



St. James Visitor

Thanksgiving 2011

Greetings from Rev. Bill Bartlett

The season of Thanksgiving presents a wonderful opportunity to express our gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. I wish to thank each one of you for the opportunity to join the St. James team of people providing leadership within this congregation and our community. I have accepted this appointment to journey with you during this period of discerning our ministerial needs.

Many will know that my association with St. James goes back to 1967-71 when I was attending Memorial University. In 1992, I returned from Toronto to become the Director of Pastoral Care at the Health Sciences and Dr. L.A. Miller Centers and chose St. James as my place of worship. It is interesting how we all find our comfortable space in the sanctuary and for Carolann, Rebecca-Ann and me, it has been the balcony.

My last experience as minister in a congregation was 1991-1992, as Intentional Interim Minister at Manor Road United Church in Toronto. During an Intentional Interim ministry, a congregation works at specific goals, in consultation with the District. This type of ministry is put in place when there has been trouble in a pastoral relationship, a long-term pastorate or the death of the minister. The Intentional Interim Minister is with the congregation for a specific period of time and is not eligible to apply for the full-time position.

St. James decided not to enter into an Intentional Interim Ministry and thus I have entered into an appointment with the congregation. Yet we will need to work on some goals during this Interim period of time. We know that many members of our congregation are missing Rev. Guy and grieving that he is no longer with us. It is important that we acknowledge that grief. We also express our deep appreciation for his rich ministry during the past eleven years and wish him well in his new journey.

Hopefully, our Needs Assessment will help us to determine our direction and mission as we move into the future. I will be encouraging people in our congregation to consider sharing their gifts of leadership. We need several positions filled on our Church Council and one key position is the Chair. During this season of Thanksgiving, please consider how you have been gifted in your life and consider sharing your talents by stepping forward into one of the vacant positions.

Please remember that we are in this ministry together and we all need each other as we walk the road before us. We also know that *We Are Not Alone* on this journey; that God is with us! I want to also express our appreciation to Susan Sheppard and the Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray for their gifts of ministry over the summer months. A big thank you to the students and others who looked after our office and church during the summer.

I look forward to working with our ministry team, Rev. Pamela, Susan, Margaret, Philip, Allan, Doreen and also David, Linda and Keith who look after our building. I joyfully look forward to getting to know many others in the congregation over the coming months.

Blessings, Bill



Rev. Bill, Carolann
and Rebecca-Ann



Hi Everyone,

The return of the fall has been very busy! I have begun ministry here again at St. James while remaining chaplain at **Memorial University and the Marine Institute**. I'm sure it will take me a few months to get myself "sorted out" with scheduling, etc. but I am excited about the journey.

The season of fall for many is often a time of sorting things out. We clean out our closets and make room for warmer clothes; our children clean out their backpacks to make room for new school supplies. We return to the workplace after summer vacation with firmer schedules and earlier bedtimes. Many of us sort and reorganize our closets, pantries, sheds, garages, etc. in anticipation of the cooler days and busier schedules of the fall season.

Sorting also happens within our churches and congregations during the fall. We may envision exciting pathways for our Sunday School, Youth Groups and Church Council. Our journey with Christ in our own lives may take on a new direction as we focus on daily scripture reading or prayer and meditation. We may join a faith study group, **volunteer on a church committee.....or we may simply enjoy the beauty and color of God's world through nature** hiking and walks.

Our church is now in the midst of a Needs Assessment for ministry. This, too, is a type of sorting as we together help one another sort our priorities. How are we as individuals and as a congregation to be the hands and feet of Christ behind our own doors but also out in the world? How are we to live the gospel message in church and society?

Sorting is good. It helps us rid ourselves of clutter and focus on things we may be neglecting or that are important to us. Sorting can help us to refocus and realize trivial matters are just that..... trivial.....both in our church and family life. Sorting helps us bring our priorities to the forefront of our daily living.

At this time of year we also turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving. What is it in your life that you give God thanks? How can your abundance be turned into kindness and good deeds towards others?

As minister of visitation and also chaplain to Memorial and the Marine Institute, I visit many people at this time of **year who are lonely, who need God's love and healing touch in an abundance of ways**. Maybe it is a visit, an invitation to a home cooked meal, or even something as simple as a hug that could be your Thanksgiving to others. **I am a firm believer that no matter who you are or what you've been through in life....no matter where you live or what road you've travelled.... or even how young or old you are....God still needs and wants for you to make a difference in our world.....to bring God's unconditional love and grace to others.**

On behalf of Scott and our children, Sophie, Nathan and Julia, we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

May God bless you and your family as we endeavor to proclaim the Truth of Jesus' Gospel in this time and place.

Rev. Pam

Greetings from St. James Church Council

On behalf of the congregation, St. James Church Council warmly welcomes Rev. Bill Bartlett, who will guide us through the transition period until the Joint Needs Assessment Committee completes its work. We also welcome Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald who is returning from a leave of absence, and we bid a fond farewell to Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray who filled in for Rev. Pamela since January as minister of visitation.





Warm Greetings Friends,

Over the past year, during Rev. Pam's leave, it has been a privilege and a blessing to serve our congregation as Minister of Visitation (Pastoral Care). As my journey has taken me to many different places, it was good to be home.

Thank you for welcoming me into your hearts and homes. This part of the journey has been enriched by what we have shared – in story, in laughter, and in tears. What we shared in such intimate ways is a memory that I will cherish far into the future – indeed forever.

As we continue our voyage, let me leave you with some favourite blessings:

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. VU349

...and this well-known nautical blessing:
Fair winds and following seas and long may your big jib draw!

Rev. Ettie

St. James Music

Sing For Fun: Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
Youth Choir: Wednesday 7 p.m.
AOTS Choir: Wednesday 8 p.m.
Doreen Brown

Guitar Singing Group: Wednesday 11—12:30 p.m.
Herb Carruthers

Senior Choir: Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Phil Roberts

Children's Choir: Saturday 10 -10:30 a.m.
Susan Sheppard



BIBLE STUDY

We extend an invitation to anyone wishing to learn more about the Bible and how the Scriptures apply to our daily lives to join our weekly Bible study on Wednesday at 12:30 to 1:30 in the Fellowship Room.



Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices

Wheel Chairs

Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services we offer, please check with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.



Labyrinth



As part of this year's GO project, the participants built a labyrinth on the west side lawn. The walking of labyrinths is an ancient Spiritual Practice used in many cultures around the world. Walking a labyrinth simulates a journey. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has one path; therefore, you will not get lost but can pray or meditate without fear as you follow the path to the centre. Feel free to come and try out the labyrinth at any time. Individuals or groups wishing more information on the history and Spiritual Practice of the labyrinth may contact Susan and we can arrange a time for an introduction to the labyrinth.



Go Project members building the Labyrinth

Get Ready—Get Set—GO - Join the Fun

GO St. John's 2012

July 22—August 2



Rendez-Vous – Chelsea Skanes

This August, seven people from St. James, including myself, travelled to Toronto, Ontario, to participate in Rendez-Vous, a gathering of over 500 United Church youth from all over Canada. While there, we participated in various workshops and activities. From these workshops, we learned new ways to improve youth ministry in our congregation as well as ways to expand this ministry through our own lives and the community that surrounds us. We also experienced numerous guest speakers who shared their outlook on life and religion with us in a way that was often both humorous and thought-provoking. The motto of Rendez-Vous was “Go

Big and Go Home!” and that’s exactly what we’re planning on doing: bringing all of our experiences back home to Newfoundland so more people can experience the excitement we felt in Toronto!

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be used



This year, St. James hosted the first-ever GO! Project to take place in Newfoundland. Youth from our own community, as well as other communities in Ontario and Nova Scotia, came together and volunteered at places such as the Agnes Pratt Retirement Home, the Tommy Sexton Centre, Stella's Circle, as well as with various food banks, community gardens and soup kitchens. They also participated in numerous activities around the St. John's area, such as cleaning up a beach and spreading love downtown with "LUVBombs." The youth are looking forward to bringing their experiences home to their respective towns and congregations, and look forward to spreading the energy of GO! to all those around them!



Go Project & Barron of Barbershop Chorus Choir



Making Salad for the Homeless



Beach Clean Up



Oh So Clean Sleeping Quarters



Garden - Tommy Sexton Centre



Using Power Tool at Street Reach



Thank You —Susan Sheppard

Thank you to the members of St. James congregation for the wonderful support you have shown to our youth programs this past year. We undertook two big events: hosting the GO Project and sending seven participants to the National United Church youth gathering, Rendez-vous, in Toronto. These events took a lot of fundraising and volunteers to be successful, and you were there to help out in any and all ways possible.



Youth taking part in the GO project found St. James to be a happy and comfortable home for their eleven-day stay. They ventured out into the community each morning to learn about and work with various agencies such as Stella Burry Corporation, Choices for Youth, Street Reach, Community Food Sharing, Tommy Sexton Centre, George Street United Church Soup Kitchen, Agnes Pratt Senior's Home, and the Rabbittown Community Garden. The participants also cleaned up a beach, built a Labyrinth, and ran a children's program at St. James.

Along with all the work, everyone took part in various reflection exercises, meal preparation, worship leadership and, for a change of pace and an experience of our culture, a trip to Bell Island and a few hours at the St. John's Regatta.

Youth participating in Rendez-vous gathered with 550 other youth, young adults and their leaders in Toronto for the United Church's largest national gathering of youth. They took part in a number of workshops on areas of personal interest such as drama, play, music and mission. They heard inspiring keynote speakers and participated in enlivening worship. Members of our youth choir and band, Sight Restored, were part of the music team which lead the congregational singing.

Thank you again for your continued support of Youth Ministry at St. James.





St. James United Church UCW Jean White (Co-President)

At this time of the year we can relate to Bliss Carmen **when he wrote "There is something in the autumn that is native to my blood ... and my heart is like a rhyme with the yellow and the purple and the crimson keeping time."**

Beautiful fall has arrived. Our meetings have resumed and we are busily planning our annual Morning Coffee and Fall Sale for November 5th. Since age is creeping up on our members, we will again need help from the congregation. Over the summer we were saddened to hear of the passing of three of our dear members -- Violet Brown, Annie Humphries, and Mary Martin. We give God thanks and praise for their lives and their contributions to our UCW.

In September we thoroughly enjoyed an evening of **dessert and entertainment with the Saint Augustine's ladies**. It is always a pleasure to associate and socialize with other congregations and denominations. Doing so reinforces our belief that we are all sisters in Christ and have the same purpose in life.

We sincerely encourage all ladies of the congregation to attend our meetings on the second Monday of each month (except October when it will be the third Monday because of Thanksgiving). We would also welcome you to bowl on Tuesday mornings, to meet with the Friendship Group on Wednesdays at 2 pm. at the church, and to sing with the UCW Choir. Anyone needing information on any of the above activities, please contact Roma Paul (726-8586) or Jean White (739-0908).

We wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.



"Nothing purchased can come close to the renewed sense of gratitude for having family and friends."

—Courtland Milloy

Coffee Hour Schedule

October 2011– June 2012



October 16	Church Council
November 20	AOTS
December 18	Christian Development
January 15	Stewardship
February 19	Senior Choir
March 18	Prop/M&P/Finance
April 15	Worship & Sacraments
May 20	UCW
June (TBA)	Christian Development

Escasoni: A worship service is held at Escasoni the second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome!

UCW FALL FAIR AND MORNING COFFEE

November 5, 2011

9:45 – 12 Noon



Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from members or at the door.

Come out and enjoy a great morning of tea, coffee and goodies from the tea tables.

Shop around from the home bakery, crafts, knitted and hand work stalls.

Persons from our congregation who would like to donate to our sale in any way can contact Jean White at 739-0908 or Roma Paul at 726-8586

Your support is greatly appreciated!



Youth Groups – Rebecca Pike

The St. James Senior Youth Group – “Set” – is alive and thriving and have had many accomplishments over the past few months. Many of our members participated in Go! and Rendez-Vous and are already looking forward to possibly attending events such as the East District meetings where we have been invited to lead the opening worship. We look forward to doing more volunteering in the coming days with organizations such as **Street Reach, the Tommy Sexton Centre, and at the various soup kitchens in downtown St. John’s.** **We also have many ideas for new projects and ideas for helping the St. John’s community.** We are looking forward to more Wake-a-Thons and selling Christmas ornaments in December to raise money for those in need. **We’re planning on having a very eventful year and are always looking for new members!** Even with many projects in the works, we have many fun events planned as well. If there are any youth age 14 and above who would like to join the Youth Group, contact Chelsea Skanes, Rebecca Pike, Douglas Matthews or Dylan Matthews.

The St. James Junior Youth Group – “Ready” – is new to our church this year. It is for any youth aged 11-13 and is being organized to work with St. James Senior Youth Group as a way to get the younger youth involved and excited to partake in the many events that they can join when they are a few years older. Donna MacPherson, St. James work-term student from last winter, is organizing this group. If you have any questions or interest in this group, please contact Donna, Susan or Rebecca.

Each of the youth groups meets on alternating Saturday nights. To find out which group is which week, either check the Sunday bulletin or contact Rebecca, Donna, or Susan.



St. James Players – Rebecca Pike

Starting its seventh season, St. James Players has an action-packed year planned! With a spooky haunted house coming on October 30, to our always popular dinner theatre in March, this year is non-stop for SJP. We are excited to offer our dinner theatre on two nights so that more can enjoy the talents of our members. We look forward to being a part of the St. James ministry again and pulling at your emotional strings with our acting abilities

Sunday School

- Rebecca Pike

Sunday School has started up for another year. We are using a new curriculum this year called *One Room Sunday School* which has many new Bible-based crafts and activities for the children and youth of St. James.

At this time of year families are starting to settle back into routines, and we hope you will find time for our **Sunday School in your family’s busy life.**

Also, we still require teachers for our 3-5 and 6-8 age groups. If you have an interest in helping out, please let me know. It is only one Sunday a month, and we always have fun!



If you love to sing, come join our singing group every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. **It’s a great way to meet people while singing old and new favorites.**



St. JAMES AOTS

The St. James (AOTS) Men's Club resumed its 2011-2012 schedule with its first dinner meeting on September 21. In early May the Club held another successful retreat at Burry Heights and in July it gladly accepted an invitation to worship with Ern and Stella Bishop and the congregation of Heart's Delight United. On August 28 the Club conducted the morning service at St. James, and on September 11 it participated in a memorial service at Hoyles/Escasoni.

The Club has several upcoming fall projects including its popular fish dinner on October 21 and a flea market on November 23. Tickets for the fish dinner can be arranged through Albert Styles or David Hapgood. We welcome donations for the flea market as the date approaches.

A Thanksgiving Perspective: Thanksgiving Day is not a Christian celebration like Christmas or Easter, but Christians celebrate the event because the origin of the day is to give thanks to God for all His blessings and all that He has done for us. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in Canada on the second Monday of October since 1957. A common image seen during Thanksgiving is the cornucopia, or horn, filled with fruits and vegetables, which represents the "Horn of Plenty," a symbol of bounty and plenty in ancient Greece. Turkeys, pumpkins, ears of corn and large displays of food, reflective of the bountiful harvest, are also used to symbolize Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving is the holiday of peace, the celebration of work and the simple life ... a true folk festival that speaks to the poetry of the turn of the seasons, the beauty of seedtime and harvest, the ripe product of the year, and the deep, deep connection of all these things to God. (Ray S. Baker).

The Club holds its regular dinner meeting the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the church auditorium. New members are warmly welcomed.

AOTS Men's Service Club Fish Dinner

Friday, October 21 - 6 p.m.

St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue



Tickets can be arranged through Albert
Styles or David Hapgood



Flea Market

A flea market sponsored by
St. James AOTS will be held on
Wednesday, November 23, at
7 p.m.





St. James United Church

Income Statement

January - August 2011 compared with January - August 2010

	2011	2010	Budget
REVENUE			
Collections			
Envelopes	133,709	137,533	160,000
Loose	5,611	4,651	6,333
Initial	781	867	600
Easter	4,220	5,612	5,700
Lenten	4,793	4,408	4,500
Christmas	360	30	-
Thanksgiving	15	-	-
Anniversary	125	-	-
Sunday School	287	385	295
Total collections	149,901	153,487	177,428
Other			
Rentals	21,578	20,889	22,000
Sundry	5,442	9,268	4,000
Observer	320	600	400
Donations - Mens Service Club	-	-	-
Donations - UCW	-	5,000	-
Fund raising and Special	18,706	10,025	4,667
Hymn Sing	5,415	3,770	4,200
Bulletin	890	570	867
Total other	52,351	50,122	36,133
TOTAL REVENUE	202,252	203,609	213,561
EXPENSE			
Church			
Repairs and Maintenance	3,375	3,956	3,333
Heat	17,703	12,804	12,667
Hillcrest Repairs	3,195	-	-
Light	5,913	5,257	6,000
Telephone & Internet	1,910	2,309	2,533
Insurance	3,939	3,646	3,980
Printing & Stationary	4,729	3,487	4,400
Office Equipment Lease	2,221	3,118	2,867
Interest & Bank Charges	1,426	1,209	1,600
Snow Clearing	40	6,763	3,429
Miscellaneous	1,514	3,540	1,667
Organ Tuning	868	-	1,333
Professional Fees	2,663	2,663	2,700
Office Equipment and Computers	659	638	1,000
Main/Cleaning Supplies	4,303	3,338	3,333
Total Church	54,457	52,727	50,842

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Assessments & Donations

East District	3,230	3,150	6,460
General Protestant Cemetery	1,000	2,000	2,000
Bridges to Hope	500	1,000	1,000
Social Outreach	141	172	-
Total Assessments & Donations	4,871	6,322	9,460

Committee and Other

Christian Development	2,023	1,701	3,556
Special Projects	14,099	10,456	6,667
Continuing Education	425	62	1,600
Worships and Sacraments	692	866	667
Stewardship	58	-	167
Observer	-	584	400
Administration/Communications	-	-	-
Pastoral Relations	1,033	-	-
Archives	-	-	100
Ministry and Personnel	-	-	333
Total Committee and Other	18,329	13,669	13,489

Salaries and Allowances

Ministers & Administration Salaries	77,280	74,759	89,333
Government Grant-Summer Employment	5,764	2,099	-
Car Allowances	2,075	3,537	3,600
Housing Allowances	16,800	18,300	19,200
Support Staff	12,265	15,522	16,000
Employee Benefits	19,468	28,097	26,667
Total Salaries and Allowances	133,652	142,314	154,800

TOTAL EXPENSE

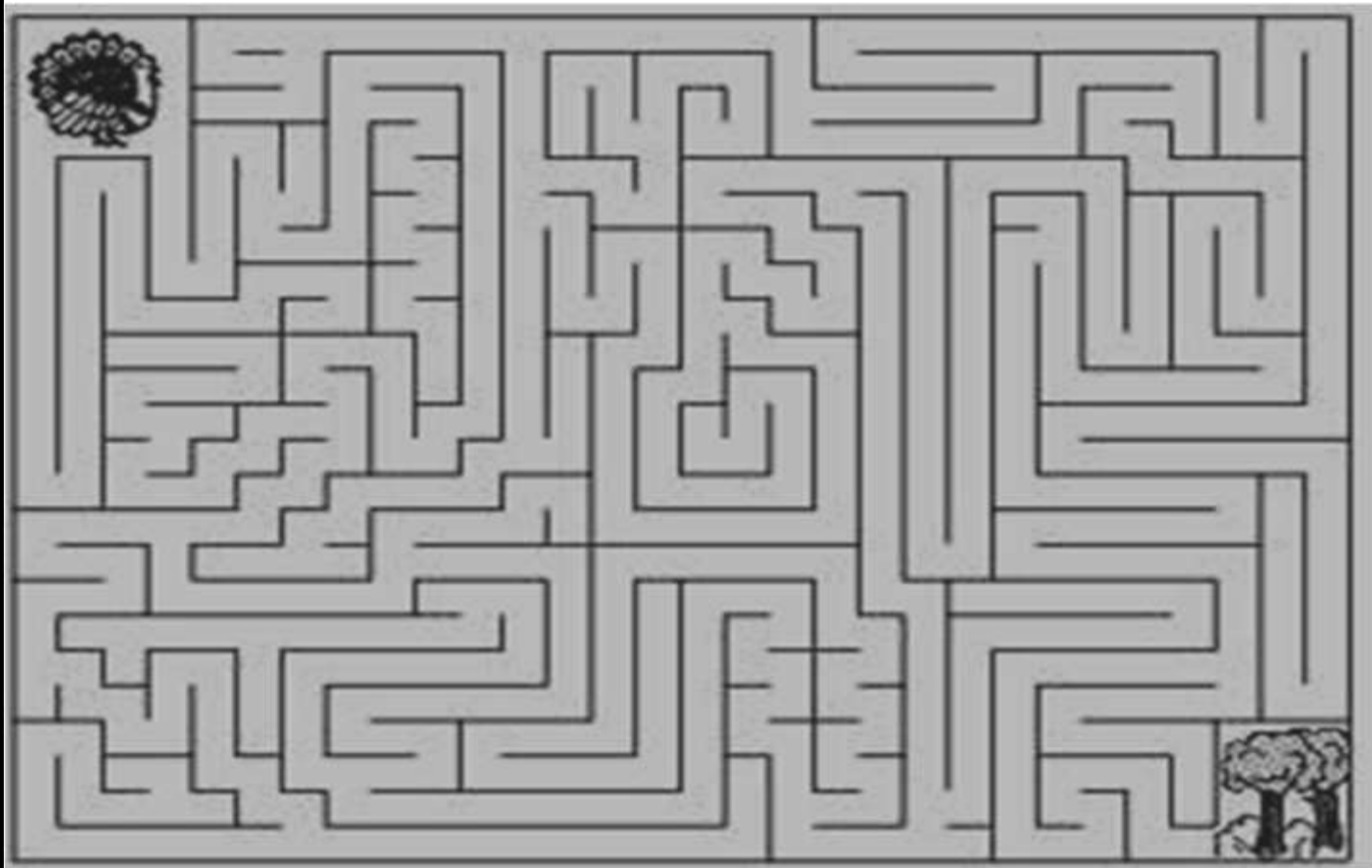
211,308 215,031 228,591

NET INCOME

(9,056) (11,422) (15,029)

Note From Our Treasurer: Jean Thompson

You will notice that our revenue is down from 2010 and also down to what the budget is for the first 8 months of 2011. Our total expenses are also down, due mainly to Rev. Guy's departure. We have had to replace the roof at the Day Care center and that is why our church expenses are up from last year. The only other expense that is up is heat.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE**

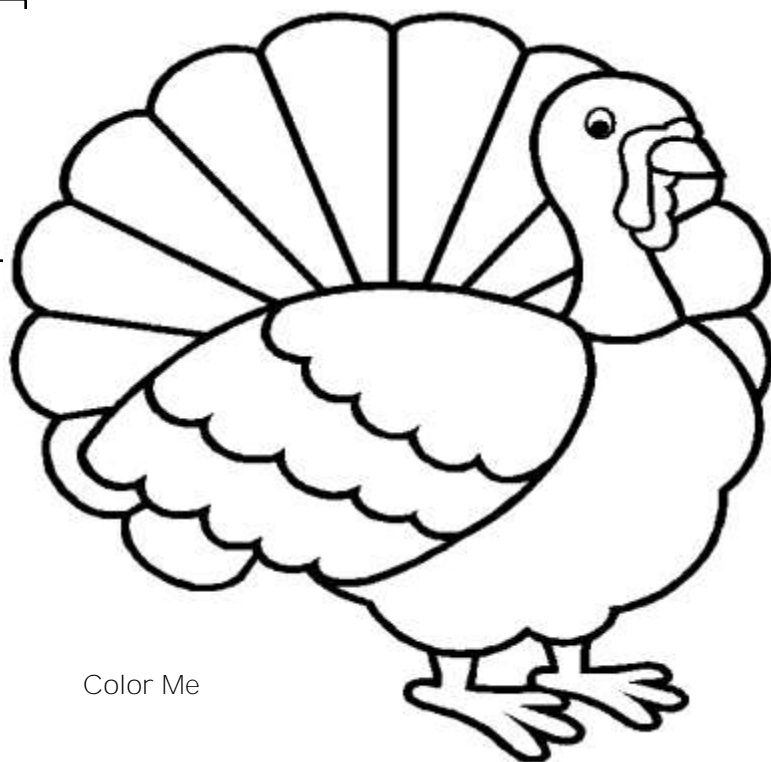
Why didn't the turkey finish his dessert?
Why was the turkey the drummer in the band?
What do you get when you cross a turkey with
a centipede?

(Answers on page 16)

Looking for Young People

12 years of age and up
who are interested in becoming members
of the United Church of Canada.
Our Confirmation Classes began on
October 1st

If any adults are interested in Confirmation,
we are willing to hold a separate class.
call Susan at 722-1881



Color Me



OUR PERSONALITY IS SHOWING!

Churches are as different as individuals. Each church has its own personality, woven out of the joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams, and faith and commitment to God. Some churches are open, friendly, loving and positive. Others may be exclusive, friendly only to a few, preoccupied with self, etc. What kind of church are we? How do visitors find us? To meet the needs of visitors, we can each do several positive things:

Look for new faces in the congregation, especially those persons sitting close to you.

Introduce yourself. There is a 98 percent chance they will do the same. Learn a new name.

Guide visitors in signing the guest register. Look at their names on the register.

Break off conversations with old friends in order to greet new ones. Most people understand the importance of this.

Do more than tell people about coffee hour after church. Take them and introduce them to others.

If you belong to a group in the church, invite them to come with you to choir, Sunday school, youth groups, etc. Offer to give them a ride to a specific event.

Every day we are being tested. Our visitors go away with whatever impression we have made on them as a church. How are YOU doing? How are WE doing?

(Taken from East Colorado Springs UMC Newsletter)

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.



YOGA CLASSES

Monday mornings at 9:30

Cost is just \$6 per class.

Come along and get bent back into shape!

PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

The United Church of Canada administers this program. You decide the amount you wish to donate to the church, and your bank account will be debited on or about the 20th 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 or traveling. Please call the church office for more details.



A REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Ettie Gordon-Murray

Since both my father and father-in-law were WWII veterans, paying respect and remembering human cost in times of conflict has been part of my family traditions ever since I can remember wearing a forget-me-not and going to the War Memorial on the first of July to honour those who died at Beaumont-Hamel. This year, to respect Remembrance Day, I felt drawn to share with you the following:

Some of you may recall reciting poems about the little boats that courageously helped with the rescue of the 300,000 soldiers stranded on the shores of Dunkirk. My mother-in-law, Doreen Murray, was a young woman working in London, England, at the time of Dunkirk and the first excerpt I will share with you is from her writings **about an encounter she had at "ground zero" during that time.**

"This was the spring of 1940, and the month of May was the time of Dunkirk. The armada of small boats of all descriptions went out from the south coast ports and seaside resorts, conspicuous and vulnerable as they crossed the Channel and waited in the hazardous shallow waters to take the men off. The trains from the south coast at that time were packed with exhausted men, some injured, in uniforms that were in tatters, in **odd bits of civilian clothing or half naked with someone's jacket flung around their shoulders.** The women of the **WVS [Women's Volunteer Service] did a good job in** meeting them at the platforms with food and mugs of comforting hot tea.

One day, a man got into a carriage that I was already in, a non-smoker, and lit a cigarette. I pointed out the **"No Smoking" sign on the window, and he put his cigarette** out and went to sleep. I noticed then that he wore a beret and other garments that seemed to be bits and pieces and in general had a foreign appearance. I was crestfallen, thinking that he was perhaps one of the **Dunkirk men.**" [\[1\]](#)

Sixty-six years later another young woman, Doreen Murray's granddaughter, was at a St. John's shopping mall fetching some candy for the little wizards and witches when she noticed the veterans were back giving poppies away in return for a donation.

My daughter, Alison, wrote me in an e-mail: "When I was getting checked out at Lawton's, I took out \$2.00 for the veterans. I went up, waited my turn and gave the money to one of the men who proceeded to place a poppy on my sweater. I thought it was the least I could do for everything they had sacrificed for all of us. As he did this, I could feel his hands shaking probably from old age and years of working. I had to smile. I mean, after so many years of hard work, this man still had the energy and honour to come out every year (I've seen him there before) and help others put their poppies on. When he was done, I said, "Thank-you." Not just for the poppy but for all he had done. He thanked me back. As I was walking home, I thought of Poppy [her maternal grandfather] and everything he had done, and how much I miss and love him. I hoped he was proud of me. And I began to cry."

Two days later Alison wrote a poem that captured the moment for her. She has given me permission to share it with you.

THE VETERAN

His hands are shaking now,
where once they held a gun.
His eyes are fading, but they
do not forget what they saw.
The wrinkles on his face
show the world his
turmoil and hard work.
His mind, a fragile thing,
deprived of rest by nightmares
— that once were real.
His uniform once fitted and crisp
now hangs on him
as if hung on a line to dry.



THE VETERAN - (continued)

I thanked him that day
for the poppy he placed
on my sweater.

But
I really meant more –
thank you for the poppy
thank you for the protection
thank you for the freedom

But
sorry
sorry for your sacrifice
sorry for the loss of your youth
sorry for the nightmares

We owe so much to
those who fought for someone –
they did or
did not know
They gave us an opportunity
to learn, to grow
to continue what they started
so long ago

For that I thank you.
Whether through
a salute
a smile
a nod
a hug
a time of silence
or
a tear.

On November 11 if you cannot go to a war memorial to honour the lost, injured, and those who gave their lives, I invite you to take a few minutes to ponder how the sacrifices of a loved one or a stranger have made a difference in your life.

2010-2011 CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair – Vacant
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
Communications and Admin – Marion Penney

Youth Rep – Chelsea Skanes
Youth Rep – Miranda Ramjattan
AOTS – Les Dean
UCW – Menetha Dyke
East District – Mary Hood
East District – Ruth Baker
East District – Rosemary White
East District Alternate – Vacant
Board of Trustees – Hal Stanley
Board of Trustees – Bruce Hunt
Board of Trustees – June Jones

If you would like to fill either of our vacancies, please call the office at 722-1881.



Rev. Guy's Farewell

On June 18 members and friends of our congregation gathered in the sanctuary to offer joyous thanks to Rev. Guy and Deanna for his eleven year ministry at St. James and **to wish them God's blessings as he prepares** for his new ministry at Gower Street United. Rev. Guy, Deanna, and their two sons Douglas and Dylan arrived at St. James on July 1, 2000, from Glovertown United and for the next eleven years they enjoyed the many joys and challenges that life within our congregation brought.

During the farewell musical concert and celebration, special words of thanks were extended through word and song by the

Church Council and other groups within the congregation including the UCW, the AOTS, the Youth Choir, Sight Restored, and the Drama Group. Rev. Guy was presented with a number of farewell gifts, and flowers were also presented to Deanna. Following the presentations, a farewell reception was held in the auditorium where a bountiful offering of food and refreshments was enjoyed thanks to members of our congregation.

Rev. Guy's ministry at St. James will be remembered through his strong ministerial leadership and his unwavering support for youth and outreach ministry. His legacy will, in part, be remembered through his commitment to a blend of traditional and contemporary worship and to outreach projects such as the Go Project and the After School Program at St. Andrews school. The AOTS will continue to enjoy the ministerial spirit which Rev. Guy brought to their annual Burry Heights retreat.

We are indeed blessed that both Douglas and Dylan will continue to be members of our St. James family and that through them Rev. Guy and Deanna will continue to be in our midst as they enjoy their life and work with our sister congregation at Gower Street United.



Answers to Turkey Jokes

1. Because He was stuffed
2. Because He had the drumsticks
3. 100 drumsticks



WORSHIP SCHEDULE : OCTOBER 9—DECEMBER 25, 2011

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	CHOIR / BAND (tentative)
October 9	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Thanksgiving / Baptism	Sight Restored Senior
16	11 am	Go Project Team (Coffee Hour—Church Council)	Go Project Musicians
23	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Regular	Sight Restored Youth/AOTS
30	11 am	Laity Sunday	AOTS
November 6	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Remembrance / Baptism	Sight Restored Youth / AOTS
13	11 am	Communion	Senior
20	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Anniversary (Coffee Hour—AOTS)	Sight Restored Senior
27	11 am	ADVENT 1(Hanging of the Greens)	Senior
December 4	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Advent 2	Sight Restored Senior
11	11 am	Advent 3 / White Gift	Youth / AOTS
18	9:30 am 11 am	Contemporary Advent 4 - Christmas with Senior Choir (Coffee Hour—Christian Dev.)	Sight Restored Senior
24	TBA	Christmas Eve Family Service Carol Sing Christmas Eve Communion	Youth/AOTS / Sight Restored Senior Senior
25	11 am	Christmas Celebration	Senior