

Life and Work – March 1, 2026

Holy Week Services:

Holy Monday - 7:30 pm, location TBA

Holy Tuesday - 7:30 pm, location TBA

Spy Wednesday - 7:30 pm, Memorial United Church in Portugal Cove

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm, Cowan Heights United Church

Good Friday Seven Words Service - 12 noon, Wesley United Church

Good Friday Evening Service - 7:00 pm, St. James United Church

Easter Eve (Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil) Service - 8:00 pm, St. James United

We acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Keith Halfyard from Kim Holloway and ANON

A thought of the week: Silence is often more powerful than having the last word.

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

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for March 22 following worship and a light lunch. In addition to receiving the Annual Report, voting on the 2026 budget and members of the church board, there will be presentations about the first year living into our governance model, the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, and the status of possibly working with the Regional Council and Kindred Works on a housing project.

Good Friday Prayer Watch: Like the disciples who waited for the Sabbath to end before going to Jesus' tomb, you are invited to spend time prayerfully waiting for the resurrection. Beginning Good Friday evening (following the service in the sanctuary, you are invited to spend an hour in the sanctuary to keep watch.) The intention is to have someone in the sanctuary from 8 pm on Good Friday until 8 pm on Holy Saturday. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Readers Required: If anyone is interested in helping out during Sunday worship services by doing readings, please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule or please contact Barry Cutler at (709) 685-9030 or by email at newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca. Thank you

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 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.*)

Meditation: Each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. People who are new to Christian meditation are asked to come at 5:30 for a time of instruction with Rev. James. Come each week for a time of quiet meditation in the Christian tradition.

Bible Study: Rev. James will be unable to lead the Bible Study this Sunday. The study will be group led with educational materials and discussion questions left in the Conference Room for participants.

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.



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.

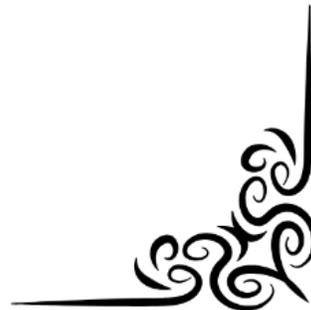
We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your gifts and talents in support of our shared life as St. James United Church.

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



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 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!



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St. James United Church
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Office Hours Tuesdays-Fridays 8:30am to 1:30pm



Easter Butterflies

Butterflies have become a celebration symbol of Ressurrection, spring and new life. Just as the caterpillar emerges from the cocoon a new being, the butterfly, Jesus emerges from the tomb at Easter as the Christ.

After the bareness of Lent we will be decorating the sanctuary of St. James United Church with butterflies for the Season of Easter. We invite you to sponsor a butterfly in celebration of a loved one or a significant life event.

(birthday, graduation, anniversary etc.) **To sponsor a butterfly, please fill out the form below and return to the church by March 20 if you can, with a donation of \$10 per butterfly.**

If you need more time, we will run for a second week.

Easter Celebration Butterflies

Name: _____ Envelope Number: _____

Amount: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

In celebration of:

Don't forget the church in your will.