

Saint James United Church

March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

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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

Introit VU #121 "Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery" verse 1

Call to Worship (Responsively)

One: We join here today, on this first day of Lent, in the knowledge of the trials Jesus was to endure.

All: The fasting in the wilderness, the hardship overcome.

One: The temptations, the pain and fear.

All: We come a Lenten people, eager for the spirit to move in us.

One: We acknowledge the darkness, knowing it will bring the great light into our lives.

All: We seek the comfort we will receive from that glowing and loving light.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 10 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunshine Singers
Once In A While Choir
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

Mar. 12 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.

Mar.13 **1st Week of Lent** **Readings**
Lenten Service at St. Luke's 12:05 p.m.
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

Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Mar. 14 CDC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mar.17 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Once In A While Choir
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

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.

DONATIONS

A Memorial donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Robert Potter by Mary Cox Price.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9th ACTS VARIETY SHOW This year's date for our 9th Acts is **Friday, April 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** here in the C. E. Centre. We will also be having a **Silent Auction** at this time.....so get your Acts fine tuned, and your items gathered for the Auction. **Let Joan know if you have either of these. Thanks!!**

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. 10th and perform at the variety show on Friday, April 12th at 7pm.

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 **March 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. **SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR POSTER ON ALZHEIMER JOURNEY: Care Essentials at Carleton Manor March 14th – April 4th. 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

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 FOR DETAILS.**

Opening Prayer (together)

Creating God, we gather here today and we do so with anticipation and wonder. We fear the darkness not sure of what to expect in it. As we begin this season of Lent, be our Guide and Companion as we walk this journey with Christ. Make us aware of the cross and the reality that it brings as we pray for your Spirit in us. Amen

Hymn #605 “Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold”

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession:

God of the Wilderness, God of the Journey, soften our hearts and open our ears that we might hear Wisdom’s call. Stir us to vision and action that we may extend your love wherever there is need for hope or healing. Amen

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem “Follow the Way of the Lord”

Scriptures

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalm 91: 1 – 2, 9 -16 (VU 807)

Romans 10: 8b -13

Luke 4: 1 -13

Quiet Reflection

"It is not just about giving up our favourite food but its about going further and giving up things like hatred and unforgiveness. You need to clean your heart and prepare yourself for purity." -- Amanda Jobs

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU #115 “Jesus Tempted in the Desert”

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of Offering

Offertory prayer

Loving God, we offer here today our tithes and offerings. Take and them with our talents to bring comfort and good for all those who are in need in this community and beyond. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

(followed by Amen #968 in Voices United, please remain seated)

Hymn VU 563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Closing Prayer

Giving and Sustaining God, we experience your compelling call to undertake this Lenten journey. We hear your voice inviting us into the wilderness where our journey begins. We trust in your presence with us on the way. Guide and support us through the wilderness, inspire us to follow Christ in worship, and in witness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Choral Benediction MV #213 "Take Up His Song"

*Take up his song of peace, and go into the world
Take up his song of peace in ev'ry moment
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying
down our lives; lay them down in peace,
lay them down, and take up his song.*

Postlude

Lectionary Readings for March 17

Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 – 18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1

Luke 13: 31 - 35

SAVE THE DATE

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| April | 6 th | Spring Fashion Show and Tea |
| April | 12 th | Ninth Acts |
| April | 25 th | Drive Through Roast Beef Dinner
To replace Bell Tower at the Kirk Church |
| May | 4 th | Spring Yard Sale. |
| May | 26 th | Spring Kirk Service |

YORK SEARCH AND RESCUE is holding its annual **Sugar bush Breakfast fundraiser at The Capital Exhibit Centre the weekends of March 9&10 and March 16&17.** - breakfast will be from 8:30am to 2:00pm **See Bulletin for Board for Poster** Early bird tickets are available at a cost of \$10.00 per adult and \$7.00 per child (up to 12 years of age). Please call [506-461-5832](tel:506-461-5832) or email yssr.tickets@nbg Sara.ca for early bird tickets. - Tickets at the door will be \$11.00 per adult and \$8.00 per child (up to 12 years of age). More information is available on our Website (www.yssr.ca). Greg Smith [506-478-3900](tel:506-478-3900)

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX PROGRAM.

will be hosting Free Tax clinics for people with modest income, at St Gertrude's Parish Hall starting March 13th. This first clinic will be a Super Clinic and will run from 1-7pm. At this clinic as well as having taxes done, you can register children for a SIN, Canada Learning Bond and receive other information. Subsequent clinics will run 12:30 to 4:00 each Wednesday from March 20th to April 24th.

LENTEN PROJECT

New tables are required in the C.E. center.

If you would like to help we will be purchasing 20 new ones this year.

Tables are \$200.00 each and on the bottom of each table we will be putting, Donated by.

Example

**This Table Donated by
John & Carol McLellan**



LiteLift.II
72" x 30" Rectangular Table
MVLFR72



Description

- Multi-purpose folding table
- Light weight, durable, portable, easy to clean
- Polypropylene waterproof top, oyster grey finish
- Folding steel legs finished in scuff resistant textured charcoal epoxy coating
- LiteLift II meets all BIFMA standards for strength and durability

Specifications

Dimensions 72"W x 30"D x 29.2"H
 Weight 36 lbs / 16.3 kg
 Volume 3.06 ft³ / 0.09 m³

As our Lenten project the congregation will be gathering items to send to the Phillipines. Lana McKay's daughter-in-law is from there and these boxes will be sent to her family to distribute to those in need. A list of needed items will be in our bulletins.

The Sunday School children will be asked to bring in used or new story books and school supplies. The next container ship will leaving mid June so our project will be extended until Easter. It costs \$ 160.00 per large box. For shipping so monetary donations are welcomed. Charge is by size, not weight.

- Summer Weight Clothing*
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| <i>Men's</i> | <i>Small</i> |
| <i>Ladies</i> | <i>6 – 10</i> |
| <i>Children</i> | <i>all sizes</i> |
- Children's Raincoats, rubber boots, umbrellas*
- Towels, facecloths, bar soap*
- Dish towels, dish cloths*
- Tablecloths*
- Kitchen Utensils, plastic bowls*
- Pillow cases, and sheets*
- Material*
- School Supplies*
- English books*
- Paper, pens, pencils, erasers,*
- Crayons, colouring books,*
- Activity books*
- Toys*

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Our Unit for the next 6 weeks is Tending A Garden. Since spring is just around the corner, this seems very appropriate, as the children are planting their spiritual garden to become Christians in Bloom.

March 10 A time preparation – we will be planting Amaryllis bulbs to bloom Easter Sunday.

March 17 Rooted in God – Last week we looked at how we prepare to grow faith, now we are shown that people who risk growth, do so because they are rooted in their experience of God.

March 24 Judgment and Grace - Today we learned that constructive criticism may be a lot like Judgment and Grace and is a tool we need to grow in our faith.

March 31 Banquet of Forgiveness - Lent is usually billed, as a very somber time so this fourth Sunday is called “Laeture Sunday.” (meaning rejoice) or “Refreshment Sunday.” We will be celebrating with cake for a snack.

April 7 Extravagant Love - Today we will be exploring and talking about God’s amazing Love.

April 14 Palm Sunday. The children will be forming a Palm Parade at the beginning of the service and will be walking through Holy Week as part of their Sunday school times.

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.

Colors of Easter

Green – is for the branches of palms they waved at Him, as Jesus rode a little donkey into Jerusalem.

Purple – is for the kingly robe that soldiers made Him wear, a contrast to the rugged cross that Jesus chose to bear.

Blue – is for His mother and friends who watched Him die, and for the tears they shed, as they sadly said good-bye.

Pink & Yellow – are for the dawn that resurrection morn, when the dark and empty tomb meant hope had been reborn.

White – is for the angels at the door of death’s stone prison, who gave the joyful message, “He is gone...for He Has Risen!”