

Life and Work - October 11, 2026

We accept the following donation to Bridges to Hope:

* In memory of Eric Patey, a loving husband and father from Betty, Jeff and Karen

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In memory of Ron Robbins from Heman Whalen

We accept a following donation to the Music Program from Heather McMaster

Office Closure: The church office will be closed on Tuesday, October 12, 2026 to observe the Thanksgiving Day Holiday and will reopen on Wednesday morning as usual.

Rev. James' New Office Hours: If you would like to see Rev. James, he is in the church office on Wednesday evenings between 7:15 pm and 9:00 pm and on Thursdays between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. If he is not in during those times, he has been called out on an emergency. Should that happen Stephanie can arrange an alternate time.

Common Ground was a Success! Last Sunday was our first Common Ground service, a monthly worship gathering created by and for the 2SLGBTQI+ community. 14 people came together to pray and support one another. Those who attended expressed deep gratitude to our congregation for hosting this venture. Our willingness to create safe space is much appreciated. If you know someone who would be interested in Common Ground, tell them about it. And be assured that allies are welcome to attend.

Soup luncheon - October 18th: we are looking for donations of soup/casseroles, dinner rolls and sweets. If you are able to contribute, please reach out to one of our team members (Linda, Catherine, Brenda or Barbara) or sign up on the sheet in the foyer. It is a free will offering, whatever you can offer is very much appreciated! We are grateful for your continued support!

Meditation for Busy People: Each Wednesday at 5:45 pm, we host a short time of Christian Meditation followed by additional spiritual practices like Lectio Divina, walking the labyrinth, a wonderful chance to come to inner quiet as we each focus on God's love within

us. Come to the Fellowship Room. If you have not practiced Meditation before, arrive at 5:30 pm and Rev. James will teach you how to go about it. Following meditation, each week there is an additional spiritual practice to take part in, such as Lectio Divina, walking the labyrinth or Taizé.

Use this link if you would prefer to join the group virtually:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88638302614?pwd=y4Ad1OqHjb8dtsWSLXJNMKkf2998f3.1>

Meditation Plus! Following our weekly meditation gathering, why not stay for another form of prayer or learning at 6:30 pm. The schedule is as follows:

First Wednesday of the month: Taizé Prayer (a time of singing and reflection)

Second Wednesday: Lectio Divina (shared reflection on a short Bible passage)

Third Wednesday: Post meditation teaching (learn more about Christian meditation)

Fourth Wednesday: Labyrinth Walk (a meditation practice focused on movement)

Care Home Services: Each month, 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.

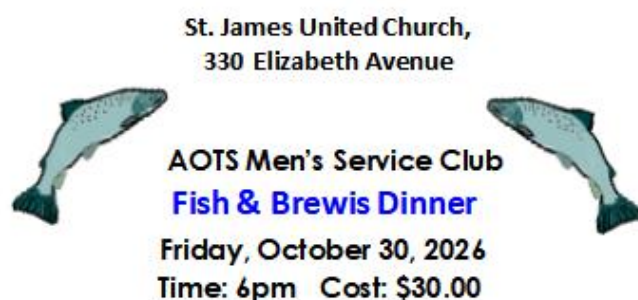
- 2nd Thursday at 2 pm - Worship with Bob Rose, UCW and AOTS at Pleasant View Towers.
- 3rd Wednesday at 3 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Kenny's Pond Retirement Community.
- 4th Wednesday at 2:30 pm - Hymn Sing with Doreen Brown at Bishops Gardens Seniors Living.
- In addition, Doreen Brown assists Rev. Rebecca on the 1st Wednesday at 3 pm at Tiffany Village.

Looking for a person to carryout Snow Clearing and Ice Control:

We are looking for someone to carryout the snow clearing and ice control of the church entrances/fire exits and walkways this winter season. If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to Stephanie on behalf of the property committee for details and more information at info@stjamesuc.org! Thank you!

Halloween at St. James: This year, we have decided to pivot to an indoor event. On *Sunday, October 25, 2026 from 2-3:30pm*, we will be offering pumpkin decorating for the children. ****no pumpkin carving will be done.**** There is no cost for this event and pumpkins will be provided. That being said, we have all our pumpkins chosen and waiting so any donation amount you can spare would be greatly appreciated. They can be put in the offering plate labelled "pumpkin", through Paypal by using the yellow donate button on stjamesuc.org (make sure to add a message or note specifying what the donation is for), or by using tap on the Square machine at our Sunday service. Craft supplies will not be turned away either and can be left at the church office during regular business hours. There is a limited number of pumpkins available so first come, first serve. Also, all children **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A few volunteers are still needed, so if you have a spare moment, it would be greatly appreciated!

AOTS Men's Club Fish Dinner:



* Tickets are available from any member of the AOTS Men's Club or Aubrey Hill - [709-726-8306](tel:709-726-8306) *

Considering Membership? We are planning to celebrate new members on November 18, our congregational anniversary. So let us know if you're currently a member of another congregation and considering transferring your membership to St. James, or were baptized in the United Church but never confirmed, or were baptized in another denomination and want to join the United Church. Whatever your circumstances, we would be happy to discern with you what is needed for you to become a member of our congregation. You can email Rev. James (james @ [stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)) or Susan Pike (susanpike @ [warp.nfld.net](mailto:susanpike@warp.nfld.net)).

Harvest Tea & Bake Stall

Saturday, November 7th at 2PM-4PM.

Tickets \$10 available at the church office and at the door

