

Life and Work – August 31, 2025

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Samuel Butt, who passed away Sunday, August 25, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

Tune into VOWR: This Sunday's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR on Sunday, August 31 at 7:00 PM. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream, and those listening.

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, September 2nd due to the Labor Day Holiday and will reopen on Wednesday morning as usual.

After church coffee time will be resuming on Sunday, September 7 in the auditorium right after the service. Looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing how their summer went.

Seeking Submissions for “The Visitor”: As we head into the fall, it is time to rev up church life again. And this includes getting ready for the next edition of “The Visitor”. We are seeking submissions about what is coming up, be it a gathering, a new program, the work of a committee or ministry, along with interesting ideas you may have discovered over the summer, an anecdote you would like to share. We are asking for submissions by September 10. Please send to info@stjamesuc.org.

Ushering: Thank you to all who volunteered to help with ushering throughout the summer by signing up on the sheet in the vestibule.

I have placed a new sheet on the wall in the vestibule for all who might like to sign up for the fall and winter season. Feel free to add your names when it might be convenient for you and your family.

Or contact Susan by phone at 709-685-5613 or by email: susanpike@warp.nfld.net. Thank you in advance.

Honouring Our Languages and Cultures: Beginning in September, one of the readings in worship each Sunday will be read in a language other than English. It may be read in Fanti or Spanish, French or Chinese, or another of the many first languages other than English that are spoken within our congregation. The English version will be projected on the screen (both in the sanctuary and online) or you can follow along with one of the bibles in the pew or at home. The person reading will also offer a brief introduction about their culture. In this way we lift up the diversity of our community and get a chance to learn more about each other.

Terry Fox Run: We are putting a team together for the Terry Fox run this year! Any members or friends of St. James are welcome to join our team to fundraise for cancer research.

To join, simply head to run.terryfox.ca/team/stjamesunitedchurch, set up your profile as part of the St. James United Church team, and begin gathering donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Grace at gracemarcoux@msn.com.

The event takes place on September 14, starting at 11 AM at Quidi Vidi Lake. While it is called a “run”, don’t fret, we will be walking a lap of the lake! We hope to see you there!

The Bell Island/Portugal Cove Pastoral Charge will be hosting a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. This will include a garden party on Saturday, September 6 from 2-4 PM, with music, old fashioned games, BBQ, an ice cream tent, local craftspeople, a book sale table, an anniversary cake and much more. Then on Sunday, September 7 there will be a celebration church service at 2 PM, with special guests and a reception with cake and coffee to follow.