

Saint James United Church

February 21, 2016 Lent 2

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb.21	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship Sunshine Singers and Handbells after church	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Feb 22	Book Club	7:00 p.m.
Feb 23	Games Pathfinders Sparks	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Feb.24	Bible Study 2nd week of Lent	10:00 a.m.
Presider	Fr. John Keoughan, St.Gertrude's RC Jeremiah 3:6-18; Psalm 72	
Reflection	Major Sandoval, Salvation Army – Mark 4:1-20	
	Quilting Group Scouts Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Feb. 25	Presbytery at Wilmot United Church	
Feb.26	Coffee and Conversation	10:00 a.m.
Feb.28	Morning Worship Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship Sunshine Singers and Handbells after church Youth Group	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

WE GATHER

Prelude

Introit MV#18 – Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary (2X)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Beloved children, gather together. Christ protects us as a mother hen protects her brood. God shines light into the shadows of our lives, while the Spirit empowers us with hope and faith. Come let us worship God.

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Welcome!

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.

LENTEN SERVICES 2016

Lenten services will be held this year at St. Luke's Anglican Hall, 104 Church Street, Woodstock, beginning at 12:05pm and concluding at 12:30pm., followed immediately by a soup luncheon.

Mar.2, 2016 3rd week of Lent

Presider Rev. Debra Baker, St.James,
 Jer.8:18-9:6; Ps.81

Reflection Rev. Wendy MacWilliams, St. Paul's Presbyterian
 - Mark 6:13-29

Mar.9, 2016 4th week of Lent

Presider Major Sandoval, Salvation Army
 Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 101

Reflection Rev. Shirley Noseworthy, St. Luke's – Mark 8:11-26

Mar.25, 2015 5th week of Lent

Presider Rev. Wendy MacWilliams, St. Paul's Presbyterian
 Jeremiah 25:30-38; Psalm 128

Reflection Rev. Dana Dean, Parish of Richmond - Mark 10:1-16

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.

Opening Prayer

Protector God, gather us under the wings of your love. Strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Shine with the bright wisdom of Christ, that we may hear your word and walk in your ways.

Amen.

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Lenten Candle Liturgy

Today is the second Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time to think about the things that block us from following God's way of loving and caring for this world and one another. Today we will extinguish our second Lenten candle. This candle represents greed. As the candle is extinguished, let us pray in silence for God to remove greed within us and in our world that stops us from being satisfied with what we have and from sharing with one another..

(candle is extinguished followed by silence)

Knowing that God accepts us for who we are, but loves us into who we can be, let us join together in singing:

MV#85 – Take, O Take Me as I Am (2X)

Presentation of the Charles Pratt Award for Scouting

Hymn MV#28 – God of the Bible

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession

Evildoers are not only in our world, they are in our hearts and in our lives, O God. Protect us from the evils that would mislead us. Strengthen us against the fears that terrorize us and cause us to stumble. Shelter us from the destruction and the sorrow in our lives. Restore our souls, and lift us up to walk on the journey with you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's goodness calls to us. Christ's love gathers us here as God's precious children – beloved and protected by grace. In the grace of God, we are all forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem **“Psalm to the Saviour”**

Scriptures Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27, VU p.754
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

Meditation

Music for Reflection **Scott Palmer – “And Now My Lifesong Sings”**

Hymn VU#286 – If You Will Trust in God

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

Your goodness is all around us, gracious God. Thank you for strengthening us, that we may share a bit of your goodness with the world around us. Bless these gifts. Bless our lives. Bless us, that we may share your goodness with the world. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer (VUp.921)

Closing Hymn VU#112 – O God, How We Have Wandered

Blessing and Sending Forth

Hope in the Lord,

Our courage and our strength.

Trust in our God,

Our companion on this journey of life.

And may the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, be with you today and everyday. Amen.

Choral Benediction MV#215 – Peace Be with You

Postlude **“In The Palm of His Hand”**

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.

JUST A REMINDER *Due to many people suffering from allergies, 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.*

CALENDAR DATES TO MARK
CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

DIVORCE CARE January 31, 2016 For more information including the location address, call Keith/Jane Bull @ 506 323-9876 OR Teresa Adams-Rogers @ 506 392-7893.

CHURCH DIRECTORY----*Universal Studios will be here for family photos March 15-19 to take pictures.*

Check display in the lobby outside the church office. Refer to the book mark in the bulletin for more information

Universal Studios will be calling directly from the church list starting February 29^h to set up appointments

BOWL FOR KIDS March 19, 2016

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Woodstock Bowlcade

1 Hour can change the life of a child.....FOREVER!!!!

It's easy to participate!! Simply put together a team of up to five friends, family and co-workers. Register to bowl during one of the time slots. Collect pledges, each team member is asked to try to raise \$50, there are prizes for teams and individuals who raise the highest amount!! Come out on March 19th for bowling fun, friends, food and prizes

MARITIME MEN'S SPRING RALLY April 23rd. Amherst, N.S.

See Bulletin Board for Brochure and Information.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK May 29^h

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision. "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoldering fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Philippians 3:17-4:1

3¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ⁴¹Therefore my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Scripture readings for February 28, 2016

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Services

***March 4th World Day of Prayer Services at 2:00 p.m.
St. Luke's Church***

***World Day of Prayer Service at
Trinity United Church, Debec
6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper
7:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service***

March 24 Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

March 25th Good Friday Service hosted by Woodstock
United Baptist Church

BIBLE STUDY Rev. Debra will be having a Lenten Bible Study entitled “Near the Cross” beginning February 10th at 10:00 a.m. Please let Rev. Debra know, if you are interested.

BOOK CLUB Our book club will be reading “Inside the O’Briens” by Lisa Genova. Our next gathering will be February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

UPPER ROOMS FOR March and April have arrived and located at the back of the church. Cost is \$ 3.00.

DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDES are available at the back of the church along with the Upper Rooms.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL available at the church office. Cost \$ 1.50

**ENJOY AN EASTER PROJECT WITH YOUR CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**

Make an Easter Mountain

Ingredients:

Play Dough 4 c. of flour
 1.5 c. salt
 5 c. water
 1 Tbs. oil

Mix ingredients and knead. Add small amounts of water as needed until the texture is right.

Mountain

1. Use two backyard sticks bound together with twine to make a cross about five or six inches tall.
2. Shape the whole lump of play dough into a mountain. The size will be determined by the volume of your play dough. Leave an opening on one side into the "cave" that will represent the tomb, using your fist or a soup can to hold the space open.
3. Press the cross into the top of the mountain to form a hole deep enough to stand the cross in. Make the hole a bit larger than the actual stick circumference because the hole will get smaller as the mountain bakes. Set the cross aside.
4. Twist toothpicks into the dough or press fork tines randomly around on the hill to make "footholds" for the chenille stick people.
5. Press the rock that will cover the tomb against the opening, to shape a better fit. Set the stone aside.
6. Bake at 250 degrees for four to five hours. When cooled, color as desired with paint or markers.

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