

Life and Work – September 14, 2025

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Raymond Cook who Passed peacefully away on Sunday September 7th, 2025 at the age of 84 years. Service was held in the Barrett's Memorial Chapel on Friday September 12th, 2025, at 11am. Interment is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th, 2025 at 11 am, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, 799 Topsail Rd., Mount Pearl.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Sam Butt from Menetha and Sidney Dyke

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In memory of Sam Butt from Aubrey and Ruby Hill

* In memory of Samuel Butt from Cousin Sheilah Beckett

We accept the following donation to the Maintenance Fund:

* In memory of Sam Butt from Joan and Doug Bursey

* In memory of Raymond Cook from Doug and Joan Bursey

For Everyone Worshiping From Home: It is important that we include everyone in worship and so we are encouraging folks worshipping online to have a candle that you can light at the same time that we light the Christ candle in the Sanctuary. This is one way by which we are trying to make the home experience more participatory and not just a passive experience.

Creativity Corner: Each Sunday we try and have a section in the bulletin or "Life and Work" for what we call a "Creativity Corner". This is included because some people like to take notes during the sermon, to draw as a way to stay focused, or perhaps to write down a name when they meet someone in church, There was a time when we thought doing those sorts of things was not appropriate, but today we recognize that people have different learning styles, have varying needs. As a community of faith that seeks to include everyone, it is important to have things like the "Creativity Corner" to ensure everyone feels comfortable in their spiritual home.

Pub Theology Reminder: Thursday, September 18 at 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

InsideOUT LGBTQIA+ Spirituality Gathering - Sunday, September 21, 2025: InsideOUT is an LGBTQIA+ an opportunity to explore the intersection between queerness and spirituality. Held in the Quadrangle Outreach Room at 7:30PM

Wild light Spiritual Oasis Event: Our September gathering will be held in Rev. James and Glen's backyard on September 21 @ 3PM. Please email Rev. James for the address.

Welcome Back Sunday, September 21: It is that time of year again when we launch programs, ministries and other activities for the fall and beyond. On September 21, various groups and committees will be setting up displays to share what they are up to and give people a chance to sign up to participate. It is also our first soup lunch of the year.

Soup Luncheons: The Soup luncheon is starting up on Sunday, September 21st. We are looking for donations of soup, and sweets, if you wish to contribute please reach out to any team member, Linda Babstock, 709-738-2891, Catherine Rose 709-763-2310, Sheilah Beckett 709-726-7421 or Barbara Butt 709-687-1041. We are grateful for your continued support, generosity and kindness! Thank you!

AOTS Men's Club: There is a men's club meeting on September 17th at 12:30 for lunch served at 1:00 PM. New members are always welcome.

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!

CIBC Run for the Cure: This is our 19th year participating as Team JoJo, raising money to support the CIBC Run for the Cure. This is an important cause for us remembering my sister Joanne and supporting our many friends who have fought and continue to fight against breast cancer. We’d appreciate your support. Together, we can change the future of breast cancer forever! We hoping you are able to consider making a donation today. You can donate by clicking on the link in the weekly email or contact Susan directly. Thank you for your support. Susan Pike: 709-685-5613.

"Welcome Circles": English-as-a-Additional Language Conversation groups, re-starting Tues. Sept. 16

Are you a newcomer whose first language is not English? Would you like to meet and chat with others in a casual atmosphere to improve your proficiency in English?

If so, we warmly welcome you to join our **Welcome Circle** -- a weekly, informal, small group conversation session for all adults to practice speaking

English! We'll discuss and cover a wide variety of topics and language for practical, every day and social situations. We also provide you with a great orientation to our province, culture and local dialects, as well as opportunities to share yours and to connect with others.

When?... **Tuesdays***, **7:30 to 9:30 pm**, starting September 16

(* Subject to change later.)

Where?... Fellowship Room,
St. James United Church,
330 Elizabeth Ave., St. John's.

(It's an accessible building on bus routes with *free parking after 6PM*)

For information and to notify us of your intent to attend, please e-mail: Robin Bartlett, B.A. (Eng.), B. Ed., EAL, Facilitator & Chairperson of Teachers on Wheels, at: robinbartlett1224@gmail.com, or leave a message with Stephanie at the church's office: **722-1881, ext. 200**.

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 at susanpike@warp.nfld.net. Thank you in advance.

Financial Update to July 31, 2025:

Revenue	2025	2024
Collection	112,349	95,649
Rentals	30,885	25,769
Other	<u>25,322</u>	<u>17,759</u>
Total Revenue	167,556	139,077
Expenses		
Church	81,725	87,481
Assessments	8,680	9,852
Committees	749	882

Salaries	<u>81920</u>	<u>99,696</u>
Total Expenses	172,974	197,911
New Loss	-5,418	-58,834

We have done well for the first seven months with an increase in revenue and a decrease in expenses. Thank you everyone for your help in achieving this, now lets see what we can do over the next 5 months to finish off the year with a Net Income. Finance Committee