

## Life and Work – February 15, 2026

### **We accept the following donations to the General Fund:**

- \* In memory of Brenda Butt from Aubrey and Ruby Hill
- \* In memory of Jean and Gilbert Inkpen from Gillian Brown

### **We accept the following donation to the Music Program:**

\* In appreciation of Amy Dalziel, Bob Rose, The Senior choir, the "Pop Up" choirs, The Guitar Group and all the musicians and singers who bring such joy to the service. You lift our hearts. From Heather McMaster

**Tune into VOWR:** This Sunday's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR on Sunday, February 15 at 7:00 PM. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream, and those listening.

**Bring in Palm Fronds:** In preparation for Ash Wednesday (on February 18), please bring in palm fronds from last year (or earlier). They are burned and then the ash is used for the custom of having a cross traced in ash on your forehead.

**Ash Wednesday Service:** Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30PM. There will also be a chance to receive ashes at the end of the worship service on February 18

**Annual congregational Meeting:** Will be held on March 22nd after the service. The council will be serving a light lunch right after the service in the auditorium and we will go upstairs for the meeting directly after lunch to start around 12:45. The Annual Report is being compiled and will be available prior to the meeting.

**Sharing Leadership:** Would you like to share your gifts and insights on the church board or on a committee? There are some positions that you may want to consider.

**Church Board - Member at large:** This person comes from the congregation as a whole and so brings insights from our shared life and not a particular committee.

Church Board - Spiritual Growth and Discipleship Liaison: This person acts as a bridge between the Board and committees/teams that are focused on spirituality and faith, such as Worship & Sacraments, Faith Formation, and the Senior Choir.

Church Board - Congregational Life and Leadership Liaison: This person acts as a bridge between the Board and committees/teams that are focused on how we support each other such as Stewardship, Pastoral Care and groups like the UCW.

Stewardship Committee: This committee is all about how we share our gifts in support of our shared life, not just financially but also with our time and passions.

Faith Formation Team: This group supports people's faith development across generations. It coordinates efforts like Bible Study, Pub Theology and Small Groups.

Social and Eco Action Team: This group helps us live into our call to make the world a better place, supporting social justice and environmental justice efforts.

Pastoral Care Team: This group facilitates our call as a congregation to support one another in times of need such as illness and bereavement.

Diversity Team: This group helps us continue our efforts to be fully inclusive.

Communications Team: This group facilitates how we communicate with each other and the wider community through our newsletter, website and other media.

Volunteer Coordination Team: This small coordinating group raises awareness about volunteer opportunities, matching needs with people's interests.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts and talents in support of our shared life as St. James United Church.

## New Addition to the Church

We are pleased to accept a new member to St. James, A Square Machine. This was donated by a family from St. James. The Square will allow you to make donations, pay for tickets, purchase items at a sale or anything that you need to pay for at the church. If you don't have cash, we will now accept credit cards and debit cards. It will be available on Sunday mornings - just ask an usher, at the office throughout the week and when there is an event held at the church it will be there. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



**Save the Date!** The UCW will be hosting our annual *Spring Tea and Bake Sale* on Saturday, **April 11th from 2pm - 4pm**. Come and enjoy sandwiches, cookies and tea or coffee for \$10, get your baked goods and a chance to win a beautiful basket of items! As in previous years, we will be looking for help from members of the congregation and we will be reaching out soon. We know we can always count on our church family to support our fundraising efforts that are used to fund our church and outreach initiatives. If you would like to volunteer to help, please reach out to Betty Pilgrim or Donna Downey.

### **Lent is coming: Consider taking up a spiritual practice!**

1. Meditation: Each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 pm (doors open at 5:30 pm). Come each week for a time of quiet meditation in the Christian tradition. Don't worry if you've never practiced Christian meditation. Rev. James will teach you how.
2. Bible Study: Each Sunday after coffee time, Rev. James leads a bible study. This is a chance to explore the readings heard in worship in more detail.
3. Fasting: Fasting is one of Christianity's oldest practices. Choose one day during the week to eat less. You could choose to refrain from eating during

the daylight hours, opt to go without meat, or some other practice. As you feel hungry for food, you turn to God who is the only one who truly satisfies.

4. Almsgiving: Another ancient practice is giving alms, setting extra money aside to help others by supporting the church or another charity. Perhaps join fasting and almsgiving together. Sacrifice a purchased coffee (or some other treat) each day and give the proceeds to help others.

**Pancake Supper:** will be held on Tuesday, February 17 at 6pm. Come enjoy all the favourites; pancakes, berries, beans and sausages, coffee, tea and juice for just \$12 per person. Tickets are available for purchase from Aubrey Hill at (709) 726-8306 or Clyde Flight at (709) 722-9935. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**Barbara Butt and Stephanie (Our Office Administrator) did the draw this morning for the Valentine Basket.** Stephanie drew the name... and the winner is **CLAIRE HIGDON!** A member of St. James. Congratulations Claire!



**St. James United Church St. Patrick's Day Concert:** Featuring Hamilton Sound & Bud Davidge on Sunday, March 15, 2026 from 2:00-3:30pm. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased from the church office Tuesday to Friday between the hours of 8:30AM and 1:30PM. Please contact the church office for your ticket at [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) or 709-722-1881. Please note that the church office will be closed at 1:30PM.



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# ◆ CHURCH EVENTS 2026 ◆



Feb. 15 - Sunday	Soup Luncheon
Feb. 17 - Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb. 26 - Thursday	Spirit of NL Show
Mar. 15 - Sunday	Hamilton Sound Concert
Mar. 15 - Sunday	Luncheon
Apr. 5 - Sunday	Easter Breakfast 9AM
Apr. 11 - Saturday	UCW Spring Sale
Apr. 19 - Sunday	Luncheon
Apr. 24 - Friday	AOTS Fish Dinner 6PM
May 17 - Sunday	Luncheon
June 6 - Saturday	Rummage Sale
Aug. 29 - Saturday	Rummage Sale
Sept. 20 - Sunday	Luncheon
Oct. 18 - Sunday	Luncheon
Nov. 15 - Sunday	Luncheon
Nov. 20 - Friday	Anniversary Dinner
Dec. 20 - Sunday	Baking Spirits Bright & Soup Luncheon



**Don't forget the church in your will.**