

## **Saint James United Church**

**May 15, 2016 Pentecost**

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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 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*

*Welcome*

*Introit: MV #13 Verse 1 & 2*

*Call to Worship:*

Have you seen the wind, or where it comes from, or where it goes?

**No, we have not!**

Can you tell me how it comes to be, and why it's free?

**We cannot tell!**

The Holy Spirit is not seen either, but we seek to live out our belief in that power.

**Come, Holy Spirit, dwell in our hearts to stay, and to abide forever.**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 15 Morning Worship Rev. Brian DeLong 10:30 a.m.  
Communion  
10:30 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Brunch  
Children go directly to C. E. Centre  
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.  
Sunshine Singers
- May 17 Games 1:00 p.m.  
Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.  
Sparks 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Stewards 7:00 p.m.  
Session Meeting Postponed  
Official Board Postponed
- May 18 Choir 7:15 p.m.
- May 22 Morning Worship Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School  
Sunshine Singers  
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.  
Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

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

**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.

## ***History of Pentecost***

Pentecost is the Jewish Festival of Weeks, which can be found in the Hebrew Bible. Shavuot called the Festival of Weeks and is also called the Festival of Reaping or harvest. Jews traditionally read the Book of Ruth at Pentecost as the story links with the grain harvest theme of the festival. Pentecost 2016, as a Christian feast, dates back to the first century. It occurs 50 days after Easter Sunday and falls on the ancient Jewish festival called the "feast of weeks".

In the New Testament, Pentecost was the occasion of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ and therefore became a feast commemorating this occasion. The English word "Pentecost" is a translation of the Greek word pentekostos, which means "fifty".

It comes from the ancient Christian expression pentekoste hemera, which means fiftieth day (therefore applicable to the 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ). But Christians did not invent the phrase "fiftieth day". Rather, they borrowed it from Greek-speaking Jews who used the phrase to refer to a Jewish holiday.

### ***Gathering Prayer:***

*Spirit of God, Fire of God, Lively Energy, anoint us to be people of the Good News; comforted by a healing touch that we may bring comfort to those who are suffering; loved by those who surround us that we might bring love to an unsettled world. Shower us with the power of your Spirit that our lives and our world might be reawakened to be your people, in the name of Jesus. Amen*

***Opening Hymn: VU # 375 "Spirit of Gentleness"***

***Children's Time: "PLUG INTO GOD"***

### **WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

***Anthem: "Children of God"***

***Scriptures: ACTS 2: 1-21  
PSALM 104: 24-34, 35B—Voices United 827  
JOHN 14: 8-17***

***Hymn: VU # 378 "Spirit of God"***

***SERMON: "THE SPIRIT IN YOU"***

### **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD**

***Presentation of the Offering***

***Offertory Hymn:***

*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.*

### ***Offering Prayer***

*Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen*

### ***Minute for Mission***

### ***Announcements***

***The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is from William Barclay-  
"The Lord's Supper"***

***Communion Hymn: VU # 382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"***

***Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer***

***Closing Hymn: VU # 372 "Though I May Speak"***

### ***Sending Forth***

***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 He 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***

***The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory  
of husband, son, and grandson by Marilyn Asbell.***

## **DONATIONS**

***A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of  
Marcine Carpenter by Mary Dimock.***

## **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

***With summer fast approaching this is a great time of year to  
sign up for our PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM! If you  
have automatic debits from your bank account to pay your  
bills, then you understand the PAR principle. It means  
regular contributions throughout the year.***

***Even when we are away, our church has commitments  
every week. This is a convenient way to support both the  
local church and M&S.***

***Contact the church office for more details!***

## **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.***

## TODAYS SCRIPTURES

### PRAY

*Pray for our sisters and brothers of First United Church in Fort McMurray and for all affected by the wild fires including all the people of Fort McMurray, first responders, families and friends.*

*God of our ancestors, in a world where chaos and ruin are as close as the wind, where fires rage out of control in Fort McMurray destroying homes, businesses, and livelihoods; Help us to find strength and courage from the stories of those who took refuge in you during their time of trial and despair. And so with the psalmist who cried laments, we pray for all who are in need of food, shelter and healing.*

*Donations may be made through your church envelope. Please note that it is for the Fort McMurray Emergency Response.*

### *Acts 2: 1-21*

#### [The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost](#)

- 1** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.
  - 2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.
  - 3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.
  - 4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
  - 5** Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.
  - 6** When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.
  - 7** Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”
  - 8** Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?
  - 9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
  - 10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome
  - 11** (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”
  - 12** Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”
  - 13** Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”
- #### [Peter Addresses the Crowd](#)
- 14** Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
  - 15** These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!
  - 16** No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
  - 17** “ ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.  
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.  
21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

## **Job 14:7-17 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> Its roots may grow old in the ground  
and its stump die in the soil,  
<sup>9</sup> yet at the scent of water it will bud  
and put forth shoots like a plant.  
<sup>10</sup> But a man dies and is laid low;  
he breathes his last and is no more.  
<sup>11</sup> As the water of a lake dries up  
or a riverbed becomes parched and dry,  
<sup>12</sup> so he lies down and does not rise;  
till the heavens are no more, people will not awake  
or be roused from their sleep.  
  
<sup>13</sup> "If only you would hide me in the grave  
and conceal me till your anger has passed!  
If only you would set me a time  
and then remember me!  
<sup>14</sup> If someone dies, will they live again?  
All the days of my hard service  
I will wait for my renewal<sup>[a]</sup> to come.  
<sup>15</sup> You will call and I will answer you;  
you will long for the creature your hands have made.  
<sup>16</sup> Surely then you will count my steps  
but not keep track of my sin.  
<sup>17</sup> My offenses will be sealed up in a bag;  
you will cover over my sin.

*Scriptures for May 22: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, VU # 732,  
John 16: 12-15*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BOOK CLUB** *Our book club has been reading  
"Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracey Kidder.  
This book is available at the library. The next meeting of the Book  
Club will be May 23, 2016.*

**UPPER ROOMS FOR May and June** *have arrived and located at  
the back of the church. Cost is \$ 3.00.*

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.** *The Universal Studios will be in  
Woodstock at the United Baptist Church. Anyone who was away at  
our picture taking time can book an appointment. The dates are  
May 30<sup>th</sup> until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The number to call for an appointment is  
1-888-769-7339 and ask for Brenda.*

*If you sent in a picture it will be in the directory but if you  
want to purchase a directory it is \$ 20.00.*

*Please contact the church office, if you have any further  
questions.*

***SESSION AND OFFICIAL BOARD HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.***

**MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK**

## **FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 LUNCHEON  
AFTER THE SERVICE**  
*The luncheon is for Patrick Palmer's trip to  
the Middle East the end of the month.*

**Menu: Loaded Baked Potato and Chilli Bar  
Dessert is a Sundae Bar, Tea and Coffee**

**By Donation.**