

Saint James United Church
April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 24 Morning Worship Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers and Handbells
Soup, Rolls and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 25 Fellowship Unit 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 26 Games 1:00 p.m.
Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
Sparks 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 27 Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.
Scouts 7:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.
- Apr.30 U.C.W. Spring Rally Nashwaaksis See Bulletin Bd.
- May 1 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers and Handbells
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.



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 Soup, Rolls, and Fellowship in the C.E. Centre.

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome

Introit MV#115 Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (2x)

Call to Worship:

O Holy One, we gather, listening for a word that is trustworthy and true;

we have had our fill of worthless words, slick and smooth, politic and pleasing, euphemisms and truisms, none that would pry open our hearts and cause us to pitch in and help realize a new heaven and a new Earth.

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."***

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Choir Fund in loving memory of Sharon Clark by Leighton Clark.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Lillian Clark by Vickie Graham, Margaret Adams, Nita DeLong, Jim and Connie Wheelan, Linwood and Amelia Landry-Russell, Charlotte Shaw, Sandra Beaulieu, Shirley Gates, Fran Grzesik, Heather L. Jones.

A donation has been made to the Chimes Fund in loving memory of Linda Harrington, daughter of Jackie Graham, by Phyllis Robinson.

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.

Scriptures for May 1, 2016

Exodus 20: 1 -18

String together , here, this morning,
a few words that sentence us to hope—
helping us to believe that you dwell with dreamers
who trust that even now you are fashioning,
from tears and terror,
a holy city where the homeless find shelter
and the heartless find love.

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Opening Hymn: VU#713 I See a New Heaven

Gathering Prayer:

We open now to the mystery of Life,
knowing this adventure to be a journey back to the ever-
present source, discovered in our own depths, and a
forward journey toward a new heaven and a new Earth,
which is being born through us, and know above all and
below all that this is not a path to God, but a path in God.
We celebrate this great adventure. Amen.

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Children's Time

Children's Hymn: MV#156 Dance with the Spirit

Prayer of Confession:

Oh God of promise and fulfillment, you command us to pray
for the coming of your Spirit,
and yet we confess our reluctance to watch and wait.
O God of power and might, you invite us to pray for the
coming of your kingdom,
and yet we acknowledge our unwillingness
to witness and work.

O God of cross and crown, wind and fire, you reveal yourself
to us in ordinary and extravagant ways,
and yet at times we do not perceive your presence, hear
your voice, receive your blessing, or share your love with
others. Forgive us, we pray.

(Silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness:

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures: Acts: 11: 1-18

Psalm 148 VU p.871

Hymn: Cosmic Hymn of Praise

Sun and moon praise God,
Shining Stars praise God,
Highest mountains praise God,

Chorus:

Let all creation sing.
Alleluia, lift your voices,
Join creation's cosmic hymn of praise.

chorus

All the earth praise God,
Deepest oceans praise God,
Wind and fire praise God,

chorus

Hills and mountains praise God,
Rivers, forests praise God,
Living creatures praise God,

chorus

Men and women praise God,
Little children praise God,
Old people praise God,

chorus

Scripture: Rev. 21: 1-6

Message

Music for Reflection

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.*

Prayer of Dedication

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: VU#625 I Feel the Winds of God

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

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!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO WORKED AT THE HAM AND SCALLOP SUPPER AND TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED IN ANYWAY. THIS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS AND THE PROCEEDS WENT TO THE REFUGEE FUND. \$ 1,560.00

Acts 11: 1-18 (NIV) Peter Explains His Actions

11 The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³ and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸ “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ “Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’ ¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with^[a] water, but you will be baptized with^[b] the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

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 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.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETS IN MAY

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

SPRING CONCERT

The Carleton North High School Senior Band, Choir and Stage Band will present a Spring Concert on Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 PM in the Main Theatre at Carleton North High School, 30 School St., Florenceville-Bristol. Tickets are \$6.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Seniors and \$15.00 for a family and are available from any Band or Choir member or at the door. Everyone is welcome.

The Second Wind Music Centre (16 Curtis Rd., Florenceville-Bristol) will present David Francey, 3 time Juno Award Winner and Canadian folk music icon, on Monday, May 2nd at 7:30 PM. Advance tickets are available at MES Music in Woodstock, the Andrew and Laura McCain Library in Florenceville-Bristol, or by contacting Peter McLaughlin at 425-4999. See more

www.facebook.com/secondwindmusiccentre<<http://www.facebook.com/secondwindmusiccentre>> or www.davidfrancey.com<<http://www.davidfrancey.com>>

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Due to activities at the church we will not start accepting items until Monday May 9th.

May 9 - 14th.

We will be advertising the sale and the Open Hours for the sale will be Friday 8:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

We can always use help during the week with set-up and will need help the two days of the sale.

On Saturday we will need volunteer help with clean-up, as the C.E. Centre is booked for Sunday.