

Life and Work – July 26, 2026

We acknowledge the following donations to the General Fund:

- *In loving memory of Ron Robbins from The AOTS
- *In loving memory of Ron Robbins from Linda Babstock
- *In loving memory of Ron Robbins from Aubrey and Ruby Hill

A thought of the week: *“Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful”*

General Protestant Cemetery Services (Flower Services):

Memorial Gardens Cemetery - Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7PM

Please note in the event of inclement weather, the services will move ahead to 7PM the next evening.

Wild Light Gathering, August 1 at 3 pm, Long Pond:

We will gather for a reflective walk in celebration of summer. We will meet at the shelter in the Fluvarium parking lot.

Please note: Our Office Administrator, Stephanie, is on holidays for the summer. Our summer student, Heidi, will be filling in for her during this time.

Hymn Picking Team: We are looking for a small group of people (2 or 3) to assist in picking an older, favourite hymn for each Sunday, beginning in September. These may be from The Hymnary, Songs of the Gospel, or others that folks like to sing. Contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) if you can help in this way.

On Pause for Summer: A reminder that Pub Theology, Tapestry, InsideOUT, Carehome Services, Taizé, and Meditation are all on pause for the summer. We will regroup in the Fall.

Connecting with our Neighbourhood: This summer and fall we are doing Prayer Walks in our neighbourhood. This is a simple weekly walk along the streets surrounding the church, praying, observing and connecting with neighbours as you go. We will form small teams of 2-3 people to walk each

Monthly Labyrinth Walk: 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 at 6:30pm: August 26. Meet on the lawn between the church and Paton Street.



Dear St. James United Church,

Hello, this is Evelyn and Alicia reaching out to your organization from Bridges To Hope as the program coordinators for the 2026 Bag To School program. We know that summer has only just begun, but it is not too early to start thinking about Bag To School!

Each year, the Bag To School program at Bridges To Hope provides school supply assistance to K-12 students in the St. John's Metro region whose families are experiencing financial hardship. Our goal this year is to support 1000 local kids, many of which would not be able to put together a full complement of school supplies without this program.

Last year, Bridges To Hope was able to provide school bags to 900 local students. We are once again reaching out to our faith-based community, and are asking you to extend your generosity through donations of specific school supplies from our wishlist.

We are asking for donations of **24 pack Crayola Crayons and Erasers**. We are hoping you can help us in our mission to prepare young minds for a great school year in 2026.

Thank you for your continued support,

Alicia Flynn & Evelyn Stagg

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