

**We accept the following donation to the General Fund:**

\* In memory of my parents; founding member of the church Willian and Ruby Vallis from Betty Vallis-Sherstan

**Memorial Hymn Sing Donation:**

\* In memory of Joan and Clifford Andrews from Linda Andrews

**Away for Study:** From May 23, Rev. James is in Toronto for another class. He will return on June 7 in time to celebrate Pentecost on the morning of June 8 and the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United that same evening. While he is away, Rev. Rebecca will be available in the event of a pastoral emergency. You can reach her at 709-764-3740.

**Taizé:** Taizé will be delayed for a week because Rev. James will still be away in Toronto on June 4. It will now be the following week on Wednesday, June 11 instead.

**Pub Theology:** Thursday, June 19 @ 7 pm at Guv'nor Pub. A time to explore questions of faith, spirituality and ethics over a beverage. No question is too big or too small. See you there.

**Join us for our *Centennial Hymn Festival***—a joyful celebration of 100 years of music in the United Church of Canada, featuring a preview of new hymns from our upcoming resource, *Then Let Us Sing*. The festival will be held on Sunday, June 29th at 3:30 PM in the sanctuary of St. James United Church. Come and raise your voice in beloved hymns of the past century and enjoy stirring anthems by the St. James Senior Choir and the Islington United Church Senior Choir from Toronto, conducted by Jason Locke. All are warmly welcome to this uplifting afternoon of music and fellowship. A freewill offering will be received at the door.

**Seeking non-English language speakers:** We are planning to include languages other than English for our Pentecost service on June 8. Please email Rev. James ([james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)) to let him know what languages you speak and if you would be willing to read a short prayer or reading.

## 2025 Memorial Services:

The dates for the Memorial Services are as follows:

**Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Hamilton Avenue Extension**

Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**General Protestant Cemetery, Topsail Road**

Monday, July 21, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 25 Beaumont Hamel Way**

Monday, July 28, 2025 at 7 P.M.

**Please note:**

In the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7 P.M. the next evening.

**Welcoming Guests:** On the weekend of June 7-8, our region is hosting several people from the General Council Office as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary as a denomination. We are receiving two guests for our morning celebration on June 8 - Rev. Jennifer Henry (who will be our guest preacher) and Rev. Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa. Then on the evening of June 8, it is the United Church's 100th Anniversary celebration at Gower United. You can attend in person (go very early to get a seat) or watch online (<https://www.youtube.com/live/bh4sW1kdpWo>).

**Church Planning Retreat:** On June 21, members of the church board and chairs of committees will be meeting for a retreat to develop a ministry plan and set priorities for the coming year. Held at Queen's College from 9 am to 2 pm, this retreat is open to anyone from the congregation who would like to participate. As one person noted in the table groups at our Annual Congregational Meeting, "Everyone Belongs." Please register with Stephanie by June 14th.

**Bible Study:** For the rest of this season, we will look at the Book of Acts, exploring the following chapters.

June 1 (via Zoom): Chapters 15-19

June 8 (on site): Chapters 20-28

To join on June 1, you can use this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85863880930?pwd=RPx5RXR1qMZKSjMfQqkViyLvbQ3Pg.1>