

Saint James United Church

September 10,, 2017 – 14th 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 Rev. Debra,, 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#595 – We Are Pilgrims (vs.1)

Welcome

Question to Ponder: What three things would you take on a long journey?

Call to Worship

God called the people of Israel to be ready to leave slavery in Egypt; are you ready for God to lead you into new life?

Yes, we are ready!

St. Paul reminds us of Jesus' call to love our neighbours as ourselves. Are you ready to love one another?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 10 th	Morning Worship Sunday School Registration Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 12	Games	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Quilting Fall Registration for Fall Programs at AYR Centre Choir	1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 17 th	Morning Worship Special Music by Wyatt Morrell and Jens Jeppesen Sunday School – Blessing of the Backpacks Sunshine Singers Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Another reminder that your donations for the fall yard sale are needed. Donations may be brought to the church beginning Monday, October 2, 2017 to Wednesday Oct. 4, 2017.

SCENT FREE ENVIRONMENT: A few of our congregation members have been experiencing problems due to perfumes in the church. 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 and refrain from wearing perfumes.

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel."

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn VU#649 – Walk with Me

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Amen VU#967 – Amen

Postlude

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**The congregation is invited to an Open House
in Celebration of 90 Years!!**

You are invited to join us at an Open House in
Wayne McCallum's honour
at the Y's Men's Club (Connell Park)
from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Saturday,
September 23, 2017. Best Wishes Only Please.
Join us for lunch and companionship.

SIGN-UP SHEETS: We have placed sign-up sheets
on our bulletin board in the lobby for volunteers for:
Readers, Sunday School Teachers and Helpers,
Pie Making, Pie Orders, etc. Yard Sale, etc.

**We hope to start pies this week. Please check
the bulletin board for sign up sheets for orders,
volunteers, and deliveries. We will let you know
the exact date and times, as soon as, we can.**

Yes, we are ready!

Jesus calls us to work out our differences, and find ways to get along.
Are you ready to work together to proclaim the gospel?

Yes, we are ready!

Our psalm calls us to sing a new song to God. Are you ready to sing
praises to God?

Yes, we are ready!

Then let us worship God!

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Prayer of Opening

**God of freedom, God of love, God of new life: we gather here as a
community to learn about your love. We want to love one another,
and we want to love you. We know that those things go hand in
hand. Help us to be your loving people. We pray in Jesus' name.**

Amen.

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Hymn VU#639 – One More Step Along the World I Go

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

**God, you call us to leave our old ways behind, but we like our
comfortable lives. You call us to go where you will show us, but we
want the map and directions before we leave. You call us to hear
your promise of a future with hope, but we lack trust, and so often
we turn back to “the way it's always been” or we grow nostalgic
and try to re-create the days when everything was “simple and
good.” Forgive us. Help us to hear your voice and let go of what
holds us back. Lead us, God, to walk your way on any road we
travel. Amen.**

(time for silent prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

Friends, Christ offers hope to the oppressed and freedom from whatever it is that enslaves us!

We are a forgiven people! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Sharing

Jochebed shares her story

Zipporah shares her story

Miriam shares her story

Exodus 12:1-14

Miriam continues her story

Anthem Children of God

Scripture Psalm 149, VU p.873
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Hymn VU#633 – Bless Now O God the Journey

Covenanting Ritual

Introduction

People of Saint James United Church, do you covenant to be God's people in this place, and to strive to live according to God's way of love in the world?

We covenant together to be God's people, spreading God's love in our community.

God has called certain people into leadership positions. Everyone in the community of faith is a leader at times and everyone in the community of faith is a follower at times. There are those who are paid, accountable leaders and there are many, many more who volunteer their time in various roles.

People of Saint James United Church, will we journey together?

We covenant to ... teach and to learn together.

... to be inclusive and welcoming

... to show care and concern for one another

... to reach out to people here in our town and around the world

... to worship and to share in the sacraments

... to be good stewards of our time, talents, and money and take care with legacies that have been left to us by generations that came before us.

We, the faith community of Saint James United Church, covenant once again with God and with each other. We promise to be led by God and to work together to uphold and support one another as we fulfill our ministry.

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WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory 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

These gifts we offer today join the gifts of all who have come before us: this building, this community, and this faith. Let our gifts be a blessing to others, as the gifts we inherited have been a blessing to us. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

***Our Sunday School will be following
The Whole People of God curriculum again this year.
This program follows the lectionary so the whole
congregation is studying the same thing.
Our first session, Together on a Journey, follows Moses
and his journey from the Bullrushes to the Palace and
beyond.***

***Sept. 10 Regular Church
11:30 Fun Pizza and Sweets
Theme: Going on a Journey***

***Sept. 17 Blessing of the Backpacks
Moses and People waiting to leave.***

Sept. 24 Theme: Raining Bread from Heaven

***Oct. 1 Celebration Sunday reviewing all we have
learned over the past few weeks.***

***Oct. 8 Thanksgiving. Intergenerational Service.
We will be beginning a new session Oct. 15.***

Exodus 12:1-14

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³let us live honourably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

Scripture readings for September 17, 2017

Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12;
Matthew 18:21-35

COFFEE HOUR *We serve coffee and tea after church and if you wish to bring a snack to share, please feel free to do so.*

We still need volunteers for setup and cleanup. See sign up sheet. Thank you.

SURVEYS: *We would like to thank all those who have completed and turned in their surveys. Just to let you know that, if you have not submitted the survey, there are copies available outside the church office. Please complete and place in the boxes at the Green Street entrance, as soon as possible. They would like to complete this project in the next couple weeks.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER *The large print did arrive but we are still waiting for the small print. (Cost 3.00.)*

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 September 18th. 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.

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!

We've made it to Jerusalem and have toured around the city.

Now it's time to head for home.

If we start walking now, we can plan to be in Woodstock for Christmas. That is 8401 km. A sheet is back on the Bulletin Board to record your kms. This week we travelled 409.2 kms. The total to date is 1921.7 Kms. We are in the Mediterranean Sea. Let's Go!! Keep Walking.

CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

GOSPEL MUSIC

***The Pembroke Church
Sunday, Sept. 10th at 2:00 p.m.***

BE ONE WORSHIP

***Woodstock Baptist Church
September 15th Starts at 7:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION***

For more information visit: [f/beoneworship](https://www.facebook.com/beoneworship)

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Rhoda Bernard by Faye Kenney.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dolly Gunning by Marion Kirkpatrick, Joan Hall.

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Robert MacFarlane by Mary Dimock, Andrew Dimock,

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Robert MacFarlane by John and Mary Wheelan, Peggy Cameron, Jolene Cavernhill, Mary Cliff, Joey and Heather Voutour, Joan Hall Sharon Sharpe, Derek and Darlene Lawrence, Sheena Kelley, Eugene and Carole Jewell, Peter and Trinda Gray, Dorothy E. Walls, Toni and Nancy Flinn, Alvin and Melina Farrell, Marcia McWaid, Bettina MacFarlane, Richard and Atheline Graham, Richard and Roberta Flewelling.

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A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Jane Hatfield by Peggy Cameron. Jolene Caverhill, Mary Cliff, Joan Hall.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Dwayne Black by Joan Hall.

Children Learn What They Live
By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.
If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.
If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.
If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.
If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.
If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.
If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.
If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.
If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.
If children live with fairness, they learn justice.
If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves
and in those about them.
If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in
which to live.

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