

## **Saint James United Church**

**January 21, 2018 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Epiphany**

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**Ushers: Ron Murray, Randy and Eleanor Leonard**

**Reader: Gail Lipsett**



*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** MV#7 – Gather Us In (sing twice)

#### **Welcome**

**Question to Ponder** When do we hear God calling us?

#### **Call to Worship**

God called to Jonah, and he turned away. Jesus called the fishers of the sea, and they followed him. God calls on us to repent – to turn our lives around. Let us respond to God's call.

#### **Let us worship God!**

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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|---------|--|------------------------|
| Jan. 21 | Morning Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room   | 10:30 a.m.             |
| Jan. 23 | Games<br>Pathfinders<br>Sparks   | 1:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 24 | Quilting Group<br>Choir  | 1:00 p.m.<br>7:15 p.m. |
| Jan. 28 | Morning Worship<br>Sunday School<br>Soup, Rolls and Fellowship in C.E. Centre. | 10:30 a.m.             |

### **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.*

**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.*

## **DONATIONS**

*A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Susan (Suzie Tait) Henry by Susan and Clifford Orr, Gail Stokoe-Lee, Peter and Janet Clark,*

## **CHURCH SUPPER**

*FEBRUARY 10, 2018*

*DEBEC TRINITY UNITED CHURCH HALL*

*4:00 P.M. -- 6:00 P.M.*

*MENU: Beans, Potato Salad, Hash Brown Casserole, Macaroni and Tomato Casserole, Corn Scallop, Brown Bread, Layer Cakes for Dessert, Tea and Coffee.*

*Cost: Adults \$ 8.00 Children under 12 - \$ 4.00*

*Proceeds to Work of the Church.*

### ***Opening Prayer***

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**Hymn** MV#79 – Spirit, Open My Heart

### ***Story Time***

#### ***Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance***

Let us join in our prayer of confession:

Gracious God, thank you for calling us to join you in your work in the world. We confess that there are times when we have not seen you at work, when we have not heard you calling us. We are truly sorry and ask your forgiveness, O God.

**Hear us, God, and be gracious to us.**

There are times when we have not spoken your truth, times when we have not reached out to care for others. We are truly sorry and ask your forgiveness, O God.

**Hear us, God, and be gracious to us.**

The joy of God's forgiveness comes with the morning.

**For God's grace and steadfast love, we give thanks. Amen.**

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

***Ministry of Music Put Your Hand in the Hand***

**Scripture** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 65, VU p.782 (remain seated; omit refrain)  
Mark 1:14-20

***Message***

***Music for Meditation***

**Hymn** VU#120 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

## 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*

**God, may these gifts and our very lives be a YES! to follow Christ's call. Use us and the offerings we bring this day, that your peace, your strength, and your loving-kindness may be made more visible in the world. Amen.**

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### *Minute for Mission*

### *Announcements*

### *Prayers of Intercession*

How simple, how close is the Spirit of our God. It is all around us, in everything that God has created:

**Warm cats, lively children, wise seniors, blueberries perfect for pie.**

Every life is crowded with God's presence:

**Grandma's caress, the friend who listens, and hurts that finally heal.**

God sees us and knows us in our everyday lives:

**Car payments, homework, friends who move away.**

In all these things God sees us and knows us and gives us strength and love.

**Creator God, Mother and Father of all people everywhere,**

We are always in your presence, encountering the Holy.

**Help us be fully aware of your presence in this moment. Amen.**

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*Lord's Prayer*      VU#959

*Hymn*      VU#376 – Spirit of the Living God

### *Blessing and Sending Forth*

Go forth and share the good news from God.

**God rewards us and our deeds, not with doom, but with mercy. In circumstances both difficult and joyful, God remains our place of safety.**

Go forth and proclaim God's kingdom.

**The world as we know it is passing away. We belong to God's kingdom, which is coming and is now.**

Now is the time to be the good news.

**We go forth to tell the world the good news of the strength and mercy of our God.**

Go forth with the blessing of God – Creator, Christ, and Spirit – today and always.

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### *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 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.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

### *Postlude*

*The bulletin has been dedicated in loving memory  
of Allison MacNabb by Ruby MacNabb and family.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.*

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND UPDATED ADDRESSES

*Keeping updated through email. I will try to keep you updated. Please contact the church office at 328-6114 so our addresses may be kept up to date. Tell your friends also so they can be added to our list.*

<p><b>If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"</b></p>
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**As of January 8, 2018, the Church Office will be opened:**

**Monday to Thursday:  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Friday:  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Sunday:  
9:30 am to 11:30 am**

### ANNUAL REPORT - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*The annual congregational meeting will be held on **February 4<sup>th</sup>** after church. We urge everyone to attend as there will be motions to pass and voting on the Remit 6.*

**COFFEE HOUR** We serve 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.**

**See sign up sheet.**

### UPPER ROOMS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY Cost \$ 3.00

**GIFTS WITH VISION BOOKS** have arrived. Located on table outside the church office..

### ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on February 19, 2018. All those who are care givers may like to mark this on your calendars. Please call the church office to confirm meetings over the summer, as sometimes there are changes.*

**UNITED CHURCH OBSERVER** Time to look at renewal of you United Church Observer. If you do not wish to renew, please let Mary know at the church office or if you are a new subscriber, we can add your name for a subscription for the up coming year.  
**Cost is \$ 25.00.**