

Life and Work - December 1, 2024

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In loving memory of a loving Husband, Father and Grandfather Donald Bartlett from the family.

Tune into VOWR: Today's service will be rebroadcast on VOWR this evening at 7:00 pm. We welcome all those worshipping in person, watching via livestream, and those listening this morning.

Financial Update: Here is an update to October 31, 2024.

Revenue	\$201,598
Expenses	255,967
Net Loss	\$54,369

Some of you have been asking why we are not using the Funds to pay out bills. Unfortunately, the Funds are restricted, and we cannot use them. They have certain guidelines, and we have to stand by those.

Christmas Envelopes: With the Canada Post strike, we are not able to mail out the Christmas Envelopes. Please put your contribution in an envelope and mark Christmas on it. You can either drop it off to the church any time and place in our secure lock box, bring it to church on Sunday morning, e-transfer to treasurer@stjamesuc.org, use the donate button on the church's website or please call the church office 709-722-1881 and leave your name and address and we will get someone to drop by and pick it up.

Looking For: Our IT team is looking for a 32" TV and mount to help with our ongoing upgrades. If you have a newer model TV available, in excellent working condition, for donation please reach out to Susan Pike. susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 709-685-5613

A New Spot to Find Information: Looking for information about upcoming events, to sign up for volunteer opportunities, or learn about important issues? We are putting up an Information Area in the foyer. It will be a one stop for information of all kinds, a spot to help us improve the flow of communication at St. James.

Upcoming Taizé Prayer Service: This coming Wednesday (Dec. 4) from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. A time of readings, singing and silent reflection. This monthly service is a wonderful way to just be with God and each other in a spirit of quiet and calm, so needed right now.

Looking for Volunteers to assist Rev. James with Worship: Beginning in the new year, we are looking to have people to assist Rev. James in leading parts of the worship service like the welcome, announcements, some prayers. These portions are prepared ahead of time by Rev. James. Training will be provided for those who are interested in helping in this way. For more information or to volunteer, email Rev. James at james@stjamesuc.org.

Advent Perspectives: Do you want to spiritually prepare yourself for Christmas this year? Why not gather in small groups and prayerfully reflect together on the readings for each Sunday of Advent? At the beginning of each week, we will send out an email with readings and questions to prompt your reflection and discussion. Reach out to some friends and together make room for Christ to be born in your hearts.

Silent Vigils for Peace, December 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm: Beginning on December 11, St. James will be hosting a monthly silent vigil for peace. Given the many conflicts in our world, especially as we enter the second year of the war between Israel and Hamas, we all need a place to just sit together in prayer. This is to be a no-taking-sides event, and so we ask people not to bring signs, or wear clothes with slogans, or to engage in conversation about one issue or another. This is a place of silent solidarity with all the people who are suffering because of our addiction to aggression and violence, seen especially in the bloodshed and destruction in Gaza, in the ongoing captivity of hostages from Israel, in war and violence in other places in our world. Let's come together and prayerfully hold the world in love and a desire for peace.

Blue Christmas Service: December 17 at 7 pm. A reflective service for all who feel blue during the holidays, especially because of a recent death, illness, break up or any other loss.

Baking Spirits Bright Bake Sale: Don't have time to bake your Christmas cookies, cakes or treats? Let us help you out! On Sunday, December 15th directly after the worship service we will be hosting a Christmas Bake sale, including breads, cookies, homemade fudge and

more. Lunch we will be serving, baked beans, soup, hot dogs and sweets for a free-will offering. We are asking for donations of soup, chile, rolls and sweets. Please contact Jean at treasurer@stjamesuc.org, speak with one of the ushers on Sunday or email/call the church office at info@stjamesuc.org or 709-722-1881 ext 200. We hope to see you all there. We are accepting donations for the bake sale on Saturday evening Dec 14th from 4 - 6 pm. All donations are welcome.

Also, if you or someone you know has a prepared food business, we invite you to rent your own table at the sale for \$25 (per table) to sell your own goodies. (for example selling bread, preserves, sauces or make your own cookies kits, etc.)

St. James Calendar: 2025 Calendars are available to purchase. If you wish to buy one, please contact the office during regular business hours. The cost is \$20.

English-as-a-Second (or Another) Language Conversation Café: Are you a newcomer -- or do you know a newcomer -- whose first language is not English and who needs help learning and improving their knowledge of it to speak it? The Social Action group, in partnership with Teachers on Wheels, have enough volunteers to start a weekly, informal, conversation café-style session to give immigrants an opportunity to learn and to practice. We are looking for interested participants to start in mid-December or early January. Dates & times will be determined based on polling participants' availability. If interested, please e-mail robinbartlett1224@gmail.com, or leave a message with the church office: 722-1881 ext. 200. Thank you!

Topsail United Fall Craft and Bake Sale: Topsail United Church will be hosting a Fall Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday November 30 from 10 until 1 P.M. All are Welcome.

White Gift Sunday: It's the time of year for generosity and giving to those in need. As usual, St. James is collecting donations for Stella's Circle's clients! Donations can be made to St. James United Church Office. We will bring to Stella's Circle directly. White Gift Sunday will be on December 8th.
(See list of items needed below)



Christmas Wish List

Household Items

(New items only, please!)

- * Dishes
- * Non sticks pots & frying pans
- * Cutlery & utensils
- * Cutting board
- * Kettle
- * Toaster
- * Reusable food storage containers
- * Aluminium foil, plastic wrap
- * Dish cloths & pot cloths
- * Cups, mugs & glasses
- * Baking sheets
- * Dish racks
- * Casserole dishes
- * Can openers
- * Colander
- * New bed sheets (twin & double)
- * New blankets & pillows
- * New bath towels, hand towels & face cloths
- * Mops, buckets, brooms
- * Garbage bags
- * Household cleaners, rubber gloves
- * Laundry detergent & dryer sheets
- * Paper towels & toilet paper
- * Dish liquid
- * Light bulbs, batteries, candles
- * Reusable water bottles
- * New throw blankets
- * Alarm clocks

Gifts should be new & remain unwrapped.

Please package in reusable bags for delivery no heavier than 20 pounds for the safety of staff.

Donations can be delivered to:

Employment Services
114 Cabot Street, St. John's
Mon-Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Housing Services
84 Prescott Street, St. John's
Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Emmanuel House
83 Cochrane Street, St. John's
Mon – Sun, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Monetary Donations:
Stella's Circle Foundation
142 Military Road
St. John's, NL A1C 2E6

Questions? Please contact:
Craig Drover
709-738-7730
c.drover@StellasCircle.ca

Personal Care Items

(New items only, please & for all adults)

- * Shampoo
- * Conditioner
- * Dry shampoo
- * Hairspray, mousses & gels
- * Hair brushes, combs & accessories
- * Deodorant
- * Razors, shaving creams & gels
- * Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss
- * Soap
- * Body wash
- * Moisturizer & hand lotion
- * Q-tips & tweezers
- * Lip balm
- * Nail care items (clippers, nail file)
- * Face cleanser
- * Make-up remover wipes
- * *Some unscented toiletries would be helpful*

Other Helpful Items

(New items only, please & for all adults)

- * Socks
- * Slippers
- * Underwear (sizes XS – 5X)
- * Pyjama/ pyjama bottoms (sizes XS – 5X)
- * Hats, gloves, mittens, scarves
- * New winter coats & jackets
- * Leggings of all sizes
- * New outdoor footwear
- * Backpacks & reuseable bags
- * Playing cards, games, colouring supplies
- * Movie passes
- * \$5 & \$10 Gift Cards (Dollarama, Sobeys etc)

Thank you!