

Saint James United Church

September 4, 2016 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome all visitors and their families who may be worshipping with us this morning. We pray that you will feel free 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 # 1 "Let Us Build a House" (Vs 1)

Call to worship:

Lord, in the glory of late summer we come to worship revelling in the beauty of your handiwork.

Give us insight this morning into how the work of our hands is part of the work of your hands.

We join with you in lifting the heavyhearted, comforting the sorrowful, and calming the anxious.

Fill us with the joy of service this morning.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 4th Morning Worship - Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room. 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 6th Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00 p.m.
WANTED VOLUNTEERS--- JOAN NEEDS HELP!!
Tuesday Morning Cleaning Up Sunday School Area 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 7th Quilting 1:00m p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Sept. 8th CDC Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 11th **FOOD BANK SUNDAY**
Morning Worship - Amy and Choir 10:30 a.m.
Recovenanting Sunday
Sunday School Registration 10:00 a.m.
Come with a smile, bring a friend and an item for the Food Bank.
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room. 11:30 a.m.

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 DETAILS.***

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of David Wry by Carol Everly.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY

Flowers have been placed in the sanctuary today in loving memory of Roy Wilson by his wife, Estelle Wilson, and family.

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.

ELLEN'S KITCHEN MENU---STANLEY CHURCH

See Bulletin Board

NOTE: Everyone is invited to the Woodstock Book Launch of "Loyal Gunners", 3 Field Regiment and the History of New Brunswick's Artillery, 1893-2012. Wednesday, September 14th at 7 pm at the Ayr Motor Centre. Program includes Welcoming remarks, Introduction of the book, Band concert, Displays of current military equipment, and Cadet displays. Come enjoy this important part of our history. Free admission.

Thank you

Opening Hymn: VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Opening Prayer:

Oh Great Potter, allow us to enter into your house to worship you.

We have come to lay the clay of our lives on your wheel so that we might be shaped and fashioned into vessels for your Spirit who:

will mend those who suffer,

heal the sick,

and offer the outcast loving shelter.

Create in us the spirit to serve others.

Bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people. Amen

Prayer of Confession:

We have seen those who are broken and suffering.

We confess that you are a God of love and peace

Too often we have failed to extend a helping hand.

We confess that you are a God of love and peace

Sometimes we have looked down upon them because they are different from us.

We confess that you are a God of love and peace

Let us confess:

O God, You call us to live in a Just Peace Church, to work for justice for all and to seek pathways to peace so that we may end war's destruction of human life and of creation. We have not found the words or the wisdom to guide our leaders into the ways of healing and peace.

Forgive us.

O God, you call us to minister to all your children.

We confess that we have not developed ministries to touch those who are in need.

Forgive us.

Mold us into the people you need to heal families and societies battered from the war in the Middle East.

We confess that we need to be put on your Potter's wheel so that we might minister love and healing in your holy name. **Amen.**

Silent Confession

Hymn: VU#260 God Who gives to Life its Goodness

Children's Time

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: "Behold, How Pleasant"

Scriptures

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139 Voices United page 861

Philemon 1-21

Message

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

PRESENTATION OF 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:

Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Kin-dom on earth.

Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that is deposited here today; we offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Closing Hymn VU #560 O, Master Let Me Walk with Thee

Sending forth

Choral Benediction MV # 560 "Go, Make a Difference"
(Chorus)

Postlude

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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.*

YARD SALE October 3rd to 7th

Items will be accepted Monday, October 3rd, 2016 until Thursday noon, October 6th. Need volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up and the actual sale days.

Actual sale is Thursday, October 6th

at 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

and Friday, October 7th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Please contact Lana McKay at 328-6736 to set the time you can volunteer. Thank You.

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 Sept. 11th is Food Bank Sunday.*

PIE MAKING *Sign up sheets are up on the bulletin board for Pie Orders and Volunteers. We will announce the dates for making pies next week as we are working around different events scheduled in the C. E. Centre.*

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

SOUP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH.

READERS - SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

SIGN-UP SHEETS ON BULLETIN BOARD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 18:1-11 New International Version (NIV)

At the Potter's House

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.” ³So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel.


⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.


⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

PHILEMON 1 -21

1Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— 2also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets

in your home: 3Grace and peace to you  from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people. 8Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— 10that I appeal to you for

my son Onesimus,  who became my son while I was in chains. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. 15Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— 16no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. 17So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHECK YOUR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

DRIVE THROUGH ROAST BEEF DINNER

Thursday, September 15, 2016 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$10.00 Tickets available at Church Office.

Also you can place orders to be delivered.

*Menu: Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Peas, Carrots, Chocolate Chip Cookie for Dessert.*

Proceeds to the painting of the Stain Glassed Windows.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. *The final draft of our church directory has been approved and sent in. Those who had pictures taken at the church will automatically receive a church directory. 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. Those who would like a directory please let me know as soon as possible. Be sure to tell others and they may not know about it. Thanks Mary 328-6114*

GAMES *Our Fall Games will begin on September 13th at 1:00 p.m.*

BOOK CLUB *Our book club will be meeting on Sept. 19th. The book is "The Illegal" by Lawrence Hill.*

UPPER ROOMS FOR September and October .

They are located at the back of the church.

Cost is \$ 3.00.

FALL ACTIVITY---SEE BULLETIN BOARD

Experience it all during our 2016 Studio Tour and Gallery Hop Friday, September 30th 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.artinthvalley.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; Call Big Brothers Big Sisters of Carleton-York today @ 328-2094 or bbbscy@nab.aibn.com***