

Saint James United Church

February 19th, 2017 – 7th Sunday after 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 Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in the board room.

WE GATHER

Centering Words

*Love is the gift that calls us here. Love is the gift that makes us whole.
Love is the gift that unites us with Christ and with one another.*

Prelude

Introit VU#87 – I Am the Light of the World (chorus only 2x)

Welcome

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 19 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Celebration Sunday in C.E. Centre
Handbells and Sunshine Singers
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room
- Feb. 20 Transition Town of Woodstock 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Feb. 21 Games 1:00 p.m.
Sparks / Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Quilting 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Feb. 23 Presbytery-Marysville
- Feb. 25 **COMMUNITY FREE BREAKFAST 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**
- Feb. 26 Morning Worship **Communion** 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Soup Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre
Family Fun Sliding Party 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SCENT FREE ENVIROMENT: *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 U.C.W. Unity Group in loving memory of Judy Scott by Gail Stokoe-Lee, Ruby MacNabb, John Davis, Robert and Marion MacFarlane, Carleton Manor Inc. Phyllis Robinson.

A donation has been made to the Memorial General Fund in loving memory of Judy Scott by John and Mary Wheelan, Unity Group of U.C.W, Fran Grzesik, Phyllis Robinson, Jolene Caverhill, Peter and Janet Clark

A donation has been made to the Memorial General Fund in loving memory of Bill Scott by Peter and Janet Clark.

A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Judy Scott by Ron and Anne Murray.

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Dick Montgomery by Ron and Anne Murray.

A donation has been made to the Memorial General Fund in loving memory of Dick Montgomery by John and Mary Wheelan, Saint James Choir.

A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Dick Montgomery by Peggy Cameron.

Call to Worship

Called here to God's temple, you are the temple of God.

We are the temple of love.

Called here to worship, you are the people of God.

We are the children of God.

Called to be love, you are a holy people.

We gather in the holiness of God's love.

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Opening Prayer

Holy God, make us holy with your grace and fill us with your love.

Gather us together in your Spirit and teach us your ways, that we may live your law of love. Amen.

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Hymn

VU#299 – Teach Me God, To Wonder

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, you know we are not perfect. Even as we hear you calling us to be your temple, our minds wander and pull us away. Even as you build us up to be your church, we are torn down by division and disagreement. Even as you set us upon the foundation of Christ Jesus, we falter and find our feet on shifting sand.

Cover our imperfections with your mercy, and place our feet on the solid ground of Christ's grace and compassion. Establish your law of love in our church and in our lives, that we may be the temple of love you create us to be. Amen.

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(silence for private confession)

Words of Assurance

Don't you know that you are God's temple, and that God's Spirit lives in you? You are! The Spirit lives within you! The grace of Christ covers us all and creates us anew in forgiveness and love.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
 Psalm 119, VU p.839, Part Three
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

Message

Music for Meditation

Hymn MV#12 – Come Touch Our Hearts

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

By your grace, loving Christ, make these gifts holy. Transform each bill into a sign of love, each coin into the face of hope, and each prayerful gift into a blessing of compassion. By your grace, loving Christ, bless this offering as an offering of love. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#657 – He Leadeth Me

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go now in the perfect love of Christ Jesus, strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit and led by the love of God. Go to be perfect in love through the grace of Christ Jesus, who leads the way!

Thanks be to God. 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.

Postlude

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday, February 26, 2017 2 - 4 p.m.

Old Fashion Sliding Party . Come and bring your sleds for an afternoon of sliding. Hot Chocolate and Hot Dogs to follow at Debbie and David Daye's Home. Sign up Sheet on Bulletin Board so we know how many dogs to get.

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST Saint James will be hosting a FREE COMMUNITY Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning, February 25, 2017, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Joan is looking for volunteers to help with this. Set up crew, Clean up crew, Pancake Cookers, Sausage Cookers, Coffee Makers. You are needed! Sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

THE SANCTUARY for LENT DEVOTIONAL - 2017

Copies available at church office. \$ 2.00

DIVORCE CARE – At the home of Keith and Jane Bull—For further information please contact 323-9876.

GRIEF SHARE – Woodstock Baptist Church 694 Main St. For further information please contact Pastor Leonard 324-8020 or Wanda Porter 272-2070.

WORKSHOP Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
See Bulletin Board

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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

⁵The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

⁹When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

¹¹You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

¹³You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning.

¹⁴You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all belong to you, ²³and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴²Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶For if you love those you love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Scriptures for Sunday, February 26, 2017 – Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

OBSERVER SUBSCRIPTION : *Now is the time for renewal of your Observer Subscription for 2017. The cost is \$ 25.00. If you are not receiving a copy and would like to subscribe, please contact Mary at the church office.*

CHURCH CALENDARS 2017 *Have arrived. Check at the office, if you wish to purchase one. Cost \$ 7.00*

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*

UPPER ROOMS FOR MARCH AND APRIL *have arrived and located at the back of the church. WE ALSO HAVE LARGE PRINT. (Cost is \$ 3.00.)*

CHURCH ENVELOPES *The offering envelopes for 2017 are located in the lobby. If you wish envelopes for the up coming year, please contact Mary at the church office.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL *The Sunday School needs 16 cake mixes to complete 16 birthday party packages for the Food*

BOWL FOR KIDS SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

9:00 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.

Woodstock Bowlacade, Jacksonville

Simply put together a team of up to six people, register your team with BBBS, reserve your bowling time and start securing pledges, call Linda or Mary-Beth (506) 328 2094 for a Registration Form.

Transition Town Woodstock

Public Meeting on the Future of the Woodstock Middle School Property

A public meeting will be held by Transition Town Woodstock at St. James United Church, 7 PM, February 20th to consider the future of the Woodstock Middle School property. With the school building no longer in use, this large green space has the potential to become a multiple-use park and recreation area for the residential core of Woodstock.

The property is currently owned by the province. It is not yet listed as surplus on the government's website, but it is expected to be put in this category and offered for sale. The property is one block from upper Main Street and bordered by Green, Elm, and Orange Streets.

Transition Town Woodstock has canvassed many of the residents who live in the immediate area of this green space and found a high level of interest in helping to determine the future use of the property.

The meeting on February 20th is to help form of a new, community-based group that will take the lead, along with the Town, in determining the future of this property.

Residents living near this green space are expected to have the strongest interest in helping to determine its future use, but all residents who are seriously interested in land use planning for the Town of Woodstock are welcome to become involved in this project.

St. James United Church is at 120 Chapel Street. The meeting will be held in the church hall, which is entered from Green Street.

For further information contact Sam Arnold at 328-9420 or Keith Helmuth at 325-3546.

DATES TO MARK

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST St. Luke's Anglican Church Tuesday Feb. 28, 2017 4:00 – 6:30 P.M.

**Supper in support of Camp Brookwood and Youth.
Pancakes, sausages, beans, cake buffet
\$7pp; \$4pchild; \$20pfamily**

**Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday Service St. Gertrude Ch. 12:05 p.m.
See back of February calendar
for full Lenten Service Schedule**

**Mar. 4 (Saturday) World Day of Prayer Service 2:30 p.m.
Salvation Army**

**Fundraising Breakfast: Richmond Corner Rec. Centre
Saturday, Feb. 25th 7:00-11:00 a.m.**

For James McLellan Son of Andrew and Stephanie McLellan.
Grandson of the late James McLellan and Pat McLellan
Baby James (1 ½ year old) has had one kidney removed
and is now facing further treatment for the other kidney.