

## Life and Work - May 26, 2024

**We offer our sincere condolences** to the family on the passing of June Jones who passed peacefully on May 16, 2024, age 86. Cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

**We offer our sincere condolences** to the family on the passing of Chesley Howell who passed peacefully on May 18, 2024, age 104 years. Funeral Service was held at 10am on Wednesday, May 22 here at St. James United Church with interment followed at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

**We acknowledge the following Donation to Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund:**

In loving memory of Bethany Danielle Pike. January 8, 1988-May 27, 2008. Ever remembered with love, Stephen, Susan, Rebecca and Kyle.

**We acknowledge the following donation to the Memorial Fund:**

In memory of June Jones from Menetha and Sid Dyke.

**Pub Theology:** Our Pub Theology time is a bit late this month. We will gather NEXT Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 at Guvnor's Pub (389 Elizabeth Ave) for conversation about faith, spirituality and life's big questions.

**Wild Light Gathering:** This Sunday at 3PM. Come for a meditative walk in Pippy Park with parking at the Fluvarium as we welcome the new leaves of the trees and the signs that spring is finally here.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> compared to 2023 for the same date.

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
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
<b>Expenses:</b>		
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
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>-34,364.05</b>	<b>-36,509.92</b>

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.