

Life and Work – July 6, 2025

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Cecil Templeman, who passed away yesterday, Thursday, July 3, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Cecil was a long time member of St. James and was very involved in our church before his move to Calgary. Obituary details will follow once they become available.

Huge Thank you: To all who helped with this past Sunday's service, Luncheon and Hymn Festival. We certainly appreciated all the help of: the set up and take down, the running of the luncheon and the kitchen, the many people who supplied food and sweets of many varieties, the ushers and greeters for all. We certainly had a wonderful time with our visitors from Islington United Church and they were very thankful for our hospitality. All left over food, (three trays of sandwiches, three trays of cookies and some apples), was delivered to Emmanuel House and they were very appreciative for the donation. We are truly proud of our choir and the visiting choir for the wonderful festival they provided for us. Proceeds collected from the good will offering are going to the church general fund. Many hands make for a wonderful experience for all. Huge thanks from the Choir, Amy, Bob and myself - Susan Pike

Rev. James on holiday: Rev James is away on holiday from July 1 to July 18. In that time, Rev. Robert Tuck will be leading worship on July 6 and July 13. Rev. Kathy Brett will cover any pastoral emergencies from July 1 to July 14 with Rev. Bill Mercer covering for July 15 to 18. Please contact the office for their respective phone numbers and emails.

Summer Pause: Now that the warm weather has arrived we are on a break from a number of worship services and programs. There will not be Taize, Tapestry, InsideOUT, Pub Theology and Bible Study for July and August, each starting up again in September. The Silent Vigil for Peace and Justice will only be paused while Rev. James is away, scheduled to begin again at 5:30 pm on August 9. Wild Light Spiritual Oasis continues through the summer. The next gathering will be on July 27 at 3 pm, beginning in the Fluvarium parking lot.

Pride Worship Service, Parade and Festival: It is time to show our pride on July 20. There are a number of ways to do so this year.

1. Pride Worship Services 10 am at Gower Street United Church and 11 am at St. James United Church.
2. Pride Parade: The parade begins at 12 noon. Join our contingent from St. James as part of a larger joint parade entry of United Churches in Metro St. John's. Participants begin gathering at 10:30 am on New Gower Street out front of the City Hall, or watch along the route.
3. Pride in the Park: After the parade, there is a festival in the park. Come to Bannerman park for the festivities. Drop by our table where we will be promoting Affirming United Churches as well as InsideOUT. Contact Rev. James if you would like to help with the table.

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.