

## Life and Work – May 24, 2026

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

\* In memory of Joan Barbour from Ed and Daphne Noseworthy

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

\* In memory of Joan and Derrick Barbour from Shirley Bursey

### **We acknowledge the following donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:**

\* As we celebrate in Bethany's memory, 🦋 January 8, 1988 - May 27, 2008, ❤️ Ever Remembered in our Hearts Every Day. Stephen, Susan, Rebecca, Kyle and Micah

**A thought of the week:** Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, as long as you remember to turn on the light.

**Square Machine as a Second Option:** We now have a Square machine to take your donation. It will be available at all services and events so you have the option to use it if you wish. Someone will be there to help you.

**Thank You:** The soup luncheon team extends sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the soup luncheons over the past months. Your generosity and willingness to lend a hand has been very much appreciated. To those of you who set up and took down tables, did place settings, folded napkins, cleaned up and assisted us at the door with the good will offering, we are extremely grateful.  
THANK YOU

**Join St. James' Senior Choir for a concert on Sunday, June 7 at 2:30 PM in the sanctuary.** The choir will perform a selection of favourite anthems from over the years, spanning a variety of eras, genres, and styles — from *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi to John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth*, and much more in between. A freewill offering will be collected at the door.

**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.

**Fundraising:** St. James United Church has traditionally raised funds in three main ways - with offerings, renting spaces and hosting a variety of fundraising events. Only offerings are reliant only on members and adherents of the congregation. The other two, fundraising especially, should be focused on the wider community, people attending the event from beyond our four walls. When these events are held, one of the best ways that members and adherents can contribute is spreading the word and encouraging friends and neighbours to attend. So next time we have a fundraiser, get the word out and we can raise some of the funds we need through the wider community.

**Year End Potluck and Review, June 2, 5:30 pm:** Each year our church board hosts a retreat to reflect on the past year and prepare for the next. This year the plan is for an evening rather than a full day, beginning with a potluck meal. Committee members and anyone interested from the congregation is welcome to attend along with members of our church board as we review last year's ministry plan and consider what, if anything, to carry over into next year, along with new possibilities.

**Monthly Labyrinth Walk on May 27 at 6:30 pm:** Did you know we have a labyrinth? We do and it is beckoning for us to walk it. A labyrinth is a circular winding path into a centre point. Unlike a maze there is only one path and you cannot get lost. Walking the labyrinth is an ancient prayer practice to quiet the mind and seek spiritual clarity. Throughout the summer we will have a group labyrinth walk on fourth Wednesday of the month. Meet on the lawn between the church and Paton Street.

**Care Home Services:** Each month (except during the summer), Rev. James and various volunteers lead worship services and hymn sings at 3 different care homes. Feel free to come and worship, sing, and meet the residents, some of whom are members of St. James.

- 2nd Thursday at 2 pm - Worship with Bob Rose, UCW and AOTS at Pleasant View Towers.
- 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Kenny's Pond Retirement Community.
- 4th Wednesday at 3 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Bishops Gardens Seniors Living.
- In addition, Doreen Brown assists Rev. Rebecca on the 1st Wednesday at 3 pm at Tiffany Village.



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.

### **After four weeks of listening, it's time for the Grand Finale!**

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, May 24, immediately following worship, we are hosting our **Structured Listening Cafe**. This is a 2-hour event where we will synthesize feedback into a roadmap for our future. If you haven't attended a previous session, your voice is needed today.

**Topsail United Church Coffee** Group will be hosting an Afternoon Tea Party and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 30th, from 2 until 4 P.M., With Special Musical Guests Avalonia. Tickets \$15.00. Please remember your Fascinator. To reserve your ticket please contact the Church Office at 709-834-4567. Tickets go on Sale on May 4 thru May 27<sup>th</sup>

**Church of the Good Shepherd Italian Dinner:**

Italian Night Dinner, Saturday, May 30, 6:30pm, \$25, Lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and carrot cake for dessert. Gluten free option will be available if pre-ordered. Tickets are available at the Church office 747-1022 or you can email transfer [cotgs@nf.aibn.com](mailto:cotgs@nf.aibn.com)

**You're Invited to Brunch at Church of the Good Shepherd:**

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Church. Tickets \$15 and available at the church office or email transfer to [cotgs@nf.aibn.com](mailto:cotgs@nf.aibn.com) Bring your appetite as the menu includes: sausages, bacon, scrambled eggs, pancakes, beans, hash browns, orange juice, apple juice, tea & coffee