

Saint James United Church

August 25, 2019 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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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 MV 156 Dance With the Spirit

Call to Worship

One: We may be thirsty and parched like an unwatered garden, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

We may be lost or confused, so we come into God's presence:

The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we come into God's presence:

The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 25 Morning Worship/ 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in CE. Centre

Our congregation is very pleased to have had St Paul's Presbyterian Church during the month of August.

REMINDER

FOOD BANK SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

September 1 Morning Worship/ 10:30 a.m.
Food Bank Sunday
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the 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.

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.

BIBLE READING FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

Jerimiah 1: 4 – 10

Psalms 80: 1 - 2

Hebrew 12: 18 – 29

Luke 13: 10 – 17

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that at the congregational meeting held Tuesday August 13th, the “Record of Call” for a new minister was approved. The candidate presented by the committee is Rev. Adekunle Benjamin Adeniyi (Rev. Ben). Originally ordained in The African Church in Nigeria, he came to Canada in 2015, fulfilled the admission requirements of the United Church of Canada and was admitted to the Order of Ministry in 2018.

We still require approval of the call from Regional Council. Once that has been received, the committee will be able to share more details regarding Rev. Ben and begin the preparations for his arrival which is scheduled for January 1, 2020.

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Marilyn Strong by Nancy Kinney, Mary Cox-Price,

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Marilyn Strong by Joan Hall, Doug and Lynda Swan, Stan and Betty Kerr,

A donation has been made to the Sunday School Fund in loving memory of Marilyn Strong by Charles and Gloria Calhoun.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Robert (Bobby) MacFarlane by Marion MacFarlane.

Hymn VU 222 Come Let Us Sing

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Opening Prayer

**O God of all goodness,
you welcome us, forgive us and heal us.
You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.
You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.
Reveal yourself to us in this moment.
Let us know your presence so that we may bless you:
Bless you, O God!
Bless your holy name! Amen.**

Hymn MV #30, It's A Song of Praise to the Maker

Time of Soul Searching

One: Isaiah’s people--the people of Israel returning home from long exile-- sought in the Prophet’s words guidance for building God’s kin-dom:

All: **Offer food to the hungry, Reach out to the afflicted, Remove the yokes of oppression and injustice, Overcome despair and complaint in struggle.**

We too, struggle with this guidance, and too often fail in our attempts to build community. **Holy One, forgive us. Take away whatever holds us back. Show us the way to confidence and generosity so that we may be known as your people:**

Repairers of the broken places and
Restorers of streets to safety and peace.

O God, with your help we can change and bring you glory.

-silent reflection -

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

Scriptures Isaiah 58:9b-14
 Psalm 103, Voices United p.825
 Luke 13: 10 – 17

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn *MV 117 By the Well, a Thirsty Woman*

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

With reverence and awe for your ways,
we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice,
the work of healing, restoring and setting free in your holy
name,
God of our hearts. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Prayer of Jesus (a translation from Aramaic)

**O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,
Focus your Light within us—make it useful:
Create your reign of unity now—
Your one desire then acts with ours,
As in all light, so in all forms.
Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.
Loose the cords of mistakes binding us,
As we release the strands we hold of others' guilt.
Don't let surface things delude us.
But free us from what holds us back.
From you is born all shaping will,
the power and the life to do,
the song that beautifies all,
from age to age it renews.
Truly—power to these statements—
May they be the ground from which all
My actions grow: Amen. -Neil Douglas-Klotz, *Prayers of the Cosmos***

Hymn *VU 242 Let All Things Now Living*

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction

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Postlude

**WHAT'S A GREETING CARD
AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

*It's a little piece of paper
That tells someone how you are
It can be a ray of sunshine
It can be a wish or prayer.*

*It can simply say "I love you"
Or just say "I understand"
It can be a little visit
Or the clasp of someone's hand.*

*It can be a word of comfort
When somebody's heart is sad
It can be a smile or chuckle
Making someone's heart feel glad.*

*It can help keep folks together
Even though they're far apart
It can show someone you're thankful
From the bottom of your heart.*

*It can travel any distance
In all kinds of weather, too
And it has the magic something
That some big things never do.*

*Yes, it's just a piece of paper
And it costs no big amount
But it proves that old, old saying
"It's the little things that count.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK NEXT SUNDAY for our SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

***Special Thanks to all who attended the Fall Planning Meeting
on Monday. We will have a brochure with more details***

**BREAKFAST WITH GOD September 8th 10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

*The first Sunday back from Summer Vacation we will be having
Breakfast with GOD as a Congregation in the C.E. Centre. We will be
serving Coffee, Tea, Juice, Pancakes, Muffins, etc. during our regular
worship time. Come join us for a casual worship experience, as we
welcome back our Sunday School*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON GAMES September 10th 1:00 p.m.

*Come join us for an afternoon of games. We play
Mexican Train (Dominoes) and various card games. Board Games
are welcome. Bring your favourites. We will be meeting in the
C. E. Centre Win or Lose- you still get a cup of tea!*

**COFFEE, CONVERSATION September 12 10:00 a.m. – 12:00
& CARD MAKING**

*We are offering a morning of Card Making and Coffee.
Leslie Johnson will be sharing her supplies and expertise to help us
make cards for all occasions. Plan to take home at least 3 cards
per session. No cost and a great morning with friends.*

M & S SALE TABLE *Starting September 15, 2019*

A table will be set up outside the Boardroom for baked goods, Jams, Jellies, Pickles and Treasures. Help yourself!

A donation jar will be provided.

Proceeds to Mission and Service.

Items will change weekly depending on what is brought in.

ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE *September 27 – 28, 2019*

Time to start gathering for the Fall Yard Sale. Set-up will begin Monday, Sept. 23rd. Volunteers needed for set up, cashiers, workers for Friday and Saturday.

Call Joan 425-2438 or church office at 328-6114.

SEASON OF PLENTY

All those with extra produce from your vegetable Harvest, please bring on Sunday to share with those who have none---Extra cukes, tomatoes, beans, peas, potatoes. etc. Everything welcome.

A table will be set up outside the Board room—Bags provided.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR SEPTEMBER

*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 **September 23, 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 Alzheimer News Letter on Bulletin Board in Lobby.

UPPER ROOMS FOR

September and October are at back of church. Cost \$ 3.00

SIGN CHANGING

Looking for a volunteer to look after our church sign weekly starting in the fall to change the announcements. Please let Mary know if you would like to take this on.

TO ALL OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS

The United Church is looking for Photos for the United Church Calendars and the Bulletin Covers.

I have posted the information on the bulletin board outside my office. Please feel free to take a copy as to procedure and dates to send in.

C.E. CENTRE AND KITCHEN

The Board of Stewards have decided to wait on the floor project in the C.E. Centre and Kitchen as we have not reached the goal of \$ 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 at a later date. We currently have \$ 2,729.00.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Each week I send an email out on the upcoming events at the church. There are still a lot of people whom I do not have emails for. Please call the church office (328-6114 if you would like to be added to the list. Also if you do not have email give me a call and I will go over it with you. Thank you Mary.