

## **Saint James United Church**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sunday in Easter**

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**Reader: Nigel Drake**



*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 pg. 412 "This is the Day"**

**Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** Can you colour outside the lines??  
What does it mean to you?

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Apr. 15 | Morning Worship                          | 10:30 a.m. |
|         | Sunday School Cereal Sunday              |            |
|         | Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room |            |
|         | Guide Meeting in Board room              | 2:00 p.m.  |
| Apr. 16 | Alzheimer Group                          | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Apr. 17 | Games                                    | 1:00 p.m.  |
|         | Sparks and Pathfinders                   | 6:30 p.m.  |
| Apr 18  | Quilting Group                           | 1:00 p.m.  |
|         | Choir                                    | 7:15 p.m.  |
| Apr. 22 | Morning Worship                          | 10:30 a.m. |
|         | Sunday School                            |            |
|         | Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room |            |

### **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 endeavour 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.*

**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.*

## *MINUTES FOR MISSION*

### *Call to Worship*

One: See how much God has loved us:

**All: we are the children of God!**

One: God loved us so much, God raised Jesus from the dead:

**All: we are the children of God!**

One: God is with us no matter what happens:

**All: we are the children of God!**

One: Good times and good food aren't as wonderful  
as the light of God's face shining on us:

**All: we are the children of God! Alleluia!**

### *Opening Prayer*

One: Surprise us O most glorious God

**All: Surprise us with your message of hope,  
When the world seems a hostile place**

One: Surprise us O most caring God

**All: Surprise us with your sustaining presence,  
When we do not know where to turn**

One: Surprise us O most challenging God

**All: Surprise us with your way of justice and truth,  
When the easy way beckons.**

One: Surprise us O most revealing God

**All: Surprise us with the face of Jesus Christ  
In the most unexpected of people. Amen.**

*Hymn:* MU pg. 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines.

### *Children's Time*

#### **Prayer of Confession:**

There are times, loving God, when we want to turn away from you, and turn towards the values of our world. At those times, remind us that there is nothing to be gained by turning away from you.

**Stay with us, Holy One – stay with us.**

There are times, loving God, when we feel abandoned. We want to crawl away and hide, or we want to lash out and hurt others.

At those times, remind us that we are yours, and that you call us to live in new ways.

**Stay with us, Holy One – stay with us.**

There are times, loving God, when we feel frightened. The world seems out to get us. People call us names. Others laugh at us. At those times, remind us that you are with us –that we are never alone

**Words of Assurance:**

Hear these words from 1 John: See what amazing love our God has for us, that we can be called “children of God.” In fact, that is exactly what we are: children of God. So be assured that, no matter what you may have ever done, God loves you and welcomes you with loving arms - always!

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem: River Running In You and Me**

**Scripture Sharing** Acts 3: 12-19  
Psalm 4, VU pg. 727 (Please remain seated)  
1 John 3: 1-7

**Meditation**

**Music for Reflection**

**Hymn** VU # 333 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

**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**

**Rejoicing! Uprising! Shouting our praise!**  
**We joyfully offer the gifts that are here for others,**  
**for ministry, for healing for all. Alleluia! Amen!**

**Minute for Mission Mission and Service 101 (see insert)**

**Announcements**

**Hymn: VU# 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying.**

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn MV # 26 Your Love Is Amazing**

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction: Go Now In Peace**

**Postlude**

Portions of the service from Whole People of God and the Gathering.

*Scriptures for April 22, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3: 16-24, John 10: 11-18*

*The bulletin today has been dedicated in appreciation  
of the Quilters for all they do for the church  
by Phyllis Robinson.*

## **RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISER**

*Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost of about \$ 50,000.00. Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board outside the board room for you to see.*

*We have about \$ 5,000 donated already. We will have a thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are doing.*

*If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Board of Stewards, John McLellan.*

*All donations would be greatly appreciated.*

*This project will be taking place in the early spring.*

**You're invited...to the Debec Tuesday Quilters 10th Anniversary " Come Celebrate with us" Quilt Show. Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11 am until 3 pm. Admission by donation only. Refreshments will be served. In the past ten years the Debec Tuesday Quilters have given away 480 comfort quilts. Please come out and see our handiwork and have a cup of tea with us.**

## **WELLNESS RETREAT WITH REIKI MASTERS:**

*Marie McBride, Dianne Berry & Nicky Lloyd,*

*Reiki Level 1: Shamira Lloyd*

*Saturday April 21 10am - 2pm (may go longer)*

*at Canterbury Church Hall*

*Learn & Experience what Reiki can do for your spiritual life & well being. Everyone Welcome!*

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*April 21, 2018 Fashion Show and Tea 2:00 p.m.*

*April 27, 2018 Yard Sale 9:00 a.m. – 4:00m p.m.*

*April 28, 2018 U. C. W. Rally  
at Forest Hill United Church*

*May 3, 2018 Drive Through Roast Beef Supper*

*May 5, 2018 Debec Quilt Show*

*July 12,13,14 Dooryard Arts Festival*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PENTECOST-May 20<sup>th</sup> Transfers and Confirmation**

*Anyone who wishes to become a member of Saint James, through transfer of membership from another church or by confirmation, please contact Rev. Deb, as soon as possible, so that we can include you at our Pentecost service.*

### **ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP----**

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on April 16, 2018 . 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.*

**COFFEE HOUR** *Special thanks to our Unity Group (UCW) for hosting coffee hour for the Month of April. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop off in the board room on Sunday. We are looking for group to be the host for the month of May.*

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

*Both Small and Large Print are here.*

**YARD SALE** *Remember Saint James needs your donations to make this Yard Sale as profitable as previous ones.*