

**We gratefully accept a donation from the UCW who has donated \$4000 for the operating expenses of the church.**

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

\* In loving memory of Wayne Dinn, Ross, Gertie and Blaine Blackwood from Sharon, Michelle and Families.

**We accept the following Mother's Day donation:**

\*In memory of our Mother's Anastasia Hann and Mary Dyke from Menetha and Sidney Dyke.

\* In memory of our Mothers, Margaret Babstock and Mildred Murphy from Linda and Ed Murphy

**Congratulations twofold:** Two great things happened at our Regional Council meeting this past weekend. First, Rev. Susan Sheppard was elected as President Elect. This means that beginning in 2026, Susan will be our Regional Council President. Congratulations Susan! Plus, we also voted in favour of becoming an Affirming Region. This doesn't mean that all congregations will be Affirming. They will still need to decide that on their own. But it does mean that we will be collectively and so all meetings, committees, teams and events are to be safe, and inclusive spaces for everyone. Congratulations to FDEE Regional Council and to the Affirm Committee of the Region for getting us there.

**Learn about the city plan for the University Area Neighbourhood:** The City Of St John's has been working on a development plan for our congregational neighbourhood. To learn more consider attending an Open House this evening (May 8) from 5-8 pm at the Community Market, 245 Freshwater Rd. or fill out the survey. Go to <https://www.engagestjohns.ca/university-area-neighbourhood-plan>

**Turn Debt into Hope Petition:** Kairos, the ecumenical justice coalition of which the United Church is a part, has launched the Jubilee 2025: Turn Debt into Hope campaign. They are asking people to sign a petition to encourage governments to forgive the debt of the world's poorest nations. The petition is on the Social Action bulletin board in the foyer. Please consider signing. Kairos and the Canadian Council of Churches are trying to collect 100 thousand signatures in Canada and 10 million worldwide.

**G7 People's Forum:** This coming June 12-15, Kairos is hosting a People's Forum in Calgary. It is focused on the Jubilee 2025 Campaign, a year long push coordinated by the Canadian Council of Churches asking for governments to forgive the debt of the world's poorest countries. If you are going to be in Calgary, why not consider making the Forum part of your trip.

**Wild Light Spiritual Oasis on May 18 at 3:00 pm:** Our May gathering is a week early this month. We will meet in the parking lot of the Fluvarium for a meditation walk focused on trees. All are welcome

**Easter Season Bible Study:** Following up from our Lenten Bible Study, we will meet at 12:45 pm each Sunday during the Easter Season, began on April 27. The focus is on Resurrection and the Early Church.

**Centering Prayer:** Each week on Thursdays at 12:15PM, Rev. James will be leading centering prayer. He will do so via Zoom. Centering prayer is a prayer of quiet and stillness. He will explain it more as part of the group practice.

Follow this link to take part:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82667792442?pwd=AMc6XzwxdKVpDcpiGIbRQoUHnXbhw0.1>

Meeting ID: 826 6779 2442      Passcode: 401894

**A One Stop Shop for Information:** Have you seen our *Bulletin Boards* in the Main Foyer? It is a spot to see upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, information about social action issues, in general a spot to get your information.

**Recycling:** Did you know that St. James United has its very own Recycling Account? If you'd like to donate your empty bottles, bring them to the Recycling Depot on O'Leary Avenue. Tell them it's for us and we get the refund.

**Memorial Hymn Sing: Sunday, May 25, 2025**

Each year, we take time to remember our loved ones through the fellowship of song. By selecting a hymn in dedication to your loved ones, you are contributing to the life and work of our church, supporting and enhancing the various programs and activities that make St. James United Church the faith community that we love. St. James Guitar Group and our Music Director, Amy Dalziel, will provide the music.

Simply print and complete the form below or write out your requests on a sheet of paper with the required information. Drop them off with your cash or cheque payment (payable to "St. James United Church") at the office, in the secure drop-box to the right of the office entrance, or by e-mailing them to [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org). Payments can also be made by e-transfer to [treasurer@stjamesuc.org](mailto:treasurer@stjamesuc.org).

*Please ensure to note "Hymn Sing" on your envelope or in the subject line online.*

**Submission deadline: Monday, May 12, 2025**

**Hymn Selections from which to choose:**

- 1. All the Way My Saviour Leads Me**
- 2. How Great Thou Art**
- 3. I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am Lord)**
- 4. In the Bulb There Is a Flower**
- 5. In the Garden**
- 6. Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore**
- 7. Morning Has Broken**
- 8. Precious Memories**
- 9. What a Friend We Have in Jesus**
- 10. Will Your Anchor Hold**

Name(s) of Contributor: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. OR Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Hymn Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*To contribute more "in memoriums", please use a separate sheet for each, clearly attributing the contributor's name to loved one's name & selected hymn no.; amount; & envelope no. or address.*

**Silent Vigil: Wednesday, May 14, 2025**

**SILENT VIGIL FOR  
PEACE & JUSTICE**  
EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
5:30 - 6:30 PM



INDIVIDUALS ARE FREE TO COME AND GO AS THEY WISH.  
NO SLOGANS      NO DISCUSSIONS      NO SIGNS  
SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WAR.  
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