

Saint James United Church

Feb. 4, 2018 -- 5th Sunday in Epiphany

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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 snacks before our annual congregational meeting in the C. E. Centre.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV#7 – Gather Us In (sing twice)

Welcome

Question to Ponder What renews your strength and your faith?

Call to Worship

Sometimes it means going to Nineveh. Sometimes it means wandering along. Sometimes it means staying put.

Stay or go, the church's task is the same. Help people to enter into and deepen their relationship with God in Christ.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb..4	Morning Worship Sunday School Snacks, Coffee, Tea and Fellowship before Congregational Meeting in C. E. Centre	10:30 a.m.
Feb. 6	Games Pathfinders Sparks	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	Town Crew Luncheon Quilting Group Choir	12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Feb.11	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Men's Rehearsal 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.*

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Betty Bunting by Marion MacFarlane

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Carrie L. Hayden by Brent Dimock and Sharon Sharpe, Nancy Kinney,

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Carrie L. Hayden by Florence Sproul.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Shirley Kitchen by Joseph and Suzanne McKenna.

CHURCH SUPPER

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

DEBEC TRINITY UNITED CHURCH HALL

4:00 P.M. -- 6:00 P.M.

MENU: Beans, Potato Salad, Hash Brown Casserole, Macaroni and Tomato Casserole, Corn Scallop, Brown Bread, Layer Cakes for Dessert, Tea and Coffee.

Cost: Adults \$ 8.00 Children under 12 - \$ 4.00

Proceeds to Work of the Church.

As of January 8, 2018, the Church Office will be open:

Monday to Thursday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Sometimes it means listening. Sometimes it means speaking.

Sometimes it means acting.

All the time it means loving. Loving God, loving our neighbours, loving our selves.

And so we go or we stay, we move or we don't. In all that we do ...

We worship God! Alleluia!

(Written by Richard Bott. **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-18, page 48. Used with permission.)

Opening Prayer

In every land, in every age, the community is called to gather.

We gather with thanks and deep joy, Holy One, to worship and to shape our life together. Send your Spirit on our time together here. Amen.

(Written by Robin Wardlaw. **Gathering**, Advent/Christmas/Epiphany 2017-18, page 48. Used with permission.)

Hymn VU#340 – Jesus, Friend of Little Children

Story Time

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Scripture Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147, VU p.868-9, Part One (remain seated; omit refrain)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Music for Meditation

Hymn VU#357 – Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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

God of all Creation, in you we live and move and have our being. Through you, our lives are blessed. In you, our church finds its purpose. Accept, we pray, this offering, for it is a sign of our faith, an act of sacrifice in love, a gift of gratitude for all you have given us. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession (response to “Gracious God hear our prayer”
- “**And in your love answer**”)

Lord's Prayer VU#959

Hymn VU#670 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Blessing and Sending Forth

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

*The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory
of Ken Lee by Gail Stokoe Lee.*

PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM

This is a great time of year to sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year. Even when we are away, our church has commitments every week. This is a convenient way to support both the local church and M&S. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE DETAILS.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND UPDATED ADDRESSES

Keeping updated through email. I will try to keep you updated. Please contact the church office at 328-6114 so our addresses may be kept up to date. Tell your friends also so they can be added to our list.

<p>If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their “angel</p>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN 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 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY Cost \$ 3.00

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 3rd 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.

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.

**The Salvation Army
Valentine Tea**

Music, Games, & Sweets

Friday February 9th, 2018 at 2:30 pm

Cost: \$ 3.00

Come and enjoy an afternoon With Us

All are Welcome!!!

p.s. Do not forget your best friend...

**Lenten Services Schedule 2018
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.14, 2018	Ash Wednesday	Readings
Presider	Rev. Debra Baker, St. James	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17a Ps 51:1-18
Reflection	Fr. John Beaumaster, St. Gertrude's	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb.21, 2018	1st Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's	Jonah 3:1-10 Ps 51:1-2, 11-13
Reflection	Rev. Anne Boudreau, St. Paul's	Luke 11:29-32
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	Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army	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	Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's	John 5:17-30
March 21, 2018	5th Week of Lent	Readings
Presider	Majors A&M Sandoval, Salvation Army	Daniel 3:13-28 Ps 24:1-6
Reflection	Rev. Rod Black, Parish of Richmond	John 8:31-47