

## Life and Work – February 22, 2026

### **We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

\* In memory of Flora Clouter from UCW

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

\* In memory of Harvey Weir on his Valentine Birthday from Gail Weir and family

**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.

**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.

**A thought of the week:** The good you do may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.

**News from the Pews:** The News from the Pews newsletter is completely online, so please visit the church website at [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org) to download your edition. If you would like a paper copy, please contact the office. Thank you to all who contributed.

**AOTS Meeting:** Our Men's Club meeting is on Wednesday February 25, 12:30 for 1:00 start. Special guest Rev. Guy Matthews will be speaking on Cardiac Care and his recent Transplant experience. New members always welcome.

**We are seeking your input:** As announced last fall, our Strategic Planning Committee is coordinating a "Listening Stage" to help us discern the future ministry needs and opportunities in our corner of St. John's, especially in terms of our people, programs and property. As we focus on Vision and Renewal in Lent, we are asking every person who calls St. James home to share their thoughts. We particularly want to hear your perspective on the relationship between our mission and our physical space.

**As you reflect, please consider:** Is your vision for the future of St. James fundamentally linked to our current physical property and building? Or do you see our "Growth and Renewal" taking a different shape as we adapt to the needs of the 21st century? There are no wrong answers—only honest reflections.

**How to Submit:**

- Drop off: Leave your written thoughts at the Church Office.
- Email: Send your reflections to [change@stjamesuc.org](mailto:change@stjamesuc.org) with the subject line: My Vision.

**Sharing Our Collective Vision:**

To inspire one another, received "My Vision" documents will be shared publicly with the congregation through postings in the church, inclusion in weekly bulletins, and future newsletters (*with all submissions anonymized, the author's name redacted to ensure privacy, unless you explicitly state in your submission that you wish for your name to be included.*)

**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.



**St. James United Church St. Patrick's Day Concert:** A reminder that the St. Patrick Day Concert performance by Hamilton Sound and Bud Davidge is coming up on Sunday, March 15th from 2 pm to 3:30 pm. This promises to be a great concert and an opportunity to generate revenue for the church. Tickets are \$35 and are available by calling the church office 709-722-1881 or emailing [info@stjamesuc.org](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org) Tuesdays to Fridays from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm. (Please note that the church office is closed at 1:30 pm.)

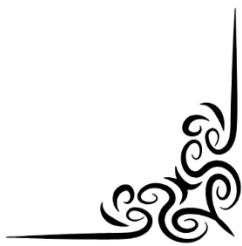
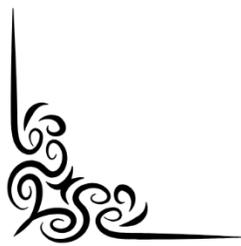
Tickets will also be available in the church foyer each Sunday leading up to the concert. If you don't carry cash not to worry we do have a Square machine so you can tap with your debit or credit card. Please share with your friends, we need all your support!...Thank you!

**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.

## ◆ **CHURCH EVENTS 2026** ◆



Feb. 26 - Thursday	Spirit of NL Show
Mar. 15 - Sunday	Hamilton Sound Concert
Mar. 15 - Sunday	Luncheon
Mar. 22 - Sunday	Annual Congregational Meeting
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.**