

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### St James United Church - Sambro

# 2025 Annual Report



### St James United Church

**Mission Statement:**

*Our Mission as a pastoral charge is to provide a caring and supportive environment for spiritual growth: to encourage a loving and growing relationship with God in our daily lives, and to inspire each of us to serve one another in the community and the world.*

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## 2 Directory Information

### 2.1 Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge Information

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Secretary: Liz Cann	Email: <a href="mailto:office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com">office.sambrojollimorepc@gmail.com</a>
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/159677130726391/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/159677130726391/</a>
Website	<a href="http://www.sambrojollimorepc.com">www.sambrojollimorepc.com</a>

### 2.2 St James United Board of Management and Session

Chairperson	Doug Garrison
Secretary	Carolyn Langlands
Co-Treasurer	Greg Reinhardt, Barb Reyno
Clerk of Session	Sara Scarfe

### 2.3 Other Chairs and Representatives

Representative to Regional Council 15:	
Chairperson of Ministry & Personnel:	John Hennigar-Shuh
Parkhill & Beyond UCW Representative	Regine Maass
Pastoral Care Chair:	Pat Thomas

Communications Chair:	
Minister & Sunday School Contact:	Rev. Sean Handcock
Musicians:	Susan Feltmate, Jennifer Moss

### 3 Minister's Message

#### 2025 Minister's Message

2025 was a roller coaster ride of a year! Half way through February I accepted St. James' invitation to enter into part-time ministry with you when your minister, Rev. Sean Handcock, had to step back for medical reasons. The congregation and I were blessed to already know each other, as we had been in ministry together until my retirement in 2022.

During the year we had meetings – St. James AGM in March and monthly Board of Management meetings that were held in-person and Session meetings via zoom. It was at these meetings that reports of everyone's activities (including mine) could be shared and discussed. There were also ad hoc meetings when required.

The work of managing finances, organizing fund-raisers and taking care of our church property was carried out by members of the Board of Management. In and among many activities, they prepared the hall for the April federal election; continuously oversaw work on the roof (a challenge due to the battering that the church building receives from weather and ocean "breezes"); handled lighting issues in the sanctuary and hall; looked after the septic tank, the furnace room sink, a new freezer and pavement markers; helped set up a Remembrance display in the hall, provided refreshments following the Cenotaph service and spear-headed decorating our sanctuary so beautifully at Christmas.

Our fund-raisers not only raised money but also provided good food and fellowship for people of the community with such events as the June Halibut Supper, July Strawberry Tea, August Sou-wester Days Fish Chowder Supper, October Swordfish Supper, November Gingerbread Tea and December Luncheon. The outside Memorial Tree offered an opportunity for people to remember loved ones at Christmas and support the work of the church.

The Session was responsible for overseeing worship, administration of the sacraments, pastoral care, outreach and religious training. Our musicians and choir offered music that inspired and enlivened our spirits during worship. Those who attended services

participated in the pews as worshippers; at the front as worship leaders, readers and actors; as greeters and receivers of the offering. Inter-generational services provided a special opportunity for adults and children to work together, whether in the hall with worship, snacks and crafts (preparing greeting cards for shut-ins), or upstairs with scripture dramas.

We were happy to welcome additional people as scripture readers who were hopefully assisted by our new Scripture Reader Guide. Volunteers helped with after-church socials that took place on the days when we had Sunday School so that the children could attend. During the year we were privileged to hold a number of funerals for various church and community members, as well as a baptism in the spring. Other special worship took place on Ash Wednesday in March, Good Friday and Easter Sunday in April, Sunday School closing in June, the Service of the Sea and Blessing of the Fleet in August, Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph and Fishermen's Service in November, and December's Christmas Eve Service.

Sunday School classes took place in the winter and spring with a group of 4-5 children, who went on to attend our Vacation Bible School, "Travel with Jesus through the Church Year," for four days in July, led by a group of dedicated adult volunteers. In the fall we chose a United Church of Canada Sunday School curriculum, the Go Project, and began holding classes on a monthly basis.

Outreach and pastoral care at St. James took place as a group of volunteers provided monthly lunches to people in their homes; food and financial support were gathered for St. Paul's Food Bank; various individuals from our church community and I visited people in their homes and in the hospital; announcements about our worship services were posted in the monthly *Chebucto News*. We continued to hold people in prayer during Sunday services. Our engaging and attractive Harbour Views Newsletter offered articles, poetry, stories, photos, recipes and community news to the delight of all.

The St. James Dinner Theatre was a rousing success as the cast, crew and kitchen staff provided dinner and a show that were a wonder to experience. As always, this event drew many different people together and offered a special sense of community to all participants. Another musical group which offered community spirit was the Harbour View Voices Choir which performed at various times and in different venues in the community.

I have not included the names of the many people who have worked so diligently during the past year for fear of leaving someone out. We simply could not have continued without the hard work, earnest prayers and spirit of good will of everyone involved in our church. I'll make two exceptions about names: We continue to be blessed with our church secretary, Liz Cann, who has worked so faithfully to support us in our ministry

together. I have been blessed with an encouraging partner, my husband, Gary Burns, and thank him for the support he has offered to me and the people of St. James.

In a strange turn of events, my own health situation prevented me from ministering with you in November and December. However, our church groups persevered in carrying out their mandates. And our worship services continued, as I was able to provide worship materials; we had a dedicated group of volunteers who led worship; and our congregation continued to faithfully attend services. I have always been greatly encouraged by the words of Paul who tells us about God, “who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). The past year is surely a testimony to that!

This new year of 2026 offers an immediate blessing with the return of your minister, Rev. Sean. My prayers are with you all as you go forward together. With a world situation that sometimes seems to be coming apart at the seams, it is true that none of us knows what lies ahead. But what we do know is that God will be with us, walking with us each step of the way, loving us with a deep and abiding love, calling us to show that love to one another and the world around us.

I thank God for all of you and to you all – for your precious gifts of time and energy and presence during the past year – I give my deep thanks.

With love and blessings,  
Rev. Helene Burns

## 4 Passages of Life

### St James United Church

#### **In Memoriam**

*"May we remember them in love, trusting them to God's gentle embrace and keeping."*

Skyler William Smith

Oct 31, 2003-Apr 5, 2025

Elizabeth (Betty) Bernadette McPhee

Apr 30, 1950- May 10, 2025

Roy Leonard Thomas

Mar 19, 1949-May 26, 2025

Gloria Jean Stoner

Apr 29, 1940-Dec 3, 2021

Graveside committal Aug 14, 2025

Pearl Emily Oxner

1933-Aug 31, 2025

Raymond Beverley Laing

Feb 3, 1976-Dec 30, 2025

#### **Marriages**

John Hart and Lisa Boudreau

February 2, 2025

## **Baptisms**

Emmett Charles Douglas Sisco

Born: October 10 2024

Baptism: June 8 2025

Father: Austin William Douglas Sisco

Mother: Kayleigh Mae Iris Gray

## **5 Sambro Jollimore Pastoral Charge Annual General Meeting 2025**

### **St. James United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes**

St. James United Church held an Annual General Meeting on March 2, 2025. Rev. Helene Burns started the meeting with a prayer. Doug Garrison and Sara Scarfe were asked to chair and Carolyn Langlands asked to be secretary. John Hennigar-Shuh motioned to approve the chairs and secretary. The motion was seconded by Doug Lawrence, agreed by all and passed.

John Hennigar-Shuh motioned that we extend voting to adherents so all attendees can vote. Gary Burns seconded the motion, all were in agreement and the motion was passed. Carolyn Langlands made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Cyndi Garrison seconded the motion, all approved and the motion was passed.

Greg Reinhardt presented a financial narrative and review of 2024 statements. He encouraged us to join or increase PAR because it means a guaranteed amount of money towards the budget. Greg reviewed page 20 of the Annual Reports which shows the proportional representation of the donations and expenses for last year. The Building, Board of Management and cemetery's funds, all have a good balance. Greg spoke about how the investments did last year. The 2025 budget figures are based on 2024 actuals or updated information based on projections. Greg Reinhardt motioned to accept the 2024 financial and 2025 budget reports. The motion was seconded by John Hennigar-Shuh, accepted by all and carried.

Sara Scarfe informed us that Cheryl Schnare is no longer our representative to Regional 15. She asked if anyone would be interested in taking this on. This would include Zoom meetings and going to the conference in New Brunswick this year. Sara informed us that Megan Stewart has resigned from the Communications Chair position.

Acknowledgement and thanks to our church secretary, Liz Cann, for putting together the 2024 Annual Reports. Everyone agreed that Liz is doing a great job and shows initiative to learn more about software programs that will help with church communications and fundraising awareness. Susan Feltmate made a motion to approach Liz Cann to be the support person for Facebook and other church communications. The motion was seconded by John Hennigar-Shuh and agreed by all. The motion was passed. Greg Reinhardt made a motion to increase Liz Cann's salary to \$500.00 a month starting in March, 2025 and to give her a bonus of \$200.00 for doing extra work over the next few months. The motion was seconded by Susan Feltmate, agreed by all and passed.

Appreciation and thanks to Barb Reyno, Aronda Garrison and Sharon Garrison for the preparing and delivering of the Thinking of You Meals, especially from the recipients. Greg Reinhardt motioned to approve all the 2024 Annual Reports. The motion was seconded by John Hennigar-Shuh. All were in agreement and the motion was passed.

#### Highlights and Challenges of 2024

John Hennigar-Shuh is impressed by how much we have advanced in technology since the pandemic.

Many thanks to Susan Feltmate for inspiring the renovations in the choir area. Also, for her amazing work organizing the Building Anniversary and Downhome Christmas events. These events brought together a lot of community and visitors to our church. Susan Feltmate would like help to organize coffee houses and open mike events to bring youth and community members to our church. Susan feels we should do more to promote this venue for music events.

Ideas that came from Session meetings to bring more people to our church are gardening workshops, preserving and pickling workshops, and Christmas craft sales. It was agreed that when we become an Affirming Church, more people will know what a safe and welcoming church we are.

More online presence is recommended. We would love to have more leaders stepping up to help organize the Summer Vacation Bible School.

Thank you to all involved with making Dinner Theatre happen again this year.

A heartfelt thank you to Rev. Helene Burns and Gary Burns for stepping in to help us while Rev. Sean Handcock is off on medical leave.

There was a discussion about Cyndi Garrison starting a footcare clinic at the church.

John Hennigar-Shuh made a motion to support Cyndi in getting trained as a footcare specialist. The motion was seconded by Vickie Devenish. Then some questions were asked about cost and details. More discussion is required.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 with a closing prayer.

In attendance:

Sheila Kindred  
Hugh Kindred  
Gary Burns  
Jackie Garrison  
Dolly Cowie  
Nancy Fahie  
Cyndi Garrison  
Ellie Gray  
Crystal Gilkie  
Carolyn Langlands  
Theresa Pickart  
Greg Reinhardt  
John Hennigar-Shuh  
Douglas Lawrence  
Vickie Devenish  
Pat Devenish  
Regine Maass  
Sharon Garrison  
Aronda Garrison  
Barb Reyno  
Allan Schnare  
Rev. Helene Burns  
Sara Scarfe  
Douglas Garrison  
Susan Feltmate

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Langlands

## 6 Congregational Reports

### 6.1 *Parkhill and Beyond UCW Annual Report (PBUCW) 2025*

#### **Parkhill and Beyond (PBUCW) Group Annual Report 2025**

We are happy to report that our small number of devoted individuals who comprise the Parkhill and Beyond - (PBUCW) Group is thriving and has attracted additional participants from the St. James United Church in Sambro. We gladly join in celebrating the richness of our Christian faith, strengthen fellowship and enjoy various interactive sessions as we share in meetings, discussions, get together and outings during the seasons of the Church Calendar year.

Our PBUCW monthly meetings are held at the home of one of our members who lives in close proximity to others. Usually we welcome each participant, then roll call is taken, each person responds with a verse of scripture of her choice. The reading of a selected passage of Scripture follows. Members who volunteer the use of their homes for these meetings include Marilyn Pierce, Sheila Kindred, Regine Maas, Tanya Cochkanoff and Olive Phillips.

A brief business meeting follows in which an update on upcoming church activities is read, and important news is announced.

**Our Worship Service** -is important in building our faith, hence we select a topic that invites discussion and sharing of personal experiences at each session.

This year some topics included titles taken from the Book "On Eagles Wings" authored by Revd. Trevor Phillips:

i)The I AM SAYINGS OF JESUS

ii)Ways of Waiting on God

ii)The significance and meanings of the names of Jesus

e.g.- Yahweh, El Roi, El Shaddai, Elohim, El Elyon, Adoni.

**Our Pre-Christmas Dinner Celebration** and Christmas Choral Singing took place at the home of Olive Phillips. Jennifer Moss did an excellent job at the piano providing accompaniment for the Christmas Carols. Spouses were invited and this increase in attendance made for a very vibrant and joyous group, energizing the occasion as we celebrated Christ's birth. Everyone enjoyed the variety of foods provided.

#### **Summer Outing. Visit to local historical site at Melville Cove**

Our September Outing was preceded by a PBUCW meeting at the home of Sheila Kindred at Parkhill Road where our members, including individuals from Sambro Church, gathered. Roll call was taken and 17 persons were present. We then had an opportunity to listen to an interesting talk given by Iris Shea, Guest speaker and Author about the history of the area. Iris has researched and written extensively. In her book titled

“Deadman’s Island” she speaks about the history of Deadman’s: Melville Island Military Prison and its Burial Grounds at Melville Cove.

This location played a large role in accommodating the growing number of POW ’s including officers and seamen taken prisoners from French and Spanish Warships and Merchant vessels captured in the British North Atlantic waters during 1803 – 1813. This continued during the War of 1812 involving the United States and accounted for more than 8,000 prisoners of War (POWS) brought to Melville Island. This history was very informative.

After an hour our meeting ended and the group went into cars and drove to Melville Island by crossing a short bridge which separates Melville Island from the mainland. 270 seamen are thought to have been buried on the Island. In 1998 a proposed residential development plan for the Island was thwarted by the North West Arm Heritage Society and the war of 1812 Society of Ohio. To settle the matter Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) bought the land and created a Public Park to allow public access to all who wish to visit. They built a monument to honour the war dead who are buried there and many of their names are engraved on it.

At the end of our tour our PBUCW group drove to the Clubhouse at the Armdale Yacht Club and shared in a very tasty meal. We enjoyed joyful fellowship while taking in the panoramic view of the waters of the North West Arm from this perfectly placed restaurant.

Submitted by: Olive Phillips

## **6.2 St. James United Sunday School Report 2025**

### **2025 Sunday School Report by Jennifer Moss**

Sunday School took place about once a month. In the beginning of the year, we were using a program written by Annika Sangster called What’s the Plan? And some lessons plans were made based on the books: Circles All Around Us by Brad Montague and The Invisible String by Patrice Karst.

On June 1, we had a lovely Intergenerational Sunday School closing in the hall led by Rev. Helene. We celebrated the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada with worship, breakfast, snacks and craft-time.

Sunday School resumed on October 25, November 16 and December 14. This time we used The Go Project. Church School Curriculum which is Canadian and very affordable. For October, November and December, the children and I followed a program called The Way to Emmanuel, learning to Trust in God’s Promise, Live in Peace, and Rejoice with Joy. We have been enjoying watching inclusive videos through The Go Project, singing from Voices United and doing crafts that support the lessons. We start each lesson with lighting tea lights to remind us that the light of Christ is always with us. And then we

enjoy discussing Apples, Onions & Spicy Carrots- something good that happened since you saw each other last, something that maybe wasn't so great (but is a part of life), and something you are looking forward to. I always look forward to my time with the children teaching Sunday School and learning along with them!

### **6.3 St James United Vacation Bible School Report 2025**

#### **2025 Vacation Bible School Report by Helene Burns**

Our Vacation Bible School program, "Travel with Jesus through the Church Year," took place the mornings of July 14, 15, 16 and 17 with five registered children. We had fun with music, lessons and crafts as we learned about the Seasons of the Church Year: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany; Ordinary and Creation Times; Lent and Easter. After morning check-in, Sara Scarfe and I had faith conversations with the children as we explored the hall behind the sanctuary which holds our banners, pulpit cloths and communion tablecloths. Each day, the children helped change our sanctuary decorations according to the season we were exploring that day.

We did crafts in the hall which were organized by Jennifer Moss with assistance from Sara, Sharon Garrison, Barb Reyno, Arna Sisson and Susan Feltmate. The children made wrist bell instruments, lighthouses, light jars, paper doll chains, egg shaker instruments and butterflies. They painted bird houses and photo frames, which were later filled with photos of each child, taken by Gary Burns.

One day the children spent time outside discovering and identifying plants with help from Arna and Gary. Craft time was followed each day by decorating theme cookies, homemade by Sharon, which they got to eat. They also enjoyed fruit and vegetables organized by Sara and snacks and juice by Jennifer.

Our music leaders were Jennifer and Susan who taught special songs for each season. The children then played games inside (beach balls, skipping rope, hula hoops and bean bag toss) and outside (blowing bubbles and chalk drawing in the parking lot). Sara participated in every activity and we thank her for giving us this time from her vacation.

We were blessed with energetic children and dedicated adult volunteers. We thank God for all of them and for the support of our families and congregation. It was a privilege to be a part of the growth and learning which happened for both children and adults as together we travelled with Jesus through the church year!

## **6.4 St James United Session Report 2025**

### **Sessions Report 2025**

Members: Sara Scarfe (chair), Pat Thomas, John Hennigar Shuh, Cyndi Garrison, Jennifer Moss (stepped down to focus on Sunday school) and Sheila Kindred. New Members are Tasha Banks and Theresa Pickard.

Our meetings were conducted via Zoom and in person depending on the weather and who could attend. If matters arise between meetings, we meet on Zoom or consult by phone or email. We do not meet during the months of July and August.

Together with the minister, we plan worship services, oversee music, Sunday School and Pastoral Care. We also approve baptisms, weddings and requests for use of the sanctuary. We assist the minister with funerals and special services. We continue to provide services virtually via Face Book Live.

Susan organized a Down Home Christmas for Dec 14th that brought in local school choirs and filled the church to overflowing. We would like to thank her for her dedication to St. James through her ministry of music.

Summer services were provided to us this year by members of the congregation which we were grateful for. Thank you to our dear friends Garth and Milton for providing worship on Aug 31st. On June 1st we acknowledged the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada and Sunday School closing. We held a Vacation Bible School July 14-17 and had 5 children attend. We did a Service of the Sea at St. James and a Blessing of the Fleet in Sambro Harbour on Aug 10th and a Fishermen's Service on Nov 23rd.

Intergenerational Services were held monthly. This is an opportunity to include the younger members in our community. We thank the Banks family for always being willing to attend and participate in these services.

Feedback from the congregation is very important to us and we use that feedback to make adjustments to the service. It is important to us that everyone has input. We welcome new members and encourage their participation. Please join us for a meeting to see if this is something you would be interested in.

Rev. Sean was on medical leave from Feb 2025 until his return on Jan 5, 2026. We were blessed to have Rev. Helene join us during that time. We would like to thank Rev. Sean and Rev. Helene for their ministry with us and helping us in session. Their leadership is respected and valued immensely. We are especially grateful to Rev. Helene for providing worship services for us while she was away and waiting for a surgery date.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Scarfe

## **6.5 St James United Choir/ Music Ministry Report 2025**

### **Music Ministry Report, 2025**

2025 marked another meaningful and eventful year for the Music Ministry here at St. James United in Sambro.

Our faithful and dedicated Worship Team once again shared their gift of music for all of our regular services as well as special services and events, including: Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Service of the Sea, Blessing of the Fleet, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve Services.

With much appreciation, I would like to acknowledge and thank Jennifer Moss, for her music leadership and wonderful piano and flute music, and our Worship Team members: Sara Scarfe, Jackie Garrison, Crystal Gilkie and Richard Kroeker. Thank you also to the men of this year's Fishermen's Choir for their contribution to our Fishermen's Service, and thank you to those who live-stream our services on Facebook.

Our new chancel design is working well, as we now have additional space for our Worship Team, musicians and concerts, and we still have a designated Choir loft.

In December, the Church held its annual Down Home Christmas Concert. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, the concert was another success, and featured local talent, including the students of Sambro Elementary, as well as several younger performers. The Christmas Eve Service, led by Jennifer Moss featured a variety of beautiful Christmas music sung by a Choir, which included members of our Worship Team as well as others from our St. James and Dinner Theatre families.

It is my hope for this year to add more people to our Worship Team and to again have a choir - singers and musicians are always welcome!

Thank you to the leadership at St. James for their continued support of our Music Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Feltmate

## **6.6 St James United Thinking of You Meals Report 2025**

### **Thinking Of You Meals**

We had another successful year of meal delivery for approximately 40-50 thankful recipients. We always have fun planning and preparing meals that we hope everyone will enjoy and know that we are thinking of each one of them. This was a project that was created during Covid when people were dealing with the loneliness of isolation, but it is now a project that will continue well into the future. There will always be someone that will need a little cheer and a team, that gets to know, that they were able to provide a "Thinking of You Meal."

Respectively submitted,  
Barb Reyno

## 6.7 St James United Dinner Theatre Financial Report 2025

Carried forward 2024	\$2,332.62	
Income		
Ticket Sales	\$27,515.50	
Auction / Donation	\$3,085.00	
Deposits		Outstanding
Bank Interest		
Sale equipment		
Total Income	<u>\$30,600.50</u>	
Expenses		
Groceries	\$2377.57	
Kitchen Expenses		
Lobster *	\$1,240.00	
Cast Food	\$174.92	
Prop, costume, set	\$866.03	
Mileage		
Bank Charges	\$42.75	
Misc Expenses	\$31.02	
Church Donation	\$23,685.00	
Lights sound	\$1,793.17	
Thursday night refunds	\$550.00	
Total Expenses	<u>\$30,760.46</u>	
Income	<u>\$2,172.66</u>	

\* All but 155 lbs of the lobster was donated by fishermen and fish plant. \$8/lbs  
As of Dec 31, 2025.

Outstanding chqs 0

## 6.8 St. James Financial Narrative & Statement 2025

The church's financial health is one of the many indicators of how strongly our community values this shared place of worship—a place where we gather to mourn, to celebrate, and to be together. Each of us may come for our own reasons or take part in different activities, but at the heart of it all, we come for one another. Sound financial stewardship is just one of the foundations that allow this community and church to thrive.

Our church has a well-organized financial structure with multiple accounts dedicated to specific purposes. The Board of Management supports the church's operations, while the Building Fund supports our structural needs. A third account is used as a pass-through account for the United Church of Canada Mission and Service activities. Our Board of Management account is funded through fundraisers like Dinner Theatre, suppers, other events, pre-authorized donations, Sunday donations, and the Investment Fund. This can provide financial stability and support for our church's various activities and projects. That said, each category has its risks and we need to monitor each regularly.

Thanks to your generosity and commitment, we ended the year with a positive financial balance. Our donations came from a healthy mix of sources, reflecting the many ways our community supports the life and work of the church.

### 2025 Financial Summary

- **Total Donations:** \$100,498.25
  - **Investments:** \$0
  - **Fundraising:** \$43,897.05
  - **Local & PAR Donations:** \$54,010.29
  - **Other Sources:** HST rebates and additional contributions
- **Total Expenses:** \$97,739.47
- **Net for the Year:** \$2,758.78

One of the most significant financial factors this year was our minister's extended leave, during which we relied on supply ministry.

We also want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the remarkable team and wider community whose dedication, energy, and unwavering support made our recent events such a success. Your efforts truly make a difference.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Chowder Supper</b>	4,470.00
<b>Christmas Luncheon</b>	1,002.00
<b>Dinner Theatre</b>	23,685.00
<b>Gingerbread Tea</b>	2,230.05
<b>Halibut Supper</b>	5,255.00
<b>Strawberry Social</b>	1,814.50
<b>Swordfish Supper</b>	5,440.50

Finally, we closed with a Board of Management balance of \$ 31,751.36

		<b>St James United Church</b>			
		Jan 1 - Dec 31 2025			
<b>Brd of Mgmt Donations</b>		<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Current</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
Investment		\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
Dinner Theatre / Supper		\$ 39,000.00	\$ 43,897.05	\$ 42,892.15	\$ 44,000.00
Local Fund Donations (PAR = \$2,408/MTH)		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,010.29	\$ 51,203.95	\$ 55,573.00
HST Rebate		\$ 770.00	\$ 602.00	\$ 1,004.37	\$ 750.00
Other Donations (Funeral, Oth)		\$ 3,172.00	\$ 1,988.91	\$ 6,411.95	\$ 1,500.00
Parkhill Amalgamation Transfer			\$ -	\$ 4,661.30	
<b>Sub total Donations</b>		<b>\$ 137,942.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,498.25</b>	<b>\$ 136,173.72</b>	<b>\$ 138,823.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Adm:Caretaker		\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 3,840.00
Adm:Minister Salary		\$ 77,464.00	\$ 47,560.11	\$ 77,299.56	\$ 76,000.00
Adm:Minister Supply			\$ 30,732.38		
Adm:UCC Short term Benefits			\$ (30,249.62)		
Adm:Organist Team		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,490.00	\$ 8,740.00	\$ 8,500.00
Adm:Secretary		\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,000.00
Adm:Benefits		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,307.08	\$ 19,113.43	\$ 19,000.00
Adm:Christian Education		\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 58.24	\$ 750.00
Adm:Education Allowance		\$ 1,543.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,733.00
Adm:Travel Allowance		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 104.02	\$ 500.00
Adm:Minister Phone		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Adm: UCC Regional Contributi		\$ 4,745.00	\$ 4,745.00	\$ 4,409.02	\$ 7,200.00
Adm:Conference		\$ 750.00	\$ 842.00	\$ 603.89	\$ 1,000.00
Off:Bank Service charges		\$ 100.00	\$ (63.62)	\$ 385.11	\$ 100.00
Off:Printer & paper		\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,675.54	\$ 1,095.95	\$ 1,750.00
Off: Supplies (Stmps, Ch-trac,		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 775.34	\$ 2,008.39	\$ 1,500.00
Pre-authorized / Stripe fees		\$ 200.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 250.00
Funeral Receptions - Now in C			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous (Req Mnt + Mis		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,156.59	\$ 4,585.54	\$ 2,500.00
Utl:Phone		\$ 750.00	\$ 803.70	\$ 733.38	\$ 800.00
Utl:Nova Scotia Power		\$ 6,200.00	\$ 6,101.97	\$ 5,792.22	\$ 6,200.00
<b>Sub total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 137,942.00</b>	<b>\$ 97,739.47</b>	<b>\$ 133,448.75</b>	<b>\$ 138,823.00</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 2,758.78</b>	<b>\$ 2,724.97</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Board of Management Balance</b>					
Opening Year balance			\$ 28,992.58		
Current Year Balance			\$ 2,758.78		
Brd of Mgmt Balance			\$ 31,751.36		

The diagram below gives you a proportional view of our donations and expenses.



The largest proportional expense was the minister’s prorated salary of \$47,560 followed by \$30,732 for the supply minister and \$13,307 for employee benefits. Other expenses in order included the organist team at \$8,490; Nova Scotia Power at \$6,102; our contribution to the United Church expense at \$4,745 and finally miscellaneous expenses of \$2,156.59 (Website registration, church software, virus protection, Christmas gifts, propane, heat pump cleaning and one license just to mention a few)

	2025
<b>M&amp;S Donations</b>	
M&S fund donations	\$ 6,492.00
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>\$ 6,492.00</b>
<b>Pass-through (expenses)</b>	
Pass-Through Amounts	\$ 6,887.65
<b>Total Pass-Through</b>	<b>\$ 6,887.65</b>
<b>Net M&amp;S fund donations</b>	<b>\$ (395.65)</b>
<b>Previous year balance</b>	<b>\$ 395.65</b>
<b>Current M&amp;S Fund Bal.</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Other funds in the preview of the board of management include our **M&S fund**.

This year we brought in \$6,492 with a balance of \$ 0.00

	2025
<b><i>Building Fund Donations</i></b>	
Building Fund Donations	\$ 15,078.00
HST rebate	\$ 298.49
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>\$ 15,376.49</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>	
Church insurance	\$ 5,215.00
Church repairs / misc	\$ 4,861.05
Special Capital Campaign	\$ -
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 10,076.05</b>
<b>Net building fund donations</b>	<b>\$ 5,300.44</b>
<b>Previous year balance</b>	<b>\$ 19,582.27</b>
<b><i>Current Building Fund Bal.</i></b>	<b>\$ 24,882.71</b>
<b><i>Adjusted for Fishermans Memo</i></b>	<b>\$ 27,882.71</b>

The building fund received \$ 15,078.00 during the year and ended with a balance of \$5300.44. That said, our end balance is \$24,882.71 plus a \$3,000 figure set aside for a monument.

Many thanks to all who helped and participated in the building fund. We would also like to call out the Memorial tree donations of \$4,226.

The cemetery fund received \$1,000 and spent \$1,958.10 with a year-end balance of \$ -958.10 and a total fund balance of \$9,544.90.

	2025
<b><i>Cemetery Fund</i></b>	
Donations	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total donations</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<b><i>Expenses</i></b>	
Cemetery Expenses	\$ 1,958.10
Cemetery Transfers	\$ -
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,958.10</b>
<b>Net Cemetery fund donations</b>	<b>\$ (958.10)</b>
<b>Previous year balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,503.00</b>
<b><i>Current Cemetery Fund Bal.</i></b>	<b>\$ 9,544.90</b>

Our investment this year did quite well. Here's a summary of our investment performance:

- **Opening Balance:** \$680,122.87
- **Opening Unit Cost:** \$14.2828
- **Withdrawal:** \$0
- **Closing Unit Cost:** \$ 14.6918
- **Closing Balance:** \$ \$ **740,871.45**

Investment			
	Unit Cost	Units	
Opening balance	14.2828	47,618.32	\$ 680,122.87
Current Bal - 04-01	14.6918	50,427.55	<b>\$ 740,871.45</b>
Total earnings	Return ->	8.93%	<b>\$ 60,748.58</b>

- Our investments earned \$60,748.58 this year, reflecting an 8.93% return. As we close out 2025, we once again extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and the many ways you show kindness to the church.

With online worship continuing and our Facebook community growing, we encourage those who are able to consider joining the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program or increasing their current PAR contribution. More information is available on our website

. [Giving Monthly through PAR | The United Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca/Giving-Monthly-through-PAR)

If you would rather give a one-time donation, please visit our website here [Donations | sambrojollimore \(sambrojollimorepc.com\)](https://www.sambrojollimore.com/Donations). We are truly blessed to be part of a community that has supported St. James United for so many years—and will continue to do so for many more.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated financial team. The careful management and stewardship of our church's resources depend on the hard work, skill, and commitment of individuals like them. Their collective efforts ensure that the church can continue its meaningful work and serve the community with strength and stability. Deep appreciation and kudos to the entire team for their unwavering dedication and support.

*Regards.*

*Greg Reinhardt & Barb Reyno, on behalf of the St. James United Board of Management*

## 6.9 St. James Financial 2026 Budget

As we look ahead to the 2026 budget, the figures are based on 2025 actuals or updated information based on projections. Highlights of the 2025 budget include a need to take more from the investment given the projected fundraisers and local donations. A ideal year would be an increase in PAR and local donations as well as continued success in our fundraising. Each would impact or reduce the need to take from the investment.

 <b>St James United Church</b>					
Jan 1 - Dec 31 2025					
<b>Brd of Mgmt Donations</b>		<b>2025 Budget</b>	<b>2025 Current</b>	<b>2024 Actuals</b>	<b>2026 Budget</b>
Investment		\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 37,000.00
Dinner Theatre / Supper		\$ 39,000.00	\$ 43,897.05	\$ 42,892.15	\$ 44,000.00
Local Fund Donations (PAR = \$2,408/MTH)		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 54,010.29	\$ 51,203.95	\$ 55,573.00
HST Rebate		\$ 770.00	\$ 602.00	\$ 1,004.37	\$ 750.00
Other Donations (Funeral, Oth)		\$ 3,172.00	\$ 1,988.91	\$ 6,411.95	\$ 1,500.00
Parkhill Amalgamation Transfer			\$ -	\$ 4,661.30	
<b>Sub total Donations</b>		<b>\$ 137,942.00</b>	<b>\$ 100,498.25</b>	<b>\$ 136,173.72</b>	<b>\$ 138,823.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Adm:Caretaker		\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 2,310.00	\$ 3,840.00
Adm:Minister Salary		\$ 77,464.00	\$ 47,560.11	\$ 77,299.56	\$ 76,000.00
Adm:Minister Supply			\$ 30,732.38		
Adm:UCC Short term Benefits			\$ (30,249.62)		
Adm:Organist Team		\$ 9,000.00	\$ 8,490.00	\$ 8,740.00	\$ 8,500.00
Adm:Secretary		\$ 4,800.00	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6,000.00
Adm:Benefits		\$ 20,000.00	\$ 13,307.08	\$ 19,113.43	\$ 19,000.00
Adm:Christian Education		\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 58.24	\$ 750.00
Adm:Education Allowance		\$ 1,543.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,733.00
Adm:Travel Allowance		\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 104.02	\$ 500.00
Adm:Minister Phone		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
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