

Saint James United Church

September 23, 2018 17th Sunday in Pentecost

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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel at home here at Saint James and that you will feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit, as we worship. After the service please introduce yourself to Bev Sharpe, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for coffee, tea and fellowship in the Board Room.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit VU # 639 Verse 1

Welcome

Leader: Greetings to our brothers and sisters in the faith.

All: We come to celebrate God's presence,

Leader: and God's love expressed through Jesus Christ.

All: We come remembering Christ's life and ministry,

Leader: and the life we we are called to live.

All: We come as a pilgrim people, searching for ways to live out our faith.

Leader: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

All: Let us rejoice in God's gift to us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 23 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Presider: Bev Sharpe
Sunday School
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.
Northampton Fall Turkey Supper 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24 Fellowship Unit 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Games 1:00 p.m.
Pathfinders and Rangers 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 26 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Presbytery in Minto
- Sept. 30 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Presider: Heather Donnelly
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

MISSION STATEMENT

The congregation of Saint James United Church strives to be a welcoming, caring, committed family of people from all ages and walks of life who come together in fellowship with each other and our Creator God.

We endeavour to respect each other's differences and abilities, to follow the way of Jesus, and to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us, for the ultimate enrichment of our faith, our community and our world.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: *A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. We have tried to maintain a Scent Free Environment within Saint James United Church. We would like to remind everyone to please consider this request and refrain from wearing perfumes.*

COMMUNICATION

We are working on letting everyone know the up and coming events of the church.

I would appreciate having your email address as each week I send out a message called “Keeping In Touch.”

Also be sure to check out our Website which is currently being updated.

To You Who Bring Small Children to Church

There you are sitting in worship or Bible study. Your child, or toddler, is restless. Perhaps they're even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the auditorium. All the while, you're a little embarrassed. Maybe you're a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, “There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid.”

I want you — you mothers and/or fathers — to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The little elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. To see young parents and their small children brighten her day, and she may have just received bad news this week about her health, but seeing the vitality of young ones removes — if but for a moment — her fears. The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of good. But, he sees you — a young family — in church, and you don't miss any gathering. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to worship. Bring your children to church. If you don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

Copied: (Author Unknown)

Opening Prayer: (together)

Fit us, O God, for this new day. Through your Spirit, grant us courage so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us. Through your Christ, fill us with love so that differences may not divide us. Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past does not enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.

Hymn VU # 595 “We Are Pilgrims”

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession: (together)

Oh Creator of us all, we come today meek in our minds, humble in our spirits and thirsty to feel your power in us. Take us into your arms and hold us against the evil, tyranny and injustice that is so rampant in this world. Teach us to be calm, to rejoice in your splendour and see the good in all you do. In Jesus' name, AMEN

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem # 649 “Walk With Me”

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Proverbs 31: 10-31

Psalms 1

James 3: 13 - 4:3, 7-8

Mark 9: 30-37

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn: MV #126 “Are You A Shepherd”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory *What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

Offertory Prayer (together)

Loving God, we offer here today our tithes and offerings. Take and them with our talents to bring comfort and good for all those who are in need in this community and beyond. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn # 646 "We Are Marching"

Closing Response

Leader: Go into the world, dance, laugh, sing and create.

All: We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Leader: Go into the world, risk, explore, discover and love.

All: We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Leader: Go into the world, believe, hope, struggle and remember.

All: We go with the assurance of your love, O God. Thanks be to God!

Choral Benediction Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Postlude

DONATIONS

A gift has been made to the General Fund in appreciation of the dedication of our Sunday School Teachers and students. Welcome Back and enjoy your Year! Phyllis Robinson

A donation has been made to the Sunday School Fund in loving memory of Vivian Cummings by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Vivian Cummings by Jolene Caverhill, Jane and Neil Girdwood.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Betty Black by Jane and Neil Girdwood.

Lectionary Scriptures for September 30, 2018

*Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10, 9: 20-22, Psalm 124
James 5: 13-20 Mark 9: 38-50*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SUPPER COORDINATOR

John and Carol McLellan will coordinate the Fall Supper with the help of many volunteers who will chair the committees. Thanks to all who helped to make this happen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers for this fall. Please contact Joan Hall at 425-2438 or 328-6114.

ANNUAL FALL PIE MAKING

PIE MAKING IS UP AND RUNNING. *Sign up Sheets for ordering pies is on the bulletin board outside the church office. The pies are 9" and \$ 9.00 each. We have frozen pies ready for sale.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH

OPERATION SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS

This Fall our Sunday School outreach program involves gathering monetary donations to buy jogging pants and underwear, sizes 4,5,6,and 6x for area schools. Accidents do happen! Our younger students and schools are in need of those items, as most are not returned after use.

We thank You so much.

Receipts will be issued through your weekly envelopes.

Project will end October 14th.

This five-year-old was a holy terror. When he wanted anything he nagged, be bawled, or he had a tantrum until he got it. He was a spoiled brat.

Then came his first day at Sunday School. At the end of it, his mother nervously awaited. When he did arrive, the questions tumbled from the mother's mouth.

"How was Sunday School? Did you get along all right? Did you cry?"

"No," said the little boy, "but the teacher did."

COMMITTEES FOR 2019

It may seem early but we need to think about our committees for the up coming year. If you are not presently on a committee and would like to be, just leave you name at the church office and you will be contacted.

SEASON OF PLENTY

*All those with extra produce from your vegetable Harvest, please bring the next few Sundays to share with those who have none--
-Extra cukes, tomatoes, etc. Everything welcome.*

REPAIR THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost of about \$ 50,000.00. Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board outside the board room for you to see.

We have about \$ 31,031.74 donated already. We will have a thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are doing. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Board of Stewards, John McLellan. All donations would be greatly appreciated. This project will be completed in the fall.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on **October 15, 2018**. All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Cost \$ 3.00

Large Print are on there way.

YARD SALE

*The date has been set for our Annual Fall Yard Sale.
Thursday, October 4th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
You can bring your items October 1st.
Set up is Oct 1,2,3 and we appreciate
any volunteers who can help.*

BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS MONTH!

Consider being an in School Mentor for the 2018 school year. For ONE hour a week, on school property, during school hours you can help build a child's Self-esteem and school performance while having FUN! In School Mentor volunteers meet with their mentee during lunch or at the beginning or end of the day! It is quite a simple thing whether you are playing basketball, a board game or just hanging out with the gift of mentoring is rewarding for everyone. Dare to be a kid again... ..contact us at 506-328-2094 or email bbbscy nb.aibn.com.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Please check the bulletin board. There is a brochure and entry forms to submit Cover Photos for the Bulletin Covers and the United Church's Calendar. Would love to see some of your photos on these church covers and calendar.

VALLEY FOOD BANK September is **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

Check Bulletin Board for more information.

Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

Your donations are much appreciated.

NORTHAMPTON FALL SUPPER

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Dessert and Coffee.

Sunday, September 23rd. 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$ 12.00 Everyone Welcome!!

FROM GENERAL COUNCIL: *Our new Moderator, Richard Bott has invited everyone to wear an **Orange Shirt on Sunday, September 30th** to remember and honour all the indigenous children who went to Residential School and those children who died at School.*