

Life and Work - September 15, 2024

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Roland Avery, who passed on September 10, 2024. The funeral is to be held at Carnell's Chapel on Monday, September 16 at 11AM with an inurnment to follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

We offer our sincere condolences to Wendy Matthews, Jennifer Ball and their families on the passing of their Mother; Adelaide Tucker, who passed on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at the age of 84. A celebration of life had taken place at Barrett's Memorial Chapel on Monday, September 9.

Soup Hour: This year we are changing the Coffee Hour (third Sunday of each month) to a Soup Hour. We will be serving soup, rolls and a sweet for a free will offering. If you are interested in bringing in a pot of soup, rolls or cookies/muffins please sign the sheet out in the vestibule or call the church office. The council will be looking after first Sunday. The date is changed to September 22 for the first Soup Hour.

Equinox Communion: Last month the weather didn't cooperate for beach communion, so we are having backyard communion instead on Sunday, September 22. That day is the start of fall, a great time to stop and give thanks. We will have a fire, bake bread on sticks and share communion. Address: 18 Winchester Street in St. John's.

Neighbors Needed: Do you live relatively close to the church (within about 1 km)? We're looking for help in the next 2 weeks for a "leaflet drop" of our neighborhood to invite residents to our "Welcome Back Sunday" service on September 22. If you can help or need more information, please contact Rev. James (james@stjamesuc.org).

Looking for: St. James is asking if members of the congregation could drop off any empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls to the church office for a project. Thank you in advance!

AOTS Men's Club: The first meeting of the fall will be held on Wednesday, September 18 at the usual time 12:30 for 1:00. New members are always welcome.

Youth Confirmation: This fall, Rev. James will be leading confirmation classes. If you have a child or grandchild in their mid to late teens who would like to be confirmed, please email Rev.

James, james@stjamesuc.org

NL Pictures for Calendar: All summer you have been seeing the announcement asking for you to take pictures along your travels. Well now we are asking for you to send them along to the office. We will be compiling the photos and creating a 2025 calendar with them. When sending your pictures, please include the area shown and who took it so we can give proper credit and please no pictures with people in them. The calendar will make a great Christmas gift to someone missing "home". Deadline for submissions: September 13. Information regarding purchasing will be made upon its completion.

The Visitor: We are looking for submissions for the Fall edition of The Visitor. Did you try something new? Attend a concert? See a new community? We would love to hear all about it! Please send them to the church office with subject line "Visitor". Deadline for submissions is September 13.

A Thank You from the Indian Orthodox Church: On Saturday, September 7, Rev. James attended a ceremony hosted by St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church in gratitude for the help that St. James United Church gave them when they first formed their parish in January 23, 2024. In recognition of the support they were shown, Rev. James was gifted with a shawl and a plaque. They are both on display on a table near the piano in the sanctuary for anyone who would like to see them

Pop-up Choir: For our September 22nd Welcome Sunday Service, St. James' music team will form a "pop-up choir" to lead the music. Anyone and everyone who would like to join this choir is encouraged to arrive at the church at 10AM that morning (Sept. 22) for a 40-minute rehearsal. Our choir anthem will be "We Are One in the Spirit". A recording of the anthem is printed below. No musical experience needed - please speak to Amy for more details!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN9cyxeDDss>.

Parking Permits Required: Please remember to get your temporary parking permit from the church office whenever visiting the church during weekdays. Parking enforcement are actively monitoring our parking lot. Thank you.

Financial Update to July 31, 2024

Revenue:	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Collections	83,845	90,990
Rentals	25,769	24,751
UCW	3,000	4,000
AOTS	3,500	2,000
Other	<u>22,884</u>	<u>20,092</u>
Total	138,998	141,833

Expenses:

Church	86,455	79,849
Assessments	9,852	8,071
Committees	882	3,493
Salaries	<u>98,567</u>	<u>118,256</u>
Total	195,756	209,669

Net Loss - \$ 56,758 - \$ 67,836

You can see that our revenue from 2023 is down slightly by approximately \$2,000. This is due to our collections being down and we have had very little fundraising. Our expenses are also down by approximately \$14,000. This is good news.