

**We offer our sincere condolences** to Judy Stratton on the passing of her brother, Robert Driscoll, on August 1, 2024. Funeral took place on Monday August 5, 2024 from Wesley United Church.

**We accept the following donation to the Bridges to Hope Fund:**

\* From Jack and Florence Head

**Communion on the Beach:** Mark Thursday, August 29 on your calendars. On that day we will have an outdoor communion service at Middle Cove Beach. We will take time to reflect together and then make bread on a stick over the campfire as we share in communion together.

**Save the Date:** Our church Council is having a planning retreat on Saturday, September 14 and everyone is invited for the afternoon portion of the retreat. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, email Rev. James - [james@stjamesuc.org](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org).

**Free Cookbooks:** There are 3 cookbooks available for anyone who would like one: "100 Easy Recipes - Cakes and Cookies"; "100 Easy Recipes - One Pots"; and "Great American Favorite Brand Name Cookbook - Collector's Edition". Please see the church office if you would like to have one of the cookbooks.

**Are you planning a road trip this summer? Or have to visit any provincial locations for work?** If so, please take as many pictures as possible! We will be compiling them and creating a 2025 Scenes of Newfoundland and Labrador calendar that will be available for purchase in October (more details regarding the sale will be given later in the year). This is your chance to brag to friends and family that you are now a published photographer! So get out there and explore.....we can't wait to see all your talent.

**Bridges to Hope:** Bridges to Hope is currently running a "Bag to School" Program to support K-12 students in our community. This program ensures hundreds of students go back to class in September with a backpack custom-filled with the supplies they need for a successful school year. For anyone wanting more information about the program and how to donate, there are brochures available in the church foyer.

**Parking Permits Required:** We have been informed by MUN parking enforcement that there have been incidents of other people parking in our parking spaces. Due to this, parking enforcement will actively be monitoring 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 the church office for your temporary parking permit. Thank you.

**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 the construction and detours.

### Finance Update to June 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 on June 30th compared to 2023 for the same date.

| <b>Revenue:</b>       | <b>2024</b>       | <b>2023</b>       |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Collections           | 71,935.36         | 78,062.25         |
| Other Envelopes       | 10,644.70         | 8,912.35          |
| Rentals               | 22,293.14         | 22,985.27         |
| All Other Revenue     | 16,913.78         | 15,761.69         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>  | <b>121,787.08</b> | <b>125,721.56</b> |
| <b>Expenses:</b>      |                   |                   |
| Heat                  | 23,947.70         | 23,879.23         |
| Light                 | 4,465.26          | 3,523.76          |
| Church                | 52,461.91         | 43,399.60         |
| Assessments           | 9,852.00          | 8,070.50          |
| Committees            | 861.91            | 1,131.08          |
| Salaries              | 82,788.32         | 99,373.84         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>172,377.10</b> | <b>179,378.01</b> |
| <b>Net Loss</b>       | <b>-52,590.02</b> | <b>-53,656.45</b> |

Our revenue is down a bit from 2023 and so are our expenses.