

Saint James United Church

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Welcome!

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.27	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship	10:30 a.m.
Jan. 28	Fellowship Guide Meeting	7:00 p.m. C.E. Centre
Jan.29	Games Sparks / Pathfinders	1:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Jan.30	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Feb.3	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room Sunshine Singers Carleton Manor	10:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

CHECK YOUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Called To Be An Epiphany

- Jan. 13 *Precious in My Eyes*
Regular Sunday – What do others see in you to love???
- Jan. 20 *Revealing God’s Glory*
Regular Sunday Church 10:30 a.m. A Challenge
Sunday School 10:45 a.m. A Dare?
- Jan. 27 *Coming Home What does this mean?*
Regular Sunday
- Feb. 3 *Unexpected News – When we listen to the news,*
what do we hear.
Regular Sunday
- Feb.10 *Out in the Deep.*
Annual Meeting after church
Lunch while we wait.
- Feb. 17 *Wilderness and water*
Regular Sunday
- Feb. 24 *Change of Heart What hope do we have for our*
world.
Regular Sunday
- Mar. 3 *March Break*
Transfiguration Sunday Communion ??
Intergenerational Service No Sunday School

The Children will be presenting an Easter Pageant and are starting to practice now.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God, we pray for your blessing for the people gathered here in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find courage and the anxious be calmed. Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful be comforted. Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed. In Jesus Christ, Amen.

Hymn VU # 583 “Jesus Came, A Child Like Me”

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession (together)

God of all creation, you love us into being, yet we often flee our rightful place in your creation. We confess that we exploit the gifts you place around us, and dominate the richness of the natural order. Forgive our greedy grasping. We confess our part in the devastation of our planet home, mirrored in the violence of cities and the brokenness of hearts. Forgive and restore us, O God and remind us of other ways to live and of a place to call home where creation reflects your goodness and where each thing lives in balance with all others. Come and find us, set us right again, and take us home.

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem “We are One”

Scriptures
Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–1
Psalm 19 (VU pp. 740–741)
1 Corinthians 12:12–31a
Luke 4:14–21

Reflection

Message

Hymn VU # 79 "Arise, Your Light Has Come"

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)

Dear God and heavenly host. Please accept these, our tithes and offerings, as part of our worship here today. Take them and bless them to be used in this and the greater community as needed. In Christ Jesus, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn MV # 209 "Go Make A Difference"

Closing Prayer:

Hear our prayers, God of grace and help us to fulfill them working according to your purpose, in peace, justice and mercy in all we do. With Jesus Christ to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all 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:

"God speaks in the silence of the heart. Listening is the beginning of prayer." Mother Teresa

Lectionary Readings for February 3

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71: 1 - 6

1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13

Luke 4: 21 - 30

SAVE THE DATE

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

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 3rd 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 Last week to renew your 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 MARCH AND APRIL
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 AND APPLICATION FORMS.**