

Saint James United Church

October 20, 2019 Nineteenth 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 C.E. Centre..

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV #2 Come All You People

Call to Worship

**Leader: Our God is preparing a feast for all people;
a wonderful banquet with vintage wine and gourmet food,
the choicest meats, and lavish desserts.
And the whole world will be invited!
And God will wipe away the tears from every face,
and lift the despair from every heart.
And together, God's people will proclaim:**

People: This is our God, in whom we place our trust!

Let us rejoice in the salvation God brings! 1

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 20	Morning Worship/ Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre Sunshine Singers and Handbells 15th Anniversary Concert	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
October 22	Games Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers Committee Meetings	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
October 23	Quilting Choir Cantata Practice	1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m.
October 24	Fall Supper	
October 27	Morning Worship/ Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre Sunshine Singers and Handbells	10:30 a.m.

NOTE; Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

***In the next few months we will be having a fire drill during our morning worship service.
There are notices by the exits throughout the church which you should familiarize yourself with.***

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 memorial donation has been made to the Sound System Fund in loving memory of Thelma MacNally by Phyllis Robinson..

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Thelma MacNally by Stan and Betty Kerr, Shirley Gates, Carl and Anne Faulkner, Lawrence Carpent4er, Anna Marie Belyea, Nancy Dickson, Richard and Athlene Graham, Don and Barb Robinson, Frank and Gail Lipsett, Doug and Gail Lawrence, Wayne McCallum, Peggy Cameron, Jolene Caverhill, Doug and Lynda Swan, Ruby MacNabb, Charles and Gloria Calhoun, Joey and Heather Voutour, John and Mary Wheelan. Marion MacFarlane, Barry and Heather Sharpe.

A memorial donation has been made to the Floor Project Fund in loving memory of Thelma MacNally by Lana McKay, Andrea Dimock

A memorial donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dr. David Wagener by Jolene Caverhill.

A memorial donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Thelma MacNally by Mary Cox Price. Scott and Angela Palmer

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
in love You open wide the doors and welcome us into Your presence, saints and sinners alike. You spread a table before us, filled with the richest fare, a feast of love and mercy for the body and soul. We come with joy to worship You here, to eat and drink at Your table, to taste and see Your goodness, to celebrate Your grace and mercy in our lives. May Your Spirit inspire our praise and thanksgiving, our prayers and petitions, as we worship together in Your presence. Amen.

Hymn VU # 856 Behold, How Pleasant

Children's Time

Time of Soul Searching

Leader: You offer us covenant and write your word on our hearts.

Each one of us has the responsibility, the desire, to respond to you in word and deed and love.

Yet, although you are beside us, within us, above us, all around us

People: we still manage to ignore you.

We are pleased to be in your family, but when it is time to do the chores of your household **we are busy with other things!**

We are satisfied to receive your gifts but when it comes to passing on your abundance and saying where we got it **we hesitate.**

We are happy to say an occasional prayer to you who are always with us,

but when it comes to actually spending time with you, **our schedules are too full!**

Help us to be your people as you are our God—always and forever.

-silent confession -

Words of Assurance

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

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scriptures Jeremiah 31: 27 - 34
Psalm 119, Voices United p.840 Part Four
Luke 18: 1 - 8

Anthem *The Greatest of These Is Love*

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU # 341 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory VU 227 For the Fruit

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Offertory prayer

**We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
and we bless each other, that the beauty of this world
and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives,
and be a blessing to others, now and always. Amen. 3**

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Prayer
That Jesus Taught*

Closing Hymn VU # 556 **Would You Bless Our Homes
and Families**

Benediction

Choral Benediction VU 703 In the Bulb

**In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Postlude

- 1 Written by Christine Longhurst for Canadian Foodgrains Bank.
- 2 Written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling, 2019 United Church of Christ
- 3 Offering Prayer from the Third Space website. <http://third-space.org.uk>

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.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

The Ministry and Personnel (M & P) Committee acts under the guidelines of *The Manual* of the United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role and the supervisory role. We provide resources and support for the staff and the community of faith with respect to any issue affecting staff of our church including ministry personnel and lay employees. The committee works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the community of faith.

If members of the community of faith have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M & P Committee, who will recommend action.

Saint James United Church is blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our community of Faith. Presently serving on the committee are:
Evelyn Clark, Eleanor Leonard, Carolyn Drake

DATES TO NOTE

Nov 10	Remembrance Day Service Carleton Manor Service	
Dec. 1	First Sunday of Advent--with Communion 10:30 a.m. White Gift Service Ecumenical Service St. Gertrudes	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Christmas Kirk Service	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Cantata 10:30 a.m. Community Cantata	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	Blue Christmas	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 22	Sunday School Concert Family Christmas Pot Luck	10:30 a.m.
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 1	Rev. Adekunle Benjamin Adeniyi	

Lectionary Scriptures for October 27, 2018

Joel 2: 23 - 32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy : 4: 6 – 8, 16 – 18

Luke 18: 9 - 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL FALL TURKEY SUPPER

Thursday, October 24, 2019

Sit Down Dinner 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Drive through 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

For Home Delivery call 328-6114

ALSO we have drive through -- Maple Street only
4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

COST Adult \$ 15.00 Children \$ 5.00 Family \$ 40.00

COMMITTEES FOR 2020

It may seem early but we need to think about our committees for the up coming year. If you are not presently on a committee and would like to be, just leave you name at the church office and you will be contacted.

M & S SALE TABLE

The M & S table has been 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.

UPPER ROOMS FOR

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

15th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Our music director, Amy Anderson, has recently marked 15 years of serving the Saint James congregation through music. She has organized a special collection of musicians to celebrate and everyone is invited to join us for an evening of great music and reflection!

Thanks to our wonderful performers, including:

Nolan Golding, organ

Leah Jones, voice

Combo a la Carte - Marjorie Hewson, Ypie Shaver, Martin Shaver,

John Thompson

Rylea + Laura Hubbert, voice and piano

Wood 'n Nichols

Marg Beattie

Chelsey Phillips

Saint James United Church Choir

more to come . . .

A freewill offering will be taken, with proceeds going to sound system upgrades. Light refreshments to follow the music. Everyone welcome.

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.

GRIEF SHARE The Grief Recovery Support Group will be hosting a Grief Workshop with Leonard Cousins and Wanda Porter. Meetings are on Tuesdays, starting Sept. 17th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Woodstock Baptist Church. **See notice on Bulletin. Board.**

DIVORCE CARE at Woodstock Baptist Church

Starting Wednesdays, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by Keith and Jane Bull

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 \$ 3,204.00

CHURCH AUCTION

Canterbury Community Center. **October 26th**

9am Viewing, 10am auction starts.

Lots of home made goodies and new items.