

## **Saint James United Church**

**March 17, 2019 Second 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 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 121 "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" verse 2**

#### **Call to Worship**

**One:** Sisters and brothers, Lenten pilgrims,  
Together we travel on this wilderness journey.

**All: Pilgrims on a road of awe and wonder.**  
We journey through places of solitude, questions, reflection.  
**Pilgrims on a road to self-discovery and learning.**  
We journey through struggles born of circumstance or choice.  
**Pilgrims on the road to acceptance and healing.**  
We journey through the hills and valleys of faithful living.  
**Pilgrims on a road to compassion and liberation.**  
We make this journey together, side by side,  
moving to the beat of God's heart.  
**Pilgrims on the road to risen life.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Mar. 17	Morning Worship Sunshine Singers Once In A While Choir Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Mar. 18	Alzheimer Support Group Travel Club	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 19	Games Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Mar.20	Lenten Service at St. Luke's <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b> Presider Rev. Wendy MacWilliams Reflection Ron Ecker, Bethel Assembly Quilting Choir	12:05 p.m. <b>Readings</b> Jeremiah 18:18-20 Ps 31:1-5, 13-16 Matthew 20:7-18 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Mar. 24	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.

### **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Jean Alward by Phyllis Robinson.*

*Lectionary Readings for March 24*

*Isaiah 55: 1 – 9*

*Psalm 63: 1 – 8*

*1 Corinthians 10: 1 – 13*

*Luke 13: 1 - 9*

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

**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.*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Minute for Mission*

*Opening Prayer*

God, we are too well aware that life brings us pains, doubts, uncertainties.

We remember that Abram was filled with questioning, the early church surrounded by threats, Jesus himself confronted with fearful powers.

In the midst of that awareness, we call upon you, our everlasting refuge.

Remember your people, God. We long for a way through the frights of the world;

we pray for your support. Come, Holy One; come, Spirit of Life. Come into this holy place and this holy hour and fill us again with assurance of your grace.

Amen.

*Hymn MV # 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"*

*Children's Time*

*Time of Soul Searching*

One: We hear the call to trust in God always,

All: **But honestly, some days our stresses and doubts are even more real to us than God, and trust is elusive.**

We remember how Abram dared to believe in God's promises, **But belief like that is hard to come by. We are often inclined to think,**

**"God helps those who help themselves,"**

**instead of daring to rely on the word of our Creator.**

When the world seems filled with dangers, we can be quick to protect ourselves,

And we forget the wisdom of scripture,

which reminds us that we find traces of evil both outside and inside of ourselves.

With God's help, we confront our fears and struggles,  
and we call upon a power greater than our own to resist  
their pull.

**Hear us, Holy One, as we confess our frailty and failings.**

*-Silent prayers of confession-*

*Words of Assurance*

*Hymn VU # 642 "Be Thou My Vision"*

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*Anthem*

*(Before the scriptures, we'll sing VU 840, Refrain 5, please remain seated)*

*Scriptures*            **Genesis 15: 1 – 12, 17 - 18**  
                              **Psalm 27** Voices United page 754  
                              **Luke 13: 31 – 35**

*Message*

*Music for Meditation*

*Hymn VU # 356 "Seek Ye First"*

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*Invitation to the Offering*

*Offertory prayer*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer*  
*(followed by Amen #968 in Voices United, please remain seated)*

*Hymn VU # 646 We Are Marching*

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

One: God is our light, our hope, our all in all:

All: **Blessed be God, now and forever!**

Christ is our home, our life, our joy:

**Blessed be God, now and forever!**

Our worship concludes; our service continues.

**Blessed be God, now and forever!**

*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*

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# 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 ft<sup>3</sup> / 0.09 m<sup>3</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**9<sup>th</sup> ACTS VARIETY SHOW** This year's date for our 9<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

### 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 **April 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. **SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR POSTER ON ALZHEIMER JOURNEY: Care Essentials at Carleton Manor March 14<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 DETAILS.**

### FASHION SHOW AND TEA

**APRIL 6, 2019**

**2:00 P.M.**

Tickets available at the Church Office, from U.C.W. Members or Fashion Today.

## ***LENTEN PROJECT***

***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.***

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

## **C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN**

*The Board of Stewards have decided the next project will be a new floor in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen. The cost will be \$ 7,500.00.*

*We have \$ 1,005.00 donated already.*

*All donations would be greatly appreciated. We invite the congregation to contribute donations through their church envelopes in which receipts will be issued next year. This project will be taking place in the early spring.*

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## **Public Service Announcement – Bowl for Kids**

*Lace up for the most important fundraiser of our year and you could start something BIG! It's our Annual "Bowl for Kids Sake" time again on Saturday, March 30, 2019.*

*Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carleton-York needs your help. We invite companies, schools, service clubs, churches, families and friends to form a group of up to 6 people to put together a team, raise a few pledges, bowl and have fun!*

*Every dollar raised helps match kids with a mentor. Research shows that children who have been mentored have higher self-esteem and are more likely to stay in school- empowering them to succeed, give back and realize their potential.*

*Joins us for a fun time, fun prizes and fun games! Help more kids be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister or In-School Mentor. For more information, please call our office at 328-2094 or email us at [bbbscy@nb.aibn.com](mailto:bbbscy@nb.aibn.com)*