

Saint James United Church

February 25, 2018

2nd 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 pizza and fellowship in the C.E. Centre..

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV#2 – Come All You People (2x)

Welcome

Question to Ponder What does faithfulness to God's covenant mean to you?

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 25	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Handbell Meeting Pizza, etc. hosted by Official Board in C. E. Centre	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 26	Fellowship Unit Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 27	Games Pathfinders / Sparks	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28	Lenten Service Quilting Group Choir	12:05 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Mar. 1	Unity Group	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	World Day of Prayer St. Paul's	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Morning Worship 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.*

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

Scriptures for March 4, 2018 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

***The bulletin today has been dedicated
in loving memory of George Cliff and Allen Cliff
by Mary Cliff and Jolene Caverhill.***

DONATION

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of
John (Jack) Young by Neil and Jane Girdwood,
John and Mary Wheelan.*

Call to Worship

When God promised him a son, Abraham threw himself down on his face and laughed!

Haha! Sometimes we laugh at God’s promises.

When Sarah heard from God’s visitor that she would have a baby, she laughed to herself and said, “I’m past the age of having babies!”

Haha! Sometimes we laugh at God’s promises.

Isaac, the child who was born to them was named “laughter” because Sarah said, “God has given me good reason to laugh, and everybody who hears will laugh with me.”

Haha! Sometimes we laugh with delight because one of God’s promises comes true.

These are two kinds of laughter, one of doubt, one of joy. God promises us incredible things. Let us believe and laugh in joy!

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Opening Prayer

Loving Creator, in those times when we do not understand what might be going on around us, remind us of your promises. May our faith be such that we do not question your presence in our world, but seek simply to know that you are here. Always. Amen.

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Hymn MV#92 – Like a Rock (2X)

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

O God, we confess that we don’t always welcome others into our community. We like the friends we have. Things change when someone new comes in. We hold back from sharing our love and lives with others. Forgive us, O God ...

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

We confess we don't always trust in God's promises like Abraham and Sarah. We forget that God is right here with us all the time. We forget to talk with God about our lives and our worries. Forgive us, O God ...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

And we confess that sometimes we even lie about the things we have done, or about the things that we have not done that we were supposed to do. But you know the real us deep inside. Forgive us, O God ...

And help us walk in your ways like Jesus did.

(silent confession)

God knows us completely, the good things and the wrong things we have done. Trust God's promise to always love us and forgive us. Accept God's gift of forgiveness and begin again to walk in God's ways, like Jesus did.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Scripture Sharing Romans 4:13-25 & Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22, VU p. 746, Parts Three & Four
Mark 8:31-38

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#634 – To Abraham and Sarah

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

We are not ashamed of you, O God; rather, we are in awe of all you have done for us, and continue to do for all your people. And so we bring you these gifts of our hands and hearts, and ask you to bless them. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (VU#959)

Closing Hymn VU#427 – To Show by Touch and Word

Blessing and Sending Forth

Hear the voice of God calling your name.

We will follow where God leads us.

Hear the voice of Christ claiming you as his own.

We will live as brothers and sisters in faith.

Hear the voice of the Spirit sending you forth.

We will go where the Spirit sends us.

Go forth, called, named, and claimed by God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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 21st at 10:00 a.m. and continuing on March 7th
and 21st. 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----

NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday
of each month. In February the next meeting will be from
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on February 26, 2018 upstairs in the Youth Centre. 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.*

SOCK SUNDAY, was February 18th. You can still bring in socks
until Tuesday, February 27th and we will then deliver to our area
schools.

DISHES IN THE KITCHEN

*We have been cleaning the kitchen and have found several plates
and containers that have not been picked up. Would you please
check to see if some may belong to you. Thanks*

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.

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

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 Bowlcade*

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 Bowlcade for an hour of free bowling,
fun, and a chance to win prizes.**

