

## **Saint James United Church**

**April 23, 2017 – Holy Humour Sunday**

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**Reader:**



*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**

**Hymn Sing:** 1. *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (see insert)  
2. *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* VU 395

**Welcome:** *Smile and make people wonder what you have been up to.*

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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|---------|---|------------------------|
| Apr. 23 | Holy Humour Sunday<br>Sunday School<br>Handbells and Sunshine Singers<br>Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room | 10:30 a.m.             |
| Apr. 25 | Games<br>Sparks / Pathfinders   | 1:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. |
| Apr. 26 | Quilting<br>Choir   | 1:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m. |
| Apr. 27 | Roast Beef Drive Through Supper   | 4:00-5:30 p.m.         |
| Apr. 28 | First Acts Variety Show   | 7:00 p.m.              |
| Apr. 30 | Morning Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Soup, Rolls and Fellowship  | 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."*

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

## **The Purpose of John’s Gospel**

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

*Scripture Readings for Sunday, April 30, 2017*

*Acts 2: 14a, 36-41    1 Peter: 17-23    Luke 24: 13-35*

### ***Prayer of Opening***

***Bubble up within in our hearts, O Spirit, in the midst of winter.***

***Warm us in the embrace of your nurture that we may grow;  
more joy-filled even in the midst of sadness,  
more grace-filled even in the midst of disagreements,  
more inclined to see the humour in living,  
more light-filled when too much seems gloomy,  
more delighted by the abundance of your love.***

***Shout with our spirits as we rejoice in your presence. Amen.***

### ***Children’s Time***

***Sing Along with Dave***

***Scripture: John 20: 19-31***

***Anthem: Revive Us Again***

***Message: Did You Hear ??***

***Hymn: I Love To Tell The Story VU 343***

### ***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***

***Bless the gifts we offer  
Bless we who offer them  
Bless those who will be touched, in turn.  
May this circle of blessings be pleasing  
In your sight, O God. Amen.***

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Minute for Mission* (see insert)

*Announcements*

*Hymn: Battle of the Republic* (see insert)

*Commissioning*

*Choral Postlude:*

*Postlude*

### **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Richard (Dick) Montgomery from the Leech Family, Agnes O`Neil, Stan and George.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Paul Carmichael by John and Mary Wheelan.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Shirley Kitchen by the family of Don and Val Stewart.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Don Beattie by the family of Don and Val Stewart.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Kimberley Green by the family of Don and Val Stewart.*

## **John 20:19-31 New International Version (NIV)**

### **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### **Jesus Appears to Thomas**

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>[a]</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.*

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

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

**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.*

### **ROAST BEEF DRIVE THROUGH SUPPER**

***Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>***

***4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.***

***Cost \$ 12.00***

***Looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday morning.***

**NOTE TO UNITY GROUP** *The May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*

**YARD SALE ATTENTION:** *Last week to have your donations ready for Spring Yard Sale and to sign up on the workers sheet on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed to set up for the sale and to also work the hours of the sale. The sale will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from noon until 7:00 p.m. and on Friday, May 5, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to noon.*

**7<sup>th</sup> ACTS VARIETY SHOW** *This year's date for our 7<sup>th</sup> Acts is Friday, April 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. here in the C. E. Centre. We will also be having a Silent Auction at this time.....so get your Acts fine tuned, and your items gathered for the Auction. Let Joan know if you have either of these. Thanks!!*

**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 April 16, 670 Km. We have gone 3741 Km and are still travelling over the Atlantic Ocean.*

**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.*