

Saint James United Church
October 28, 2018 23rd Sunday in Pentecost
“Reformation Sunday”

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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

Heather Donnelly, sign our guest book at the back of the sanctuary and join us for coffee, tea and fellowship in the Board Room.

Prelude

Introit # 345 “Come Christians, Join to Sing (vs. 1)

Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Welcome

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 28	Morning Worship Presider: Heather Donnelly Coffee and Fellowship after the service. Sunshine Singers and Handbells	10:30 a.m.
Oct. 29	Fellowship Unit	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Games Pathfinders, Rangers & Sparks Sparks	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Quilting Choir Cantata Practice	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
Nov. 1	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Fashion Show And Tea	2:00 p.m.
Nov.4	Morning Worship Food Bank Sunday Presider: Bev Sharpe Coffee and Fellowship after the service.	10:30 a.m.

ST. GERTRUDE’S HARVEST SUPPER

“The annual St. Gertrude’s Harvest Supper is November 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 Knights of Columbus Hall.

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.*

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Roof Project in loving memory of Eleanor Rideout, sister of Phyllis Robinson, by Andrea Dimock and Mary Dimock.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Eleanor Rideout, by John and Mary Wheelan.

A donation has been made to the Chimes Fund in loving memory of my sister, Eleanor Rideout, by Phyllis Robinson,

Opening Prayer

Ever-calling God,

We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence.

We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church.

Grant us the vision to be a part of a new reformation for the Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world.

Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

Hymn # 222 VU "Come, Let Us Sing"

Children's Time

Time of Soul Searching

One: When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to honor your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

One: When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference:

Many: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!

(time for silent confession)

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "What Brings Us Together"

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Psalm 34 (Voices United page 761)
Hebrews 4 :12-16
Mark 10:46-52

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn # 79 MV “Spirit Open My Heart”

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

**Reform our lives, O God,
and let these gifts change the world into which we send them.
Take them and multiply them to be a blessing of justice and peace
in the world you love! May it be so.**

Minute for Mission

Announcements

*Prayers of the People followed by the Prayer of Jesus,
VU p.916, second version*

Hymn # 238 VU “How Great Though Art”

Commissioning and Benediction

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

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ST. GERTRUDE'S ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 18, 2018 2:00 p.m.

The St Gertrude's Bereavement Ministry invites you to attend the upcoming Memorial Service to be held at St Gertrude's Church. If you have a loved one that you would like to have remembered in this service, please contact Sharon Tenhave at shtenhave@hotmail.com or 375-6800.

The Memorial Service consists of Music, Prayer, Scripture, Reflection, and reading of the names of the deceased and lighting a candle to remember the loved one(s). We invite you to bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place next to the candle on the Memorial Table. Immediately after the Service, light refreshments will be served in the Vestry.

ST. GERTRUDE'S HARVEST SUPPER

"The annual St. Gertrude's Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday, November 4th from 3:00 to 7:00 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Woodstock. Come enjoy a traditional turkey dinner. Adults \$12, Children under 12 \$6, and Family \$25.

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.

Lectionary Scriptures for November 4 2018

All Saints

Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 24

Rev. 21: 1 – 6a

John 11: 32 – 44

Ruth 1: 1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrew 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-34

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SUPPER

Special thanks to all who donated, worked and came to the Annual Fall Supper. We made a profit of \$ 7,035.14

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.

Roof Project 2018

The Roof Project is still short of its goal of \$50,000.00. To that end, the Board of Stewards will be contacting 25 congregational members to ask for a commitment of \$1,000.00 each. If you are not contacted – and want to be – let John McLellan know. Any additional monies will be applied to new, more efficient windows. The fund now stands at \$ 45,057.94.

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 **November 19, 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.*

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS: Please check the bulletin board. There is a brochure and entry forms to submit Cover Photos for the Church Calendar, (Deadline Dec. 30, 2018) Would love to see some of your photos on these church covers and calendar.

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.

FALL FASHION SHOW AND TEA

Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$ 10.00 Fashions from Fashion Today.

CALENDARS

Our church calendars for 2019 have arrived. COST \$5.00

CANTATA PRACTICE

Wednesday, Oct. 17th will be the first practice for the Cantata. Guests from the community are welcome to join us beginning at 7:45 p.m.

CARLETON MANOR

A volunteer need here at Carleton Manor. One of our Activity staff would like to have someone available once a week to play the piano in one of our lounges for the few neighbours who might be gathered there. The time could be flexible but around 1 to 2 pm any one day would be good. This is a very casual time and we understand if some week the person would not be available. If someone might be open to this they could contact Carolyn Brown at 325-4554.

The Woodstock Suicide Prevention Committee See Bulletin Board

Two amazing trainings occurring in the Woodstock area and anyone interested is invited to participate.

Changing Minds Oct 29 & 30. ASIST Nov. 8 & 9

UPPER ROOMS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN

The Salvation Army look after emergency help for our area residents – Power Bills, Rent, Medicine, etc. and their Annual Kettle Campaign Fund this outreach. 100% of the money collected stays in our area.

We are looking for someone who would coordinate Volunteers from our church to man the kettles for a few days.

Please contact Mary, if you are interested in doing this.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP.

Anyone desiring to transfer their membership to St. James United Church from:

- 1) another United Church congregation needs to acquire a certificate of transfer of membership from their previous United Church
- 2) another denomination (ie: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran) needs to clearly assure they have been baptized and confirmed;
- 3) as in the case of churches like Baptist, or Pentecostal with adult baptism only (based on profession of faith) requires a certificate of baptism.

Adherent: a person who contributes regularly to the life and work of a congregation but is not a full member. (Many people establish long-standing, committed relationships with congregations without formally becoming "full members". These people are often valued participants in the life of congregations as "adherents").

Please contact a member of Session for more information.