

## **Saint James United Church**

**February 24, 2019 Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

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**Admin. Assistant: Mary Wheelan C.D. Coordinator: Joan Hall**

**Ushers: Ron Murray, Ruby MacNabb, Mac Caldwell**



*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**

**Introit MV 13 "O Let the Power Fall On Me"**

#### **Call to Worship**

**Our God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth, may your peace and love fall upon us, bringing growth and life. Soak into our innermost being. Quiet all that makes us anxious. Help us to linger in your presence and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others.**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Minute for Mission**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb. 24	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Once In A While Choir Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 25.	Fellowship Unit	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 26	Games Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 27	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Mar. 1	World Day of Prayer St. Gertrude's	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Once In A While Choir Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	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 endeavor 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. We will start on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and perform at the variety show on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **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 **March 15, 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.

### **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.

## SAVE THE DATE

March	1 <sup>st</sup>	World Day of Prayer Service—2:00 p.m. St. Gertrude's
March	6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday St. Lukes Lenten Services at St. Lukes
April	6 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Fashion Show and Tea
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>	Spring Yard Sale.
May	26 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Kirk Service

### Opening Prayer (Responsively)

Leader: Come O Holy Spirit:

**All: come as Holy Fire and Burn within us.**

Leader: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse within us,

**All: come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.**

Leader: Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,

**All: come as Holy Life and dwell in us.**

Leader: Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,

**All: until we are set free from the service of ourselves to be your servants to the world.**

Amen

### Hymn VU 371 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

### Children's Time

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people: we confess the sins which we have committed, by word and deed, against your Divine Majesty. We repent of our misdoings; the remembrance of them is a grief to us; the burden of them is great. Have mercy on us, most merciful One, for Jesus' sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your holy name; through Christ our Saviour. Amen

### Words of Assurance

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

*Anthem* “There Is Grace”

*Scriptures* Genesis 45:3–11, 15  
Psalm 37:1–11, 39–40 (VU p. 763)  
1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50  
Luke 6:27–38

*Message*

*Music for Meditation*

*Hymn MV 79 “Spirit, Open My Heart”*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**Presentation of the Offering**

**Offertory prayer**

**In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit and a joyful heart. Amen**

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

**Hymn VU 586 “We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection”**

**Closing Prayer**

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

**Food for Thought**

*One thread is a strange thread- it is my steadying thread. When I am lost, I pull it hard and find my way. When I am saddened, I tighten my grip and gladness glides along its quivering path. When the waste places of my spirit appear in arid confusion, the thread becomes a channel of newness of life. One thread is a strange thread-it is my steadying thread. God’s hand holds the other end.... Arthur Ashe*

*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 March 3*

**Exodus 34: 19 - 35**

**99 Psalm**

**2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4:2**

**Luke 9: 28 – 36 (37 - 43)**

**DONATIONS**

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Laurine Wright by Doreen Canam, Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Leslie Carson by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Laurine Wright by Phyllis Robinson

## Lenten Services Schedule 2019 Woodstock Ministerial

The Lenten Services will be held this year (2019) at St. Luke's Church Hall (104 Church Street) at 12:05 pm and conclude at 12:30 pm, followed by a soup luncheon for all who wish to stay.

<b>Mar. 6</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a Ps 51:1-18
Reflection	Bev Sharpe, St. James	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
<b>Mar. 13</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:1-2, 11-13
Reflection	Major Angel Sandoval, Sal. Army	Luke 11:29-32
<b>Mar. 20</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Rev. Wendy MacWilliams	Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps 31:1-5, 13-16
Reflection	Rev. Ron Ecker, Bethel Assembly	Matthew 20:7-18
<b>March 27</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Majors A&M Sandoval, Salv. Army	Deut. 4:1, 5-10 Ps 147:13-21
Reflection	Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's	Matthew 5:17-20
<b>April 3</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Ven. Rod Black, Richmond	Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-15
Reflection	Rev. Wendy MacWilliams St. Paul's	John 5:17-30
<b>April 10</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>	<b>Readings</b>
Presider	Joan Hall, St. James United	Daniel 3:13-28 Ps 24:1-6
Reflection	Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond	John 8:31-47

## UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA CREED

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God