

Life and Work – May 10, 2026

We acknowledge the following donation to the General Fund:

* In loving memory of husband Carlson and son Brian from Ann Emberley

We acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

* In memory of May Stokes from daughter Jean and family

We accept the following donation to the Maintenance Fund:

* In memory of Leah Bursey from Son, Doug and Harry Bursey and their families.

* In memory of Mother, Mary Granter from Joan and Doug Bursey and family.

A thought of the week: Blowing out someone else's candle doesn't make yours shine any brighter.

Church Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 6th, 9am - 1pm:



Admission fee \$2.

Accepting donations of good used household items, small appliances in working order, no books, electronics or clothing, please.

Items can be dropped off at the church office on any Friday in May between the hours of 10 am to 12 noon.

On Friday, June 5th we are available to accept your donations between the hours of 10 am to 2 pm.

Any questions please contact any member of the fundraising team:
Barbara, Catherine, Linda, Barry, Randy, Clyde or Dianne.

We appreciate your support with this fundraising initiative. Thank you!

Save the date for St. James' Senior Choir Concert: Sunday, June 7, 2.30PM in the sanctuary. More information to follow.

What is "The Next Chapter" St. James is at a threshold. Like our founders who met in McPherson School to build a new future, we are launching a "Listening Phase" to determine how we remain a thriving, progressive church for the next 25 years. We are being proactive about our building's future and our mission in St. John's No decisions have been made—this is your chance to draw the map. The final say belongs to the congregation.

This Sunday, we can talk about Our Space?? We have a large footprint and an aging demographic. How can we use our building to better serve St. John's? Should we be a community hub? Join us after service to talk about our property and our sustainability. If you can't stay, look for the "Next Chapter" online survey soon on our website!

Financial Update to March 31:

It has been a challenging financial time for St James, as the church was closed for two Sundays and there was a lot of snow to deal with.

For January 1 to March 31

Total Revenue \$68,546

Total Expenses 98,981

Total Deficit \$30,435

Explanation: Our collections are down \$8,000 from last year; Rentals are down \$4,000 - With the loss of Quadrangle and The Bridge Group didn't start till February; on a good note Fundraising is up by \$6,000. Our Insurance increased by \$3,400 from last year and repairs are up \$2,000. Heat is on par with last year, which is due to the number of fill-ups. For the month of March 2026 we paid \$9,000 for oil. This was due to the cost of oil on the rise and the excessive cold for the month. With the cleaners leaving and new cleaners starting we did save \$3,500 on cleaning. Everything else is on par with 2025. We did replace the lights downstairs with a cost of \$9,000 but this came out of the Contingency Funds

What's with "Apostolic"?

Throughout the Easter Season, we have included a reading from the First Letter of Peter and when we conclude, the reader refers to the apostolic community. Peter was an apostle, as was Paul and John. Two common writers of epistles (letters) in the New Testament. An apostle is a witness of the resurrection and sent by the Risen Christ to share the good news. Mary Magdalene was the first to see the Risen Christ. She is often called the apostle of the apostles. The first generation of the early church was thus decidedly "apostolic". We continue to be an apostolic church, descendants of these first witnesses of the resurrection, sharing the good news. We profess this in the Nicene Creed, when we say "We believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church"