

# Saint James United Church

March 18 2018

5<sup>th</sup>. Sunday in Lent

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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** Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in this Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace  
I can hear the brush of angels' wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

### Welcome

**Question to Ponder** Have you ever felt God's loving Spirit abiding within you?

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 18 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School *The Heart of the Matter*  
*Children will be hearing the Parable of the Seeds Jesus told.*  
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room

Mar. 20 Games 1:00 p.m.  
Sparks and Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.  
Committee Meetings 7:00 p.m.  
Official Board 8:00 p.m.

Mar. 21 Lenten Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Lenten Service 12:05 p.m.

Presider Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's  
Reflection Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond  
Readings Daniel 3: 13-28 Ps 24:1-6  
Reflection Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond John 8:31-47

Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.  
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Mar. 24 FAMILY BOWLING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> 4:00 P.M.

**Meet at the Woodstock Bowl-a-Cade**  
for a fun afternoon of bowling followed by a Pizza Party.  
Please sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

Mar. 25 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**Palm Sunday** *Children will be participating in a Palm Parade.*  
Sunshine Singers  
Lunch in the C. E. Centre

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

### Woodstock Skating Club Presents

#### **"Movies On Ice"**

Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

AYR Motor Centre  
105 Connell Park Rd.

Come and enjoy our own children taking part.

**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.*

#### **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.*

#### ***Call to Worship***

The time is coming and now is:

**Time for love. Time for hope.**

Time for mercy. Time for faith.

**Time for worship. Time for prayer.**

Time for singing. Time for praise.

**The time is coming and now is.**

Come, it is time to worship.

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#### ***Opening Prayer***

**Glorious God, write your name on our hearts. Inspire us with your law of love, that we might proclaim this truth: You are our God, and we are your people. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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

#### ***Story Time***

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

Psalm 51, VU p.776-777. Remain seated. Refrain 1.

*(silent confession)*

God has already created a clean heart in you. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and made new in God's love.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Ministry of Music** "O Source of All"

**Scripture Sharing** Jeremiah 31:33-34

**Silence**

*Taizé Chant* VU#290 – Nothing Can Trouble (3X)

*Scripture Sharing* Hebrews 5:5-10

*Silence*

*Taizé Chant* MV#170 - Ubi Caritas (3X)

*Scripture Sharing* John 12:20-33

*Silence*

*Taizé Chant* MV#102 – Jesus, Your Spirit in Us (3X)

### **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*

**Engrave these gifts with your love, O God. Send them forth into the world, that they may reveal your presence for all to see. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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#### *Minute for Mission*

#### *Announcements*

*Taizé Chant* VU#948 – O God, Hear My Prayer (2X)

#### *Silent Prayer*

*Lord's Prayer* (VU#959)

*Closing Hymn* VU#581 – When We Are Living

#### *Blessing and Sending Forth*

God has written love on our hearts.

Christ has revealed love in our world.

The Spirit sends us forth, to share this glorious message of love with everyone we meet.

**Amen.**

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#### *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 March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday*

Mark 1:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

*The bulletin has been donated in appreciation of the U.C.W ladies who are continually working on raising funds for the church by Phyllis Robinson.*

**ZINK & CO. BLUEGRASS BAND** will be returning to the area

Friday, April 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

at the Woodstock High School McCain Theatre.

Joining them again this year will be the Speerville's own "phiddling phenome," Layla Cantafio (and Friends)- another "must-see"

entertainer who is well on her way to a great musical career!

Advance tickets are \$ 18.00 and will be available until April 3<sup>rd</sup> at MES Music, Newnham & Slipp Pharmacy, and Ayr Motor Center in Woodstock. Rush tickets will be \$ 20.00 at the door. For more info, contact Gary Beatty at 328-8340 or gbeatty@nbnet.nb.ca

**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.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAMILY BOWLING**

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**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Our Lenten Study for 2018 is titled "Being in Community."

The last session will be on March 21<sup>st</sup>. This study is from

The Prayer Bench and follows a similar format as our previous studies.

**COFFEE HOUR** Special thanks to our Session committee for hosting coffee hour for the Month of March. If you would like to donate goodies feel free to drop off in the board room on Sunday.

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

***Both Small and Large Print are here.***

**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 **March 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.

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