

Saint James United Church

March 31, 2019 Fourth 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 4

(As part of a long and rich history of The United Church and ethnic ministries comes Han. It is a Korean concept of frozen and knotted feelings of despair, helplessness, fear, anger, and other negative feelings that have accumulated over a period of time and remained in a person.)

Call to Worship

Leader: Lent is a time of repentance, and reconciliation, risk and removal.

All: A time to face all that which hems us in and holds us back.

Leader: We gather to name the *Han* that surrounds us.

All: Our abuse of power, the harm we do to others and to the earth.

Leader: We gather to give voice to the *Han* within us.

All: The injustices that silence us, the pain that drains us of hope.

Leader: We gather to claim God's liberating love in the face of all the *Han* we know.

All: Come, let us worship God.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 31	Morning Worship Sunshine Singers Once In A While Choir Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Apr. 1	W.I. Group	5:00 p.m.
Apr. 2	Games Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 3	Lenten Service at St. Luke's 4th Week of Lent	12:05 p.m.
Presider	Ven. Rod Black, Richmond	Readings Isaiah 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-15
Reflection	Rev. Wendy MacWilliams Quilting Choir	John 5:17-30 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Apr. 4	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	Set-up for Fashion Show	
Apr. 6	Spring Fashion Show and Tea	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	Morning Worship 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.

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.

95th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*You are invited to Muriel McLellan's
95th Birthday Party on April 7th
in Sam's room at the Ayr Motor Center,
from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served.*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer

God of Sarah and Abraham, God of us all, you have called people throughout the ages to journey in faithfulness. Give to us a sense of anticipation through this Lenten season, that we may move with confidence and hope toward the new life of Easter. We pray in Jesus' name, our Companion and Guide. Amen.

Hymn VU 288 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we often come to you reluctantly, afraid of what we might have to give up or change when we enter your presence. In our reluctance, we often miss opportunities for your grace to touch us, and through us to touch others. Touch us that we might be healed, forgive us that we may be born again. Amen

Words of Assurance

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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

Scripture Readings

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32 (VU p. 759)

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU 644 "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of Offering

Offertory prayer

As we come to present our offerings at this table, we remember God's generous hospitality. Our calling is to feed those dismissed from the world's tables, that they may no longer feel hungry or alone.

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

Hymn VU 424 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

Closing Prayer:

God of the wilderness, be with us as we wander through the desert of our lives. Keep us from running back to the safety of old assumptions, and walk with us as we learn to live the life abundant. 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...

"We must recognize before we can reconcile--especially in instances where we are too blinded by privilege, comfort, and tradition to even notice that reconciliation is needed."

— Josh Larsen, Movies Are Prayers: How Films Voice Our Deepest Longings

***The bulletin today has been placed in loving memory
of Kim Buckingham Green by the family.***

Lectionary Readings for April 7

Isaiah 43: 16 – 21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 4b – 14

John 12: 1 - 8

SAVE THE DATE

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| April | 6 th | Fashion Show and Tea |
| April | 12 th | Ninth Acts |
| April | 21 st | Sunrise Service at Farm Market 7:00 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Easter Service with Communion 10:30 a.m. |
| 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 |

***UPPER ROOMS FOR MARCH AND APRIL* Cost \$ 3.00**

Located at the back of the church.

MAY AND JUNE HAVE ALSO ARRIVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!!***

DEBEC SALAD PLATE FUNDRAISER **\$ 8.00**

*Wednesday, April 10th Delivery at 11:00 a.m. on April 10th
FULL DETAILS AND MENU ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE
BULLETIN BOARD. Please order by April 3rd.*

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:***

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

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. We invite the congregation to contribute donations through their church envelopes in which receipts will be issued next year.*

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
English books
Paper, pens, pencils, erasers,
Crayons, colouring books,
Activity books
Toys

School Supplies

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