

## Life and Work – March 29, 2026

**We offer our sincere condolences to** the family of Marina Adams, who passed peacefully on Sunday, March 22, 2026. Funeral service was on Friday, March 27th at 11 a.m. from St. James United Church with internment followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

### **Holy Week Services:**

Holy Monday - 7:30 pm, First United in Mount Pearl. Preacher - Melisandra Groza

Holy Tuesday - 7:30 pm, Memorial United in Pouch Cove. Preacher - Rev. Oliver Dingwell

Spy Wednesday - 7:30 pm, Memorial United in Portugal Cove. Preacher - Hannah Sheppard

Maundy Thursday - 7:30 pm, Cowan Heights United Church. Preacher - Rev. Scott Parsons

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

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm at St. James United Church

Holy Saturday Prayer Watch followed by the Easter Vigil Service- 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at St. James United Church

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

Easter Sunday Breakfast - 9:30 am, St. James United Church

Easter Sunday Service followed by Treasure Hunt - St. James United Church

**Office Closure:** The church office will be closed on Friday, April 3 to observe Good Friday and will reopen Tuesday morning as usual.

**A thought of the week:** Some choices that break your heart, heal your soul  
Easter Sunday Breakfast - April 5: Once again the AOTS Men's Club will be hosting Breakfast Downstairs with Eggs, Toast, Jam, Juice, Tea and Coffee. We will be serving breakfast from 9:30AM to 10:15AM. Enjoy your Breakfast before going upstairs for the Easter Sunday Service at 11:00 am. There will be a free will offering.

**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.

**Taizé Prayer Service:** Wednesday, April 1 at 6:30PM. A time of readings, singing and silent reflection.

**Tapestry - Saturday, April 11:** Beginning with a potluck at 5:30. This service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

**Holy Saturday Prayer Watch:** We have adjusted the schedule for our Prayer Watch, beginning at 8 am on Saturday rather the previous night. Please sign up for an hour to keep watch with the disciples as we collectively mourn Jesus' death and await the resurrection.

**Volunteer Appreciation Awards:** nominations are open for Volunteer Appreciation Awards, use this link to nominate someone:

<https://forms.gle/ttdtH2MAq91ehhxS9>

We are thankful for everyone at St James who takes time out of their busy lives to volunteer - our church would not be the warm, welcoming community it is without all the excellent work our volunteers do. This year we are kicking off our Volunteer Appreciation Awards to say an extra special thank you and recognize the hard work that goes on at St James throughout the year.

**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.

## Confirmation and Membership Classes:

Beginning in early April, we will be holding two sets of confirmation and membership classes, one for youth and another for adults.

- The youth confirmation sessions will be held jointly with youth from Cowan Heights United Church, either on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 pm or Saturdays from 12:30 to 2:00 pm.
- The adult classes will be held on Sundays in place of Bible Study during the Easter Season.

If you are interested in learning more about Christianity as it is expressed in the United Church, or are not a member of the church but would like to be, including transferring your membership from another United Church congregation, contact Rev. James by email, [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org).

**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](mailto:newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca). Thank you

**Cowan Heights Spring Craft Fair:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm.  
Admission \$2. Children under 12 is free.



# ◆ CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENTS 2026 ◆



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

Please check the website for Worship, Prayer Services and Faith Formation events.



**“In God’s economy we are all recipients of grace, gracious action is our response to God’s gift.” – Lori Guenther Reesor**