

Summer 2024

St. James Newsletter

Letter From the Minister

Dear St. James Family,

The first half of 2024 has been amazing!

We've enjoyed a lot of special worship services, from our 7th Affirm Anniversary service to our two fantastic Affirm speakers – Brian Nichols and Jordon Sullivan; from the Players, “How to Get Away with Murder”, to “The Little Mermaid”; from the phenomenal response to our two Stewardship challenges – to help cover the winter snowplowing costs, to our annual donor match. We've welcomed new members – through joining the church as well as through baptism, we've celebrated milestone birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and so much more! Our Music program is in a time of transition and although we are very sad to say farewell to Brian as our Music Director, we are so happy that we will continue to see him in the choir when he is able to come. Heartfelt thanks to Brian for remaining at St. James much longer than he anticipated while we searched, searched some more, and finally found just the right person to lead our music program. We are excited to welcome Danny Bronson to our family beginning September 15th.

Please make some time look at the enclosed information from our Treasurer, as well as information about upcoming worship services and special events through to the end of December.

I hope and pray you have a safe, happy and healthy summer and that you are able to find moments to be out and about enjoying God's beautiful creation.

Reverend Julie

Summer Emergency Pastoral Care

Rev. Bev Sumbler will be offering emergency pastoral care

If you require emergency pastoral care please contact the office at 705-742-2222

Monday - Thursday

Fridays and weekends please contact Lynda Parker at 705-742-1983

Reduced Office Hours Weeks of July 22nd & 29th

The church office will have reduced office hours during the weeks of July 22nd & 29th.

Voicemail messages, emails and mail will be monitored.

Have a great Summer!!

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A Note from the Treasurer

Happy Summer to all of you!

As we approach the halfway point of the calendar year, we are finishing up another very successful Annual Matching Donor Campaign. Our very generous, long-time member of the congregation, Susan Weaver donated \$15000 and challenged us to meet or exceed that donation. Once again, we were not only able to meet the challenge, but slay it! Thank you to everyone of you for your support! Thanks also to the organizations who consistently add to the success of these campaigns ... The UCW, The Tuesday Morning Craft Group, Fyd-L-Styx, and The St. James Players. When we work together, we are strong! We have had two stewardship campaigns this year and have raised more than \$35000 over and above our envelope and PAR donations. These campaigns are crucial to the life of the church. Thank you, St. James for your contributions to all that we do!

The gift card fundraiser continues to be a success with over \$2300 earned so far this year. It is an easy way for you to raise money for the church with 3-4% of the value of the card being earned by the church. That is free money! Thank you to Jim Lowes for your ongoing work with this!

These fundraising efforts will go a long way in helping the church to meet its financial obligations during the summer, when receipts are historically less than the rest of the year, but expenses continue. Thank you to every one of you who give what you can on a regular basis.

A mild winter and spring have resulted in a decrease in some of our operating costs so far this year. While we are still sitting with a deficit of about \$20,000, it is substantially lower than at the same time last year. Hopefully we can continue to keep our costs down and increase our revenues as the year progresses.

How Can You Help?

Please continue to support the activities which take place throughout the year:

- Gift Card orders (a very simple way to raise money for the church)
- UCW events such as Muffin parties, Christmas Tea and Bazaar, bake sales, etc.
- Lunches, dinners
- Scrap metal collections
- St. James Players productions (Spring and Fall)
- Giving Sundays
- Matching Donor Campaigns
- Anniversary Sunday donation
- Special collections (Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving, Christmas)

Marilyn Perrin

Exciting news from your Official Board!

This summer a "Coffee Bar" will be built at the back of our sanctuary (Wesley Hall). The Coffee Bar will have 2 sinks, running water, electrical outlets, 2 large counter areas as well as storage space for some cups, dishes, coffee urns and teapots. This will enable us to have Coffee Hour in the sanctuary if we wish (either before or after church), it will be a great asset when the Players have productions onsite, it will provide an additional meeting space if a group needs access to running water and electrical outlets, and it will allow our Board and various committees and groups to organize regular concerts, shows, events, gatherings, etc., in that space.

We are very excited to be finding new ways to enrich the beauty and accessibility of our sanctuary (Wesley Hall). There are so many ways that we can praise and worship God in this space!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 08** Annual Corn Roast Lunch after church
- 15** 21st Abraham Festival
Potluck after church
Guest Speaker, Kirk Dunn @ 2:00 PM
- 28** Peterborough PRIDE Parade @ 1:30 PM
at City Hall followed by PRIDE in the Park

October

- 06** \$116 for 116 Years Campaign
Goal: \$5,800 (50 participants)
- 16** UCW Harvest Muffin Party 9:30 - 11:00 AM

November

- 08** Opening night of St. James Players production *Anything Goes!*
@ Showplace
Show dates: November 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15
- 16** UCW Christmas Bazaar & Tea
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

December

- 01** Hope Abides Service
12:00 PM
- TBD** Danny Bronson Christmas Concert
- TBD** Fyd-L-Styx Christmas Concert
- TBD** St. James Players auditions for Spring production

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UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

St. James Worship Service @ 10:30 AM

July

- 07-21** Worship @ Greenwood United 10:30 AM
(737 Donwood Dr, Peterborough)
- 28** Worship Service Celebrating UCC's Centennial Year
Lang Pioneer Village @11:00 AM

August

St. James welcomes Greenwood & Grace United Churches
& Guest Musician, Katie Gilroy

- 04** Worship Leader, Jane Huggins
Guest musicians, Katie Gilroy & Albert Moher
- 11** Worship Leader, Lynda Parker
- 18** Worship Leader, UCW & Karin DesChamps
- 25** Worship Leader, Jim Lowes

September

- 01** Creation Time Begins, Food Bank
Guest Speaker, Larry Breakenridge
- 08** Creation Time, Minute For Mission
- 15** 21st Abraham Festival Worship Service,
Welcome Danny Bronson!
- 22** Creation Time
- 29** Every Child Matters Orange Shirt Day

October

- 06** Creation Time / Food Bank, World Communion Sunday
(loose \$ to Benevolent Fund), Albert Moher guest musician
- 13** Thanksgiving, Minute for Mission
- 20** Worship Leader, TBD, Minute for Stewards/Stewardship
- 27** 116th Anniversary Sunday
Guest Speaker/Minister: Rev. Darren Liepold

November

- 03** Food Bank (\$ only), Albert Moher guest musician
- 10** Remembrance Day Service, Minute for Mission
- 17** Transgender Day of Remembrance, Rev. Ruth Wood,
lunch to follow, Minute for Affirm
- 24** Worship Leader: Joanne Rorke

December

- 01** Advent 1, Communion, (Loose \$ to Benevolent Fund)
Hope Abides Service (12 noon)
- 08** Advent 2, Food Bank (\$ only), Guest musician Albert Moher
- 15** Advent 3, Christmas Music Morning, Minute For Mission, Minute
for Stewards/Stewardship
- 22** Advent 4, Messy Church Christmas with visit from Santa
- 24** Family Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM
- 29** *No worship Service