

We offer our condolences to the following people:

***Chesley Howell**, his family and friends, on the passing of Chesley's beloved wife, Lavinia May, who passed away on February 9. Her funeral took place from St. James United Church last Tuesday.

***Preston Robbins**, his family and friends, on the passing of Preston's beloved wife, Charlotte 'Winnie' on January 30. Her funeral service took place from Carnell's Chapel on February 3.

***The family and friends of Grace Serrick**; Grace passed away peacefully on February 3. A Celebration of Life was held at the Fluvarium last Friday.

***The family and friends of Rema Attwood**; Rema passed away on December 28; Rema had a private burial on December 31 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of husband Gilbert, son Gil Jr. and daughter Lona from Ruby Hiscock.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,038. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	Givings: January 26: \$3,919
	February 2: \$2,037
	February 9: \$3,652

The Lenten Folders are here. They are in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of your last name, for the next two Sundays to be picked up. Because there were not enough left from previous years, we ordered a new supply. Now some of them hold \$10 and some \$15! Feel free to give what you wish! Those that are left will be delivered by our zone captains.

Kiwanis Music Festival, February 15-27: As usual, we are pleased to host part of the Kiwanis Music Festival. The schedule for when St. James Sanctuary is being used is on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you are coming to the church during those times, please tread quietly.

Monday, February 17: Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 2-5pm.

Wednesday, February 19: AOTS dinner meeting at 5pm for 5:30 in the Auditorium. New members are always welcome, and encouraged to join

Saturday, February 22:

***Ukelele class, 1:30pm** in the Youth Chapel;

* **Contemporary Worship Service, 4:30pm;**

***Community Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium, 6pm.** All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

Notice to all congregation members: Your Council has recently approved several action plans which affect all of us. As a result, we give notice of two upcoming congregational meetings in this regard, and advance notice of our Annual Meeting. We ask that members make every effort to attend these meetings.

Sunday February 23rd following the morning service to receive the report from our Diversity Committee and take the vote on becoming an Affirming Congregation.

Sunday March 1st following the morning service to share information on a proposal formulated by Stewardship to address our debt and financial future.

Sunday March 15th following the morning service our Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the Annual Report and Budget.

Lenten activities:

***Annual Pancake supper**, Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30pm: Tickets are now available from the church office; \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Please purchase before the event; they will not be available at the door.

* **Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 26 at 7pm** in the Fellowship Room.

***Lenten Study Program: 'Signs of Life: Why Church Matters.'** A 5-week program on Thursday mornings at 10:30, starting March 5. Please contact Susan (722-1881, ext. 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org) to register; course materials will cost \$5.

***Lenten Lunchtime Communion Services, beginning Thursday, March 5.** Please note change of day from previous years.