



St. James Visitor



Easter 2019

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed.” – John 20:1

What a wonderful moment of suspense. Mary must have frozen in her tracks when she saw what was waiting for her on that early morning long ago. This was not at all what she was expecting; she was not at all prepared for this. Once again, Jesus had accomplished the unexpected. And the world would never be the same again.

We come to that time in our Church Year when we are called again to take that journey with Christ to the Cross; then to witness and remember the unexpected Good News of the empty tomb.

We, as a Church, have a mission to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and the promise He brings to us from God. If we consider ourselves to be followers of Christ, then the desire should be in our hearts to let our lives reflect and share His love and His teachings. Sometimes this may be difficult when we find ourselves surrounded by so many distractions, and our own unwillingness to expect the unexpected.

There are so many uncertainties in life, our society, and the world news can leave us wondering what it is all about. We need to be reminded of the Easter Story and the hope it brings to

humanity. We need to know that the darkness of the moment will break way to a new dawn of hope and resurrection. We need to expect the unexpected.

Scripture tells us we are all part of one body. When one part suffers, all suffer. We, as a community, are called to work together for the good of all. As individuals, our faith journey will be a different experience and will have different meanings. But for all who look to Christ, it will have the same results. Christ died so that we may have new life, and His resurrection shows us that there are far greater things yet to come.

Expect the unexpected!

Just when we think the situation points to hopelessness, God has a way of bringing a new dawn filled with hope. And our spirits join in the Easter chorus singing ALLELUIA!

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. Brian



Did you know?

In medieval times, a festival of ‘egg-throwing’ was held in church. The priest would throw a hard-boiled egg to one of the choir boys, and was then tossed from one choir boy to the next. When the clock struck 12, whoever held the egg was the winner and got to keep the egg.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Not - a - Bible - Study: Weekly on Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:30, spring session May 2-30.

What does it mean to be a Christian? Got doubts about stories in the Bible? Can our churches engage and grow their congregations in our secular society? Join this new, open-minded group as they begin to explore what it means to be Christian or to have faith in the 21st century. People of all ages, races, denominations and faiths -- skeptics, atheists, believers too -- are welcome!

Youth Group: Every second Sunday evening, 7-9.

Open to all youth. We meet downstairs at an accessible venue. For more information, contact Susan Sheppard, DLM, 722-1881, ext. 204, youth-church@stjamesuc.org

Susan's Sewing Studio: Weekly on Monday afternoons, 3-6.

Spring session April 29-May 27, not May 20

Looking to join a sociable group? No matter your gender, age, ability or faith, drop in anytime between 3 and 6 pm. Bring along a project you are working on or start a new one. Relax, sew, chat, laugh, and receive help and friendship from others in a very informal atmosphere! No cost! Just bring your own materials and sewing machine.

Book Group: Every 2 weeks, cafe style discussion on Tuesday evenings, 7-9.

Spring session May 7 – June 18: *Jesus before the Gospels* by Bart D. Ehrman. If you'd like to join the discussion, please purchase the book and start reading!

Tech Time: Third Saturday of the month, 10am-noon, April 20 and June 15.

Bring your electronics along for assistance in solving the many mysteries hidden in today's gadgets. Whether it is simply extracting your photos from your phone or unraveling a tangly software issue, bring your problem.

Writers' Circle: (every 2 weeks) Monday 7:30-9:30 pm, April 29, May 13, May 27.

Need help with an assignment or writing creatively? Join the Writers' Circle, a participant-driven, informal, friendly group open to everyone! Come relax, chat over coffee or tea and write.

Ukelele: Weekly on Saturday afternoons, 1pm for 1:30-2:30. End date is April 20.

Join the group of newbies and beginners, helping each other in an atmosphere of ease and fun. If you don't have a ukelele, you may borrow one from the A. C. Hunter Public Library's Musical Lending Library.

Community Potluck and Games Night, Saturday 6-9pm, April 27, May 25, June 15.

All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games,

St. James Trivia!

How many children first registered for Sunday School classes when St. James was established in 1958?
(a) 75 (b) 105 (c) 524

Who was the first minister at St. James?
(a) Rev. F. Vipond (b) Rev. D. Brown
(c) Rev. W. Stanford

What was the approximate peak family membership of St. James in the mid 1980's?
(a) 865 (b) 546 (c) 775

What was the approximate cost of the pipe organ when it was installed in 1975?
(a) \$15,000 (b) \$42,000 (c) \$23,000

From which area of Newfoundland and Labrador can a large number of St. James members trace their families?
(a) Great Northern Peninsula (b) Fortune Bay
(c) Bonavista Bay

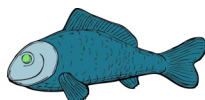
St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Avenue

AOTS Men's Service Club

Fish Dinner

Friday, April 26, 2019

Time: 6 pm Cost: \$20.00



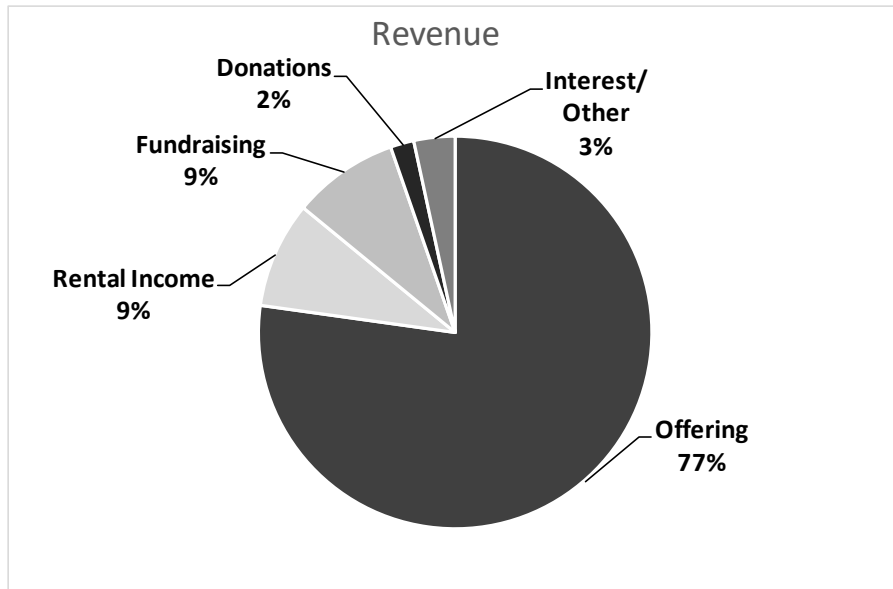


Explaining our Finances: How do we spend your gifts of treasure?

Did you ever wonder where St. James gets the money it needs to operate, and how that money is spent?

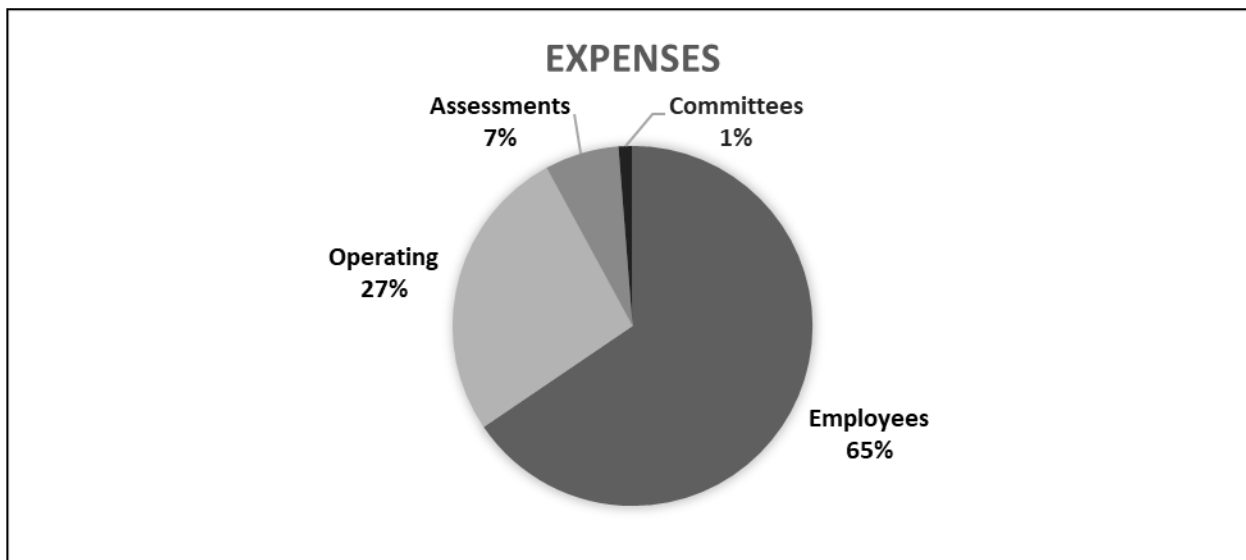
Hopefully these graphs will help us all better understand our finances and how that affects the accomplishments of our congregation. They're based on 2018 results.

Where the money comes from:



Approximately 77% of our revenue comes from the weekly and special collections. This is obviously the main way in which we can all participate in the mission and accomplishments of our church.

Where the money goes:

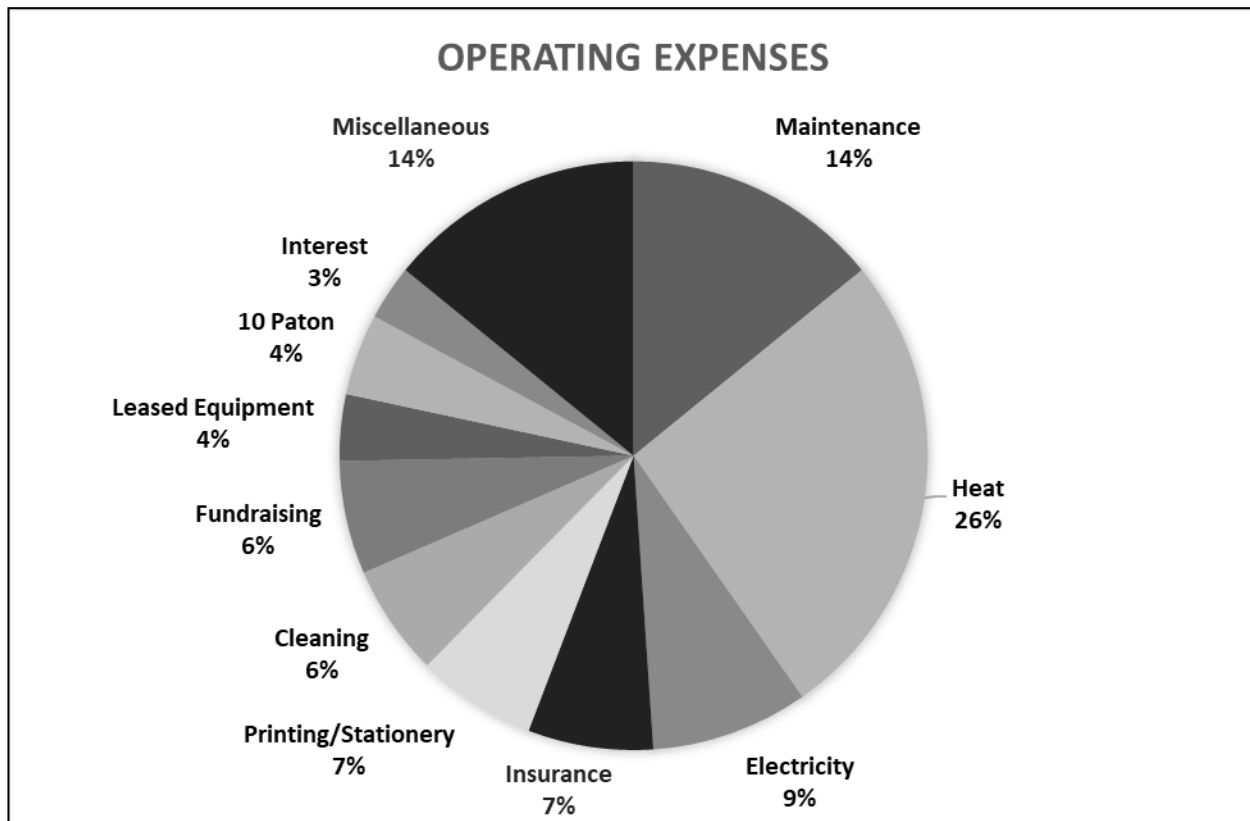




Finance Report Part 2

Like most organizations, salaries account for the largest part of our expenditure, and there are very few ways to manage that without changing a significant portion of what we do. In 2018 we implemented a test to supplement the Minister of Visitation position with a congregational visitation team. This test will be reviewed in June. If successful, this move would reduce salary costs, but it will only be implemented if the test project provides the visitation services our congregation requires.

Breakdown of operating expenses:



Our 2018 operating expenses are highly affected by the cost of heat (26%), building maintenance (14%) and electricity (9%). Efforts will be made in 2019 to evaluate these (and all costs) to find savings where it is reasonable to do so.

Looking ahead to 2019:

Our 2019 budget is a realistic budget when compared to previous years. It is a "break-even" budget and does not address last year's deficit or our accumulated debt. Every effort is being made to ensure costs are reasonable and prudent, and where possible, improvements will be made.



St. James UCW

Enjoying Church Work and Church Friends

*For, lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of the birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;*

What a wondrous time is Spring! The cold and snowy days of winter are past; we celebrate the arrival of blossoming flowers, warmer weather, longer days, and we observe the forty days of Lent leading up to Easter with its message of new life and new hope.

Our United Church Women strive to support the ongoing work of our Church through our financial contributions, specifically the Operating Funds and the Mission and Service Fund, as well as other projects undertaken by church committees throughout the year. As with many other churches, our UCW membership is declining and we would love to have new members join us. We would hope that those who did would find a measure of friendship and fellowship. Meetings are held on the second Monday evening of each month. A warm welcome awaits you.

Throughout the years, there have been many interest groups within our UCW. Crafts and quilting attracted many of our members at one time but these activities have now lost their appeal. There are three such groups still alive and well:

1. The St. James Ladies Bowling League. Some of our women have been bowling regularly since it started some fifty years ago! Two of our ninety year olds, Shirley Bursey and Joan Barbour, rarely miss a Tuesday morning at the alleys.
2. Our UCW Choir was started by Marie Sturge in 1976, followed by Jean Rose in 1978, and Doreen Brown in 2008. This is a dedicated group of singers and Doreen challenges us and brings out the best in us. Any women in the congregation would be welcomed to this group. Often we sing with the AOTS and Youth Choirs. We know that there are great voices out there. Why not join us?
3. The Friendship Group started in 1991. This group is open to any women within or outside our congregation. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesday each month from September to May. Lunch starts

at 1:00 pm followed by a "conversation circle" and a game of cards. Presently we have a membership of twenty-nine and would gladly welcome others.

Our Easter Spring Tea is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm in the church auditorium. Tickets are \$7.00 and are available at the door. This is one of our two fundraisers for the year so please keep this date in mind. Along with great food there are bakery and variety stalls as well as loot and surprise bags. The support we receive from the congregation is welcomed and sincerely appreciated.

Ester York expressed so well the beauty of Easter when she wrote:

*Like dawn after a moonless night,
like springtime after the snows of winter,
like clear understanding after the fog of confusion,
and like comfort after fear,
comes the radiance of Easter to bring us joy.*

A Happy Easter to all our readers!
Vera Marshall



**St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Avenue**

Spring Tea & Variety Stalls



**Sponsored by the UCW
St. James Auditorium**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 2 – 4 pm

Cost: \$7.00



Greetings from the Christian Education Committee!

As we are beginning to look for signs of Spring, we find signs of growth everywhere. The CE Committee has had an exciting year bringing fellowship and fun to St. James. Our many and diverse small groups are slowly but steadily growing. New participants attend weekly and the feedback has been warm and positive.

TV cameras appeared onsite a few weeks ago during the weekly gathering of the Loose Threads Sewing Studio. The group, led by Susan Sheppard, was featured in the community news on the NTV Evening News Hour that very same evening. Some fresh enquiries quickly followed and we now have the pleasure of trying to figure out a way to arrange the sewing tables so that we have room for all!

Shining the spotlight on the ukulele group in the Telegram has also led to an influx of curious budding musicians. Rebecca Ann Bartlett has done a wonderful job in introducing many of these players to their instrument for the very first time and has managed to guide them through their first piece as an ensemble.

The Pancake Supper, our Potluck and Games Night, Soup Luncheons, and Coffee Hours have been well attended and it provided a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in fellowship over a tasty meal. We look forward to joining together and serving you in the future.

Some of our groups will begin winding down over the coming weeks as sunshine and warmth encourage other pursuits. So the Christian Education Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Congregation of St James for your engagement and your participation. Your support has been invaluable in fostering a sense of community and fellowship here at St James. We can only endeavour to do more for you next year. Please continue to walk with us in this journey of faith and fellowship.

On behalf of the members of the CE Committee, blessings and many thanks.

Pamela Masterson, Chair
Christian Education





Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser 2019

On Friday, February 15th, a crisp, clear, moonlit evening, more than 100 members of our church community came together for our second annual **Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser** -- a delightful evening of music, decadent desserts, fellowship and fun to raise money for our church's operations and programs. A combination of beautiful decorations, soft lighting, delightful music, and decadent, home-made desserts made for a warm, welcoming environment! By the time it was over, **we collectively raised more than \$5,300 -- \$600 more than last year** -- to go towards the operations and the many worthwhile programs and activities happening at St. James!

The evening kicked off with a wonderful concert in the sanctuary which treated our audience to a delightful variety of genres and tunes, old and new, with performances by the **St. James Guitar Group**; the **St. John's Gay Men's Choir**, with artistic director Yohei Sakai, were enthusiastic to return and who have doubled in number during the past year; **Gina Gibbons**, a young soloist who really amazed everyone with her beautiful, powerful voice; and our own newly formed, funky **St. James Jazz Ensemble** (Trevor Bartlett on drums, Paul Rodermond on piano, and Matt Hardy on bass) who added a bubbly flair. We received many glowing compliments on the concert. A special thank you to Amy Dalziel, our Associate Music Director for a fantastic job organizing the concert! Amy also dazzled us on the organ with her interpretation of the theme music from Star Wars.

The concert put everyone in a warm enthusiastic mood of friendship and fellowship which grew afterwards, when everyone moved downstairs to chat and sample the marvelous buffet of delicious desserts, the majority of which were prepared and donated by skilled bakers in our congregation. Thank you to Amy and Rebecca-Ann Bartlett for providing background piano music.

Once again this year, people enjoyed the opportunity at the **Mystery Wine Grab Table** – a chance to purchase a mystery bottle of wine for \$15 -- **and to bid on over 75 Silent Auction lots** – gift cards, baskets and multiple items all donated by our con-

gregation and local businesses. Thanks to everyone who came, donated much time and goods, performed, ate, bid on and bought items, laughed and had a good time. We are so grateful and enthused by the numerous compliments we received; people said it was such a lovely evening!

St. James Church Council and the Valentine's Day Fundraiser Organizing Committee expresses their **sincere thanks to our numerous, generous donors from our congregation and the community** who gave their time, talents, desserts, auction items, gift cards, and bottles of wine! **We could not have pulled off this event and raised so much money without your support!** We also acknowledge and thank our **business donors** for their kind support:

Adley's Eats Café, Take-out and Catering, Paul Roebothan

Bagel Café

China House

Coffee Matters, Mount Pearl, Scott Hillyer

Country Keepsakes, Ken and Karen Graham

Country Ribbon Chicken

Dairy Queen

DRC Publishing

Guv'nor's Inn and Pub

Greco Pizza, Torbay Rd., Ryan and Chris Pride

Harvey's Travel, Elizabeth Ave., Helen Harris

Holiday Inn, Portugal Cove Rd.

Holiday Lanes

Insight Hair & Beauty Salon by Sahar, Pearson St.

Irving

Jungle Jim's (Torbay Rd. location only)

Katherine O'Brien's cleaning service

Manna Bakery, Chris Rusted

Mary Brown's (Torbay Rd. location only)

NJ's Kitchen, Rowan St.

Piatto's Pizzeria, Kate Vallis

Quilters' Quest Fabric and Quilt Shop, Donalda Murley, Torbay

Quintana's & Arriba's, Churchill Square

Red Door Hearing & Speech, Quenton Currie

Rocket Bakery, Kelly Mansel

Rustlers', Michelle Sheppard

Signature Salon, Sherry, mgr.

The Delta Hotel St. John's (for our door prize)

The Fish Exchange, Justin Garland

The Paint Shop

Wedgewood Café, Peter Wedgewood



Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat
Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11.

Our Christian Education Committee is offering an integrative, interactive approach to personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Themes of *Spirituality, Personal Growth, and Practices to Find Peace* are highlighted in the practical sessions with experienced leaders, helping you to renourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost \$125.00 to be paid by Wednesday, May 1. Gift certificates for Easter/Mother's Day are available! To register, and/or for more information, please contact St. James office, info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly

On Easter morning, we celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our Sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our Sanctuary for the Easter season; the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James Church community. Butterflies can be given to commemorate a special event, to honor a loved one, in memory of someone, to mark a milestone. Help us to create our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary. To sponsor a butterfly, please return the form below to the church office. Deadline is Monday, April 15.

Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly

Name of person donating: _____ Amount: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____



St. James Diversity Committee sincerely thanks all those who helped make our first PIE (Public-Intentional-Explicit) Day celebration such a great success. Thank you for all the donations of delicious pies. Thank you for coming out and participating. And thank you for your generosity – we raised \$260 to help move the work of becoming a fully affirming congregation forward. The Committee would especially like to thank Robin Bartlett for co-ordinating the donations along with the publicity of the event. Are you interested in joining our Committee? If you'd like to be part of the team bringing diversity and inclusion forward at St. James, we'd love to have you. Please let Katie Vardy know! Katie can be reached at 765-5133 or by e-mail at katelyn_1997@hotmail.com

BRIDGES TO HOPE

Please bring along a non-perishable food item for our Food Chest when you come along to service so we can help others in need. Any gift is welcomed and variety is encouraged.

Food Drive





OUR 2019 CHURCH COUNCIL

Marilyn Adams, Chair, is pleased to introduce our Church Council.

Chair of Council:	Marilyn Adams	Building Maintenance:	Anthony Paul
Past Chair of Council:	Trevor Bartlett	Youth Representative:	Hannah Sheppard
Vice Chair of Council:	Bill Legge	Young Adult Representative:	Katie Vardy
Secretary:	Abena Amponsah	AOTS:	Les Dean
Christian Education:	Pamela Masterson	UCW:	Ruth Baker
Ministry and Personnel:	Clyde Flight	Full-time Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Stewardship:	Cator Brown	Minister of Youth and	
Admin and Communications:	Jean White	Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard
Finance Committee:	Paul Walsh	Treasurer:	Jean Thompson
Worship and Sacraments:	V A C A N T		

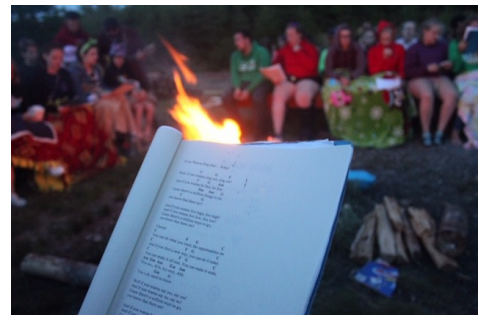
For over 65 years Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Centre has offered camping experiences for children ages 9-15. Crafts, sports, swimming, canoeing, hiking, thinking spiritually, and nature study are among some of the activities offered on a weekly basis, for 8 weeks each summer. These camps are an excellent way to make new friends, enjoy the outdoor experience, and just have fun!

Registration is now open for the 2019 camping season! Don't miss out on a memorable experience this summer!

For more information, please check the Burry Heights Campsite website:

<http://www.burryheights.com/summer-camp.html>

We look forward to meeting you!



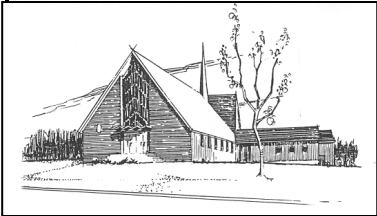
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OUR MINISTERIAL STAFF:

Full-time: Rev. Brian Colbourne
Youth Ministry: Susan Sheppard , DLM



MEMORIAL HYMN SING

Sunday, May 5, 2019

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life” (John 3:16)

There comes a time every year when we find strength and comfort in remembering our loved ones through fellowship in song. On **Sunday May 5, 2019** we will hold our Memorial Hymn Sing, with music accompaniment by the Guitar Group. It is a time to remember our loved ones who contributed so much to our lives and who live in our hearts and memories.

We invite you to join us for this special service to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. By selecting a Hymn in dedication to your loved ones, we invite you to participate in the life and work of the church through your donation. These gifts will enhance and support programs here at St. James United Church. Please extend an invitation to participate through giving, to those family or friends connected with St. James but are unable to attend. The opportunity to acknowledge loved ones in memory can be quite a moving experience.

All dedication requests will be publicly acknowledged in the Memorial Hymn Sing bulletin. The amount of your donation is confidential and a tax receipt will be issued. Please return the bottom portion of this form to the church office with your donation or place it in the collection plate no later than **Sunday April 28, 2019**. Cheques are made payable to St James United Church.

Hymn Selections

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| 1. God of the Mountain | 6. In the Sweet By and By |
| 2. Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore | 7. Will Your Anchor Hold |
| 3. In the Garden | 8. It is No Secret What God Can Do |
| 4. Morning Has Broken | 9. Here, I Am Lord |
| 5. What a Friend We Have in Jesus | 10. Precious Memories |

Name of Contributor: _____

Address of Contributor: _____

Donation: \$ _____ Envelope No. _____ Hymn Choice No. _____

Other Contributors	In Memory of	Hymn No.	Amount

Would you like to share your email address with us? Yes No My email address is _____



Date	Time	Details	Music
April 14	9:30 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Palm Sunday Deaf Ministries Service/Reception	Sight Restored
April 19	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Good Friday Walk Good Friday Service	Senior Choir
April 21	9:00 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Easter Breakfast Easter Celebration (Communion)	Senior Choir
April 28	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 2 nd Sunday of Easter Camping/Earth Sunday Coffee—Worship & Sacraments	AOTS/UCW/Youth Choirs
May 5	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 3 rd Sunday of Easter Laity Sunday Memorial Hymn Sing	Guitar Group
May 12	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 4 th Sunday of Easter Christian Family Sunday (Baptism)	Youth Choir
May 19	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 5 th Sunday of Easter (Communion) Coffee—Property/M&P/Finance	Senior Choir
May 26 Tape VOWR	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 6 th Sunday of Easter Rural Life Sunday (Baptism)	AOTS/UCW/Youth Choirs
June 2	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 7 th Sunday of Easter Environment Sunday (Baptism)	Senior Choir
June 9	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Pentecost Sunday (Communion)	AOTS/UCW/Youth Choirs
June 16	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Trinity Sunday/Father's Day	Guitar Group
June 23	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost Indigenous Day of Prayer	Summer Music Schedule begins
June 30	11:00 am	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Memorial Sunday/Canada Day/Multiculturalism Day	
July 7 Tape VOWR	11:00 am	4 th Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism)	
July 14	11:00 am	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	
July 21	11:00 am	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	
July 28	11:00 am	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	
August 4	11:00 am	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	
August 11	11:00 am	9 th Sunday after Pentecost	
August 18	11:00 am	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	
August 25	11:00 am	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	
September 1	11:00 am	12 th Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism)	
September 8	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Creation Time begins (Communion)	Summer Music Schedule Ends
September 15	9:30 am 11:00am	Contemporary Worship Creation Time 2	Senior Choir
September 22	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Creation Time 3	Sight Restored
September 29	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Creation Time 4	Guitar Group
October 6	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Worldwide Communion Sunday (Communion)	AOTS/UCW/Youth Choirs
October 13	9:30 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Thanksgiving Sunday (Baptism)	Senior Choir