

Life and Work – October 31, 2021

We gratefully accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

*In memory of my loving husband Charlie Parsons from wife Annie Parsons

Save the Date for Our Covenanting Service

On Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm we are celebrating our new ministry with James and our ministry team at St. James United Church.

Rev. Miriam Bowlby from Cochrane Street United Church will be the guest preacher. Come and pray both as a community of faith and with representatives of First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council as we give thanks for this new pastoral relationship.

All are welcome to attend.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a reception after the service. This decision was made in order to keep everyone safe and healthy, especially with another COVID-19 outbreak in the province

Check out our new "Family Resources" link on our website

You will find weekly stories, puzzles, and activities for children, youth, and families. Its sure to be fun for all !!!

Regional Fall Learning Event

This year's Fall Learning event will take a lunch and learn approach through a series of presentations via Zoom. The event is open to all members of Pastoral Charges in our Regional Council at no cost.

Thursday, November 4, 2021: Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention/Response Policy.

Presenter: Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Forest Church

Presenter: Susan Sheppard

Thursday, November 25, 2021: New Study Immersion

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Richard Bott (Our Moderator)

The Communication Committee: St. James Visitor

1. **Delivery** - We are putting the call out for volunteers to help in delivering the St. James Visitor. If you are interested, please email Sarah Norman at srhnorman@gmail.com

2. **Submissions** - We are now accepting submissions for the St. James Christmas Visitor.

Do you have a story to tell (fiction or non-fiction), a poem you wrote, a

song/limerick/recipe/drawing/painting/photograph, or any other item of interest you would like to share, please email it to info@stjamesuc.org with the subject line "Christmas Visitor Submission."

Deadline for Submissions: Tuesday, November 19, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

St. James Anniversary Take-out Turkey Cold-Plate Fundraiser

The Stewardship Committee is holding a turkey cold-plate, take-out dinner, fundraiser on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 in celebration of our congregational anniversary. Prepared by Coffee Matters in Mount Pearl, each meal will include: fresh roasted turkey, ham, two potato salads, macaroni salad, coleslaw, dressing, cranberry sauce, a roll & butter, and a cookie for dessert.

Cost: \$12/meal, a great deal on a great meal!

Tickets are limited, so get them now by contacting:
Tracy Bishop at 722-1881 or info@stjamesuc.org
Robin Bartlett at 682-3927 or robinbartlett1224@gmail.com
Karen Brown at 689-7297 or tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com

Payments can be made by:

1. Cash
2. Cheque
3. E-mail transfer: treasurer@stjamesuc.org
4. "Donate" button on St. James' web site www.stjamesuc.org.

***Please write or type the note: "for cold plates"**

Deadline: Friday, November 5, 2021.

Don't be late or you won't get your cold plate!

Cold Plate Pick-up: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 from 4pm - 6pm. **Note:** we will be providing times for pick ups.

Meeting Rev James

Now that (Rev.) James has settled into St. John's, he is open to come see you for a visit (while maintaining proper health protocols).

To arrange a visit, email him at james@stjamesuc.org or give him a call at 351-0983.

A New Committee

Are you interested in community issues like systemic racism, housing insecurity and right relations with Indigenous peoples?

Do you worry about climate change and loss of biodiversity?

Are you concerned about international conflicts and other global issues?

Then you will be interested in a new ad hoc committee that we are establishing to help us respond to social and ecological justice issues.

Contact James for more information.

Email: james@stjamesuc.org
Phone: 722-1881 ext 202
Cell: 351-0983

Fall UCW Bakeless Bake Sale:

Before the pandemic, the UCW would be busy preparing for our Annual Fall Sale and Morning Coffee on Saturday, November 6th.

Your donations of items for the bake and craft tables, and your attendance has always helped make our sales a tremendous success. Since March 2020, we have missed three sales which would have enabled us to contribute approximately \$15,000.00 to aid the church financially.

For this year's Fall Sale we are having a Bakeless Bake Sale and collecting monetary donations in lieu of items. Think about what you would spend on an in-person sale (baking, buying, entry fee, etc) and we hope that you will turn that into a financial contribution to our virtual sale.

How to Donate - Be sure to include "For UCW Sale" on cheque, or special instructions with Donate button or e-transfer.

1. Cheque/cash. Make cheque payable to "St. James UCW Sale"

- a) pass into collection plate
- b) place in outside mail slot by side door of church
- c) drop into church office (10-2 Mon-Fri)
- d) mail cheque to:

St. James United Church
330 Elizabeth Ave
St. John's NL A1B 1T9

- 2. Donate button on church website
- 3. E-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org

The Stewardship Committee:

Seeking volunteers to help with the Anniversary Take-Out Turkey Cold-Plates.

We are seeking some volunteers for Wednesday, November 10, 2021 to help with assembly and distribution of the meals.

If you are interested in helping, contact Robin Bartlett at 754-5409 or 682-3927 or the church office at 722-1881.

October is Minister Appreciation Month

A time to recognize how important our clergy are to our lives, as spiritual leaders, counsellors, friends, and members of our family in faith.

James and Susan,

THANK YOU for all that you do for St. James and the congregation. We appreciate your care and concern and the long hours you too often must work when we, as individuals or a congregation, need you the most. We realize that life in Ministry is not always easy or predictable, but we trust that your calling to this vocation continues to be fulfilling both at a personal and spiritual level.

We cannot celebrate in the way we would like to, as regulations and restrictions prevent us from having social gatherings, but recommend to the congregation that they can show support in many other ways as suggested by the Board of Vocation:

- *Pray for your minister and those in church leadership.
- *Ask your minister why they went into ministry and what they love about it.
- *Write a thank-you card, e-mail, or letter of appreciation.
- *Invite the minister or other church leaders out for coffee or a meal.
- *Get creative and have fun showing your minister and your church leaders how much you appreciate their hard work!

Yes, it is late in the month and we offer our apologies to our ministers that it was not noted before. However, expressing our appreciation should not occur only in one time frame but all year round.

Blessings and thanks to you both,
from a grateful congregation

Notice from Church Council

VAX PASS POLICY - The policy is as follows:

St. James United Church will require that all who seek entry to our building for whatever purpose, including worship, will be required to present their Vaccination Passport or verify their vaccination status. Failure to do so will result in no admittance to our facilities. To eliminate "over verification", and with the individual's consent, a confidential record of those who enter the building frequently, and have been verified, will be maintained until the program ends, or the individual requests their name be removed. This will also apply to all internal and external groups who utilize our facilities.

(They have been provided with written expectations).

You will be met at the door of the church and required to present your Vaccine Passport for scanning and may be required to show verification of your identity. If you are an individual who is frequently in the building, you can ask for your name to be added to the confidential list of verified individuals, and your name will remain on that list until you request it be removed or the program ends.

To maintain your confidentiality, you may be asked to have your passport scanned a second time in order to be verified for entry into the church office during office hours. We apologize

for any inconvenience this may cause, but we do this in the best interest of the health and well-being of St. James United family and friends.

Reminder: The requirements for Masking, Social Distancing, and Registration have NOT changed.

I thank you for your anticipated cooperation as we once again adjust our daily living to combat the effects of this pandemic.

We are not alone as long as we have faith and each other.

Sincerely
Marilyn Adams
Chair, Church Council