

## Life and Work – September 8, 2024

**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.

**Neighbours 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 neighbourhood 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](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)).

### Planning Retreat:

You're Invited! The Council of St. James United Church is hosting a planning and idea-sharing retreat on September 14 and you are invited to attend.

The morning session is for members of church council, committees and the executives of the UCW and AOTS.

Members and adherents of St. James are welcome to come for lunch and then stay for the afternoon as we set our pastoral priorities for the coming year.

Here is the proposed agenda:

8:30 am - arrival and settling in

9:00 am - community building

9:30 am - A "State of the Union" discussion including finances

10:30 am - break and time for personal reflection/idea-generation

11:00 am - idea sharing based on previous discussion and 2023 MAP

12:00 pm - preliminary goal setting

12:30 pm - lunch with time for group conversations

1:30 pm - reviewing initial goals with congregational feedback

2:15 pm - determining priorities

3:00 pm - clean-up and departure

The location is at Queens Theological College at 210 Prince Philip Drive, St. John's

**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.

**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 is September 13. Information regarding purchasing will be made upon its completion.

**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](mailto:james@stjamesuc.org)

### **Lost and Found:**

We have:

two (2) black dressy ladies jackets, size 10 and size medium

One (1) beautiful Pashmina scarf; red, fuscia and beige

Three (3) down filled jackets. One is large, two are medium

One (1) grey hoodie, medium

One (1) Pair boots

Two (2) pairs of running shoes

One (1) ladies black pumps

If any of these items belong to you, please collect or if they interest you, you can pick them up for free. At the end of next week, any remaining items will be donated to charity.

**Parking Permits Required:** Please remember to get your temporary parking permit from the church office whenever visiting the church during weekdays. The Parking permits will indicate to MUN parking enforcement who is a visitor of the church and who is not and will help to avoid receiving parking tickets. Thank you.

**UCW Meeting:** The UCW will be meeting on Monday, September 9 at 12:30PM in the Fellowship Room.

**Topsail United Afternoon Tea and Mini Bake Sale:** Topsail United Church Coffee Group will be hosting an Afternoon Tea and Mini Bake Sale, on Wednesday October 9 from 2 until 4 P.M. Tickets are \$12 Adults, Children \$6, and will be available by calling the Office from 9 until 12 on Tuesday thru Thursday at 709-834-4567. Mini Bake Sale available to ticket holders only. There will no tickets at the door. Entertainment by Avalonia.

### **Financial Update to July 31, 2024**

<b>Revenue:</b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>
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
<b>Expenses:</b>		
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
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>- \$ 56,758</b>	<b>- \$ 67,836</b>



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GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH AND  
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
INVITE YOU TO OUR**

# **GOWER STREET BLOCK PARTY**

**SEPTEMBER 22TH • 12:30 - 3:00 PM**

LOCATION:  
GOWER STREET IN FRONT OF THE ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

JOIN US FOR LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT FOR KIDS AND  
ADULTS AND OF COURSE SOME FOOD FOR ALL!

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

**\*RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 6\***

