

Life and Work - November 24, 2024

We accept the following donations to the Memorial Fund:

* In Memory of Bruce and Edna Hunt from Hal and Winnie Stanley and from Harold and Betty Grandy.

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In Memory of Tom Rose and Bruce Hunt from Eric and May King

We acknowledge a donation to the Music Fund/Senior Choir from Vera Marshall

Worship Assistants: Beginning in Advent, we are looking to have Worship Assistants. If you are interested in helping in any way, please let Rev. James know at james@stjamesuc.org

Pub Theology Next Week: Thursday, November 28 at 7:00 pm, Guv'nor Pub. Do you have a question or idea about faith, spirituality or ethics? Join in the conversation. No question is too big or too small.

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis (Forest Church) Contemplative

Writing: Today, November 24th at 3PM. After meeting in the parking lot of the Autism Society, we will go for a reflective walk in the area around the pond. We will then regroup inside to do some contemplative writing on the experience.

Christmas Decorating: Looking to get into the Christmas spirit? We need your help to decorate the sanctuary for the season. Especially needed are some tall people (or those who are not afraid of heights) who can help with our 12-foot tree and hanging the lights along the sides of the sanctuary. We will be starting at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 30. Snacks and beverages will be available. Time frame will depend on the number of volunteers we have to assist as it must be completed on that day. So, if you have an hour or two to spare, a warm welcome awaits. No advance notice is necessary.

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.

St. James Merry and 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 muffins for a free-will offering. 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.

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.

Free Books: We have *Old Red Hymn Books*, plus *Good News Translation*, and *Books of the Psalms* that are free to anyone that would like to take them. They are located in the back of the foyer.

Free for the taking: We have a sewing basket with pinking shears, and some yarn if anyone would like to have it. Please contact the office for information.

Gower's 52nd Online Auction is now open for bidding! Our auction offers a variety of items ranging from original art to gift certificates from local businesses, golf balls to sailing on Conception and Trinity Bay, quality China and glassware to a fireplace that would fit any décor. This year, our auction will be accessible through Bartlett's Auctions, which hosts it online at no cost. We are grateful to them for this service. Bidding will be open until Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. You will need an account to bid. If you have questions, click How to Bid or the FAQ at the top of the page. The link for the Auction is <https://bartlettauctions.com/auctions/24636-52nd-annual-gower-street-united-church-fall-auction>

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.



MEMORY CHRISTMAS TREE FORM

At this time of the year, thoughts of our loved ones are never far from our minds. One of the ways we acknowledge this is through the Memory Tree. For a donation, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory or in celebration of loved ones. We often think of this in terms remembering those who have died but we also may have happy memories that we want to acknowledge, like the birth of a child, a graduation or perhaps an important anniversary. The money raised through your gift helps to fund the many projects and activities that make St. James the vibrant faith community we love. Please have your request into the office by noon on Friday, December 13 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin insert. Best wishes for a Christmas of peace, love and joy!

Donor's Name(s):

In Memory or Celebration of:

Address:

Donation of \$5 a bulb: \$ _____



THE GREAT CHRISTMAS VISIT



The Advent-Christmas season is a great time to connect with loved ones as we share with each other the hope made real in the birth of Jesus. While we visit family and friends, our hearts go out to people who may feel isolated or lonely at this time, especially members of St. James United Church who have trouble getting around or just having a harder time this year.

So...we invite you to take part in our **“Great Christmas Visit”!**

Simply sign up and you will be linked with one of our more senior members. Visit with them at some point between December 1, 2024 and January 6, 2025, extending to them the care of this faith community. Full instructions will be given to help you share this important ministry.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

In addition, if you know someone who would appreciate a visit, please list their name and contact information below.

Name of Person(s) to be visited: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

**Thank you for sharing your gift of time
this Advent-Christmas!**

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.



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

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

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

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)

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

Thank you!