

Saint James United Church

August 20th, 2017 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

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DATES TO REMEMBER

August 20	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
	Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room	
August 27	Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
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Sept. 10 th	Sunday School Opening for Fall	

NOTE TODAY:

There will be a benefit for Kelly Derrah, cousin of Amy Anderson, on Sunday, 20th of August from 4 - 6pm at the Canterbury Community Centre. Cold salad plate and silent auction with many great local items and gift cards. Kelly is facing a second brain surgery and recovery is expected to take 4-6 months, admission by donation and all proceeds to the family.

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."

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Hymn

MV#169 – When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides
(tune: VU#625)

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Acceptor and Love of all, you know when we reject and exclude.
Forgive us and reclaim us.
Strengthen us with your Spirit of love, that we may offer
forgiveness and compassion in the pursuit of your unity and love.
In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

(time for silent prayer)

Words of Forgiveness

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I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.*

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Choral Amen VU#967 – Amen

Postlude

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DONATIONS

*A donation has been made in loving memory of Virginia Flewelling,
mother of Shelley Wheelan, by Jolene Caverhill,
John and Mary Wheelan.*

GRANDMA'S APRON

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that,

- It served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- It was wonderful for drying children's tears and on occasion was even used for cleaning dirty ears.
- From the chicken coop, it was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.
- When company came those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around their arms.
- Chips and kindling woods brought into the kitchen in that apron.
- From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.
- When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner.
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Scripture readings for August 27, 2017

Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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LOVE CHILDREN? LOVE GOD?

WANTED: *Men or Women interested in being
Sunday School Teachers*

Nursery Workers

*Classes Ages 5 - 7 yrs.
8 - 12 yrs.*

*At the most you need to prepare for 11 Sundays in 2017 –
Whole People of God Curriculum is being used.
Lessons, crafts etc. suggested and explained for you.*

*With Fall fast approaching we are looking
at a few of our Annual Events.*

*Pie Making, Yard Sale, Regular Programs,
Fall Supper*

*We are currently looking for a coordinator for our
Pie Making Project. We have started to purchase
our supplies and more information will be coming.*

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
August 21st. 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.*

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. Thank you.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR JULY AND AUGUST *have arrived and are
located at the back of the church. (Cost 3.00.)*

GOSPEL CONCERT

The Dartts Gospel Group

Bellville Baptist Church 4315 Rte. 540

Tuesday, August 22nd 7:00 –p.m.

**Tract Dartt is the author of “God On the Mountain”
Free Will Offering.**

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!!

*We’ve made it to Jerusalem and have toured
around the city. Now it’s time to head for home.
If we start walking now, we can plan to be in
Woodstock for Christmas. That is 8401 km.
Sheet is back on the Bulletin Board to record
This week we have travelled 185 Kms.
The total to date is 430 Km, Let’s Go!!
Keep Walking.*

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