

## **Saint James United Church**

**September 25, 2016 Fifteenth Sunday after 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 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**

**Introit** VU#402 – We Are One, vs.1

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

When life seems hopeless, God invites us to have hope.

**Let's worship the God of hope.**

When life seems scary and uncertain, God invites us to dream.

**Let's worship the God of dreams.**

When we are unsure about what lies ahead, God promises to be with us.

**Let's worship the God of new tomorrows.**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship – Sunday School 10:30 a.m.**  
**Soup, Rolls and Fellowship C.E. Centre. 11:30 a.m.**

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Unit 7:00 p.m.**

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Games 1:00 p.m.**  
**Pathfinders 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Sept. 28<sup>st</sup> Quilting 1:00 p.m.**  
**Choir 7:15 p.m.**

**Sept. 30 WI Home Fundraiser Concert 7:00 p.m.**  
**Side Effects (The Kiersteads Group) at K.C. Hall**

**Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Debec Fall Supper 4:00 -6:00 p.m.**

**Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Worship World Wide Communion 10:30 a.m.**  
**FOOD BANK SUNDAY**  
**Sunday School – Children go directly to classes**  
**Helpers to carry up items for Yard Sale from**  
**Sunday School Room See Lana**  
**Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.**  
**Youth Group 6:00 p.m.**

### **PAR REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

*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 DETAILS.***

## DONATIONS

*A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetary in loving memory of Paul Bull by Barbara Clowes, Edward and Janice Bull.*

*A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetary in loving memory of wife, Lorna Cluff, by Donnie Cluff.*

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Janet Harrison by Mary Leigh Webb.*

## CELEBRATION

*Today the congregation would like to wish Carrie Hayden a Happy 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.*

### *Opening Prayer*

Loving God, we come here from a busy week, where we can so easily get caught up with the vital things of living day to day. Yet you call us to this time, to let go of what weighs upon us, and be with you, here and now. Help us in this time of worship to immerse ourselves in your presence and take hold of what is true living. Amen.

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*Hymn*            VU#229 – God of the Sparrow

### *Children's Time*

#### *Prayer of Confession*

Ever-present God, we find so much to worry about. The world seems a scary place, filled with violence and destruction. Things seem to be coming apart and we don't know what the future holds. Trying so hard to control what is happening to us, we look to our savings accounts for security. Our possessions take so much energy and focus that we ignore those in need, even when they are right in front of us. Help us place our trust in you, O God. Remind us of your continuing care for all creation. Teach us to see the needs of the world and to respond with care and compassion, that we may be faithful, gentle, loving people. Amen.

*(silence for private confession)*

#### *Assurance of Forgiveness*

Put your hope in God, who richly provides for our needs. Enjoy God's good gifts as you share what you have with others. Delight in the treasures God provides.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**            *“What Brings Us Together”*

**Scriptures**        Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91, VU p.807  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

**Message**

**Music for Reflection**

**Hymn**            MV#144 – Like a Healing Stream

**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**

**Loving God, may these gifts bring hope to those who are despairing, comfort to those who are grieving, nurture to those who are growing, and inspiration to those who are striving to answer Christ's call. Amen.**

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**Minute for Mission**

**Announcements**

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

**Closing Hymn**    VU#703 – In the Bulb, There Is a Flower

**Blessing and Sending Forth**

Go into the world to do good, to be rich in the good things you do, to be generous, and to share with others. When you do these things, you will save a treasure for yourselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way you can take hold of what is truly life.

**Amen.**

**Choral Benediction**    VU#424 – May the God of Hope

**Postlude**

## **TODAYS SCRIPTURES**

### ***Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15***

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

<sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.”

<sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

<sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

### ***1 Timothy 6:6-19***

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

<sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share,

<sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### ***Luke 16:19-31***

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

### ***Scripture readings for October 2, 2016***

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

**UP COMING EVENTS TO MARK  
ON YOUR CALENDARS**

- Sept. 26 Fellowship Unit
- Sept. 30 WI Home Fundraiser by Side Effects at  
The K.C. Hall 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Communion
- Oct. 6 Yard Sale 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
7 Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Thanksgiving Sunday
- Oct. 15 WI Home - 100 Women Make A Difference
- Oct. 16 Anniversary Sunday  
Memorial Hymn Sing The Pledge sheet is in  
your bulletin today. A great way to remember  
your loved ones
- Oct. 20 Fall Supper Calls will be made for volunteers  
and donations. If you do not receive a call,  
contact the church office, as we can always use  
your help. This is a great time of fun and  
fellowship.
- Oct. 23 Children's Sunday

**FALL YARD SALE**

The fall yard sale will be held on Thursday,  
October 6, 2016 from noon to 6:00 p.m. and  
Friday October 7, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
On Sunday, October 2, 2016, immediately after church,  
sale items from a Sunday school room need to be moved to  
the C. E. Centre. Please give a few moments of your time  
to get this little job completed.  
Sale items will be accepted from Monday, October 3, 2016  
to Thursday, October 6, 2016 noon.  
All help will be gratefully appreciated.  
Please call Lana McKay 328-6736, if you are able to help.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.** The church directories have  
been ordered and I will let you know when they arrive.

**GAMES** On Tuesday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m.

**UPPER ROOMS FOR September and October .**  
They are located at the back of the church.

Cost is \$ 3.00.

**FOOD BANK NEEDS** Our local food bank is in need of  
crackers, cookies, macaroni, soups and Kraft Dinner, as  
well as, any kind of hygiene products such as shampoos,  
deodorants, etc. We have a box located at the Green Street  
entrance. Sunday Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> is Food Bank Sunday.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PIE MAKING** is well underway. Sign up sheets are up on the bulletin board for Pie Orders and Volunteers. We will be making pies on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 p.m. We need workers. Please check the sign up sheet outside the office door to volunteer or place orders.

**COFFEE HOUR** Each week we are looking for volunteers to look after lunch and coffee after church.

**READERS - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

**ELLEN'S KITCHEN MENU---STANLEY CHURCH**  
**See Bulletin Board**

**DEBEC FALL SUPPER** OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 4:00-6:00 P.M.  
Roast Turkey Supper with all the fixings.  
Cost Adult \$ 10 Children age 5-12 \$ 5.00 Come and bring your friends.

**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.

**THE OCTOBER CALENDAR WILL BE IN NEXT SUNDAY---CHECK FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**FALL ACTIVITY---SEE BULLETIN BOARD**

Experience it all during our 2016 Studio Tour and Gallery Hop Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 1  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

It makes a wonderful half-day outing for groups, friends and families. For more information please visit website:

[www.artinthvaley.ca](http://www.artinthvaley.ca)

2. Alzheimer Society Gala Dinner Event

**SEPTEMBER IS BIG BROTHERS**  
**BIG SISTERS MONTH!**

Unlocking a child's true potential creates a future where anything is possible...start something! Being a Big Brother, Big Sister, Big Couple or an in School Mentor volunteer is about being a friend and someone to look up to. It's about hanging out, talking and sharing with many smiles along the way. It's about making one child feel very special. And you'll feel pretty great too. Every child needs a mentor to share with, talk to or confide in, whether it's playing sports, learning a new craft or just goofing around, you'll make a difference in each other's life. You'll both be forever changed by the experience. **Start something;**

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