

Saint James United Church

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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#18 – Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary (2X)

Welcome

Call to Worship

God has been with us through thick and thin.

Thank you God for being with us.

Even at times when we feel lost and alone.

Thank you God for being with us.

When we don't know where to turn, we can still turn to God, who loves us.

Thank you God for being with us.

In a smile, a hug, a loving word, we are reminded that God cares.

Thank you God for being with us.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 18th	Morning Worship Sunday School Coffee, Tea and Fellowship in Board Room. Kirk Service Northampton Rec. Fall Super Youth Group	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 20th	WI Service Games Pathfinders Committee Meetings Official Board	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Sept. 21st	Quilting Choir	1:00 p.m. 7:15 p.m.
Sept. 25th	Morning Worship – Sunday School Soup, Rolls and Fellowship C.E. Centre.	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.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.***

⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as a manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Scripture readings for September 25, 2016

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Opening Prayer

Loving God, our world aches, groaning with the pain of injustice, of destruction, and dishonesty. We worry about what is going on and what the future holds. Yet gathered in this community we are reminded of your promise never to abandon us, and always to be with us. Reassure us, in this time of worship, of your never-ending love and forgiveness. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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Hymn

MV#12 – Come Touch Our Hearts

Children’s Time

Prayer of Confession

How long will rage burn in our hearts? How long will wrath consume our lives? Wash over us with your grace, O God, that our hearts may burn with your love. Shower us with your mercy, that we may welcome your forgiveness, and spread your grace. Redeem us in Christ Jesus, that we may return to you, restored and wholly yours. In Christ’s gracious name, we pray. Amen.

(silence for private confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is a balm in Gilead: Christ Jesus, who has ransomed us with love and grace. In the balm of Christ’s love, we are forgiven and restored to life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Scriptures

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79, VU p.793
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

TODAYS SCRIPTURES

Message

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#626 – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and bless the gifts we return to you now. May they be as soothing ointment for a hurting and broken world. Bless the gifts of our lives, and inspire us to be clever and creative, as we share generously and give abundantly, the bounty we have received. In faithfulness and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

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Minute for Mission

Announcements

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

Closing Hymn VU#664 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Blessing and Sending Forth

Go out into our hurting world and bring the good news that God loves us, always and everywhere, no matter what.

Amen.

Choral Benediction MV#215 – Peace Be with You

Postlude

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

¹⁸My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. ¹⁹Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) ²⁰“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” ²¹For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

²²Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? ⁹O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

GAMES *On Tuesday, September 20th at 1:00 p.m.*

BOOK CLUB *Our book club will be meeting on Sept. 19th. at 7:00 p.m. 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.*

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 Oct. 2nd is Food Bank Sunday.*

PIE MAKING *Sign up sheets are up on the bulletin board for Pie Orders and Volunteers. We will begin making pies on Monday Night at 7:00 p.m. We need workers. Also on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Please check the sign up sheet outside the office door.*

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

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

DEBEC FALL SUPPER **OCTOBER 1ST 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.

OPEN HOUSE RETIREMENT PARTY
for Rev. Dana and Cathy Dean will be held Wednesday, September 21st 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Anglican Church Parish Centre 3071 Rte. 540 Richmond Corner.
Light Lunch. In Lieu of Gifts there will be a Money Basket.

CELEBRATING 190 YEARS, *As a community of faith, the congregation of the Keswick Ridge United Church invites you to attend special celebrations.(Rte 616, Keswick Ridge) In the evening at 7 p.m. on September 18th, a musical program is planned. Refreshments will follow in the banquet room. Please come and join us in celebrating 190 years.*

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.*

CHECK YOUR SEPTEMBER CALENDAR FOR
UPCOMING EVENTS.