

Before you buy, consider what your purchase may inadvertently support: Did you know that the revenue generated from Harry Potter themed products support anti-trans initiatives in the UK? The author of Harry Potter uses her wealth to fund legal challenges to trans-inclusion in the public sphere. Given this, we kindly ask that you consider carefully what it means to buy such products when we are committed at St. James United Church to not only being a safe and supportive space for all, including the trans community, but advocating for a more inclusive and just society as well.

Joint Worship and Early Fellowship on Thanksgiving Sunday: On Sunday, October 11, the congregations of St. James United Church and St. John's Methodist Church will come together for a joint worship service. In addition, our fellowship time will be before the service, beginning at 10am. To accommodate both congregations, we will gather in the auditorium.

Common Ground, a 2SLGBTQIA+ positive worship service: October 4 begins a new venture for 2SLGBTQIA+ folks in Metro St. John's. This monthly Christian worship service is for and led by 2SLGBTQIA+ community members. Doors open at 6 pm with worship beginning at 6:30 pm here at St. James United Church.

Tapestry - Saturday, October 10: 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.

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>

Mediation 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)

Connecting with our Neighbourhood: This 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 week (or every 2 weeks if that is easier). Contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org) if this interests you or for more information.

Jack O' Lantern Decorating: We are looking for 2-3 people that can assist in this event for neighbourhood children. Please contact Rev. James if you are interested.