

Life and Work - February 16, 2025

2024 Tax Receipts: Your 2024 tax receipts went in the mail early this week. If you don't get your receipt in a couple of weeks or if there is a discrepancy, please call the church at 709-722-1881 or email the treasurer at treasurer@stjamesuc.org. On behalf of the Finance Committee, thank you for your donation.

Pub Theology: Thursday, February 20 at 7 pm at Guv'nor Pub. A time to explore questions of faith, spirituality and ethics over a beverage. No question is too big or too small. See you there

Annual Reports Deadline: The deadline for the Annual Reports to be submitted into the office is by Friday, February 21st. Please send to info@stjamesuc.org. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday: This coming March 3 is Ash Wednesday, the opening service of the Season of Lent. This day coincides with our regular Taizé service. As such the Taizé prayers and reflection will include a time when people can receive ashes. There will also be a chance to receive ashes at the end of the worship service on March 9.

Pancake Supper: will be held on Tuesday, March 4 at 6pm. Come enjoy all the favourites; pancakes, berries, beans and sausages, coffee, tea and juice for just \$10 per person (12 years and under \$5). Tickets are available for purchase from Aubrey Hill at (709) 726-8306 or Clyde Flight at (709) 722-9935. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Bring in Palm Fronds: In preparation for Ash Wednesday (on March 5), please bring in palm fronds from last year (or earlier). They are burned and then the ash is used for the custom of having a cross traced in ash on your forehead.

Shifting to a bulletin-free service: Beginning on March 9, the first Sunday of Lent, we are implementing a Projection only worship service. Life and Work will be available for those who want to take it home and there will be large print orders of service for people who need it. In addition, you can still dedicate the service in memory of a loved one or to celebrate someone. A few copies of the order of service will be printed for families who wish to have a keepsake of that dedication. This decision of council is intended to not only save money on the cost of paper but will reduce our congregational carbon footprint.

Lenten Bible Study: This coming Lent, Rev. James will be leading a bible study exploring the significance of the cross and the different ways we understand how Jesus' death upon it is spiritually transformative. There are 2 time slots. On Sunday afternoon after fellowship (bring a lunch) and on a weekday evening (day and time TBD by those who wish to participate).

Annual Congregational Meeting: The Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, March 23 at noon. Refreshments will be provided.

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 February 2025, especially useful for Bridges To Hope - Juice - 1 Litre. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!