

Saint James United Church

January 13, 2019

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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

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Introit MV # 13 Let The Power Fall on Me

Call To Worship (together)

All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams. Come all who are weary, and all who yearn for forgiveness. As the waters of the Jordan washed over Jesus, so the Holy Spirit washed over you and me. Our gracious God beckons and blesses us. Let us give praise for new life in Christ. Amen

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan.13 | Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.m. |
| Jan.14 | Alzheimer Support Group | 6:00 p .m. |
| Jan.15 | Games Sparks / Pathfinders Committee Meetings Official Board | 1:00 p.m, 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. |
| Jan.16 | Quilting Choir | 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m. |
| Jan.18 | Week of Prayer Begins | See daily prayers in the bulletin |
| Jan.20 | Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship | 10:30 a.m. |

JUST A REMINDER Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONCE IN AWHILE CHOIR *Amy will be looking for Women in February who would like to sing. You do not need to be able to read music. Please let Amy know or the office if you are interested.*

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is annual report time. Reports are due by January 15, 2019. Thank you! The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 10, 2019.

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 your 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 **January 14, 2019**. 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 you are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year. Cost is \$ 25.00.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY
are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

Opening Prayer (responsively)

Leader: Baptized in the Holy Spirit, O Christ, you are the fountain of life.

All: Refresh us.

Leader: You are the healing spring.

All: Heal us.

Leader: you are the well from which we drink and never thirst again.

All: Fill us.

Amen

Hymn MV # 144 “Like A Healing Stream”

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession (together)

Light has come into the world, but we love the night. Love has come into the world, but we continue to hate. Grace has come into the world, but we cannot forgive. Hope has come into the world, but we are surrounded by despair. New life has come into the world, but we are tired. Peace has come into the world, but conflict continues. Joy has come into the world, but we are sad. *Silence*

Judge us, O God, by your gracious love. Forgive us, O God, and set us free. Amen

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem I Feel The Spirit

Scriptures

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

Psalms 29 (VU pp 755 – 756)

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Acts 8: 14 – 17

Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22

Reflection

Message

Hymn MV # 117 By The Well, A Thirsty Woman

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 and gracious God, we bring our gifts to you. Here is the work of our hands and the love of our hearts. Accept them and use them through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #348 O Love, How Deep (V 1-4)

Closing Prayer(together)

Hear our prayers, God of grace. Help us to fulfill them working in accordance to your purpose, in peace, justice and mercy in all we do; through Jesus Christ to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be al power and glory. Now and forever. Amen

Choral Benediction MV # 211

Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
So you may be nourished by the Word of life. (X2)

Postlude

Food for thought...

"and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also- not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 3:21

Lectionary Readings for January 20

Isaiah 43: 1 – 7

Psalm 29

Acts 8: 14 – 17

Luke 3: 15 – 17, 21 – 22

SAVE THE DATE

January 18th Week of Prayer

February 10th Annual Congregational Meeting

March 1st World Day of Prayer Service—St. Gertrude's

March 6th Ash Wednesday

April 12th Ninth Acts

April 25th Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner

To replace Bell Tower at the Kirk Church

May 26th Spring Kirk Service

DONATIONS

*A donation has been made to the General Fund
in loving memory of Ivan Hayden by Carolyn Drake.*

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in loving memory of Donald Wormell, brother of Lynda Swan, by
Fran Grzesik, John and Mary Wheelan, Jolene Caverhill,*

WEEK OF PRAYER

On Friday, January 18, 2019 The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.

The following is a prayer from The Gathering, a United Church Resource. Please use this as guide during the week to send collective prayer to God along with our joys and concerns for the day.

Friday: Wondrous and creating God, today we give thanks for our remarkable bodies, for the diversity and the intricacy of their parts and the complex and mysterious way they continue to function as “One.” We especially give thanks for those parts we sometimes take for granted, our quietly and constantly working internal organs, turning food into energy and breath into life; the invisible muscles, bones and sinews that enable movements; complex brains that allow us to think, and feel and wonder.

Saturday: We are grateful for the gentleness of hands, the texture of skin and the variety of senses. We give thanks to the health care professionals who tend to our bodies, healing aches and ailments, and to scientists and researchers who discover new treatments and open the way to remarkable possibilities.

Sunday: We pray for any who experience their bodies as a source of shame or suffering, for those who are frustrated by bodies that are deteriorating or malfunction, and for those who have been wounded by abuse or insults to their bodies. May each one of us find dignity and wholeness in our bodies, through your grace and presence.

Monday: We pray for our bodily structures and systems—institutions, government, and the church itself. May each be a place of equality and balance, rather than hierarchy and oppression, places where everyone’s gifts and contributions are welcomed and honoured, and all members have the opportunities to find meaning and purpose in the tasks they perform.

Tuesday: Today we lift to you the people and places in our world where bodies ache with grief, or fear, or hunger or who have encountered tragedy. (name local or current concerns)

Wednesday: Incarnate God, you come to us in bodily form—and call us together as members of the Body of Christ. May your spirit continue to touch us and inspire us to work in tangible ways for the coming of your kin-dom.

Thursday: In words spoken by the body of Christ through the ages, we pray together, “Our Father...”