

## St. James United Church Life and Work, February 23, 2020

**A Special Thank you!** Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> was cold outside, but warm and cozy here at St. James as we hosted our annual *Valentine's Day Fun and Friendship Concert and Dessert Party*. It featured terrific entertainment, delicious desserts and warm community companionship. All that, and we raised \$5,600 toward the on-going operation of our congregation.

There are so many people to thank. Many donated desserts, bottles of wine and auction items, came out to support us, and assisted with the set-up, running, and clean-up of the event. Our community friends, through their businesses, made generous donations for our auction. Thank you all! A special thank you goes out to the committee members who gave generously of their time, talent and treasure to this event. To Amy Dalziel, Heather Hickman, Janet Bartlett, Gloria Le Feuvre, Bill Legge, Clyde Flight, Sarah Norman, Robin Bartlett and Paul Walsh, thank you for your dedication and devotion. See you next year!!

**Please stay**, following the morning service today, to receive the report from our Diversity Committee and take the vote on becoming an Affirming Congregation.

**We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund** in loving memory of *"my daughter, Sharon Kelly, love always, mom, Annie Parsons"*.

**We gratefully acknowledge donations to Project Grace** from Lois Bourne, Clyde Flight, loose change envelope.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,038. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)
Givings: February 2: \$2,037
February 9: \$3,652
February 16: \$3,890

**The Lenten Folders are here.** Please find yours in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of your last name. Some of them hold \$10 and some \$15! Feel free to give what you wish! Remaining folders will be sorted

tomorrow morning, ready for the zone captains to pick up and deliver after 1pm tomorrow, Monday, February 24. However, due to the weather, we are leaving it up to the individual zone captain to decide if or when they can deliver. Please feel free to take one for a friend today if you know they cannot get to church.

**Monday, February 23: Loose Threads Sewing Studio, 2-5pm.**

**Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm:** Annual Pancake supper, Tickets available before and after the Service today, or tomorrow from the church office; they will not be available at the door. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

**Wednesday, February 26: \*Friendship Group meets; lunch at 1pm**  
**\*Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm** in the Fellowship Room.

**Saturday, February 29: \*Ukelele class, 1:30pm** in the Youth Chapel;  
**\* Contemporary Worship Service, 4:30pm;**  
**\*Community Potluck and Games Night in the Auditorium, 6pm.** All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

**Notice to all congregation members:** Your Council has recently approved several action plans which affect all of us. As a result, we give notice of a second upcoming congregational meeting in this regard, and advance notice of our Annual Meeting. We ask that members make every effort to attend these meetings.

**Sunday March 1st** following the morning Service to share information on a proposal formulated by Stewardship to address our debt and financial future.

**Sunday March 15th** following the morning Service our Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the Annual Report and Budget.

**Lenten Study Program: 'Signs of Life: Why Church Matters.'** A 5-week program on Thursday mornings at 10:30, starting March 5. Please contact Susan (722-1881, ext. 204 or [susan@stjamesuc.org](mailto:susan@stjamesuc.org)) to register; course materials will cost \$5.

**Lenten Lunchtime Communion Services, beginning Thursday, March 5.** Please note change of day from previous years.