church choir." It was exhausting at times but the end result was worth it. I still feel an immense pride in our CD recordings every time I hear them and feel blessed that Clive and Pat were at the forefront offering the average person experiences they could only dream of.

Thank you Clive and Pat for being such wonderful mentors and sharing your special gifts of music and friendship with us all. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours and hope some of it is a well-deserved rest!

For your planning purposes the next deadline for the fall issue is September 22.

All submissions can be placed in the Epistle mailbox or via e-mail:

sjepistle@yahoo.com

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.

Your Co-editors,

Jennifer Flaxman, Jennifer Ling

Disclaimer: Some of the articles submitted are intended for information purposes only and do not reflect the views of the St. James congregation.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

This section is not available for the web version of the Epistle due to privacy concerns. Please inquire at the church office for more information on changes. Thank you.



The family of Ollie Taylor, who passed peacefully on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

The family of Rev. Douglas Hallman, a former minister at St. James 1989-1992, on his passing on Saturday, February 23, 2019, in Tisdale, Saskatchewan.

Aldo Violo, with the passing of his mother, Giulia Violo, on Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Lucy Falcone, with the passing of her mother, Maria Falcone, on Friday, March 8, 2019.

Nancy Low, with the passing of her husband, Doug Low, on Saturday, March 23, 2019.

Christine Paley and family, with the passing of her husband Richard on Sunday, April 7, 2019



We've made it! Another rough winter is behind us. On the worst days of snow and freezing rain, many of our volunteers were unable to make it out. Our Food Basket families also had difficulty coming for food.

Words cannot express our appreciation for our long-term supporters and volunteers. We celebrated our volunteers on Saturday, April 13 with a hot lunch. There was a performance, music, speeches, food, raffle prizes, loot bags and laughter. Thanks to all who attended.

A shout-out to our local police officers; The two community officers regularly come to the Food Basket to help. They give out bread and put away tables, etc. They feel that being here helps them to get to know the local community and to be known as friendly faces by the community.

Ramadan is Sunday, May 5 to Tuesday, June 4. The Muslim Welfare Centre in Mississauga

gives us annual food packages for our Muslim families. Each family gets a halal chicken and other food used for meal preparation. Just before the fast, Muslims have a pre-dawn meal of power foods to get them through the day. This food donation helps meet the dietary needs of these families that we may not be able to provide.

Steadily, the food we give to participants gets healthier. In addition to our weekly purchases of eggs, beans, lentils and produce, Daily Bread is also purchasing vegetables, fruits and dairy items. The 2013 Ontario Food Donation Tax Credit provides a fair market value tax credit to farmers when they donate to a registered charity. This allows Daily Bread to pickup donated fruit and vegetables from the Leamington area during growing season. We get produce harvested that week! This is truly fresh and healthy food.

Thank you for your on-going support.

By Marie Truelove, Chair



***Thoughts from the
Ecumenical Stewardship
Centre***

Lent is a season to spend additional time in prayer and study, fast, and give up something, like a favorite food or activity.

What if we not only GAVE UP something, but GAVE something for Lent? What if Lent was more than a time to think about ourselves, but a time to find ways to turn our sacrifices into doing good for others?

If you give up your daily trip to the coffee café, can you give the money you would have spent to your congregation or Mission & Service?

If you give up spending time online, can you invest it in volunteering?

If you decide to fast, eat less, or give up a favorite treat, can you buy some healthy food for your local food bank instead?

THANK YOU to everyone at St. James who has contributed to funding the continued work of the United Church of Canada through your weekly or monthly donations.

Our St. James pledge to M&S has reached \$9,069.25 as of the end of March. That is 26% of our goal amount of, \$35,000. Our giving to M&S makes a difference here in Canada and around the World. Asante. Xiexie. Nakurmiik. Gracias. Shukran. Miigwech. Dhanyavad. Gomawo. Merci. Mam'noon. Thanks. Enkosi. Domo arigato. Obrigado. Ngiyabonga.

**Marty Linton - Chair M&S
Committee**

The words "Thank you" are written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "you".The word "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word.

A THANK YOU to the congregation:

I was overwhelmed and humbled by the presentation made to me during the service on Sunday February 24th: the words Myrna Markovich spoke, the amazing gift given by you and the standing ovation.

Your generous show of support and appreciation touched my heart. Thank you seems inadequate; nevertheless, a heartfelt one is what I send to each of you.

Since my return from active ministry in South Western Ontario it has been such a pleasure to be back in the St James' fold. It has been a joy to serve you and support Coral and Norm over the past ten years and hopefully for years to come. My thanks to each of you.

Linda Maw

Willing to Welcome Newcomers to Worship?

We have a great team of greeters and ushers who welcome everyone. What is needed are caring, friendly people who would focus on being there for people who are new to St. James. This would include inviting them to sign our guest book, showing them the Sunday School or Nursery for their children, offering them a pamphlet about St. James, offering to join them in worship and or Sunday hospitality, and taking an interest in them.

We hope to have two people on each Sunday and need people to take turns once a month. If available please speak with Rev. Linda Maw or Rev. Coral.

Spring Fling

On: Sat May 11, 2019

At: 10 AM to 1 PM

At: St James United Church
400 Burnhamthorpe RD

Lunchroom

come for lunch



Games & Puzzles



SPRING FLING SATURDAY

MAY 11

10 A.M. - 1 P.M. ITEMS
NEEDED

What a wonderful time of year it is now - perfect weather for de-cluttering, downsizing, spring cleaning, and of course, putting aside those items you no longer need for this year's Spring Fling!

As well as your clean, gently used treasures, we are looking for jewelry and accessories.

There will be **no Children's Corner** this year, but we **are** accepting Games and Puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and Video games, (but please, no cassette tapes.) PLEASE check the correct item is in the case!

Please DO NOT bring hardcover books, and **blue-bin/recycle** your old brown-edged, torn, damp or otherwise unappealing paperbacks!

However, we would **love** to have **your gently used, relatively new, paperbacks.**

If you are thinning out your houseplants, or garden plants, please keep the plant sale in mind! (I need

some new ones!) Vases for cut flowers are also needed,

We would also appreciate LOTS of **Baking.** Remember, many of your favourite recipes store well in the freezer. You can also include jams, marmalade, and pickles. Muffins will be needed for the Lunch Room.

The following people will need lots of help setting up on Friday, May 10, as well as during the sale on May 11, so don't be shy, introduce yourself to the team leader of your choice, and ask where and when you will be needed. Thank you.

Treasures - Thank you Lila Bowen, Joanne Atkins

Jewelry - Thank you Marilyn Myhre

Games and Puzzles, etc - Thank you Luba Romano

Books - Thank you Linda Maw

Baking - Thank you, Karen Munday

Lunch Room - Thank you Jennifer Gray, Jean Spencer

When I was a little girl, our church used to have 'Bring and Buy' sales, so get your family and friends involved, and let's all 'Bring, and Buy'!

Stay tuned for dates to bring your treasures to church!

Thank you all! Mhairi ('Varry')
Godley

Join us for...

GAMES NIGHTS!



Fun for Adults!
Fun for Youth!
Fun for Families!

TIME: 7:00 – 9:00p.m

4th Friday of each month*

*3rd Friday in June!

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Fridays April 26th, May 24th, June 21st 2019



MORE INFO? Family-friendly, all ages welcome - bring your favourite board game, or come without - there will be lots at the church. Apples to Apples, Sushi Go, Dominoes, Cranium, etc. Come and join in a group around a game that appeals to you! Friends are welcome! Still have questions?? Contact Karen at karen_forgrave@hotmail.com



Our Outreach Offering received on Palm Sunday and any Sunday during April will be donated to Ryde Lake and Sparrow Lake Camps. Both camps are most appreciative of your donations. For Ryde Lake Camp, it may go towards sponsoring underprivileged girls so they can enjoy a week at a lovely camp, or towards never ending camp improvements.

At present we are in the middle of a major project - updating the septic system as required by the Ministry of the Environment. Recently an officer from the Ontario Camping Association visited the Ryde Lake site. He expected a worn-out tired place since it was started in 1952. Instead, “he was blown away with the beauty of the immaculate and well-organized camp” as quoted by the Camp Director, Fran Sugawara.

There are 4 sessions of Girls’ camp in July. To date all weeks are full except week 4, which only has a few spaces left. Family camp is in August, brochures are available on the hall table for more information.

Open house is usually in September or October. Please come and visit and explore the camp for a fun day. Once again, thank you for supporting these two camps with your Outreach donations.

By Marg Arscott

The Outreach Committee thanks Marg Arscott for her support with this Outreach Offering.



**Sparrow
Lake Camp**



Answers to AGM questions.

Marty Linton raised two questions at the AGM on March 3rd. Please reference the 2018 Annual Report, page 55, 2019, Operating Budget.

The first question: what makes up “Other Income”, reference Other Income under Receipts:

Answer:

Estimated 2019 Other Income

Sundries \$6,500
Includes \$5,000 Refund from UC Re: Coral Prebble Short - term sickness - 2019 and \$665 donation for Linda Maw

Observer Payments \$ 500

Custodial services \$200

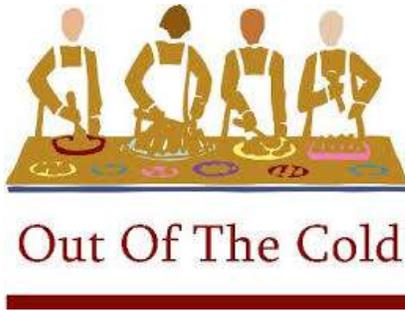
Worship & Music Receipts \$1,000

Other Donation Revenue \$1,800

TOTAL \$ 10,000

Second question: how Presbytery Dues was calculated, reference Presbytery Dues under Disbursements. This is the first year under the new funding model fee of 4.5% of the net church revenue which will take effect 2020. For the 2019 year, the church can calculate the 4.5% fee based on 2018 assessment.

Submitted by Rod Lord



With the support of the many volunteers at St. James, we were again able to deliver a hot meal at All Saints Kingsway Anglican Church on Friday February 8th, 2019. Thorncrest Market Foodland helped round out the meal of meat loaf, gravy, vegetables and coleslaw with their annual donation of 50 lbs. of beautiful, small roasting potatoes. Mary Siegrist again generously acted as the liaison to Market Foodland to secure the donation.

This year, I would like to name the many cooks and bakers who prepared the meat loaf, apple crisp and roasted the potatoes. I also wish to recognize the St. James Youth and their teachers on their 5th anniversary of preparing the meal kits for pickup by the volunteer cooks. Heartfelt thanks also go out to Teacher Extraordinaire, Karen Forgrave, who has consistently offered enthusiastic support for this program.

The cooks were: Carol Head, Brenda Beaton, Barry Holt, Jennifer Flaxman, Nadine Markovich, Judy Porchuk,



Marg Arscott, Nancy Violo, Jackie Skopiwsky, Brian Isard, Eleanor Harris, Marion McDougall, Linda Biasatti, Mike Barlow, Karen Forgrave, Dave Maw, Lindy O'Connor, Myrna Markovich.

Many offered to prepare more than one dish.

The cooks returned the prepared dishes to St. James kitchen where a crew received and reheated the dishes, baked more potatoes, made gravy and coleslaw; my daughter Nadine and her two children made 60 sandwiches and put together 30 bagged lunches. Lindy O'Connor and I coordinated the activities.



Bob Harris helped with the transport of the meal to All Saints, as did Lindy O'Connor.

Another crew arrived at All Saints to help plate the meals to serve 100 guests. Todd Miller provided the “lead” for our church at All Saints and Dina Miller, Grace Isard, Bob Harris, Catherine Barrett, Lindy O'Connor, Phyl Hampshire rounded out the crew. I heard many good reports of a well-connected and supportive crew.

While we do not request donations of clothing for All Saints, Ruth Sutton hand knitted a bag of hats we delivered to All Saints, who give out clothing as part of the OOTC program. Providing this meal also puts us in touch with the Shelter system in the city. This year I received information about a Vigil being held at the Church of the Holy Trinity on February 12, just days after our meal. They read out the names of the homeless who died on our streets, including 9 people in January 2019. Mourners brought a “Have a Heart” cardboard shape and the group walked towards City Hall to express their concern for the homeless and the housing shortage in the city. Mayor John Tory was not available. Marty Linton was able to attend this vigil on this very snowy, cold day.

I would like to also acknowledge all those important donors who provided the funds to prepare this meal. We continue to offer a tax receipt for those that requested it.

Lindy O'Connor became my assistant this year and I owe a debt of gratitude for her help.

Myrna Markovich/ Lindy O'Connor OOTC Coordinators



The Picnic is Coming!

June 2nd, 2019!



Corn-on-the-cob, and hot-dogs and donuts....OH MY!
(And freezies too?!!) WOW!

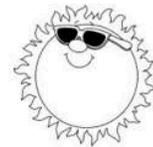
Remember to dress casually, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and be ready to enjoy some great food for lunch (all items \$1.00!).

After lunch, there will be many games and races for all ages! We can't wait!



We will be **INSIDE** to eat, but **OUTSIDE** for games and popsicles!

Dress for the weather!





Catholic Church, they have weekly husbands' marriage seminars.

At the session last week, the priest asked Giuseppe, who said he was approaching his 50th wedding anniversary, to take a few minutes and share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same woman all these years.

Giuseppe replied to the assembled husbands, 'Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary!'

The priest responded, 'Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here! Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary?'

Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go picka her up."



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The St. James' Meditation Group travelled to Shelburne Ont. to celebrate the 91st birthday of Rev. Lenore Beecham who is currently residing at Dufferin Oaks Family Council, 151 Centre St., Shelburne , On. L9V 3R7.



Clive Through The Years



I began piano lessons at the age of 4, and joined the St. Chad's Anglican Church boy's choir when I was 7. I sang under choirmaster Les Morris until age 14. During this time I completed my Grade 8 piano at the Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM). I became a soprano soloist and at age 10 and studied voice with Jeanne Pengelly from Timothy Eaton Memorial Church.

I became an apprentice on the organ there (TE) and studied with the highly regarded David Ouchterlony. During my teen years I also studied organ from noted composer Walter McNut and received choral training from some of the finest conductors in the world at Trinity College, Port Hope, such as Dr. Healey Willan who was Canada's leading church musician and composer at the time.

I played for the occasional service and in the summer months played as a substitute organist at several churches around Toronto until I turned 18.

In 1960 at age 19, I became the full time organist and music director at Downsview United Church. For 7 years I attracted many young singers and formed a very large, enthusiastic senior and junior choir.

In 1961 I began teaching grades 3 and 4 for York Township Board of Education and amassed a choir for all grades and a unique boy's choir, which competed and won in the Toronto Kiwanis Festival. In 1963 I left teaching and enrolled at the Faculty of Music at U of T full time where I met Pat, ON THE FIRST DAY!

I managed to graduate with a Mus. Bac. Degree in 1967, and was a scholarship winner in both years 3 and 4 as well as first in my class. During those years I received my A.R.C.T. (highest degree) in organ playing from the RCM. It was here I studied closely with Elmer Isler (Canada's leading choral conductor) and from whom I learned so much.

After my stint at U of T, it was back to teaching with TDSB at Vincent Massey Collegiate (aka Kipling Collegiate) in Etobicoke with my brother in-law George Dunkley. I taught band, strings, vocal, music history, conducted many music ensembles and produced a Gilbert and

Sullivan operetta, "Trial by Jury." In 1969 I received an early promotion to head of the music department following the legendary Barry Gosse.

It was during the next 7 years that I had the fortune to work with many terrific students who produced amazing orchestras, bands, small ensembles and stage shows with a choir of 365 members - 65 of them being male.

In 1976 I was enticed to become the head of the music department at Applewood Heights Secondary School with the Peel District School Board. I was reluctant to leave such a great school as Kipling, but saw a great future for me at Applewood. Here I was able to develop wonderful ensembles, concert bands, stage bands, choirs, vocal jazz groups and stage productions. Every year we were either in competitions or we travelled throughout the USA and Mexico with 2 invitations to perform at the American band shell in Epcot, Disneyland. I retired from a very satisfying 34 year teaching career in 1996.

On the flip side I was working as a church organist and after our marriage in 1967 at St. Martin's in the Field Anglican Church, we moved to St. Wilfred's on Kipling Ave. Here I developed both a junior and senior choir and we became very successful in the Kiwanis and Davenport Festivals. Eventually Pat and I became

disenchanted with the Anglican doctrine and when the minister retired we decided we should follow suit. At the time, our workload at home and school and with the Toronto Concert Singers was heavy so we looked forward to a hiatus from church life. However, in 1977, St. James United was looking for a replacement and asked us to step in temporarily and.... 42 years later

The Toronto Concert Singers (TCS) was a group I started in 1969 as a small 10-person choir of exceptional singers. At that time it was called the Etobicoke Chamber Singers, and we performed very challenging music and folk masses. Eventually the choir expanded to 30 auditioned singers and became a corporation with a board of directors. We had our own annual concert series, did some television shows, hired professional orchestral and brass ensembles to accompany us and competed in the CBC National radio competitions. One year we were chosen to represent Canada in the BBC competition "Let the People Sing", losing to France in the semifinals. The choir gained the reputation of being one of the few top amateur choirs in Canada - exhausting but exciting.

I finally realized in 1982 that trying to balance 2 church choirs, TCS, a full high school program and a wife and young family was becoming impossible. Darcie was 9 and Darren 6, so I had to resign as founder and

director of the TCS rather than leave the church. In 1990 I felt the need to focus on my organ skills and vigorously prepared for the Colleague of the Royal Canadian College of Organists (C.R.C.C.O.) exam. I received a scholarship for achieving the highest mark for this degree.

Around this time I volunteered to conduct a new choir for the Peel School Board to showcase the talented singers in our high schools. It was aptly named the Peel Showcase Choir. The purpose of the choir was to expose the students to repertoire they most likely would not get in their own schools as well as to give them a chance to sing with other very talented musicians. It required that I travel for many weeks from school to school auditioning, in order to have the best musicians in this all-star choir.

The choir rehearsed for 4 months during school time once a week and at various locations when I had spare time to leave my own students at Applewood. The Board paid for the music, uniforms, folders, buses and whatever was needed to make this successful. The choir was awesome and performed at the end of the year to a packed auditorium at Cawthra Secondary School. Eighty students and I enjoyed such a unique experience for 2 consecutive years until I could no longer afford the energy and extra time away from my own devoted students.

I decided to take a year sabbatical from teaching in 1992 to write a book, which had been an ambition of mine for a while. The book was based on my many years' experiences as a vocal specialist and choral conductor in the schools, churches and community. It was a manual for teachers and choral conductors on how to deal with individual voices and how to develop a successful choral program. It was published under the name "A Guide to Successful Singing" and the first edition sold out...but I managed to keep a few copies.

Looking back over the years, I realize how fortunate we have been that God blessed us with such wonderful friends, singers, and ministers to work with.

We will find it very difficult to retire after 59 years of service music, concerts, Kiwanis competitions, recordings and shows, not to mention all the other aspects of church life we have been involved with.

Pat always sung in the choirs I conducted until we came to St. James and purchased the Kawai piano. From that time on she has been an amazing and inspirational accompanist for the choirs and has given us a musical dimension that I had not been able to achieve in any other church. She has truly been a blessing to me and to this church.

The St. James' choirs have flourished through their exposure to so such a wide variety of choral experiences in the many shows, competitions, concerts, CD's and weekly service offerings to God. The numerous choristers and instrumentalists whom I have had the privilege to work with have made my life an absolute joy. They will always know who they are and how much I am deeply grateful for their musicianship, loyalty and friendship. On this high note we will be retiring in June of this year.

God Bless

By Clive Dunstan



Pat's Musical Journey



I began piano lessons in Woodbridge at the age of 9. My teacher was June Shannon to whom I owe a great debt of gratitude. She encouraged me to move quickly through the Royal Conservatory grades often teaching me free of charge. I was entered in numerous classes at music festival competitions (York, Davenport, Peel, Lincoln County and Kiwanis) where I met great success with awards and scholarships. I always loved to play the piano. When our family lost everything to Hurricane Hazel in 1954, we moved to Schomberg, however I stayed with the Shannon family in Woodbridge, finishing grade 7 and 8 schooling and continuing intense piano studies. I completed Grade 9 piano with June.

The following year I too moved to Schomberg and attended Aurora

District High where I accompanied the Glee Club. Each Saturday morning I (alone!) boarded the bus for downtown Toronto and studied theory with Dr. Horwood and piano with Madeline Bone. I completed my ARCT at the age of 16 and, after completing grade 12 in Aurora, I was offered a scholarship to enter the prestigious Artist and Licentiate programs at the Faculty of Music, U of T. We were a small group of international students. I loved living in residence in the big city and being with friends with similar interests.

We were required to give solo recitals at the end of each year and actually two programs at graduation. They were in Walter Hall and all work was completely memorized (Bach, Brahms, Beethoven, Bartok, Liszt, Chopin etc.). During the years I often played at the beautiful Eaton Auditorium, Massey Hall, Toronto Women's club and the CNE. I spent 5 summers at Ivy Lea Inn on the St. Lawrence as a hostess in the dining room and performed concerts twice a week.

While at U of T, Dr. Mazzoleni and Dr. Walter were both personally encouraging with my ambitions and efforts. Probably the most memorable occasion was playing in a Master Class led by Rubinstein during his visit to the Edward Johnson Building. I was being considered for a Julliard audition in NYC when along came Clive!

After graduation I went to Teacher's College and thoroughly enjoyed teaching elementary school in Etobicoke for 7 years. I always had my own class but also taught a lot of music for other teachers, directed choirs and musical plays. I accompanied the Etobicoke Centennial Choir for Barry Gosse; played auditions for Toronto Children's Chorus for Jean Ashworth Bartle; played at our children's schools and many other schools. It was a joy to play for Clive's choirs, school productions, and for students auditioning for university or competing in festivals.

Teaching piano for over 60 years has been a wonderful, fulfilling experience. Many students moved on to music careers and I hope I instilled a love of music in every one of them. Our Darcie and Darren were 2 students and now my grandchildren Sydney, Jordan and Matthew are my only students.

When we came to St. James I had stopped playing for sometime due to physical restrictions. I soon discovered I could pedal with my left foot when the right wouldn't cooperate. Playing at St. James has been a godsend in my life and I will always be grateful for your love and support and encouragement. The piano is at one with my soul and being the accompanist rather than soloist feels so right. The Kawai is a

wonderful instrument..."my" piano and I will miss it!

Thank you Clive for including me in the excellent work you have done at St. James.

By Pat Dunstan

(below with Anne Tipler)



She helps us sing and makes the pre-service hymn sing fun!
From, Laura

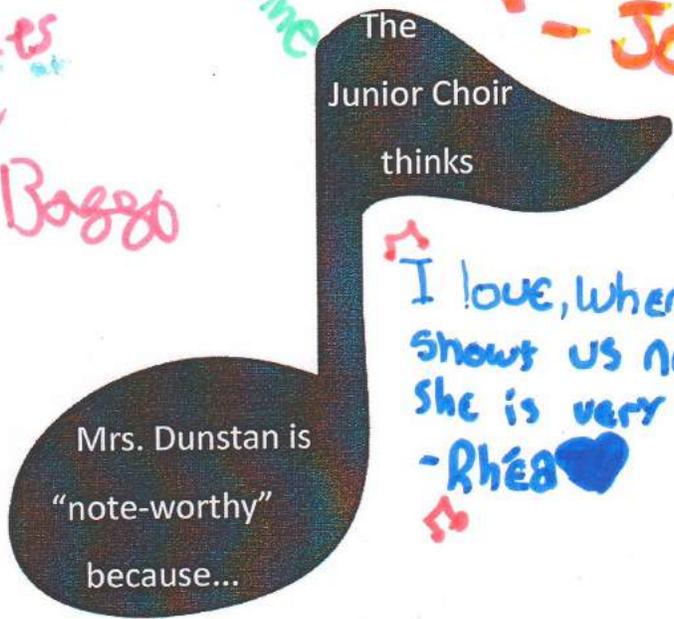
She plays piano well!
- Adrienne

She helps us learn more

She plays piano very well
- Evelyn

- Joceline

She makes me smile
- Cecilia Baggio



The Junior Choir thinks

Mrs. Dunstan is "note-worthy" because...

I love, when she shows us new things she is very helpful
- Rhea

She plays lovely songs on piano and she helps us sing she also gives us the courage to sing!
- Taelaure Charlot

She'd always help me sing my Sob's with confidence
- Titiana

She makes me laugh and smile
Poppy Young

Ode to Clive and Pat

Clive and Pat, as we reflect
On your wonderful St James years
All the music and love you shared
You are truly without peers!

Clive the musician, the teacher, the boss
The organ he does command
A life-long learner, always striving for the best
A legend in our land.

A leader, a mentor, a teacher, a friend
Yes Clive is all these things
Perfection is always his musical goal
And delight to our hearts this brings.

Pat can make the piano sing
Her talent is special indeed
Such a joy to hear her play
On that we are all agreed.

Seldom in the spotlight but always a star
Pat prefers the supporting role
She brings joy and love to every selection
What a truly special soul.

This dynamic duo gave us their best
Our love and respect well-deserved
Retirement years will give them a break
From the many years they have served.

Shows, concerts, cantatas and more
All for the glory of God
And every Sunday a musical treat
Made the congregants want to applaud.

So thanks Clive and Pat, it's been a treat-
The memories, the music, the fun
We were lucky that our paths have crossed
You'll always be Number One!

By Anne Tipler

Pat & Clive Tributes

How do we celebrate such a legacy of ministry...not only in music but also in outreach, fundraising and fellowship. Pat and Clive freely shared their special gift of music but also shared their lives by working intimately within the church community. Everyone has had a chance to experience their caring nature and commitment to the well being of our church family - true leaders by example. They will be a hard act to follow and we will treasure them in our memories forever. Please enjoy the many personal notes of praise and thanks from our beloved members.



Thank you for your many years of excellence in musical leadership that not only touched our hearts but the hearts of our children as well. You will take your music with you into your retirement years, continuing to enrich new listeners in new ways. The walls, halls and sanctuary of St. James will resonate with the sounds of Clive and Pat and the choirs forever.

Myrna and Mike Markovich



What a wonderful journey we have shared together over the last 30 years. Of course being part of the choir was a huge highlight. The special holiday music, creating our 2 CDs, and all the plays we rehearsed, practiced and performed over the many years was truly awesome. The opening and closing socials we enjoyed at your house, the church and Islington Golf Club all brought us together as an extended family. Of course Pat one mustn't forget our fond memories of Spring Fling. Music was a big part of

my life when I was growing up and the direction I received from both of you has extended my love of music and I will be forever grateful.

As you both look forward to a well-deserved retirement, May God's Blessing be upon you both and may you enjoy much happiness

Most affectionately,
Jean Spencer

Many thanks for your beautiful music and the for the fun bridge games.

Love from Stan and Lorna
Mac Donald



(Picture taken at Stan's 90th Birthday Party)

Dear Pat and Clive: You have made a lasting impression on both of us. Pat you have made such an impression on Betty with your challenge and courage, and how you have overcome them.. You have helped her in many ways,

including advice on how to do things and get into places. We will never forget the encouragement that you gave to us both during our surgeries and stints in the hospital, with your cards, phone calls, and delicious goodies. It made us aware how important the cards and phone calls are when you are going through these stressful times, and now we are very conscious of doing the same thing. You and Clive are always smiling and encouraging even though you have been through a lot yourselves, and we hold you in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Bernie has enjoyed his time in the choir under your leadership and it has helped him to improve and strive to be better. It is always a pleasure to be with you on a Thursday night and especially on Sundays when you are performing your musical preludes and postludes. We both enjoyed working on the 40th Anniversary Program with your guidance, and it was so much fun to do. It was the first time for us working together with Darryl and Leander in a program. You are a shining example of God's Light and Love as you care for others. We will miss you. Hope that we will continue to see you around St. James, and pray you will keep in touch.

Betty & Bernie Ginger

St. James United Church was the first church I came to when I came to Toronto in 1985, and I duly noted it and continued my search. The next week I attended a service there, and after sampling others, realized how outstanding it was - the first and the best! I don't really need to say why!

Next time I attended, I tucked myself into the back of the congregation and listened with increasing delight as the service continued and the choir sang so beautifully with such musicianship and sincerity. At the end of the service, I looked in vain for the accompanist but there was no one to be seen. Next time, I sat close to the front near the piano and could see everyone as well as hear the magical, sensitive piano accompaniment to the choir's singing. The conductor and accompanist were so completely as one in their vision and execution of the music and it was absolutely magical!

After the service, I went to speak to Pat and Clive to express my thoughts and thanks. I'm still doing that and they are still performing their magic. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Sincerely and Fondly, Kay
Baxter

Dear Pat and Clive,
You have contributed to St. James with your wonderful musical talents and in many other ways for a long time, longer than one could have expected. Please accept our sincere appreciation and best wishes for the future.

Best regards,
Betty Ruth and John Bond



Pat with Leander Mendoza

Twenty years ago Clive appealed for volunteers to garden at St. James on Saturday mornings. My husband and I joined Clive, Pat, Joanne Atkins, Agnes McDowell, Ray Adams and Don Jacobs. They had been caring for the gardens for a number of years already. Clive cares for the appearance of the property with the same intensity that he devotes to his music. Believe me, this is so. You may still see him here on a Saturday morning or during the week, and still caring the same. After gardening, he might then go into the sanctuary to practice on the organ. Under Clive's guidance we won awards for our gardens with the City of Toronto.

Pat recruited my help a while back to sell fresh flowers for Spring Fling. She knew that would brighten the hall with colour. She eventually became coordinator of Spring Fling following Helen Forsyth. Details are also a specialty for her and she expanded the wares for sale. She proved how calm she is when we had a flood on that memorable Saturday morning of Spring Fling. She knew there was lots of water.... only in the wrong location.

Pat and Clive, you are leaving so many memories. Thank you for the 42 years of perfection. Your music will be missed along with the kindness and good deeds you both do so quietly. I also think of the visiting artists who have commented on how much they love to play with you as the accompanist, Pat. Your gentle touch

on the piano is unrivalled. We will have to adjust to not having "your music".

Blessings, Lila Bowen



I was 14 years old and in Grade 9 when Pat & Clive joined St. James along with several members from their previous choir. I was surprised that people actually left their previous church to follow the choir director...until I heard them sing! That impressed me so much that I spent the next 33 years singing with both the Chancel and Senior Choirs, until we moved to Caledon in 2011.

Every Thursday evening, I still think -- I should be at choir practice! So from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank both Pat and Clive for everything they taught me over those 33 years. I will always treasure the memories I have of all the shows we

put on, the music festival competitions entered, the recording of 2 CD's and even some travel along the way with the choir to perform at other locales, as well as some lifelong friends I have made along the way! THANK YOU and best wishes to you both.

Best Regards,
Arlene Eddy



I was looking for a new church to attend in Toronto's west end after leaving my home church in Brampton. I'd spent many weeks visiting churches, looking for a meaningful service and a welcoming community that I could reach on a TTC route. Eventually I found St. James United Church. I enjoyed the service, the music and the fact that I could make it to church on time. I thought I'd go back but I was ill the next Sunday and missed the service. When I returned the following Sunday Pat wheeled over and said, "We missed you last week. Glad to see you're here." Pat's greeting convinced me that I had found the welcoming church I had been looking for!

Elizabeth Leigh

(below with Catherine Richardson)

My wish for both of you is that your retirement years bring you as many beautiful and joyous times as you have brought to all of us at St. James through your magnificent ministry of music. You have left a superb legacy of quality and service and planted many seeds... not only through music but also through gardening! To say that you have made an impact on our lives is to make an understatement. We will miss you both but send you off to the next chapter of your lives with grateful hearts and best wishes,

Christine Pickios



You have shared your wonderful talents with us over the last 42 years - we at St James have been so blessed. A simple thank you seems so inadequate to express my thanks for all the joy you have brought to me and many others. I wish you now a long and happy retirement- a time to relax and work on your bucket list!

Love Phyl Hampshire

When Pat and Clive Dunstan announced that they would be retiring at the end of June, it was one of those bittersweet moments for both of us. While we knew it was coming at some point, we were still struck by the fact that it was really happening. While we are both very happy that we will still get to see them as friends, we are both reflecting on two of the most important personal and musical influencers of our lives.

Dedication, commitment, excellence and professionalism define what they stand for musically. Caring, giving, devoted to those around them, devoted to outreach to make the world around them a better place; always lending a hand when needed and always prepared to give of their time and talents are the attributes that make them so beloved personally for both of us.

As we sit here thinking about these two special people, we realize that we are here together because we both

value our relationship with Pat and Clive and our commitment to their music ministry they have gifted us with for over 40 years. Both of us have experienced their friendship, love and support throughout our lives and especially at those times that were the darkest. It was music that brought us together and it was Pat and Clive's encouragement, love and support of both of us, that gave us the courage to carry on, and after we had "found" each other to step forward together.

Pat and Clive, we love you both and thank you from the bottoms of hearts. What would we do without our music? Because of your gifts we will carry the song of life with us always.

Love, Albert (Conforzi) and Janet (Van Melle)



I think of St James often & whenever I do, I think fondly of Pat & Clive. They led the most wonderful music for as long as many of us can remember! Pat & Clive have always been there for our family whenever we needed music, or a friend - such wonderful people in so many ways.

They have been there for our family for some of the most important events of our lives - our wedding, the passing of three of our most beloved family members & the baptisms of our children. It was also always a wonderful comfort to have them at the front of the church whenever we would attend.

When I joined my husband's family, 19 years ago, I got to know Pat as one of my mother in-law's best friends. She was just that! Pat cared so much for my mother-in-law, Shirley, and she always let that be known.

As far as their music goes - the quality is unmatched, it is by far the best church music I have ever heard. My family and I want to wish them a wonderful retirement.

With love,
Kelly Rogers

To the Dunstan duo.....
Broadway shows; musical festivals and competitions; C.D. productions; Christmas Candlelight services; Senior, Chancel and Junior choirs; Men's Chorus; all these and more, in inspirational and sacred music, from September 1977 through to June 2019. You have warmed our hearts with your musical leadership.

“ The song that we hear with our ears is the song that is sung in our hearts.”
Our heart felt thanks to you for bringing tranquility into our lives with your stirring music. As you start a new chapter in your lives, may your days be ones of faith filled serenity. Thank you.

Jennifer & Tony Gray



Dear Clive and Pat,
What will I do without your music!
For 42 years it has inspired me,
comforted me, challenged me, soothed
me and now it is being withdrawn!
Alas is me, yet I am so fortunate to
have had so much of it over the years
that I can hardly begrudge you a well
earned rest. I do hope that you will
enjoy retirement- you have earned it.
Best wishes and Bon Voyage.

Pam Lowry



My husband, Jon, and I moved into the
St. Clair W./Oakwood area of Toronto
in the mid-80s. Chatting one day with
Clive we discovered our “mutual”
neighbourhood. Ever since, when I
pass St. Chad’s, I smile and think of
Clive.

I love the fact that Pat and I
discovered we both love Hymn 282,
“This Ancient Love” by Carolyn
McDade.

Marty Linton



It has been such a pleasure to have
Clive and Pat in our St. James family.
They have shared their musical
abilities with us and nurtured the same
in others. Plus, there are so many
pluses, gardening, organizing events,
caring for our congregation (thanks for
the Seniors’ Lunch recipes, Pat) and
always extending a “Welcome!”

For Pat and Clive,

As just one more 'fan' who loves them both, what can I possibly add about such a remarkable couple?

Pat and I first encountered one another when we taught in the same school before she had her children, but we never knew each other well. It was a large, new school in a new area. The expectations and the workload were significant, and there was very minimal socializing. I do think that if the principal, whose name I have forgotten, had realized what a gem he had in Pat, he would have assigned her to a classroom on the main floor so she did not have stairs to contend with, and we could all have known her better and recognized her exceptional worth. It has been such a joy to make all these discoveries and more since we reconnected at St. James all those years later. I am in great awe of her multitude of talents, skills and personage. I love her, and value her as a friend. I wish her a very happy retirement!

It wasn't until the Dunstons came to St. James that I first met Clive. Then, I quickly became a member of the admiring (unofficial) fan club forming in the congregation. I think that as years went by everyone's greatest fear became that he would discover a larger, more promising venue for his remarkable skills and aptitude. How fortunate we have been that his loyalty has remained here.

Many years ago (20? 30?) Clive decided it would be an interesting

venture to offer to share his teaching skills with those who would like to attempt a new skill of playing a keyboard. He offered a group course for interested members of St. James. The number of brave souls who signed on was fewer than I would have expected but very interested, and several of us made significant inroads. I even continued with some private lessons until 'life' got in the way. Recently I have begun again with the books from those days, and although there are new obstacles to overcome, I think that remembering Clive's patience, enthusiasm and inspiration I may be able to play a little by the time I am 100!

Thank you Clive, for sharing your love of music, and your skill and talent and expertise with all of us for all those wonderful years! Enjoy the retirement you so richly deserve, and try to stay healthy to do so!

Love Irene Dean



Special thanks to Pat, for her thoughtfulness in sending personal cards to so many of us in the congregation when we were going through difficult times.

Pat's cards were not only lovely, but her heartfelt message was written in beautiful calligraphy.

What a needed boost those cards were, Pat, and so appreciated!

Clive and Pat over the years, I have brought several friends to watch and especially hear some of the presentations you have had at St. James. They were all very impressed with the quality of the program. The Candlelight Services are a favourite, as part of what you and Pat have offered at our church during the Christmas season.

Well done!!!!

Barbara Wane



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Pat Dunstan has the most beautiful hand-writing of anyone I know! Her distinctive cursive style adds a note of grace and beauty to anything she designs. Over the years, Pat's hand-writing has graced the front of signs and advertisements, advertising such things as auctions and spring flings, luncheons and musicals! When a family member receives a hand-written "thank-you" note or "thinking of you" card in the mail from Pat, it stands out from the other cards, from the moment we see the envelope! Her beautiful hand-writing and kind words are like getting just a little glimpse of the beautiful, kind and caring person that she is! We will miss your beautiful hands at work on the piano every Sunday, Pat! We hope that you and Clive continue to call St. James home, and that we see you here often!

Love from, Karen Forgrave and Family



One afternoon last year when I brought in the mail, I noticed a small envelope hand addressed to me. Such a rare occurrence today, I opened it with great curiosity and was overwhelmed when I read it - a handwritten thank you note from Pat. She thanked me for helping with some event at the church. As a relative newcomer to the St. James family, I have come to know people very slowly, one at a time. For me, Pat and Clive were on a pedestal, both having musical talents I could only dream of and having been such long term members of the church. Revered is the term that comes to mind and I never had the courage before that to initiate the conversation. Pat's note was so gracious and kind; it made me feel like a member of the congregation more than anything that had happened previously. And, more importantly her note gave me an opening to start a conversation with her. I am so grateful I did. When I recall reading the note the first time, I still feel the sense of inclusion and appreciation. Thank you Pat, and may the next chapter for you be filled with the joy you so generously give to others.

Lindy O'Connor



You
are
loved