

Life and Work - December 15, 2024

We accept the following donation to the Memorial Fund:

* In Loving Memory of Dot and Dave Hapgood, Joanne Hapgood and Bethany Pike from Cathy and Luke Grenning

We accept the following donation to the General Fund:

* In Loving Memory of son Brian and husband Carlson from Anne Emberley

We accept the following donation to the General Protestant Cemetery:

* In Loving Memory of Fred Higdon from wife Claire and family

We would like to thank the UCW for their very generous donations:

* We accept a \$500 donation to the M&S Fund

* We accept a \$4000 donation to the General Fund for operating expenses

* We accept a \$400 donation to Bridges to Hope

* We accept a \$200 donation to Stella's Circle

Christmas Office Closure: The church office will be closed starting on December 21 until the morning of January 2nd. If anyone has any donations to go in the Christmas bulletins, please have them into the office by TODAY, Sunday, December 15th at the latest.

Gift Wrap Tubes: As you wrap your gifts this year, please set aside a gift wrap tube or two. We are looking for about 6 tubes for a project at the church.

Preparing for December 29: Do you have a nativity set at home that is unique or holds special memories for you? Bring to the church on December 29 and if you are comfortable, set it up in the sanctuary. As part of worship that day, there will be time in the service for people to look at different nativities and share about them.

2025 Church Envelopes: Your 2025 church envelopes are available to be picked up at the church during office hours or Sunday morning during service.

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.

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 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.

Bridges to Hope: Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month. Of course, this item, and other non-perishable food items, can be given any other Sunday as well. These items are staples in the food hampers distributed and will go a long way to ensuring that hampers can be filled.

The suggested item(s) for December 2024, especially useful for Bridges to Hope - Canned Meat. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

Thank you for your support!

St. James Christmas Worship Services:

3rd Sunday of Advent Service - December 15 @ 11AM

Blue Christmas Service - December 17 @ 7PM

Winter Solstice - December 21 @ 7PM at the Sheppard's
(contact office for address)

4th Sunday of Advent Service - December 22 @ 11AM

Christmas Eve Family Service - December 24 at 4:30PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24 at 7:00PM

1st Sunday of Christmas Service - December 29 @ 11AM