

# St. James Visitor

## Easter 2011

### **Thankful:** By Rev. Guy

No matter what job or position we are engaged in we all know that the day will come when we will move on. In my own case that day is just about here and yet I find it difficult to fathom that eleven years have passed by so quickly. So I am now sitting at my desk writing my last Visitor article to you.

In order to focus on my time here, I asked June Jones to dig my very first article, Thanksgiving 2000, out of the Archives. That article I entitled, "Thankful for Change". In it I referred to change as being the only true constant in our lives. I illustrated my thoughts with a reference to the change in the ministry model, the "Team Ministry" that we were just embarking on. Over time, that model has experienced it's own evolution and I believe has developed into one that serves St. James very well at present.

I referenced the changes that we were facing as a family with our move to the city, buying a new home, settling Dylan and Douglas into a new school and taking on the challenge of such a large congregation. I noted the almost daily transitions we were observing in the lives of our children as they grew and developed. The city is now our home, we moved to another house last year and, two other schools later, the boys are now in post-secondary studies.

Over the intervening years there have been many twists and changes bringing with

them their own joys and challenges as we have walked together past the many transitions and milestones of life. From a membership angle, new members have joined us, others have moved on and so many have passed away. Yet, we still have a vibrant and enthusiastic congregation with a very bright future ahead of us. This was so evident in the service conducted by our Youth on March 20th.

Many people have asked me why I am leaving at this time. As Ecclesiastes says, "there is a time and season to every matter under heaven". While the decision has not been an easy one at all I felt that now was the time to move on to a new chapter and challenge in my ministry and that it was also time for St. James to experience the renewed focus and energy that someone new would bring.

I concluded my article back then by expressing our family's thanks for the warm welcome we received here at St. James and also the support from the staff of the day that made the transition so easy for me. I conclude today by saying how much that support continued and deepened over the years. Through our developing ministry together some planned changes took place as did a some that we did not expect or could have even foreseen. Yet in and through it all it has been an effort of love and devotion by so many people, both paid staff and willing volunteers.

I know you will continue supporting your Ministry Staff into the future. I leave with just one thing to say, "Thank you all so very much.".



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### SENIOR CHOIR by Phil Roberts

Hello All!

Greetings from the Senior Choir (and the organ bench!). We're busy preparing for Easter Sunday morning and hope you'll all be there to celebrate and worship with us. We've had a busy and eventful year since the Christmas Visitor came out, including a performance for the patients staying at Daffodil Place. We look forward to more opportunities to share our music with the community. As we get closer to the summer though, we're looking for people to come share their music with us! We'll have a sign-up sheet posted in the church in May and we invite anyone who wants to bring a musical offering to our Sunday worship to sign up, or talk to Phil after worship.

Happy Easter to all!





### **Contemporary Worship**

Every second Sunday from September to June a service takes place at St. James at 9:30 am. The music is provided by "Sight Restored" a band of young people using guitars, basses, keyboard and drums with singing led by Glenda Winsor and Susan Sheppard. There is a mix of old favourites and modern worship pieces. The congregation is very engaged in the worship, children are welcome to be themselves and refreshments are served. The congregation for this service is made up of people from all age groups and is growing in number. Refer to the worship schedule on page 15 and come check us out.

### **Good Friday Walk**

The annual Good Friday Walk will take place, rain or shine, on April 22, at 10 a.m. Join us as we journey through the Passion Story, with readings, meditations, and singing as we walk in our neighbourhood.

Refreshments and Hot Cross Buns will be served in the auditorium following the walk.





### **EASTER GREETINGS from ST. JAMES AOTS**

The St. James AOTS Men's Club extends Easter wishes to members and friends of our congregation. As we approach Easter we are once again that this is a special season of rebirth and renewal and that the symbols of Easter such as the lily cause us to reflect on the sufferings and resurrection of our Saviour. The following poem by some unknown author captures the very essence of Spring and Easter:

The Men's Club has had a very active program since this past Fall and we are looking forward to a number of projects to be undertaken later this Spring. Our fish dinner will be held on May 13 and tickets can be obtained through Albert Styles and David Hapgood.

Planning is continuing on a May 27-29 retreat at Burry Heights and we are hopeful that fellow members from other congregation's men's clubs will join us for this special event. The Men's Singing Group continues to welcome its participation in services at St. James and it is our hope that the Club's ongoing outreach activities will strengthen our church's contribution to the greater community.







## St. James partners with St. Andrews to offer After School Programs

As a community outreach project we have been working with St. Andrew's Elementary school to offer two after school programs for their students. Tuesdays after school thirteen students who are learning English as a Second Language meet in the Youth Centre. Each student is paired with a volunteer and together they work on classroom homework and participate in other activities that improve the child's vocabulary, conversation skills and understanding of English. Wednesday afternoons students in grade five and six are working on completing a five week leadership program. Six students are currently working on the program and another seven have signed up to complete the program after the Easter holidays. Both programs have been very successful so far and although the school year is soon ending there are plans to continue offering the programs in September when school resumes.

We are so thankful to Donna MacPherson who is an intern from Memorial University for her work in developing and facilitating these programs. Donna is spending a 16 week Internship with us and has also been helping develop an Easter Week Vacation Bible School and assisting with other task around the Church. The funding for this Internship was provided by generous grants from HRLE and Mr. Ron Ellsworth.



### Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services:

Monday, April 18 at 7:30 pm - Cowan Heights United Church

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm - George Street United Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 pm - Cochrane Street United

Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 pm - St. James United (Communion)

**GOOD FRIDAY** 

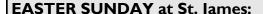
10 am - St. James' Good Friday Walk Noon - 3 pm - First United , Mount Pearl

Ist Word - Rev. Marion Davis2nd Word - Rev. Scott Parsons

3rd Word - Elsie Squires

4th Word - Rev. Guy Matthews
 5th Word - Rev. Grant Stuckless
 6th Word - Rev. Kelly Hudson
 7th Word - Rev. Scott Worsfold

7:30pm - St. James Good Friday Worship



8:30am - Holy Communion

Boiled Egg Breakfast

I I am - Service of Celebration



#### **Scent Sensitive**

Due to increased expression of health and allergy concerns, we are again reminded to be "scent-sensitive" at St. James. Many people are extremely sensitive to the chemicals used to make scented products such as colognes, perfumes, body sprays, shampoos and other household items. In the interest of your church friends who have reactions to perfumes and colognes, you are asked **NOT** to wear such fragrances. Let's all do our part to make our church gatherings as scent-free as possible.



### Accessibility at St. James

The following items are available during services:

- Hearing devices
- Wheel Chairs
- Enlarged Bulletins

Please ask an usher for assistance.



### Final Report of the Restoration and Anniversary Committee -



### by Phil Saunders

With the refurbishing of the pews and the installation of cushions, all of the major items in the restoration plans were completed. We still have problems with leaks over the front entrance and in some of the new windows. While these had lessened at the end of the year, in order to protect ourselves we placed the bonding Company on notice. The contractor has promised to take steps to hopefully put our concerns to rest.

The financial objective was reached and after all bills were paid, we ended up with a small surplus. The congregation should take pride in the fact that less than \$1,000 in pledges were uncollectable mainly due to deaths and moving away.

We sincerely thank all who made the restoration project a financial reality.

### Maybe

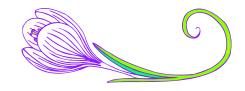
I know it's minus something or other.

I know the snow lies four feet deep.

I know there is as yet no sign of green.

But the colours in the sky

have begun to steep!



Now in the very early morning hours the sun begins to rise gradually, Bringing spring- like shades of soft lavender, peach and rose to blush across the morning air.

That distant orb, our life giver, is returning once again to warm us. Closer she comes and casts a different light from a different direction, Igniting memories of warmth, and green and soft earth smells.

The trees stand still today.

No wild and raging wind to tear and bend.

No sleet or snow to bind the buds of hope.

I know it's still minus something or other.

I know the snow still lies deep.

But the colours, oh the colours have once again begun to steep!

M. C. Hood



### Sight Restored by Glenda Winsor

We are always busy with our practices each week for our contemporary services scheduled every second Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. from September to June. (We admit we have so much fun practicing, it probably should be illegal!!)

Our contemporary services offer a relaxing and uplifting time of singing and fellowship where you are free to sing as loud as you wish, move your feet or dance to the beat, and help yourself anytime to coffee, tea, and treats. We encourage you to just be you!

We would like to thank Hannah Sheppard, Kelsey Brown and Mitchell Burt for their help in leading the singing when either Susan or Glenda were away. With a few more musicians we will be able to start a second band.

One of our upcoming services is Holy Humor Sunday on May 1st. Of course from past experience, you'll never know what to expect from us that morning!! Come along and join us for some laughs and jokes. See you there!

### **Spring Concert Alert!**

Sight Restored is currently preparing for a Spring Concert scheduled for Saturday evening, May 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James. We will be joined by several of our youth who will perform as well.

Proceeds from the concert will support the "Go St. John's" and "Rendez Vous" projects this summer.

Admission is \$5.00 and tickets are available from band members or at the door. Bring your voices, too, so you can sing along with us! Please join us for refreshments following the concert.

### Sunday School by Rebecca Pike

The Sunday school has had a very productive year with a very strong teaching staff and a lot of wonderful children who make each Sunday morning exciting and fun. We had an extremely successful Christmas party, and would like to thank the St. James players for providing a very exciting play. Also we had our annual Cookie sale that was very successful! The Sunday school is excited to be planning and running the Mother's Day service this coming May. We have many more fun events ahead!

### Have a Hoppy Easter!



### St. James Finances by Jean Thompson, Treasurer

The following financial report illustrates our revenue and expenses for January and February 2011 compared to the same time frame in 2010.

## St. James United Church

Income Statement January to March 2011 Comparison to 2010

REVENUE	2011	2010	Budget 2011
Total collections	60,623.06	57,423.23	62,775.00
Total other	13,539.00 12,224.02		16,175.00
TOTAL REVENUE	74,162.06	69,647.25	78,950.00
EXPENSE			
Total Church	24,872.30 26,5	26,596.05	96.05 24,705.00
Total Assessments & Donations	3,230.00	4,710.10	4,730.00
Total Committee and Other	2,018.02	435.70	5,078.00
Total Salaries and Allowances	55,007.14	51,447.00	58,050.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	85,127.46	83,188.85	92,563.00
NET INCOME	-10,965.40	-13,541.60	-13,613.00

You will notice above that our expenses are more then our revenues, and this is primarily due to the poor weather in February. You will notice that the budget figure for the first quarter shows a deficit of \$13,000 and the actual shows a deficit of only \$10,000. This is better then last year, but we need to work on getting to a surplus each month.



## St. James Players & Drama Tots by Rebecca Pike

After the very successful Dinner Theatre Production of "The Vilest Villain", St. James players would like to thank the congregation for all their support over the past years. We are excited to be planning yet another original play for the Sunday school closing in June. Also the Drama Tots will be working with some of the members of St. James Players to bring the congregation an exciting play entitled "One Body" for Easter.

Have a Happy Easter!



### Youth Group by Rebecca Pike

After successfully running the service on March 20th, we are still having lots of fun and becoming very excited for our upcoming adventures this summer! We are in the process of starting many fundraising efforts for The Go Project and Rendezvous, which all the youth are helping with and very excited about. Keep your eyes open for information about upcoming events such as a concert, car wash, and many more exciting ideas. Also on Easter Sunday morning be sure to join us between the services at 9:30 AM for an Easter Egg breakfast in support of the Go Project and Rendez-vous!

All the youth wish you a Happy Easter and Thank you for your ongoing support.



## **Musical Programs at St. James**

We extend an invitation to anyone who loves to sing or loves to play music: please come join one of our singing or music groups!

Children's Choir: Saturday 10-10:30 am (Susan Sheppard)

**Youth Choir:** Wednesday 7:00 pm (Doreen Brown)

**Senior Choir:** Thursday 7:30 pm (Phil Roberts)

AOTS Choir: Wednesday 8 pm (Doreen Brown)

**UCW Choir:** Contact Jean Rose

**St. James Band:** Sunday 7 pm (Krista Brown)

**Sing For Fun:** Wednesday 10:00 am (Doreen Brown)

**Guitar Group** Wednesday 11:00 am (Herb Carruthers)





### **NEEDED**

### **CHURCH COUNCIL and COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

We are very fortunate at St. James to have so many who have been willing to give of their time, skills, and experience in serving on the Church Council and on various committees. At our annual congregational meeting on March 13, the following were affirmed as members of this year's Council:

Past Chair – Stephen Pike

Secretary – Janice Winsor

Clerk of Session – Clyde Flight

Finance – Brian Ramjattan

Treasurer – Jean Thompson

Ministry and Personnel - Gerry Mayo

Building Maintenance – Bill Legge

Worship and Sacraments - Trevor Bartlett

Stewardship - Vacant

Christian Development – Douglas Matthews

Communication and Administration – Marion Penney

Youth Representative - Chelsea Skanes

Youth Representative – Miranda Ramjattan

AOTS – Les Dean

UCW - Menetha Dyke

East District Rep – Ruth Baker

East District Rep - Mary Hood

East District Rep – Rosemary White

Board of Trustees- Hal Stanley

Board of Trustees-Bruce Hunt

Board of Trustees- June Jones

<u>Vacancies</u> Chair

East District Representative (Alternate)



Maybe you have what it takes to minister to our congregation in this way. To inquire about our vacant positions, please contact the church office at 722-1881.





The annual congregational meeting was held March 13th after a delicious potluck supper that was enjoyed by all.



## **Burry Heights Camp**

Hey kids (9 and up) check out the Burry Heights summer camps. Camping, canoeing, hiking, crafts and more. **Summer Camp 2011** Schedule

June 27 to July 1	Staff/CIT Training
July 3 to 8	Junior Camp (ages 9 - 10 - 11 )
July 10 to 15	Intermediate Camp (ages 12 - 13)
July 17 to 22	Teen Camp (ages 14 - 15)
July 24 to 29	Junior Camp (ages 9 - 10 - 11 )
July 31 to Aug 5	Intermediate Camp (ages 12 - 13)
Aug. 7 to 12	Teen Camp (ages 14 - 15)
Aug. 14 to 19	Junior Camp (ages 9 - 10 - 11 )
Aug. 21 to 26	Intermediate Camp (ages 12 - 13)

Camp applications and other information is now available at: <a href="http://www.newlabconf.com/eastdistrict/burryheights/camping.html#Burry Heights Summer Camping Schedule">http://www.newlabconf.com/eastdistrict/burryheights/camping.html#Burry Heights Summer Camping Schedule</a> or see Susan Sheppard at the church office.

**HAPPY CAMPING** 



## AN EASTER PROMISE

By Josie Howell

If we but had the eyes to see God's face in every cloud, If we but had the ears to hear His voice above the crowd, If we could feel his gentle touch In every springtime breeze, And find a haven in his arms Neath sheltering leafy trees, If we could just lift up our hearts Like flowers to the sun, And trust his Easter promise And pray ``Thy will be done,`` We'd find the peace we're seeking The kind no man can give, The Peace that comes from knowing He died that we might live.

**Have a Glorious Easter Day** 

### Par Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

The United Church of Canada administers this program. You decide the amount you wish to pay the church and your bank account will be debited on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Visa/Master Card:** You can also use Visa/Master Card via the Par Program. People wishing to do this are asked to call/email the church office for more details. (Small cards are also available to put in the offering plate in place of envelopes)

**Post Dated Cheques:** This is another option for you. Leave your post dated cheques at the office and we will deposit them accordingly.

Presently we have 48 families participating in the Par program. Many people use Par for their offering, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church whether they are at home, traveling or at their summer cottage. Please call the church office for more details.





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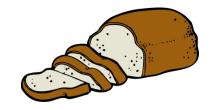


## Jerusalem Market Place

Vacation Bible School
Grades 1-6



April 25-29, 2011 9 am-12 noon Registration Fee \$50.00 Deadline: April 20, 2011





## Learn the Arts and Crafts of Bible Times

Join us over the Easter Vacation for a week of exploring the Bible by learning some of the arts and crafts which were a part of the lives of people in Bible times.

Each morning we will learn theme songs and crafts, scriptures and games.

We will also enjoy a nutritious snack together.

For further information call Susan 722-1881 or email youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

# Student Permission Form Vacation Bible School (April 25 - 29, 2011)

Child's Name:						
Date of Birth:	Gender: Male/Female					
Address:						
Health Card Number:						
Allergies/Medical Concerns:						
<u>P</u>	Parent/Guardian Information					
Name:						
Phone (Home)	Phone (Work)					
E-Mail Address:						
E	mergency Contact Information					
Name:	Relationship to Participant:					
Phone:						
How will your child be arriving/depart	arting the program? (i.e. walking, dropped off/picked up by par-					
ent,						
If your child is being picked up by	someone other than his/her parents/guardians please list the					
names and number	rs of the person(s) who will be taking your child.					
Acknowled	gement of Risk and Waiver of Liability					
I understand that there may be so	ome risk of injury associated with participation in the recreation					
and craft activities involved with	the Vacation Bible School at St. James United Church; and I					
agree to waive any and all claims o	of liability, release, and hold harmless St. James United Church					
and its staff and volu	nteers in the event that such an injury may occur.					
Parent/Guardian Name:						
Parent/Guardian Signature:						
Date	<b>.</b>					

\*\*Please note that because the staff and volunteers of St. James have other commitments and as such it is extremely important to pick your child up on time.



## **Bridges To Hope**

Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Chest when you come along to service so we can help others in need.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Come join us for a boiled egg breakfast Easter Sunday morning between the 8:30 a.m. service and the 11 a.m. service.



Prepared by the Youth, proceeds (donations only) to go to the GO Project.

### GO Project and Rendez-vous by Susan Sheppard

Last summer 8 of our youth and 2 leaders attended a Go Project in Toronto. This summer from July 24 to August 4, St. James will be hosting the GO Project here in St. John's. Thirty (30) youth and leaders from across Canada will be living at the church for these 11 days. Cooking, working, playing together they will form lasting bonds and discover how they can make a difference in the lives of others through working with various community service agencies such as Bridges to Hope, Stella Burry Corp, etc. Throughout the experience they will discern how the experience they gain here in St. John's can be translated into their home communities.

Another exciting youth event taking place this summer is Rendez-vous.

This is a national gathering of United Church youth, young adults and their leaders which is being held at the University of Toronto from August 11-14. This is a conference that will provide workshops for each age group in the catagories of Play, Pray and Ponder. Three youth, three young adult and one leader from St. James are registered to attend this invaluable leading event.

We are working hard to fundraise for both the GO Project and Rendez-vous. Join us for the Easter Egg breakfast following the 8:30 service on Easter Sunday morning. We will also hold a concert on May 7th with Sight Restored and friends, a car wash when the weather warms up, and a silent auction at the AOTS Fish dinner on May 13th.





### A Note From the Past, What Are They Doing Now?

by June Jones

### OUR SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYEES 2000



Hi, My name is Cynthia Clarke. This summer I have had the opportunity to work in the office of St. James Church. As a small eight year old girl my parents saw the experiences I could make in the Church Youth Choir - little did we know I would remain in the choir up until my graduation from high school, developing many friendships under the leadership of Doreen Brown.

This is my first summer attempting to fill the impossible shoes of Brenda Butt. She taught me many things about the computer, while Doug always kept me entertained with wonderful stories of past experiences. I never realized the amount of work both of their jobs entail, and I would like to recognize them both for the kindness extended toward me during their often busy schedules.

This summer was unique in that I was able to work with two ministers: Rev. Morgan-Tuck and Rev. Matthews. They were both great, and I send sincere thanks to them both for their patience while I typed the bulletin, marriage certificates, letters, etc.

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i, my name is Christopher MacDonald, I was born on December 29, 1980 and have spent most of my life St. John's, NF where I attended the Newfoundland School for the Deaf. On June 29, 2000, I graduated and in August I will be going to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C.

I was hired in July of 1998, 1999, and 2000 by St. James United Church as assistant property supervisor. I worked under the direct guidance and supervision of Doug Bursey. My duties were: mowing the lawn, cleaning the utilities, washing the floors, vacuuming and dusting the church and other general housekeeping duties assigned - everything to keep our church clean and looking good. I always enjoyed working here. My family and I are members of St. Augustines Anglican Christopher Church. Thanks





Hello, my name is Shannon Barbour. As many of you may know I have been a member of St. James for most of my life and am a recent high school graduate. But, what you may not know is that for the past two months I have been working in the archives here at St. James.

During my time here working in the archives I was under the guidance of June Jones. My duties this summer included sorting, photocopying, and preserving the boxes of paperwork that have been generated by the various committees of St. James over the past forty-plus years. While pouring over this paperwork I learned a great deal about the history of St. James.

Now that my time of employment here at St. James comes to a close, I begin preparing to continue my education at Memorial University where I will be pursuing a B.SC. Degree with a major in psychology. Also at this time I would like to thank everyone at St. James for their kindness over the past two months and I look forward to seeing you all in Church this fall. Thank-You Shannon Barbour





WORSHIP SCHEDULE May – October, 2011						
May	1	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11 am	Baptism	UCW		
	8	11 am	Mother's Day / Christian Family Sunday	Sight Restored		
	15	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11 am	Confirmation / Communion (Coffee Hour)	Senior		
	22	11 am	Regular	Senior		
	29	9:30am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11 am	Baptism	Youth		
June	5	11 am	Laity Sunday	ucw		
	12	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11am	Sunday School Closing (Coffee Hour)	Youth / AOTS		
	19	11 am	Regular	Senior		
	26	11 am	Regular	Senior		
July	3	11 am	Baptism Toronto Community Choir	Toronto Community Choir		
	10	11 am	Communion	Soloist		
	17	11 am	Regular	Soloist		
	24	11 am	Regular	Baron's Barbershop Chorus		
	31	11 am	"GO Project" Sunday	GO Project Team		
August	7	11 am	Baptism	Soloist		
	14	11 am	Communion	Soloist		
	21	11 am	Regular	Soloist		
	28	11am	Regular	Soloist		
September	4	11am	Baptism	Soloist		
	11	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11am	Communion	Senior		
	18	11am	Regular (Coffee Hour)	Youth/AOTS		
	25	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11am	Regular	UCW		
October	2	11am	World Wide Communion	Senior		
	9	9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sight Restored		
		11am	Baptism / Thanksgiving			





## **Reverend Matthews**

As many of you know, Reverend Matthews has accepted a call to Gower St. United and will be leaving St. James at the end of June. A farewell service will be held on Saturday, June 18th, followed by an afternoon tea social downstairs. More details to follow as they become available.



