

Saint James United Church

April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

April 17 Morning Worship Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Spring Fling
Sunshine Singers and Handbells
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
in Board Room

Apr. 19 W.I. Service 10:00 a.m.
Games 1:00 p.m.
Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
Sparks 6:30 p.m.

Apr. 20 Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.
Scouts 7:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

Apr. 21 **Ham and Scallop Supper 4:00 p.m.**
Tickets at office for drive through or delivery.
Place your orders today!

Apr. 23 **Tea and Fashion Show 2:00 p.m.**

Apr. 24 Morning Worship Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers and Handbells
Soup, Rolls and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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.

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



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

Introit # 412 VU This Is the Day Verse 1

Welcome

Call to Worship:

***God of every good gift
we come to worship today seeking many things:
Some of us are seeking peace,
some are seeking healing,
some are seeking answers
and others are looking for the right questions.
We trust you that you will give us what we need:
food for our deepest hunger. Amen***

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SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW

APRIL 23, 2016 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

***Tickets available at the Church Office,
members of the Fellowship Unit,
or Fashion Today.***

Cost \$ 10.00

***Come and enjoy Tea and the latest Spring
fashions from Fashion Today.***

***Proceeds 50% Building Fund
and 50 % Refugee Project***

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.

Opening Prayer:

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***God, loving shepherd, caring companion,
you who are ever-present with us
in all of life's adventures:
we gather here to celebrate our faith as Easter people.
We celebrate that you care for us unconditionally,
and love us no matter what;
that you seek us out when we are lost
and teach us to care for one another as you care for us.
Accept the praise we offer. Amen***

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Opening Hymn: VU#348 O Love, How Deep

Children's Time

Children's Hymn: MV#92 Like a Rock

Prayer of Confession:

***O God, you provide everything that we need,
and yet we lack the one thing necessary.
You restore our souls,
and yet we are overwhelmed by choices
and exhausted by demands.
You lead us in the right direction,
and yet we wander after trivial pursuits.
You are with us in the dark places,
and yet we sense that we are alone.
Speak to us, Good Shepherd.
Guide us, protect us,
and lead us to the sources of life and peace.***

(silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

Kenneth H. Carter Jr., Just in Time Prayers of Confession and Assurance

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures: Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

Hymn: Psalm 23 VU#747

Message

Music for Reflection

Hymn: MV#126 Are You a Shepherd?

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.*

Offertory Prayer

*The bounty of this generous earth is a blessing.
The reward of our daily labour is a treasure.
We pray in gratitude for this abundance.
Blessed by the action of the Spirit,
may our gifts be empowered to bring healing,
hope and justice throughout the World.
We pray out of deep joy. Thanks be. Amen*

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer

Dear God, who is in a much better place, your holy name fills me with awe. May we always follow your will so the Earth will become as perfect as it is in Heaven. We trust you to give us everything that we need every day of our life. Please listen to us in spite of all that we do wrong and forgive us for these acts of weakness. May we, in turn, forgive those who have hurt us. Help us to always follow the right path to you by making right choices and never succumbing to the evils of this world, for you are the only one that truly matters in our lives. Amen

(paraphrase by Barb DeLong)

Closing Hymn: VU#359 He Came Singing Love

Blessing and Sending Forth

Choral Benediction Go Now In Peace"

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry 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.*

Postlude

CALENDAR DATES TO MARK
CHECK BULLETIN BOARD

APRIL 17TH COUNTRY GOSPEL MUSIC- Pembroke Baptist Church 2:00 p.m. See Bulletin Board

APRIL 19TH COMMITTEE MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH AT 7:00 P.M.
Board of Stewards, Trustees, M & P

APRIL 20TH SESSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH AT 7:00 P.M.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETS IN MAY

APRIL 23RD MARITIME MEN'S SPRING RALLY
Amherst, N.S. See Bulletin Board for Brochure and Information.

APRIL 23RD. SPRING TEA AND FASHION SHOW
SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD. 2:00 PM.
COST: \$ 10.00 Pre-sold tickets are available from Fellowship Unit Members or at Fashion Today.
Come and enjoy an afternoon of this year's fashions with friends over a cup of tea and small cakes.

APRIL 30TH UCW SPRING RALLY
Nashwaaksis United Church See Bulletin Board

SPAGHETTI SUPPER (WITH ALL THE FIXINS')
St. Luke's Church will be holding their annual Spaghetti Supper on: Thursday, May 5, 2016; from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the church hall on Church Street in Woodstock.
Come enjoy a delectable Spaghetti Supper with all the fixins', Delicious dessert and coffee/ tea for the low, low price of \$10/adult; \$5/child or \$ 25/family.

MAY 29TH ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK

TODAYS SCRIPTURES

Revelation 7:9-17 New International Version (NIV)

The Great Multitude in White Robes

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God

and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne

will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,’^[a]
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’^[b]

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’^[c]”

John 10:22-30 New International Version (NIV) Further Conflict Over Jesus’ Claims

²² Then came the Festival of Dedication^[a] at Jerusalem. It was winter,

²³ and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon’s
Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying,
“How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell
us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I
do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe
because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know
them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall
never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father,
who has given them to me, is greater than all^[b]; no one can snatch
them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Scriptures for April 24, 2016 Acts: 11: 1-18, Psalm 148,

Rev. 21: 1-6, John 13: 31-35

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.*

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

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 30th until June 3rd. 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.*

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.*

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Richard Bagley by Roy and Thelma MacNally.

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Betty Kitchen of Lindsey, Ontario by Roy and Thelma MacNally.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of granddaughter, Kayla MacFarlane, by Robert and Marion MacFarlane

A donation has been made to the Memorial General Fund in loving memory of Betty Kitchen of Lindsey, Ontario by Esther Rogers.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Lillian Clark by Neil and Jane Girdwood, Ruby MacNabb, John and Mary Wheelan, The Daye family.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Richard Bagley by Ralph and Marguerite Carson.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Clare Wilson by Alma Gartley.