

St.James Visitor

Thanksgiving 2014



Behold! I am making all things new! Revelation 21: 5

Grace and Peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ!

I can hardly believe it, but the summer has passed and I have been serving the St. James family and sharing in ministry with you for more than a year now. This year has been transformative in so many ways- the blessings, joys and challenges that come with walking with a new group of people has truly continued to shape not only my ministry but also my spirit. I thank all of you for your love, support (and, let's be real here- often, your patience!) as I was immersed into this community of faith, learning the ropes and

building relationships.



The July sun has set, the August rain has fallen and the cooler fall breeze blows through the trees among us, marking

yet again another change in season. Over the past few weeks I've been reading the work of Christian writer Joyce Rupp and as we move into this new season, her autumn reflections in The Circle of Life in particular have been springing to my mind more and more often. She has a particularly interesting take on the leaves falling from trees. For Rupp, she sees this not as a symbol of death and the new life that comes following a harsh winter, but as nature "letting go." She writes that people often choose to do "spring cleaning" in their home, but nature flows a different way. It is in autumn as we prepare for colder and darker nights that nature lets go of everything that is no longer necessary. What

beautiful imagery this is. Maybe we could all benefit from taking this autumn season to reflect on our own lives and do an internal, spiritual letting go and cleaning of those things that are holding us back.

Let go of fear and anxiety of uncertain futures.

Let go of those negative voices that tell us we are not good enough, not smart enough, not gifted enough- recognizing, of course, that often these voices are our own.

Let go of petty practices of judgment and critique that harm our relationships.

Let go of tolerating and embrace celebrating.

Let go of that thing that has been weighing on your mind. We all have one... a paper that is due soon? Making a phone call to a loved one? Finally cleaning out the basement after putting it off for the last 6 months? (Ok, cards on the table, that one was mine. But I'm working to it.)

Let go of feeling alone. God is with us. We are never alone.

Friends, I wish you a beautiful autumn season. I hope in the middle of all the busyness, committee meetings, family gettogethers, school and whatever else is written in our calendars that you are still able to find time to reflect, let go, and restore your spirits.



Blessings, Rev. Terrie Burry



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St. James 56th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Hot sit-down meal plus a goods and talent auction. Come join us for some good, wholesome family fun.

WHERE???

Royal Canadian Legion 930 The Boulevard, Branch #56 Pleasantville, St. John's, NL

WHEN???

Friday Evening - November 14, 2014

AUCTION Immediately after the sit down meal

Mealtime: 6:30 P.M.
Dinner
Adult \$30.00
Children \$20.00
Bidding number free with meal
\$5.00 without a meal





ST. JAMES UCW by Glenda Butt



Greetings from the United Church Women. Fall is the start of our regular meetings and activities. It is good to meet again after the summer break. Several of our members had medical issues over the summer, and we are praying for their speedy recoveries and return to our meetings.

The UCW is an organization which provides Christian fellowship, friendship and mutual support for women in the United Church. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month from September through May.

Sunday, October 26, is Laity Sunday. The UCW will be conducting the 11 a.m. church service as they have done for many years.

Our **Morning Coffee and Fall Sale** is scheduled for Saturday, November 8. Conveners Vera Marshall and Jean White have already started to organize this event. The United Church Women would like to thank the members of St. James for generously supporting our fundraising endeavours and we look forward to our congregation's ongoing participation. The proceeds from our **Morning Coffee and Fall Sale** allow us to contribute financially to St. James Church, the Mission and Service Fund and other United Church-sponsored projects.

New members are always welcome. We encourage ladies of all ages to join. The UCW organization is a wonderful way for women of our congregation to become better acquainted. Involvement need not take too much of your time. Members are encouraged to participate as much as they are able. Please give it some thought, and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy the beauty of the Autumn season, and thank you again for your continued support.

Betty Pilgrim, Co-President (726-6923), Glenda Butt, Recording Secretary (895-8415)







Sponsored by the UCW St. James Auditorium Saturday, November 8, 2014

Time: 9:45am – 12 Noon Cost: \$6.00





A Warm Message From our

Office Administrator

I love the seasons. These mornings bring a crispness to the air that changes into gentle warmth as the day builds. It's a time of apparent change that asks for reflections of the wonderful summer spent with family and friends, followed by new autumn plans for personal growth and community involvement. So it is with renewed energy that I return to St. James after a summer of students looking after the office. My new schedule of hours continues, with Monday morning being a good time for the congregation to follow up on all those things remembered on Sunday. With most of my time spent in the office, I have occasional need to go to the Sanctuary. The dictionary defines the word 'sanctuary' as a sacred place of refuge and safety. As a meditator, I have learned to find that place of peace within my own being, but I am made extremely aware of it each time I walk through the Sanctuary here. Thank you for the beautiful space you have created! My hours are 9.30am - 1pm and 1.30-5pm, Monday - Thursday. If you find yourself needing to connect with your own inner sanctuary during those times, please feel free to drop by to do so. Sometimes, all we need is a place.

SuAn Randall

UPCOMING MODERATOR'S VISIT

Our moderator, the Right Reverend Dr. Gary Peterson, will be making an official visit to Newfoundland and Labrador over the October 17-25, 2014 period. In conjunction with this visit Gower Street, Cochrane Street, Topsail United and St. James United Churches will be co-ordinating an "Evening With the Moderator" event at Coch-

rane Street United Church on

Thursday, October 23 from 7:30 -9:30 P.M.

This event will include a welcoming and gospel music session with the latter to be performed by choral/musical groups from individual congregations. Following this performance a meet and greet refreshment session with the Moderator will be held in the church auditorium. Members of all United Church congregations and the public at large are invited to attend this special event.





If you have not received your special givings envelope this year, please use a blank envelope and include the information outlined above or ask your usher at church for this one.



COME DANCE WITH ME

We hear a lot about dancing for health, for aerobic exercise, for weight loss. BUT how about dancing for a sense of community? For prayer and meditation? Or just for fun – no partner, no performance, no pressure?

Sacred Circle Dance (or Circle Dance) is all that and more. No partners are needed or expected. Dances are taught anew each time and repeated frequently so that the familiar patterns are conducive to meditation. The goal of the dancer is not performance. It is closer to prayer.



Sacred Circle Dance is a gentle way of bringing body, mind and spirit together. It relieves stress, releases creative energy and helps the dancer feel both centred and connected. It is meditation in movement.

Sacred Circle Dancing

- Is suitable for persons (men and women) of ALL ages who want to dance.
 - Teaches all dances and no partners are necessary.
 - Is done in a circle or in a line, often holding hands.
 - Requires NO special clothes or footwear (many dance barefoot).

Come join our Sacred Circle Dances, Thursday mornings at 11am, beginning October 23.

For More Information contact Susan, 722-1881, extension 204.

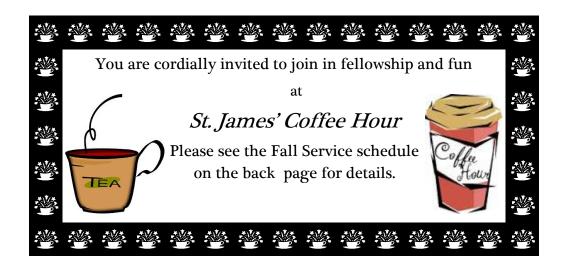


FALL FAITH STUDY

Join us for a refreshing new take on what the Bible is, how it came to be, and how we read it today. **Animate: Bible** is a seven-session adult exploration of the Bible. In each **Animate: Bible** session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection, and share ideas with the group.

Sessions begin Monday, October 20, at 10 am and 7:30pm.

For More Information contact Susan, 722-1881, extension 204.





Greetings From Your Church Council

As Chair of your Church Council, I am writing to thank you for your support of our Church. With your continued commitment, we are anxiously anticipating the positive and exciting Church year that lies ahead. St. James is blessed with a dedicated staff and a Congregation with members of all ages, doing God's work together.

This past summer was exciting as we hosted the GO project and a number of our young people attended Go in Stratford and Rendez-vous in Winnipeg. We experimented with an earlier Sunday morning worship time and hopefully it was well received by all. Musical leadership was provided by a number of folks. We were quite fortunate to avail of the services of Maxine Rose, Lorraine Moores, Doreen Brown, Bob Rose and Mian Chen for Sunday services during the summer and our thanks and gratitude are extended to them.

This fall we also welcome two new musicians to our Sunday worship. Over the summer we were very fortunate to obtain the services of Amy Daziel and Sophia Werden Abrams. Amy has just completed a Master's Degree in Piano Performance at MUN and Sophia is currently enrolled in the Master's Program in Choral Conducting at MUN. Both Sophia and Amy have provided music during worship in United Church Congregations throughout Canada. I am confident they will work with the worship team and offer excellent music.

We are also moving forward with efforts to re-start our Church Band under the direction of Ashley Beresford. It is hoped the band will offer a continuing opportunity for graduates of Project Grace under the capable leadership of Gillian Sheppard and her staff of musicians.

Indeed, there is an excitement in the air around St. James as our programs, groups, and committee work move into full swing. Please take every opportunity to be among us and experience it first hand.

On your behalf, thank you to our staff and the members of our committees for their tireless efforts.

Please do not hesitate to contact any member of Council if you have concerns.

Clyde Flight, Chair



Bridges to Hope

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Food insecurity is an important issue today. Contributing to organizations like Bridges to Hope helps people just like us, our neighbors, our families and our friends. St. James, as a United Church congregation, has been contributing to Bridges to Hope for many years. As summer turns into fall, the food bank once again needs our generosity. In particular, they need canned beans in sauce, canned milk, dry pasta, canned soup and protein sources such



as tuna, canned ham and turkey. The food bank is not just for "other people." It is a resource for anyone who falls on hard times and needs a helping hand. Please give. Any help is a wonderful contribution.

Non-perishables can be placed in the Food Chest located in the foyer of the church.





St. James United Church Financial Statement January to August 2014 vs 2013

	2014	2013	Budget
Revenue:			
Collections	141,448	141,639	165,378
Rentals	26,220	27,302	28,667
Go Project	6,748	20,711	10,000
Fund Raising	1,195	1,326	8,000
Hymn Sing	5,039	5,765	6,000
Other	7,526	9,483	18,066
Total Revenue	188,176	206,226	236,111
Expenses:			
Repairs/Cleaning Supplies	8,677	8,667	6,666
Heat/Lights	24,783	24,588	24,667
Printing/Stationary	2,797	4,231	4,000
Bank Loan Repayment/Interest	11,732	12,722	8,500
Other	14,110	20,633	17,583
Assessments/Donations	3,985	8,787	7,969
Committees	5,730	7,000	5,249
Go Project	16,294	25,085	10,000
Salaries	140,296	147,028	155,227
Total Expenses	228,404	258,741	239,861
Net Income/Loss	-40,228	-52,515	-3,750

You will notice from the figures above that our revenue from last year is down \$18,000. Our expenses are down from last year by \$30,000. From January to August, we have a shortfall of \$40,000.

Roof Bank Loan:

Back in 2012, we took out a 5-year \$75,000 bank loan to pay for the roof. We have to pay back each year \$15,000 plus interest. For 2014 we have had donations for \$3,385, so we still need to raise \$11,615 and interest to pay our 2014 amount.

Sound System:

The new sound system has been installed and paid for. The cost was \$32,465 and we had donations for \$21,619. It was agreed that the balance would come from the Memorial Fund. We are optimistic that the \$10,846 from our Memorial Fund will be replaced by special donations from the congregation .

Finance Committee



The Sunday School and Youth at St. James - Rebecca Pike

It is fall and we all know what that means. The kids no longer get to play in the sun or fog all day anymore but are back in classrooms. It is the time of the year when I have always thought the church has a chance to start new things, so this year we are!! Sunday School started on September 14th, and we are excited over a new curriculum this year. It is great to say that we have new teachers and new families but we always welcome more!! So to find out about the excitement that is the Sunday School, please contact myself or Susan!! Also, it is with great happiness that Jennifer Adams has come forward to work in the nursery this year. We have a wonderful environment for anyone from newborns to teens downstairs so if you have children or are a child at heart, please come check out what we have to offer!



The youth are all back from their summer adventures. Some went to Go in Stratford and some went to Rendezvous in Winnipeg. We look forward to sharing these adventure stories with you throughout the fall. Our plan this year is to offer something for youth every week of the month!! Chelsea Skanes is going to be leading a Jr. Youth Group, I will run our Sr. Youth Group, and we are going to start conversation groups, bible studies and bring back the family movie nights!! If you want more information, please contact me! Finally we will be offering monthly calendars with church events by email to anyone who is interested!! If you would like to receive one, please contact me by email

rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net

My Summer with Go - Rebecca Pike

Many of you already know that I disappeared for this summer. I took an adventure with The Go Project on my own. While to say I missed home, my family, friends, boyfriend and everyone at St. James would be an understatement, it was an amazing adventure. I just want to share a few details about my summer with you all in case you were wondering what I was doing all summer. I was hired by the Go Project to work at the Go Project sites in Stratford and Toronto. My summer started in Stratford where I met my coworkers, Melissa McCoo (she was in St. John's last year), Kathryn Sarauer and Sanya Beharry (Global Mission Partner from Trinidad and Tobago). These ladies filled my summer with love, support and laughter. I could not



have asked for a better team to work with. In Stratford we ran a Go Project for 5 girls, some from St. James. The program is run out of St. John's United Church. This church is full of life, love and support for everyone who comes to its worship. If you are ever in Stratford be sure to visit!! Next we moved to Toronto where I worked at the birth place of Go, Islington United. Here we ran a program for 10 youth along with 1 home group leader. After this I headed to Winnipeg for Rendezvous, which was a weekend filled with laughter and education.

My summer was busy, and let me say, no it wasn't perfect, I had struggles and hard times. However, as I sit here and look back on my time away it was amazing. I learned and grew in faith more than I even thought I would. I made new friendships and met amazing youth who inspired me with their faith and determination! So really I want to say thanks to you all for being a constant support to me, to being open to supporting the Go Project. If this church didn't have such a love for Go Project and me so much, I never would have had this chance!! I am glad to be home and ready to settle back into life at St. James with you all!



AOTS MEN'S CLUB UPDATE by Les Dean

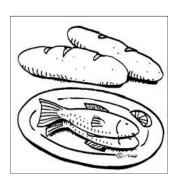
The St. James AOTS (Men's) Club looks forward to its fall and winter program in support of our congregation. Our Men's choir under, Doreen Brown's leadership, will continue to participate in upcoming services and outreach activities. On October 15 our club will be welcoming the members of the Gower Street United Church Men's Club to our regular monthly dinner meeting. Earlier this year we were pleased to accept an invitation to visit with them. As the fall progresses, we will keep our congregation advised of ongoing activities including our upcoming fish dinner on Friday, November 21.

We now have approximately 40 members in our Men's Club and have welcomed several new members in the recent past. We hope other men in our congregation will consider joining our fellowship group and help our Club build on its ongoing service to our congregation and its outreach to the broader community.

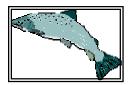
Over the years, we have assisted with the monthly service at the Hoyles/Escasoni seniors' complex. On September 9th past, the Club assisted with the last service at the complex just prior to the move to the new seniors' complex at Pleasantville. We look forward to continuing this outreach service at this new facility.

Several members of our Club and the St. James congregation are actively involved with a joint congregational Committee from various United Church congregations which has been established to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Methodist/United Church presence on the Northeast Avalon. The major events planned include a joint congregation banquet on Saturday, April 25, 2015 and a joint congregation worship service on Sunday, April 26. Further information on this milestone event will be communicated through our church bulletins, (etc.) in the months ahead.

This 200-year history formally commenced in December, 1814 with the opening of the first Methodist chapel on the Northeast Avalon on Prescott Street in St. John's. This small chapel was destroyed in the St. John's fire of February, 1816 following which the small Methodist congregation elected to build their second chapel near the present location of Gower Street United Church.

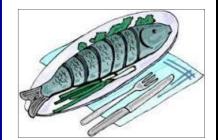


ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH 330 ELIZABETH AVENUE



AOTS Men's Service Club Fish Dinner

Friday, November 21, 2014 Time: 6pm Cost: \$20.00







St. James Music



Youth Choir Wed 6:45 pm (Doreen Brown)

(Ages 8-18)

UCW Choir As needed (Doreen Brown)

AOTS Choir Wed 8pm (Doreen Brown)

Guitar Group Thur. 10:30 am-12:30pm

(Herb Carruthers)

Senior Choir Thur. 7:30pm

Sight Restored Sat. 10:30am

(Praise Band, Contemporary Church Music)

ADULT GROUPS

AOTS 3rd Wed each month: 5:30pm

(Men's Service Club)

UCW 2nd Mon each month: 7:30pm

(United Church Women)

UCW Friendship Group 2nd/4th Wed each month

2 pm

Bible Study Monday at 10 am or

Tuesday at 7 pm

COFFEE HOUR

October 2014 to January 2015

October 19

November 16

December 21

January 18





CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROUPS

Sunday School and Nursery 11 a.m. service

Ready, Set, Go!

- Senior Youth 14+ Two Saturdays each month 7 p.m.
- Junior Youth 11-13 One Saturday each month 6 p.m.

The GO Project Summer July 2015

(Grades 9 to age 19)

Confirmation Meetings TBD

Classes for children 12+

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Sunday, October 19</u>: Laity Sunday/World Food Sunday

Saturday, November 8: UCW Fall

Sale & Morning Coffee

Friday, November 14: Anniversary Celebration

Friday, November 21: AOTS Fish Dinner

Somayog with SuAn: Beginning Monday October 20th, 5.30-6.30pm: 6 weekly sessions, for all levels, to practice this gentle style of yoga. Wear loose clothing and bring along a yoga mat or blanket as well as a belt or tie for the leg stretches. The regular practice of Somayog brings a



genuine lasting change in comfort, range of movement, posture and general body functioning. Any lower back pain will start to dissolve, and you will begin to move with greater freedom and flexibility. Starting where you are with what you have, you will start to feel that wonderful paradox of yoga – relaxed and energized at the same time. Cost: \$60 (tax inc) for 6-week session.

THEOLOGY A TAP

Once a month: Thursday Night (TBA)

Coffee House

Once a month: Thursday Night (TBA)

email: youthchurch@stjamesuc.org



UNITED CHURCH PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving, or more recently known as Legacy Giving, is planning to make a gift to your Church. Planned Gifts are donated from accumulated resources or assets, as well as from income. As Christians grow in faith, so too does the desire to share and to exult in the joy of giving.

THE BLESSING OF SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY YOU VALUE

Your gift can ensure that The United Church of Canada will be there for future generations. You can choose to gift any ministry or mission in the Church – the Mission and Service Fund, St. James United congregation, global outreach, a mission unit, education for clergy and lay people, Burry Heights camp, etc., etc. There is an abundance of opportunities and a richness of possibilities!

THE BLESSING OF CHOICE OF GIFT TECHNIQUES

There are many ways you can make your gift to the Church:

Bequest, Gift Annuity, Gift of Life Insurance, Gifts of Publicly Listed Securities, Endowment Gifts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Gifts of Residual Interest, Cash Gifts and Interest-free Loans.

You can choose the method that is most beneficial for you and your family.

THE BLESSING OF INCOME TAX INCENTIVES

One of the blessings of living in Canada is that Canadians care about our social, cultural and religious fabric. Recognizing this, our government gives us the opportunity to contribute to those areas that we treasure. The government encourages our gifts by offering meaningful tax relief for charitable donors.

THE BLESSING OF PERSONAL HELP

As your Financial Development Officer, I welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your family to discuss your values and religious beliefs and how gift planning serves your current needs and estate planning wishes. I can also work with your lawyer and professional advisors to arrange the most suitable gift for your circumstances. I will also help you with the wording of your gift so that it supports the ministry you wish to support. This service is provided at no cost to you through the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada.

Thank you for considering a Legacy Gift to the future work of your Church for generations to come.



CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL Financial Development Officer Clyde Flight, 38 Ottawa Street, St. John's, NL A1A2Z2 Phone 709 722 9935 or email cflight@united-church.ca





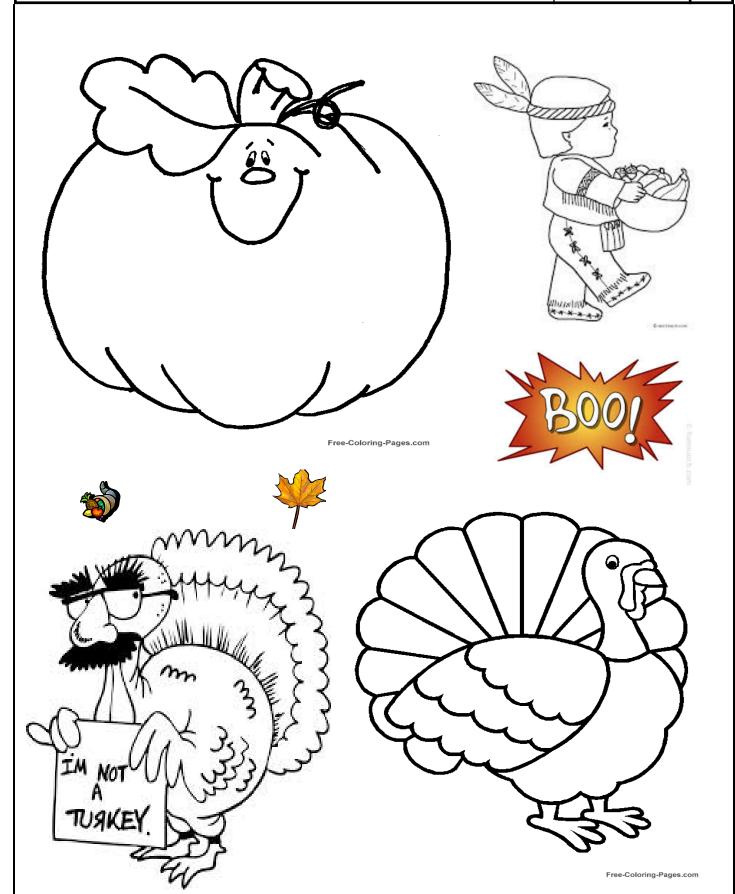
The GO Project



The GO Project is a United Church of Canada program that serves youth and adults as they discern God's will for their lives while practicing service, mission and outreach in Canadian host cities. Through a unique style of workshops matched with service, the passion of God is revealed through stories , community and spiritual practices. Summer mission and service experiences can be an example of ways that we can integrate the experiences of the church year round.

For more information on the GO Project visit www.thegoproject.ca or talk to Susan Sheppard or Rebecca Pike.







Tentative October 2014

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Blessing Animals 2PM	6	7	8 YC	9 SCD	10 Ready	II Set
12	13	/ 14	15 Y C	SCD	Youth Forum	Youth Forum
l9 Youth Forum	20	21	22 YC	23 SCD	24	25
26 CC Halloween Party	27	28	29 YC	30 SCD	31	
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Senior Youth: SET Youth Choir: YC Sunday School: SS Liturgical Dance: LD Confirmation Class: CC Junior Youth: READY Movie Night: MN Sacred Circle Dance: SCD

HESE DATE MAY CHANGE FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT REBECCA OR SUSAN

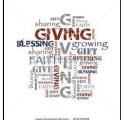
The Significance of Using PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance)



The United Church of Canada administers the PAR program. You decide the amount you wish to pay the church and your account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month. (Small cards are available to put in the offering plate in place of church envelopes).

You can also use Visa/Master Card via the PAR Program.

Many people use PAR as a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church whether they are at home or traveling. Historically, faithful contributors to St. James United Church have



given weekly through offering envelopes. More recently, a growing number of givers have automatic payments withdrawn monthly from their bank accounts. When you sign up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), you guarantee your gift every month to the work of our Church.

Currently, we have 70 families and individuals using PAR and committing \$4030 per month to the work of the church and \$788 given to M&S for a total monthly income of \$4818. We encourage you to consider using PAR, and if you choose it as your method of giving, please contact SuAn at 722 1881 (info@stjamesuc.org). She will make the arrangements for you to confidentially supply your bank information and a voided cheque. If you have been using PAR, why not take this opportunity to consider increasing your PAR contribution to the many worthwhile programs of our church?





WORSHIP SCHEDULE October - December 2014

October 19	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Laity Sunday/World Food Sunday	UCW COFFEE HOUR
October 26	9:30am 11:00 am	Contemporary Hymn Sing with Guitar Group	Sight Restored
November 2	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Peace Sunday (Baptism)	AOTS and Youth or UCW
November 9	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Remembrance Sunday (Communion)	Sight Restored
November 16	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Anniversary/ Children's Sunday	COFFEE HOUR
November 23	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Reign of Christ	Sight Restored AOTS and Youth or UCW
November 30	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary First Sunday of Advent: HOPE	
December 7	9:30am 11:00am	Contemporary Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE (Baptism)	Sight Restored
December 14	9:30am 11:00 am 7:00pm	Contemporary Third Sunday of Advent: JOY Sunday School WHITE GIFT CGIT Anniversary	
December 21	9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	Contemporary Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE Christmas with the Youth Ch. Winter Solstice Service	Sight Restored Youth Choir COFFEE HOUR
December 24	7:00 _{pm}	Christmas Eve Family Worship	
December 28	I I:00am	First Sunday after Christmas	