

Saint James United Church

May 14, 2017 –Mother’s Day

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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 MV#115 – Behold, Behold, I Make all Things New

Welcome

Question to Ponder What would you be willing to die for?

Call to Worship

ALL Sing: *Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

Wherever we are, Jesus is with us.

Jesus is here?

Jesus walks with us each step of the way.

Wow! Then let’s worship God.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 14	Morning Worship Sunday School Sunshine Singers Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.
May 16	Games Sparks / Pathfinders Committee Meetings Official Board	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
May 17	Bible Study Quilting Choir	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
May 21	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	10:30 a.m.

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.*

*If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person.
You may be their “angel.”*

DONATIONS

A Memorial Donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Roy MacNally by Mary Cox Price, David and Debbie Daye.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Roy MacNally by Ron and Anne Murray, Heather and Joey Voutour, Peggy Cameron, Jolene Caverhill, Keith and Pat Fullarton.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the Sunday School Fund in loving memory of Roy MacNally by Ruth Campbell, Wayne and Shirley McCallum, Robert and Bonnie Stokes, Ruby MacNabb,

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Valerie Stewart by daughters, Mary Stewart, and Bette Jean Stewart.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Paul Carmichael by Jolene Caverhill.

A Memorial Donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Don Beattie by Keith and Pat Fullarton.

ALL Sing: *Lord Jesus, breathe on me; give me strength today.
Holy Spirit, work in me. For this I pray.*

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Prayer of Opening

Faithful God, our rock and our fortress, we thank you for the many ways you protect us. Even when we are uncertain and overcome with fear, still you find ways to break through and hold us close. Smile upon us, God, in the dismal times, and remind us that with you we are always in safe hands. Amen.

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Hymn

VU#340 – Jesus, Friend of Little Children

Prayer for Those Who Mother Us

Loving God, who is like a mother to us, we give you thanks this day for all who mother us: for all who care for us, and teach us, and hold us, who kiss our hurts and tell us that things will be all right. for all who follow your example and love us no matter what, we give you thanks. Amen.

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Story Time

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

**Gracious God, prepare us for the difficult road ahead.
Like Stephen, help us be ready to forgive even the most horrendous of sins.
Like the psalmist, help us accept your forgiveness and grace.
Like newborn infants, help us receive your unconditional love.**

(time for silent confession)

With steadfast love, shine your face upon us, that we may know the beauty of your mercy and your grace. In Christ's beloved name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Whoever believes in Christ will never be shamed, for in Christ we are loved, we are forgiven, we are freed.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Psalm to the Saviour

Scripture Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31, VU p.758, Parts One and Three
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Message

Music for reflection Marg Beattie

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

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

In a world where too many use stones to hurt and destroy, take these gifts we offer and use them as stones to build bridges that join people together. Help us break down walls, and build instead tables for talking and sharing. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Closing Hymn VU#218 – We Praise You, O God

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go into the world in peace.

We go – but we are concerned about what is out there sometimes.
Trust in God.

But how do we do that when people want to throw stones?

Know that God will be with you. Rather than tripping over the stones in the road, pick them up and work together to build a table, a bridge, a house: places where all can come and experience God's goodness.

We go in peace! Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Choral Postlude VU#958 – Halle, Halle, Halle

**The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory
of parents, Bertha and Verrian Robinson
and Frederick and Isabel Rideout
by Phyllis Robinson.**

Hayward House Recovery Centre's Mental Health T.O.P.I.C.S. is holding an event to spread awareness of mental health. We will be hosting Paul Levesque, a motivational speaker, who will talk about resilience and hope. He's a hockey player from Edmundston who was just about to sign a contract with the NHL when he had a bad car accident in the winter that put him into a coma and he didn't come out of it until spring. He had to re-learn absolutely everything; walking, talking; everyday life tasks. He could have given up right then and taken pity on himself but instead, he stayed optimistic and has come a long way as he can talk again, walk,... just about everything. He has even written a book called *La Vie Continue* (Life Continued), and it's currently only available in French but it will soon be available in English. This event is happening **May 23rd from 7pm-8pm**. Doors open at 6:30 pm and tickets are 10\$. They're available at Hayward House, Hairraisers and at the door. Attached is a poster to include in your bulletin. If you know of anyone that may benefit or be interested in this event we'd love to see them there!

Woodstock High School Choir Concert: Thursday, May 25th at 7 pm, at St. Gertrude's church, 103 Union Street, Woodstock. All are welcome to come and enjoy the music and energy in song from this talented group of young people.

CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

RUN FOR THE WORD 2017

Canadian Bible Society

DUO CANTILENA IN CONCERT May 26, 2017

Sally Wright, flute Steven Peacock, guitar

GO-GO EVENTS Bouncy Castle Event Packages

GOSPEL CONCERT Woodstock Baptist Church

*Saturday, May 27th at 7 PM featuring "Side Effects",
Andrea Weston, Shelley Graham, and NB Country Music
Hall of Fame inductee Jack McAfee. Donations accepted
for River Valley Cancer Support Group and Relay for Life.*

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, ⁶for it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John 14:1-14

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, May 21, 2017

Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 68:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND HOME ADDRESSES

We are working on updating all our mailing and email addresses in the church office. If you could give Mary a call and let her know your updates, it would be very much appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP *Last week Rev. Debra began another 6-week study group on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. We will be looking at the Trinity this time. All are welcome!*

LENTEN CHALLENGE *During Lent as a congregation let’s pledge to walk to Jerusalem from Saint James. That’s 8401 Km. We have a lot of walkers here all we need to do is keep track of our km. and report in once a week during lent. A tally sheet will be posted on the Bulletin Board. The person with the most km. will receive a special prize. **TRAVEL LOG** The week of May 7 - 541.6 Km. We have gone 5,236.4 Km and have reached dry land. ***With the enthusiasm we have decided to continue this journey until we get there. Keep Walking.****

COFFEE HOUR *This year we will be serving 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. Thank you.*

CONFIRMATION AND MEMBERSHIP *Anyone interested in becoming a member of Saint James United Church, either through confirmation or transfer of Membership, please let Rev. Deb know. ***We will receive the new members on June 4th, 2017.****

UPPER ROOMS FOR MAY AND JUNE *have arrived and located at the back of the church. WE ALSO HAVE LARGE PRINT. (Cost 3.00.)*

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND *We have a new Youth Development Fund which donations would be greatly appreciated.*

YARD SALE *The profit from our Yard Sale was \$ 2,747.70*

When you thought I wasn't looking – Anonymous

All the things she taught you, just by being an excellent example.

When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you
feed a stray cat,
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my
favourite cake for me,
and I knew that little things are special things.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a
prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me
goodnight, and I felt loved.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears
come from your eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt,
but it's all right to cry.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...
and wanted to say thanks for all the things
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.