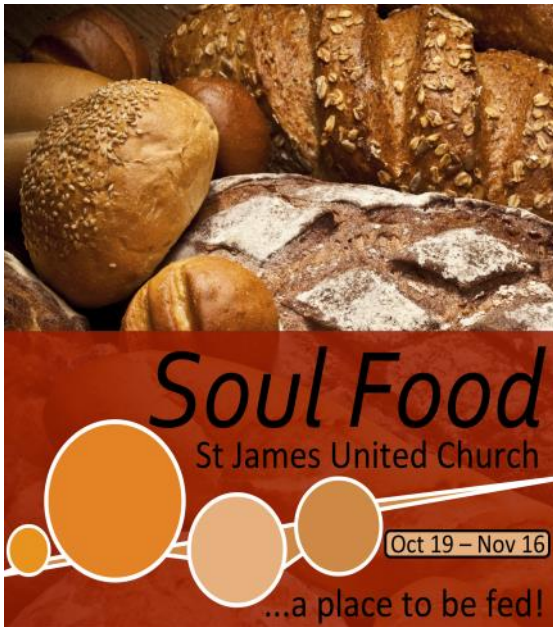


# St James United Church

## Narrative Budget 2014



### MISSION STATEMENT:

We faithfully respond to God's love by encouraging others to know Christ, through worship, service, education and prayer.

*Matthew 25:40* "Just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Held within what follows are the amazing stories of what God is doing here at St. James; people growing deeper in relationship with Christ, finding a place to belong, and community being blessed through God's love in action here at St. James. Our Vision Statement says it all:

*We respond to God's calling to be an accepting and growing Christian community experiencing Jesus Christ, and reaching out in His love, impacting Waterdown and beyond.*

Every budget tells a story; who we are, what we value, what our priorities are. A budget is also a theological statement; reflecting our understanding of what it means to be the church, our beliefs about God, and our commitment to stewardship and the Gospel.

This document does not replace the traditional Line Budget. It supplements it; illustrating how the resources God has blessed to us support and contribute to the collective ministry we share in Christ Jesus.

Here, in part, is how we are living out this call together at St. James United Church.

\***Service Hours** represent number of volunteer & ministry staff hours in a year.

\***Investment \$** represents the estimated portion of 2013 Actual Budget dollars spent in each area of ministry.

## **WORSHIP**

**Service Hours 9688 Investment \$ 83,637**

Worship is at the heart of who we are as Christians; praising God, giving thanks, offering our gifts, talents, and our lives to God in loving response to God's grace, and being strengthened for ministry and service in the world. At St. James we offer two worship experiences; Traditional and Café Style. Each week our Minister, Contemporary Worship Leader, and Music Director select music and prepare worship services. Volunteers provide leadership in worship through reading scripture, special music, ushering and welcoming visitors, and caring for the worship space. Worship feeds us body and soul to share God's love with the world. This area of ministry includes:

- Choir, Praise Team, music, guest musicians, guest speakers
- Video and audio resources
- Arts resources
- Hospitality
- Sunday Bulletins and on-screen announcements
- Special services
- Scripture reading, ushers, greeters
- Worship Resources
- Decorating worship spaces
- Worship Committees

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**Service Hours 2506 Investment \$ 21,817**

Through prayer and study; in learning about the Bible and connecting God's word to our lives, each of us grows in our knowledge and love of God and in our relationship with Christ. Here at St. James we provide for faith education of children, youth, and adults. As we make opportunities to discuss our faith with one another our faith grows and we are equipped to live as God's people in our world today. This area of ministry includes:

- Church School curriculum and programs resources (BLAST, Breakfast Club, Junior Youth Group)
- Bible Studies
- Small Groups, ALPHA
- Christian resources for the Library
- Discussion Groups

## **PASTORAL CARE**

**Service Hours 2890 Investment \$ 25,057**

We offer ongoing pastoral care to people in our congregation. We respond to needs for pastoral care in times of crisis such as illness or bereavement. Members of the Pastoral Care Team and our minister offer care and a listening ear to those who are struggling, prepare meals for, make calls, and send cards to families going through a hard time, visit parishioners in their home, in senior's residences, and in hospital. As we care for each other we are able to share and experience the love of God. This area of ministry includes:

- Visits to hospitals, senior's residences, and in homes
- Prepare meals to deliver
- Make calls, send cards, and care for those who are hurting
- Prayers for those in need
- New Member and Baptism preparation

## **OUTREACH & EVANGELISM**

**Service Hours 4341 Investment \$ 45,470**

Jesus said, "If you love me, feed my sheep." Reaching out to others, sharing God's love, telling others about Jesus, is all part of our calling as Christians in response to the Gospel. Here at St. James we seek to show God's love in tangible ways that make a difference in people's lives and give glory to God. This area of ministry includes support for:

- Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- Messy Church
- Community Dinners: Pancake Supper, Ham Dinner, Waterdown Seniors Christmas Dinner, FICS Volunteer Dinner
- Wild on Waterdown
- Wesley Urban Ministries in Hamilton
- Drummond House
- Flamborough Foodbank
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Benevolent/Grocery Cards
- Senior's Luncheons
- Waterdown Church Network Migrant Worker's Dinner
- Youth for Christ
- Hosting outside groups: Serenity Group, Benjamin Bunny Nursery School, Guides/Brownies/Sparks, Village Square Dancers, DanceIt

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Service Hours 5987 Investment \$ 51,868**

We are a gospel people who, grounded in love for God, endeavour to live out the joy we find in Jesus Christ. Community life is about growing in relationship with God and with one another and inviting others to experience the joy we share in Jesus' name. Learning, sharing, growing, belonging; all these are ways we celebrate the new life God gives to us in community. This area of ministry includes:

- Women's Group
- Men's Group
- Fix-it Group
- Stewardship Team
- Santa Claus Parade
- Food Trucks
- Legion Services
- Concerts
- Hospitality

## **WIDER CHURCH**

**Service Hours 130 Investment \$ 19,351**

As part of the United Church of Canada we are part of a wider church; connected to neighbour United Churches locally and nationally. St. James is a pastoral charge within Halton Presbytery and Hamilton Conference. We are represented in the different courts of the church by our ministry personnel and by lay delegates, and have access to the many resources provided by our denomination. This area of ministry includes:

- Presbytery & Conference
- The Mission and Service Fund

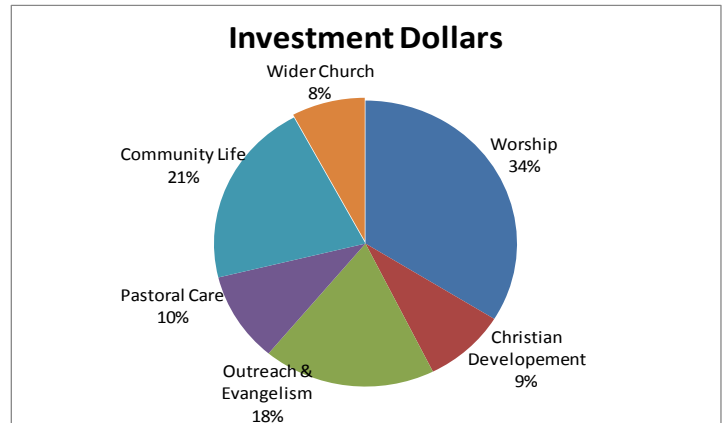
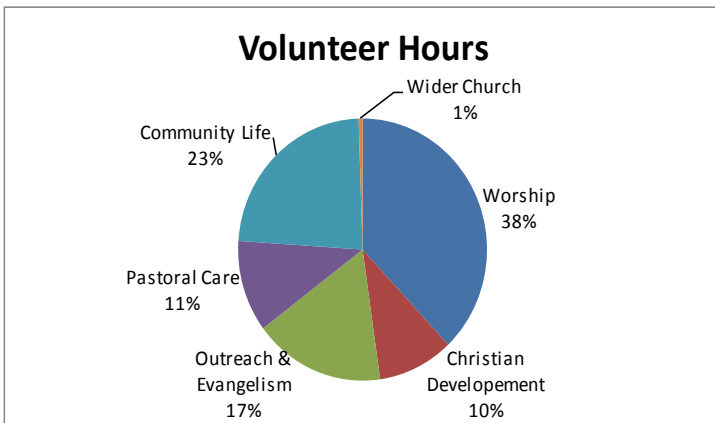
## 2013 Donations

Annual Donation Ranges	# of Givers in this range	Total Donations by givers in this range	% of Total givings	Average amount per giver weekly
Over \$5000	7	\$39,908.33	23%	\$110
\$3000-\$5000	5	\$15,345.00	9%	\$59
\$2000-\$3000	15	\$32,390.00	19%	\$42
\$1000-\$2000	37	\$44,548.00	26%	\$23
\$500-\$1000	38	\$26,050.00	15%	\$13
\$1-\$500	67	\$13,177.00	8%	\$4
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>\$171,418.33</b>	<b>100%</b>	

## 2014 Year to Date Financial Information (to the end of September 2014)

Average Weekly Donations	\$3,272
Average Weekly Expenses	\$4,675

**Each of us can contribute to making a positive change.**



Making an offering to God is an important part of our worship; our "Thank you!" to God for his generosity and grace. Sometimes we just cannot be at church on Sunday but we can still make our offering to God. **PAR** (or Pre-authorized Remittance) ensures regular monthly givings to help our church's ministry even when we are away.

St. James has approximately 169 individuals or families who donate towards the good work happening here. On any given Sunday however, we average only around 44 people/families donating (either in service or through PAR). Please consider enrolling in PAR as it will help ensure that your desire to donate to St. James is carried out as consistently as possible and with greater ease. This will make a positive impact in enhancing the good work being done at St James and in our community.

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