

## Life and Work – July 10, 2022

**(Rev.) James Vacation:** (Rev.) James is currently away on holiday in Alberta visiting family. He will be returning on July 14. Susan Sheppard, DLM will be covering pastoral emergencies while James is away.

**Office Closure:** The office will be closed on Monday, July 11, 2022 to observe the Orangeman's Day Holiday.

**There is a need for host families** here in St. John's for the YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange program. We are seeking families that can host a youth here in St. John's, as an alternate host. The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a six-week national summer program for youth ages 16 and 17. Many of the youth who participate in our program are equity-seeking, therefore we are determined to have the program run. The exchange is happening in St. John's from July 2 to Aug. 13. Supported through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the program is a long-running success and includes the participation of more than 650 young people from across the country. Participating youth can improve their second official language skills and gain important employment experience through a work placement while on an exchange. Those who may have an interest in hosting are asked to go to [www.summer-work.com](http://www.summer-work.com) and apply now.

**Summer Bible Study:** The trees are bursting out in green, and the birds are singing but that doesn't mean we have to park our church activities for the summer. Join me on my deck (397 Thorburn Road) for a 4-week Bible Study on CREATION STORIES beginning Tuesday, July 5, and continuing on July 12, 19, and 26th at 10 am. For more information or to register please contact Susan at [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)

**Let's Get Ready for Pride:** This year's Pride Week is set for July 14 to 24, so be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

1. Sunday, July 17, at 11 am: St. James United's Pride Service. A special worship service dedicated to celebrating diversity and inclusion, especially for everyone who identifies as LGBTQI+. Be sure to invite a friend as we kick off Pride as a congregation.
2. Saturday, July 23, at 6 pm: Potluck and Pride Movie Night. We are celebrating Pride as we have a Potluck and watch a movie entitled "Pride" about the coming together of striking miners and LGBTQI+ activists to support each other in 1980s Britain. We encourage bringing food to share for the Potluck.
3. Sunday, July 24, at 2 pm: Pride March (set up around noon) With this being our first Pride Week since becoming an Affirming Ministry, let's send a large contingent to walk in the parade. If you can't walk, find a spot along the route and cheer on the group from St. James. We can carpool downtown. The march starts at 2 pm but we need to be in our position well before that). Email Stephanie ([info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org)) and let her know if you can give a ride or need a ride. Be sure to wear your rainbow finest and we will make this our best participation in Pride to date.