

Saint James United Church

April 28, 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 – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

Rise in me; I rise in you,
Roll the stones away.
Love in me flows through you.
Light the fire, I'm free.

Call to Worship

Leader: God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

All: Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.

God's open hands are as the gate of righteousness.
Let us enter in to God's abundant life and give thanks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr.28 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
Reveal of Secret Pal.
- Apr.29 BRING ITEMS FOR YARD SALE
Set-Up April 29 – May 2nd
- Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
- Apr.30 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders/Rangers 6:30 p.m.
- May 1 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- May 2 Unity Group 2:00 p.m.
- May 3 Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
May 4 Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- May 5 Morning Worship/Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

SAVE THE DATE

May 3rd. / 4th Spring Yard Sale.

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.

Lectionary Readings for May 5

Acts 9: 1 – 6 (7 - 20)

Psalm 30

Revelations 5: 11-14

John 21: 1 - 19

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.

In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.
**Let us be thankful and sing unto our God
with gladness.**

(from Worship Ways)

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission (Printed in Bulletin)

Opening Prayer

We are your witnesses, O God, that in you suffering and death do not have the final word. Praise be to you for the dawning of this new day, a day when gentleness rules over might, Spirit makes a way for true community, and love always wins. This is the day you have given us and we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen

(Prayers for All Seasons)

Hymn MV 48 "I Can Feel You Near Me"

Children's Time

Time of Soul Searching

O God of new beginnings, you teach us to pray for the inbreaking of your Spirit, and yet we acknowledge a level of comfort with the status quo.

O God of new creation, you invite us to pray for the coming of your kin-dom, and yet we confess a stubbornness about our own sense of direction.

O God of empty tomb, crown, and cross, you disrupt the patterns of our everyday lives, and yet at times we are resistant to change.

Break our hearts of stone with your words of healing and hope, risen Lord.

Forgive us and walk with us into a new future.

(Kenneth H. Carter Jr.,

Prayers and Liturgies of Confession and Assurance)

-silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

Hymn VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *The Morning Brings Great Joy*

Scriptures John 20: 19 - 31

Improv on Psalm 150, responsive

Praise God on every platform!

Praise God with the teen's newest app
and the grandmother's desktop monitor!

Praise God in the Cloud!

Praise God whose search knows anyone who is running away from
life.

Praise God whose browser retrieves every doubter's prayer.

Praise God with the trumpet of social media!

Praise God with LinkedIn and Foursquare, for we are connected and
found.

Praise God with creativity on Tumblr, toddler pictures on Facebook,
selfies on Instagram, with the playlist of Pandora,
tasty Pinterest, and thought-posts of Wordpress.

Praise God with Twitter's tambourines,

Eastering it away from those who use it to crucify.

Praise God with GroupMe that gathers,

with Gofundme, Kickstarter, and Patreon that shift power,
and with Freedom giving hope to those who have become
addicted.

Praise God with arts on YouTube, from garage band garage or
concert hall, from church camp and refugee camp!

Praise God with flash-mobbing Vimeo

and the little country church's prayer chain.

Let everything that has code – Praise God.

Praise God. Send.

Living Psalm for Easter 2, was written by the Rev. Maren Tirabassi.

Acts 5: 27 - 32

Message

Music for Meditation

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to the Offering – Offertory MV #191

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy, I'll say a prayer,

I'll bring my love, I'll do my share.

Offertory prayer

**From our hearts and from our hands,
we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you, O God,
that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people.**

Amen! Alleluia!

(Worship Ways)

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 352 Lord of the Dance

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction – Sung to the tune of Skye Boat Song

Rise in me; I rise in you,

Roll the stones away.

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Light the fire, I'm free.

Postlude

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

April 21 June 2, 2019

Spreading God's Love

**April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday - Sunday School
Children will be presenting an Easter Play
No formal Sunday School Communion**

**April 28, 2019 Believing the Good News - Answering
the question - Can we still have faith even if we
doubt? Regular Classes. Children will be learning
a new song to share at later date.**

**May 5, 2019 Children will be exploring the difference
between a "disciple" - learner and "apostle" -
one sent out a messenger. Regular Classes.**

**May 12, 2019 Mother's Day children will be exploring
"The Lord is My Shepherd." Regular Classes**

**May 19, 2019 Intergenerational Service – Children stay
in church with parents.**

**May 26, 2019 Believing God's Promise and Telling
the Good News. Regular Classes.**

**June 2, 2019 Sunday School Closing. Events to be
announced. Certificates given out.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **May 20, 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.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR

May and June. are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

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.

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.

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.

St. Luke's Shrove (just a little late) Tuesday Pancake

Supper to be held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2019

from 4:00pm – 6:30pm in the St. Lukes Church Hall on church Street. Adult \$8/Child \$5/ Family \$25. All proceeds for youth activities and church camp.

BRING YOUR YARD SALE
ITEMS TOMORROW!!

SPRING YARD SALE

FRIDAY, MAY. 3rd, 2019
8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 4th 2019
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

Set-Up will be April 29th until May 2nd.

**Volunteer workers would be appreciated
for set-up, clean up, and working
the two days of the sale.**

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

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