

## **Saint James United Church**

**Feb. 18 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

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**Reader: Peter Clark**



*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** MV#115 – Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (2x)

#### **Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** Can you imagine baptism as “getting ready” for the journey?

#### **Call to Worship and Opening Prayer**

Covenants, when made, have lifelong consequences.

**Covenants kept and covenants broken.**

Covenants, when lived, change our lives.

**Lives broken and lives made whole.**

Covenants with each other.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Feb.18	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
Feb.20	Games Pathfinders / Sparkes	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Feb.21	Lenten Bible Study Lenten Service Quilting Group Choir	10:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Feb.25	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Handbell Meeting Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

### **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.*

***The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory  
of Arnold Drake by the Drake Family.***

***DONATION***

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of  
past relatives and friends by Phyllis Robinson.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of  
Margaret Brogan, mother of Frances Brogan,  
by Ralph Vail, John and Mary Wheelan.*

**Covenants with God.**

As people baptized by the Holy Spirit, we are part of a never-ending covenant –

**God is our God, and we are Christ's people.**

People of the Creator.

People of the Christ.

People of the Holy Spirit.

People of the Covenant

**People of Christ's way,**

Let us pray:

**God of the Promise, we recommit ourselves to you today. Remind us of the rainbow. Remind us of the waters of baptism. Remind us of the responsibilities we have accepted, as your people. May your never-ending grace and your forever love be in us and with all creation, always. In Christ's name, we ask these things. Amen.**

(Written by Richard Bott. *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, page 28-29.* Used by permission.)

**Hymn**            VU#356 – Seek Ye First the Kingdom

**Children's Time**      Conversation between Lion and Lamb

***Prayer of Confession***

We are painfully aware this morning of the brokenness of our world. While we gather around the communion table, longing for a world of peace and justice, the roads are crowded with refugees fleeing war and terror. While we gather as a church family, we know that other congregations, other families, are incomplete – places are empty – sisters, daughters, mothers are missing, their whereabouts unknown. We know that sometimes, maybe often, we are tempted to turn away from all this pain and brokenness. It is just too much to bear. It is too much for us to bear alone, so we bring it to our Compassionate Friend as we offer our silent prayer of confession.    (Written by Phil Hobbs. *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, page 32.* Used by permission.)

*(silent confession)*

***Words of Assurance***

Friends, God is not easily discouraged. God’s ego is not bruised by our rejection. God waits for us to turn and live.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

***Ministry of Music***

***Scriptures***     Genesis 9:8-17  
                      Psalm 25, VU p. 752 (remain seated; omit refrain)  
                      1 Peter 3:18-22  
                      Mark 1:9-15

***Meditation***

***Music for Reflection***

***Hymn***            VU#286 – If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

***Presentation of the Offering***

***Anthem***

***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***

**Our covenant is lived out through the giving of ourselves – our time, our talent, and our treasure. May we live the promise of faith this morning, in part, as we present our morning offering. Amen.**

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***Minute for Mission***

***Announcements***

***Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer*** (VU#959)

***Closing Hymn*** VU#623 – Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design

***Blessing and Sending Forth***

Let us go from here as a people of covenant.

**We go as God’s rainbow people.**

Go, seeking to be open to reminders of God’s covenant.

**We go as God’s rainbow people.**

Go, seeking to be open to the call to show God’s call and love to others.

**We go as God’s people.**

Amen!

**Amen!**

(Written by Beth W. Johnson. *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, page 35.* Used by permission.)

***Choral Benediction***

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

***Postlude***

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***Scriptures for February 25, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent***

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

***This is the first Sunday of Lent. Let's remember our friends and family, letting them know about the services and activities at our church.***

**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**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

*Our Lenten Study for 2018 is titled "Being in Community." We will meet 3 times during the 6 weeks of Lent beginning February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. This study is from The Prayer Bench and follows a similar format as our previous studies. Please sign up, if you are interested.*

**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.**

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

*Large Print only. Small to be here this week.*

**GIFTS WITH VISION BOOKS** *have arrived. Located on table outside the church office..*

**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 February 19, 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.*

**UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER** *Time to look at renewal of you United Church Observer. If you do not wish to renew, please let Mary know at the church office or if your are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year.*

**Cost is \$ 25.00.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

- Feb. 18 Signs of God's Promise  
Discussion on giving something up for Lent*
- Feb. 25 Keeping the Faith  
Studying the meaning of Faith*
- Mar. 4 March Break  
Intergenerational Service*
- Mar.11 God So Loved  
Celebrate Time Change  
Spring is Coming  
Children come in play clothes.*
- Mar. 18 The Heart of the Matter  
Children will be hearing the  
Parable of the Seeds Jesus told.*
- Mar. 25 Palm Sunday Children will be participating  
in a Palm Parade.*

It's that time again....

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carleton-York's  
Annual Bowl for Kids Sake**

**"BFKS offers everyone in the community a choice to positively  
impact the life of a child".**

Saturday, March 17, 2018 *Woodstock Bowlacade*

We are writing to ask if your church (**Sunday school, vestry, youth  
groups, bible study/ prayer groups**) will consider putting together  
a team, raising a few pledges and then coming out to the  
**Woodstock Bowlacade for an hour of free bowling, fun, and a chance  
to win prizes.**

**Lenten Services Schedule 2018 UPDATED  
Woodstock Ministerial**

The Lenten Services will be held this year (2018) at St. James United Church  
at 12:05pm and conclude at 12:30pm. Services will be followed by a soup  
luncheon for all who may wish to stay.

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| <b>Feb.21, 2018</b>   | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent</b>  | <b>Readings</b>                       |
| Presider              | Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's | Jonah 3:1-10<br>Ps 51:1-2, 11-13      |
| Reflection            | Rev. Anne Boudreau, St. Paul's      | Luke 11:29-32                         |
| <b>Feb.28, 2018</b>   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent</b>  | <b>Readings</b>                       |
| Presider              | Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond  | Jeremiah 18:18-20<br>Ps 31:1-5, 13-16 |
| Reflection            | Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's | Matthew 20:7-18                       |
| <b>March 7, 2018</b>  | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent</b>  | <b>Readings</b>                       |
| Presider              | Rev. Anne Boudreau, St. Paul's      | Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-10<br>Ps 147:13-21 |
| Reflection            | Rev. Debra Baker, St. James         | Matthew 5:17-20                       |
| <b>March 14, 2018</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>  | <b>Readings</b>                       |
| Presider              | Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's | Isaiah 49:8-15<br>Ps 145:8-15         |
| Reflection            | Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army | John 5:17-30                          |
| <b>March 21, 2018</b> | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent</b>  | <b>Readings</b>                       |
| Presider              | Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's | Daniel 3:13-28<br>Ps 24:1-6           |
| Reflection            | Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond  | John 8:31-47                          |

**NOTE CALENDAR CHANGE  
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

*The World Day of Prayer Service will be held  
on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Paul's.*