

Saint James United Church

March 24, 2019 Third 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 verse 3

Call to Worship

Leader: May the God of Grace be welcome in our midst

All: May we receive the power and peace of divine love.---

Leader: come, let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies.

All: Let us become one seeking justice and compassion.

Leader: Blessed be God who challenges, heals and unites us.

All: Blessed be our learning and blessed be our vision.

Leader: Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 24 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Once In A While Choir
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

Mar. 25 Fellowship Unit 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 26 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 27 Lenten Service at St. Luke's 12:05 p.m.
3rd Week of Lent **Readings**

Presider Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army
Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-10
Ps 147:13-21

Reflection Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's Matthew 5:17-20
Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Mar. 31 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
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.*

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!!**

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 **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 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 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer

Creating God, still Centre of the world you have made, we come to. You in this season of turning and returning. We do not know how to seek you with our whole hearts, but we know you are our source and our destiny. In the midst of life, we return to you, we turn toward you. We thank you that you receive even the broken heart, the troubled conscience and the conflicted spirit. Amen

Hymn VU # 702 In the Bulb

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Living God, in this time of sacred quiet make us wise to believe that you, who created the universe and still governs its destiny, can create in us new hearts and govern our daily lives. That you welcome not only our praise and thanksgiving, but also our anger and doubt, our passions and brokenness. Receive all our worship this day, for we offer it in spirit and truth, through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

Words of Assurance

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Tender Mercies

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

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8 (VU p. 781)

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn MV 143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

Lectionary Readings for March 31

Josh 5: 9 - 12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

Luke 15: 1 – 3, 11b - 32

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Offertory prayer

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer: our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts. That your covenant may be written in our hearts and that we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. 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 651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Closing Prayer:

God, you are in the desert places as you are in the green and growing land. Help us to look for you when life is barren and our spirits ache. Help us to walk with you in the wilderness, and be changed in spending time with you. 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

Food for Thought

*"God never tires of forgiving us;
we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." -Pope Francis*

SAVE THE DATE

April 6th Spring Fashion Show and Tea
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

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.

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

Old Fashioned Bean & Salad Supper – Saturday, March

30, 2019 4-6 PM Mark your calendar – St. Luke's Anglican Church, Woodstock, is hosting a bean and salad supper on Saturday, March 30, from 4-6 pm. Baked beans, Goulash, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Rolls, Tea/Coffee and fresh **Gingerbread with Whipped Cream for dessert!** Yummy! Price \$10 per person. Family rate \$30 for a family of 5 or less. See you there!

LENTEN PROJECT

As our Lenten project the congregation will be gathering items to send to the Philippines. 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	Men's	Small
	Ladies	6 – 10
	Children	all sizes
	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	

LENTEN SERVICES Faith Memorial will be having a Maundy Thursday Service with Communion on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is Welcome.

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

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Saint Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in self-forgetting that we find;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal
life.
Amen.*

We do not know the author of this classic prayer, and it was not until the 1920s that it was even ascribed to Saint Francis. By one account the prayer was found in 1915 in Normandy, written on the back of a card of Saint Francis. But it certainly emulates his longing to be an instrument of peace, reconciliation and redemption in our fallen world.