

Saint James United Church

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

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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.

Hanging of the Christmas Green

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Meaning of Christmas

Hymn: VU # 2 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Vs 1,2)

Christmas In Canada

Lessons of Christmas

Congregational Song: VU # 48 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Nov.25 | Morning Worship Presider: Heather Donnelly Sunday School Coffee and Fellowship after the service. Session Meeting after morning worship Sunshine Singers and Handbells | 10:30 a.m. |
| Nov,26 | Fellowship Christmas Party at Angela Young's | 6:00 p.m. |
| Nov27 | Games Pathfinders, Rangers & Sparks | 1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. |
| Nov.28 | Quilting Choir Cantata Practice | 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:45 p.m. |
| Dec. 2 | 1 st Sunday of Advent Presider: Bev Sharpe Hanging of the Christmas Green and White Gift Sunday Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Sunshine Singers and Handbells | 10:30 a.m. |

Lectionary Scriptures for December 9, 2018

Mal 3: 1 - 4

Luke 1: 68-79

Philippians 1: 3 - 11

Luke 3: 1 - 6

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.*

Minute for Mission

The Sanctuary Evergreens

*Special Music Go, Tell It On The Mountains
Choir and Sunshine Singers
(Evergreens are put in place)*

*The Christmas Tree
(Children decorate a small tree)*

Special Music: O Christmas Tree

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches!
Not only green in summer's heat,
But in the winter's snow and sleet.
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree,
How lovely are your branches! O Christmas Tree,

O Christmas tree, Of all the trees most lovely;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.
Each year you bring to us delight
With brightly shining Christmas light!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
Of all the trees most lovely.

O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty;
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.
Your bright green leaves with festive cheer,
Give hope and strength throughout the year.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas tree,
We learn from all your beauty.

Children Leave for Sunday School

The Christmas Poinsettia

Special Music Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

(Flowers placed at Front of Church)

The Paraments and Advent Colors

(Changing of Pulpit Cover)

Congregational Hymn # 1 VU O Come, Emmanuel Vs 1,6,7

The Advent Wreath

(Lighting of First Advent Candle in Wreath)

Congregational Hymn # 6 VU A Candle Is Burning

*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
A candle of hope in December`s dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heavens starry sky
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus in nigh.*

The Nativity

Congregational Song: VU # 64 O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Placement in Nativity)

The Gifts of Christmas

(Offering) (Ushers bring up White Gifts)

Offertory Hymn:: We Three Kings (Vs. 1,2)

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Offertory prayer

Loving and gracious God. As we plan for the joyous arrival of your Son, we offer these, our tithes and offerings. Guide us in their use, remind us of our blessings, and help us to use them for the less fortunate around our communities and beyond. Amen

The Bells of Christmas

Christmas Caroling

Congregation Song led by Choir VU # 38 Angels We Have Heard on High

The Christ of Christmas

Prayer

The Blessing

Choral Benediction # 7 VU

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Postlude

**If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation,
please contact them by phone or visit them in person.**

You may be their "angel."

DONATIONS

SAINT JAMES UNITED CHURCH 2018 ADVENT SERVICES

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| Dec. 2 | First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens and White Gift Service Ecumenical Service | Bev Sharpe St. Lukes | 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 9 | Second Sunday of Advent Christmas Cantata | Heather Donnelly | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 10 | Community Christmas Cantata followed by Dessert Party | | 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec. 16 | Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School Concert Family Christmas Pot Luck Christmas Kirk Service | Bev Sharpe | 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 20 | Blue Christmas Service | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 23 | Fourth Sunday of Advent | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 24 | Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 25 | No Christmas Morning Service | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 30 | Regular Service | | 10:30 a.m. |

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Phyllis Greer by the Greer Family.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Robert (Bob) Canam by Doreen Canam and family.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Ivan Hayden by Hayden and Mildred Hatheway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL REPORTS

We have committee meetings and our Official Board meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 20th. Just one more meeting in December for the Committees then it is annual report time. Reports are due by January 15, 2019. Thank you!

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.

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 **December 17, 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.*

UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER Time to look at **renewal** of you United Church Observer. If you do not wish to renew, please let Mary know at the church office or if your are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year. **Cost is \$ 25.00.**

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.

CHURCH CALENDARS 2019 Cost \$ 5.00

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

GIFTS WITH VISION BOOKS have arrived. Located on table outside the church office.

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.

CANDLE LIGHT PARADE Dec. 16th 6:00 -8 :00 p.m.
& KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS (See Bulletin Board)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The Second Wind Community Band Christmas performances are set for **Sunday, December 9 at 3pm at St Gert's.**

Special guests the Tuesday night singers and Southern Victoria Community Choir. An additional performance is planned for **Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 7pm at CNHS theatre, with the CNHS Band, Second Wind Band, and Tuesday night singers.**

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."

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of Saint James Congregation, I wish to express a big thanks to:

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Ken Nichols

Janice King

Estelle Wilson

David MacNally

Doug Swan

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Cathy Simister

Judy Bagley

for there time and talents in making our sanctuary so inviting for the Advent Season.

Lana McKay