

Life and Work - June 2, 2024

We acknowledge the following donation to the Cemetery Fund:

*In loving memory of Father, Captain Walter Blackwood from Lorna Jamieson.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Flower Garden Fund:

*In memory of June Jones from Vera Marshall.

We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial fund:

*In memory of June Jones from the UCW.

Cold Plate Dinner Fundraiser: St. James Untied Church is now taking orders for Cold Plate Dinners. They are \$18 and can be pre-ordered by calling the church office at (709) 722-1881 ext. 200. Payment is required to place your order and can be paid in person or by e-transfer. The dinners will be available for pickup on June 21, 2024, anytime after 1:00pm. Deadline for Orders is June 14, 2024.

Help Requested with Cold Plate Dinners: Would anyone be available and interested in the morning of June 21st to help put the Cold Plate dinners together and again in the afternoon to help distribute them? We will need 3 to 4 people.

Caution - construction: The construction has started on Elizabeth Avenue. When coming to the church, please use the back entrance of the church on Paton Street to avoid construction and detours.

Parking Permits Required: We have been informed by MUN parking enforcement that there have been incidents of high school students parking in our parking spaces. Due to this, parking enforcement will actively be checking our parking lot. We have been asked to provide temporary parking permits to our visitors of the church during weekdays. This will help indicate to MUN parking enforcement who is a visitor of the church and who is not. When visiting the church, please see Stephanie in the church office for your temporary parking permit. Thank you.

Finance Update to April 30, 2024

At the Annual Congregational Meeting, back on March 17, 2024, you approved a Deficit Budget of \$50,536.00. Below is where St. James is at on April 30th compared to 2023 for the same date.

Revenue:	2024	2023
Collections	47,677.45	53,357.24
Other Envelopes	12,150.80	8,512.70
Rentals	15,161.21	16,642.72
All Other Revenue	<u>5,799.78</u>	<u>6,005.59</u>
Total Revenue	80,789.24	84,518.25
Expenses:		
Heat	15,957.89	19,201.61
Light	2,693.90	2,294.06
Church	36,403.62	30,758.11
Assessments	3,926.00	4,035.25
Committees	603.31	187.08
Salaries	<u>55,568.57</u>	<u>64,552.06</u>
Total Expenses	115,153.29	121,028.17
Net Loss	-34,364.05	-36,509.92

1. Collections are down from last year and that is partly due to being closed for two Sunday's due to a snowstorm. We want to thank everyone that have increased their givings in 2024.
2. Heat is down a bit from last year.
3. Church expenses are up and this is due to the hot water boiler leaking and having to be replaced; one of the toilets downstairs was backed-up and we had to call in a plumber; insurance increased from last year by \$3,000 and our maintenance and cleaning cost have increased.