

Saint James United Church

May 8, 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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 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: VU#280 Mother and God

Call to Worship:

Father of us all, Mother of each one, thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time. You formed us when we were in our mothers' wombs. You knit us together lovingly; your devotion to us has not failed. Your care has followed us our whole life long. All we are and all we have, we owe to you and so, on this Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory, we give honour to you with our hearts and hands and voices. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 8 Morning Worship Heather Donnelly 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunshine Singers
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Youth Group 7:00 p.m.

MAY 9-14 YARD SALE SET UP BRING items to C. E. Centre from Monday, May 9th until noon on Thursday, May 12th. Sale is Friday May 13th and Sat. May 14th.

May 10 Games 1:00 p.m.
Pathfinders 6:30 p.m.
Sparks 6:30 p.m.
CDC Meeting 7:00 p.m.

May 11 Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Quilting Group 1:00 p.m.
Choir 7:15 p.m.

May 13 YARD SALE 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

May 14 YARD SALE 8:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
CLEAN UP AFTER—NEED VOLUNTEERS

May 15 Morning Worship Rev. Brian DeLong 10:30 a.m.
Communion
10:30 a.m. Teacher Appreciation Brunch
Children go directly to C. E. Centre
Coffee, Tea and Fellowship 11:30 a.m.
Sunshine Singers

DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of my precious Mom, Donna Cougle, always loved Debby.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Marcine Carpenter by Myrna and Don Keenan, Alvin and Melinda Farrell, Ron and Sandra Black, Mary Dimock, Shirley MacDonald, Charlotte Flynn, Fern Bell, Heather and Joey Voutour, John and Mary Wheelan.

A donation has been made to the Building Fund in loving memory of Marcine Carpenter by Ron and Arletta Currie.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Noreen Wort by Phyllis Robinson.,

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Lillian Clark by Gail Lavender.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Mina Allen by Kathy Bennett, Derry and Patty Allen, Frances Devine. Ed and Terry Dickinson. Dale and Lorraine Allen, Ann Theriault, Colin and Jill Craig, Mary Routledge, David and Linda McAffee, Mary Ann Hanson, Wayne and Jackie Walker.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of our mother, Phyllis Greer by her children.

A donation has been made to Youth Work in loving memory of my mother and father, Bea and Wellington Briggs and my brother, James by Margie and Doug Arnold.

Opening Hymn: VU#679 Let There be Light

Gathering Prayer:

O Holy One, we know you in the fierce love of a mother for her children,

in acts of tender care at times of illness, in the voice of encouragement, and in times of self-doubt.

We learn something of your love in the long-suffering love of mothers **for children who have lost their way, in forms of love that may persuade but never coerce.**

We know you on this Mother's Day as we remember Julia Ward Howe **who rose up against injustice and the carnage of war.**

We know you as we give thanks for Mother Earth, **from whom and through whom all of your blessings flow. Amen**

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Children's Time

Handbells

Prayer of Confession:

O God, in a time filled with violence and devastation, we confess anxiety about the world in which we live.

We lack the resources to see the present with clarity or the future with hope.

We have grown numb to the loss of life and we are too eager to retaliate.

Forgive us.

We have been quick to cast blame on others and less inclined to consider the anger that is within our own hearts.

Have mercy on us.

Grant us solidarity with all who suffer, compassion for all who grieve, and patience toward all who serve the common good.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts and minds with the peace that surpasses human understanding.

(Silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures: Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 Voices United p.771

Reflective Words from Thomas Merton and Dalai Lama

Hymn VU#697 O for a World

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

God of great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly, providing for us, caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do, the work of the church, the care for those who are poor. Amen.

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***Minute for Mission
Announcements***

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern & the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: MV#173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

Sending Forth

Maternal God, you conceive us, give birth to us, nurse us, smile at us every day, protect us, feed us, give us words to say, show us how to walk, cheer for us in our successes, wipe our tears when we fail, encourage us, dream big for us and love us for who we are. Thank you that you do not give up on us when we don't call home, forget to visit, disappoint you, neglect what you've done for us and think we did it by ourselves. Open our eyes to see those who need the embrace of your mothering love, who need someone to be their

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 He 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.*

Postlude

***The bulletin today has been dedicated in loving memory
of Harold Hatfield by wife, Clara Hatfield,
and daughter, Lesley Hatfield.***

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.”

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!

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.

TODAYS SCRIPTURES

Acts 1: 1-11

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

- 1** In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach
- 2** until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.
- 3** After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.
- 4** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.
- 5** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”
- 6** Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- 7** He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.
- 8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- 9** After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
- 10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.
- 11** “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Instead of hating people you think are war-makers, hate the appetites and disorder in your own soul, which are the causes of war. If you love peace, then hate injustice, hate tyranny, hate greed – but hate these things in yourself, not in another.” Thomas Merton, New Seeds of Contemplation

“World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion.” Dalai Lama XVI

Scriptures for May 15 2016

Acts 2: 1-21, Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b VU 827 (part 2), Job 14: 8-17

ANNUAL YARD SALE

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

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.

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OFFICIAL BOARD MAY 17

MAY 29TH ALZHEIMER SOCIETY ANNUAL WALK

FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016 LUNCHEON
AFTER THE SERVICE**

**The luncheon is for Patrick Palmer’s trip to
the Middle East the end of the month.**

**Menu: Loaded Baked Potato and Chilli Bar
Dessert is a Sunday Bar, Tea and Coffee**

By Donation.

PRAY

Pray for our sisters and brothers of First United Church in Fort McMurray and for all affected by the wild fires including all the people of Fort McMurray, first responders, families and friends.

God of our ancestors, in a world where chaos and ruin are as close as the wind, where fires rage out of control in Fort McMurray destroying homes, businesses, and livelihoods; Help us to find strength and courage from the stories of those who took refuge in you during their time of trial and despair. And so with the psalmist who cried laments, we pray for all who are in need of food, shelter and healing.

Donations may be made through your church envelope. Please note that it is for the Fort McMurray Emergency Response.