

# **Saint James United Church**

**January 20, 2019**

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**Ushers: Randy and Eleanor Leonard, John Dolimount**



*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** VU # 579 "The Church is Wherever" (vs 1)

The church is wherever God's people are praising  
singing God's goodness for joy on this day  
The church is wherever disciples of Jesus  
remember his story and walk in his way.

**Call To Worship (together)**

**Oh God, in who's mercy we find our peace, in who's presence we find our place. In who's world we find our calling, we pray you grant us grace to hear and accept your Word so we become faithful followers of your will and way all our days. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Jan.20	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room Sunshine Singers	10:30 a.m.
Jan.22	Games Sparks / Pathfinders	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Jan.23	Ministerial (Salvation Army) Quilting Choir	8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Jan.27	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m.

## **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.*

## **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Donald Wormell, brother of Lynda Swan, by Phyllis Robinson.*

## 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.

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held February 10, 2019.

### **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP**

This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on **February 18, 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

### **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

This is a great time of year to sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. **CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.**

### *Prayer of Approach (together)*

*O Lord our God, who has called the light to shine out of darkness and who has awakened us again to praise your goodness and ask for your grace. Accept now, in your endless mercy, the sacrifice of our worship. Make us to be children of the light and the day and heirs of your everlasting inheritance. Pour out on us the riches of your mercy, so that we, redeemed in soul and body and steadfast in faith, may ever praise your wonderful and holy name. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Hymn VU # 379 “Open My Eyes”

### *Children’s Time*

### *Prayer of Confession (together)*

*Most holy and merciful God, we acknowledge and confess in your presence our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good as well as all of our shortcomings and offences against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering away from your ways, wasting your gifts to us and in forgetting your love for us. Teach us to mend our errors, cleanse us from our faults and forgive us from our sins. Send your purifying grace into our hearts so that we may live in your light and live in your ways according to the commandments. Amen*

### *Words of Assurance*

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Anthem “I Thank You, Lord”

*Scriptures*    *Isaiah 62: 1-5*  
*Psalm 36*    *VU p. 762*  
*1 Corinthians 12: 1-11*  
*John 2 1-11*

*Reflection*

*Message*

*Hymn*      *VU # 679 “Let There Be Light”*

## **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)**

As we come to present our offerings at this table, we remember God's generous hospitality. Our calling is to feed those dismissed from the world's tables, that they may no longer feel hungry or alone. Amen

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer*

*Hymn*      *VU # 639 “One More Step”*

*Closing Prayer (responsively)*

*Leader: As we leave here today, we do so with praise on our lips and gladness in our hearts.*

*All: Praise for the love and gladness for the fellowship.*

*Leader: We remember the teachings and the life.*

*All: The teachings of sacrifice and the life unbounded.*

*Leader: We will strive to keep them for this week and beyond.*

*All: Till we meet again. 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*

*Lectionary Readings for January 27*

*Nehemiah. 8: 1 – 3, 5 – 6, 8 - 10*

*Psalm 19*

*1 Corinthians 12: 12-31A*

*Luke 4: 14-21*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

*February 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting*

*March 1<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer Service—St. Gertrude's*

*March 6<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday*

*April 12<sup>th</sup> Ninth Acts*

*April 25<sup>th</sup> Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner*

*To replace Bell Tower at the Kirk Church*

*May 4<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale*

*May 26<sup>th</sup> Spring Kirk Service*

## **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.*

## RAYAND BARB KIERSTEAD

It's with sadness that we announce the passing of our oldest sister Gertrude Edgar after a lengthy illness. Service will be scheduled at a later date.