Office Holiday: The office at St. James will be closed on Tuesday, May 23rd to observe the Victoria Day Holiday. The office will reopen Wednesday Morning, May 24th at 8:30AM.

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.

Congratulations to Gloria LeFeuvre: We have some wonderful news to share. On May 11, Gloria received a Diploma in Theology and Ministry from Queen's College. Congratulations Gloria on a job well done. We are all very proud of your accomplishment.

Sewing Studio: No Sewing Studio on Monday, May 22nd.

Sewing Studio will resume on Monday, May 29th from 1pm-3pm at St. James and Memorial United 7pm-9pm. All sewers, knitters, needleworkers and crafters welcome. Also, a reminder that the last class of Sewing Studio will take place on June 5th, 2023.

Sharing in the Celebration Church: Each Sunday morning during worship at St. James we take time for people to share something that they are celebrating, like a Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or anything at all! If you are joining worship from home, we would love to include you in this time. So, email us at info@stjamesuc.org with information on what you would like to celebrate, and we will include it as part of our "Celebration Church" time during the Sunday Service! Let's all celebrate together!

Reflective Wednesdays at Noon: We have finished our Bible Study with Communion for the season. We will begin a weekly lunch time Bible Study in the Fall, if requested.

Pub Theology wrapped for the Summer: Our monthly Pub Theology sessions have wrapped up for the season. We will reconvene on the first Wednesday of October.

Stewardship Committee:

Our first "Swing into Spring" Dessert party was a success with: 48 tickets sold; 6 volunteers for set up and 10 for serving and clean up, 20 desserts & 30 bottles of wine. We raised \$835 "A special thank you for everyone's time, talents and treasure"

The Stewardship Committee continues to swing into spring. It plans to hold St.

James very first on-line auction, June 8 to 13, with the administrative help of Bartlett Auction's Online Services.

The committee will gather 40 to 50 interesting auction lots of a wide variety of items, activities, and experiences that will appeal to a wide audience. The deadline for auction lot donations is June 2 and bidding procedure details will be provided later.

May Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: Saturday, May 27 at 2 pm. This month's ecospiritual gathering is a time to reflect on the new life emerging around us as the days slowly warm. The question is, what new life is emerging within us as well? We will gather at Susan's. Contact <u>info@stjamesuc.org</u> for the address.

Wednesday, May 24: Pop-Up Yoga at Gower Street United Church, 11am - noon in the Lecture Hall. Enjoy chair and walking yoga for better balance and a happy heart. Donate your appreciation via cash, cheque to Gower Street UC, or etransfer to <u>gsuc@nl.rogers.com</u> All proceeds go to the underwear fundraiser. Wear loose clothing and comfortable walking shoes. We love to see you there.

Bridges To Hope Annual General Meeting - June 5th, 2023: The Bridges to Hope AGM will take place on Monday, June 5th at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at St. James United Church in the auditorium. All are welcome to attend.