

## **Saint James United Church**

**March 25, 2018**

**Palm Sunday**

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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 lunch and fellowship in the C.E. Centre.*

### **WE GATHER**

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn** VU#123 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** What, in Jesus, are you welcoming today?

**Call to Worship**

The crowds have gathered along the way ...

**We gather to cheer and celebrate!**

Who are you cheering for?

**We are cheering for Jesus!**

What are you cheering for?

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 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
- Mar. 26 Fellowship Unit 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Games 1:00 p.m.  
Sparks and Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28 Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.  
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.  
with Communion
- Mar. 30 Good Friday Service St. Lukes 10:30 a.m.
- Apr. 1 Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m.  
Farm Market Parking Lot  
Easter Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship **Easter Sunday** 10:30 a.m.  
**with Communion.**  
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.*

## DONATIONS

*A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Ralph Bull by Barbara Clowes, Wayne and Shirley McCallum, Sharon Sharpe, Ed Stone, Brent Dimock, John and Rosalie Connell, John Walsh, Bert and Dorothy Connell, Sandra Watson, Norma Dore, Carl and Marion Robinson, Carl Urquhart, John Smart, Robert and Patricia Springer, Meredith and Pat Drost, Wesley and Caroline Stockford, Ron and Jean Simonds, Neil and Linda Markey, Richard and Cathy Bull, Mike and Carol Connell.*

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

*The family of the late Carl DeLong, brother of Rev. Brian DeLong, will be holding a Celebration of his Life at the home of his brother, Aubrey DeLong, Upper Woodstock at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018. Condolences may be sent to Carleton Funeral Home in Jacksonville.*

## 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.*

**Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Why are you cheering?

**We are celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah who will save us from Roman oppression.**

Then let us join the parade and cheer for the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest! Let us worship with gratitude and joy!**

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### *Opening Prayer*

**God of donkeys and children, God of palm branches and parades, we gather to celebrate your presence in our lives and in our church community. We celebrate the courage and wisdom of your Son, Jesus. We open ourselves to the grace of your Spirit. May it move us, inspire us, and enliven our faith this day – and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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*Hymn*            VU# 124 – He Came Riding on a Donkey

### *Story Time*

### *Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon*

**God of the Ages, we come to you this day to confess the ways in which we have failed to live up to what we profess to believe.**

**We have shouted “Hosanna” one day and “crucify him” the next.**

**We have professed undying loyalty one hour and denied even knowing Jesus the next.**

**We follow Jesus only when it is convenient.**

**Forgive us. Restore us. Strengthen us to follow the path of faith. Amen.**

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*(silent confession)*

God has opened the gates of righteousness and Christ has beckoned us to walk through. Sing with the children; throw your clothes upon the road, for the one who comes in the name of the Lord offers us salvation in his name.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

*Ministry of Music* Enter He, Triumphantly.

*Scripture Sharing* Psalm 118, VU p.837, Pts 1,3,4 (remain seated;  
omit refrain)  
Mark 11:1-11

*Meditation*

*Music for Reflection*

*Hymn* MV#128 – When They Heard that Jesus Was Coming (vs.1-3)

## **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*

**We respond to your love with love and gratitude, O God. We are touched by the story of the one you sent to save us. In gratitude and thanks, we dedicate this offering and our very selves to the ones you care so much about. Amen.**

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*Minute for Mission*

*Announcements*

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

*Closing Hymn* VU#127 – Ride On, Ride On in Majesty (tune:108)

*Blessing and Sending Forth*

On the back of a donkey,

**Jesus came to bless us.**

With a love that did not count the cost,

**Jesus came to heal us.**

From hopelessness and despair,

**Jesus came to free us.**

With the power of the Holy Spirit,

**Jesus came to save us. 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 April 1, 2018 – Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34-43; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

**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.***

**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. The Unity Group will be our Hostess for Coffee Hour the month of April.*

**UPPER ROOMS FOR MARCH AND APRIL** *Cost \$ 3.00*  
*Both Small and Large Print are here.*

**SALVATION ARMY GARAGE SALE**

*Woodstock Community Church  
100 Eastwood Drive, Woodstock New Brunswick  
Saturday April 7, 2018  
8 am to 2:00 pm to support our Self Denial Program.*

**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.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL YARD SALE** *Special Thanks to all the Workers, Donors and Purchasers who helped in anyway to make our past Yard Sales a great success.*

*This year our Annual Spring Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.*

*Items may be brought to the church beginning, Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. at 9:00 a.m. and set-up will begin.*

**8<sup>th</sup> ACTS VARIETY SHOW** *This year's date for our 8<sup>th</sup> Acts is Friday, April 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. here in the C. E. Centre. We will also be having a Silent Auction at this time.....so get your Acts fine tuned, and your items gathered for the Auction. Let Joan know if you have either of these. Thanks!!*

**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.*

**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*