

Saint James United Church

February 3, 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 Heather Donnelly 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 VU # 345 "Come, Children, Join to Sing, v.2

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Let praises fill the sky, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Christ calls his people friends, the helpless he defends,
A love that never ends, Ha-le-lu-jah!*

Call to Worship

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Feb. 3 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
Carleton Manor | 10:30 a.m.

2:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 5 | Games
Sparks / Pathfinders
Salvation Army Tea | 1:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 6 | Quilting
Choir | 1:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. |
| Feb. 7 | Unity Group | 2:00 p.m. |
| Feb.10 | Morning Worship
Sunday School
Coffee, Tea and Snacks in the Lobby and Board Room
before the Annual Congregational Meeting.
Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. | 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. 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.

TRAVEL CLUB February 11, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Are you an armchair traveller or a get on the Bus person? This Club is your Club!! We are open to organized trips, be it a day, weekend or longer. We will also have guest speakers who will share their experiences on trips they have taken. This week Brenda Morley has graciously offered to share some of her experiences.

FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES February 22, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Bring a Brown Bag Supper for your family, maybe make it a special "Take Out Night." A time for all ages – a variety of games provided but feel free to bring your favourites. Everyone Welcome!! Chocolate and Beverages provided.

VALENTINE TEA

THE SALVATION ARMY

Music, Games, & Sweets

Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Cost \$ 5.00

**ALL ARE WELCOME. BRING YOUR PARTNER
OR BEST FRIEND.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer

God of the prophets,

**is it possible that you,
who spoke to Jeremiah and Jesus,
will speak to us?**

We may not be ready to believe it.

We may not be ready to receive you.

But we have gathered in your name and we pray:

Come, Holy One!

Fill us with the story of your people;

fill us with your loving Word.

Take us as we are and make us wholly yours. Amen.

Hymn VU #377 "Holy Spirit, Hear Us"

Children's Time

Time of Soul Searching

One: If we say we are completely put together, the truth is not in us.

All: **But if we confess our distractions, our errors, and our anxieties,**

God will meet us and renew us.

Before God and God's people,

I confess that I have been reluctant to speak out clearly, naming the injustice I see and declaring God's vision.

Before God and one another, we confess our reluctance to receive our calling as God's people, made by God and chosen as witnesses to God's dream of justice and joy.

Remind me, God, that you have made me for your service and recharge me with your Word.

Renew us, God.

Grant us courage to live out your Way of peace and grace. Amen.

(time for silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Hymn MV #12 “Come Touch Our Hearts” v.1-4

Anthem “The Greatest of These Is Love”

Prayer of Illumination

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us.

For the word of God within us. Thanks be to God. Amen

Scriptures *Jeremiah 1: 4 -10*
Psalm 71 Voices United page 789
1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13
Luke 4: 21 - 30

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU #260 “God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory

Offertory prayer

Minute for Mission

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord’s Prayer
followed by Amen, VU #968 (remain seated)

Hymn VU #288 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Blessing and Sending Forth

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

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The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory of Ken Lee by Gail Stokoe Lee.

Lectionary Readings for February 10

Isaiah 6: 1 – 8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11
Luke 5: 1 - 11

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Donald Wormell, brother of Lynda Swan, by the Fellowship Unit.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Betty Bunting by Marion MacFarlane.

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

February 10th Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Congregational Meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Susan Estabrooks will be present.

The Congregation is asked to bring a small snack to share with everyone or you can bring your own lunch. We will have lunch following the morning worship before the meeting is called to order.

February 5th Valentine Tea at Salvation Army 2:00 p.m.

February 22nd Games Night 6:00 p.m.

March 1st World Day of Prayer Service—2:00 p.m.

St. Gertrude's

March 6th Ash Wednesday St. Lukes

Lenten Services at St. Lukes

April 12th Ninth Acts

April 25th Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner

To replace Bell Tower at the Kirk Church

May 4th Spring Yard Sale.

May 26th Spring Kirk Service