

## Life and Work - May 7, 2023

**Rev. James Away on Study Break:** Rev James will be away at school to pursue his Doctorate of Ministry from May 29 to June 12, 2023. Susan Sheppard and Rev. Rebecca Pike will be taking care of any emergencies while he is away.

**Men's Club:** The Men's Club would like to thank all those who supported them for the Fish & Brewis Dinner. A special thanks to the non club members who helped with serving and cleanup. Our dinner was a great success and hope to continue the same in the Fall.

**Reflective Wednesdays at Noon:** Each Wednesday throughout Easter, (Rev.) James will continue leading an informal communion service and bible study focused on the readings for the upcoming Sunday in the Fellowship Room.

**Sewing Studio:** On Mondays, St. James 1pm-3pm and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers, and crafters welcome.

**Stewardship Committee's *Swing into Spring Dessert Party Fundraiser!* -- Friday, May 12 at 7 pm.**

Let's swing into Spring together at our dessert party with delectable desserts, the mystery wine pull and a door prize draw!

**Tickets are on sale** at the office \$10/ person. Only 120 in total! So don't wait! Call the church office at: 709-722-1881 or Robin Bartlett at (709) 682-3927 or by email at: [robinbartlett1224@gmail.com](mailto:robinbartlett1224@gmail.com) Treat yourself to a mystery bottle of wine! Numbered corks will be sold at the party for \$15.

- We gratefully request **donations of desserts** including diabetic and gluten-free ones. Please *contact Robin or e-mail Karen Brown at [tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com](mailto:tomkarenbrown@yahoo.com).*
- To **donate bottles of wine**, please call or text *Paul Walsh at (709) 690-2767 or [jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com](mailto:jpaulwalsh1209@yahoo.com).*
- To **volunteer to decorate and to prepare desserts to serve** on Friday, May 12, please contact Robin. Thank you so much! We look forward to seeing you!

**Mother's Day Coming Up:** Next Sunday is Mother's Day, a time to celebrate the many "moms" in our lives. Because we don't want to keep anyone from spending time with their loved ones, we will have only a scaled back fellowship time after worship (just coffee or tea for those who aren't rushing off). We will also not be having our regular "The Sunday Table" EvenTide service that week.

**Rock Yourself on the Ocean:** Coastal Sounds CBS Community Choir under the Direction of Dr. David Buley, presents ROCK YOURSELF ON THE OCEAN, a Concert of Music Celebrating Newfoundland and Labrador, with Special Guests, The Celtic Fiddlers, on Sunday May 7 at 3 P.M. at Worsley Park Club House in CBS, Tickets \$20 and are available at [www.Eventbrite.com](http://www.Eventbrite.com) Limited Seating, Worsley Park is located at the intersection of Chamberlains Road and CBS Highway.

**Teachers on Wheels Volunteer Tutor Recruitment Training Workshop, Saturday, May 13:** *Are you interested in helping others to improve their literacy or in helping non-English speaking immigrants to learn English (ESL)?* Then please volunteer for Teachers on Wheels! Due to increasing demand, we need more volunteer tutors! If you can speak, read and write English, you can be a tutor. The next tutor training workshop is Saturday, May 13 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. For more information and to register, please contact Tom Dawe, Executive Director at 738-3975 or by email at: [teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com](mailto:teachersonwheels@nl.rogers.com) . Also view: [www.teachersonwheels.ca](http://www.teachersonwheels.ca) . Thank you. -- Robin Bartlett, Chairperson, Teachers on Wheels

**Memorial Hymn Sing: Sunday, June 4, 2023**  
**Submission Deadline: Friday, May 26, 2023**

All dedications will be acknowledged in Memorial Hymn Sing bulletin.

For a paper copy of the Memorial Hymn Sing Form call the office at 709-722-1881 or email us at: [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org).

Payments can be made via cash/cheque (cheques can be made payable to St. James United). You can place your form and payment in the secure drop-box to the right of the office entrance or drop it to the office during office hours. You can also email your form to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org).

Electronic payments can be made by e-transfer to [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org) or click the "Donate" button on the website. \*\*Please note "Hymn Sing" with your payment\*\* A tax receipt will be issued.

**Hymn Selections from which to choose:**

1. *Amazing Grace*
2. *Deep in our Hearts*
3. *Here I Am Lord*
4. *In the Garden*
5. *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
6. *Morning Has Broken*
7. *Precious Memories*
8. *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
9. *Will You Walk with Me*
10. *Will Your Anchor Hold*

Please note that we are not including "Jesus You Have Come to the Lakeshore" in this year's list of hymns. We have a policy in the United Church not to include in public worship songs that were written by composers found to be guilty of sexual abuse, especially of minors. Regrettably that is the case of Fr. Cesareo Gabarain. We apologize for this, but the spiritual and emotional well-being of everyone who is present at worship must be our primary concern.

**Financial Update** - Below is a financial update to where we are at the end of March 2023 vs where we should be Budget wise.

Revenue:		Budget:
Envelopes	\$39,971	\$47,000
Special Envelopes	2,976	2,125
Rentals	5,053	5,500
Other	<u>6,275</u>	<u>11,250</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$54,275</u>	<u>\$65,875</u>
Expenses:		
Heat	\$17,400	\$8,750
Lights	1,687	1,500
Insurance	16,343	14,000
Church	9,937	10,625
Assessments/Donation	4,035	4,035
Committees	166	1,200
Salaries/Allowances	<u>48,890</u>	<u>43,842</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$98,458</u>	<u>\$83,952</u>
Net Loss	<u>\$44,183</u>	<u>\$18,077</u>