

Saint James United Church

September 2, 2018 15th Sunday in 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 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 Heather Donnelly, 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

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into Emptiness and created all that is

All: **With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colours and sizes.**

Leader: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

All: **O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sept. 2 | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Coffee and Fellowship after the service. | |
| Sept. 5 | Quilting | 1:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 6 | Unity Group | 2:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 9 | Sunday School Registration and Breakfast | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Morning Worship | 10:30 a.m. |
| | Presider: Bev Sharpe | |
| | Coffee and Fellowship after the service. | |

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 donated to the Roof Fund in loving memory of Robert MacFarlane by Marion MacFarlane.

A donation has been donated to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Robert MacFarlane by Marion MacFarlane.

A donation has been donated to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Cliff by Janet MacElwain.

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A donation has been donated to the Roof FundFund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Stephen and Barb O`Reilly, Chesley and Doris Eddy.

A donation has been donated to the General Fund in loving memory of Ann Metherell by Phyllis Robinson.

Leader: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

**All: Lead us in paths of righteousness.
Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice.
Teach us to be co-creators, with You, of a world where all belong and share in the abundance you have given.**

Opening Prayer

God of Life,

**You are as near to us as our breath.
Touch our eyes that we may see you in one another.
Open our ears that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.
Enter our hearts that we may be filled with your love toward all people.
Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.
Be with us now.
Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way. Amen.**

Hymn

Though I May Speak

VU#373

Prayer of Confession (together)

**Dear God, you call us to be doers of the Word,
not hearers only.
You call us to love the world with your passion,
and to let that love be expressed in justice,
forgiveness, peace.
Forgive us when our hearts are constricted with fear
and do not let your transforming grace
open us to the world you cherish.
Forgive us when we honor you only with our lips
and not with our actions.**

(time for silent confession)

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace – Greet each other with words like this:
“You are God’s beloved. Be love to the World.”

Hymn: My Life Flows On VU#716

Children’s Time

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45 – Voices United page 769
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Meditation

Music for Reflection

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 of loving kindness, we bring these gifts as we offer ourselves in the very real hope that we may contribute to the peace and well-being of your world. Praise be. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

beginning and ending with: O God, We Call VU#411

The Prayer of Jesus, adapted by Parker Palmer

**Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let Heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river,
From each one to each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence, beyond the evil of our days,
Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the mercy and the glory.
Forever your name is all in one. Amen.
Oh God, We Call...**

Hymn O For a World VU#697

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Benediction

Postlude

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Scriptures for September 16, 2018

*Prov. 22: 1-2 8-9 22-23,
Ps. 125,
James 2: 1-10 (11-13) 14-17
Mark 7: 24-27*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHECK YOUR MAIL FOR OUR
FALL NEWSLETTER!!**

CO-ORDINATORS - VOLUNTEERS

**Looking for a Co-ordinator to schedule volunteers for
Coffee Hour each Sunday.**

**Fall Supper Co-ordinator is needed. If we do not have a
volunteer in place, we may have to cancel.**

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

*This support group meets at Saint James the 3rd Monday of
each month. The next meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on
September 17, 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.*

REPAIR THE ROOF FUNDRAISER

**Our church is in need of major roof repairs to the cost
of about \$ 50,000.00.** Pictures have been placed on the bulletin board
outside the board room for you to see.

We have about \$ 30,610.74 donated already. We will have a
thermometer on the bulletin board to keep you informed how we are
doing. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the
Board of Stewards, John McLellan. All donations would be greatly
appreciated. This project will be taking place in the early spring.

UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Cost \$ 3.00

Large Print are on there way.

BREAKFAST AT DEBEC UNITED CHURCH

Saturday, September 8th 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.

**Full Meal Breakfast. Donations appreciated. This is for repair
to the Church.**

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

September is Big Brothers Big Sisters month!

*Consider being an in School Mentor for the 2018 school year. For
ONE hour a week, on school property, during school hours you can
help build a child's Self-esteem and school performance while having
FUN! In School Mentor volunteers meet with their mentee during
lunch or at the beginning or end of the day! It is quite a simple thing
whether you are playing basketball, a board game or just hanging out
with the gift of mentoring is rewarding for everyone. Dare to be a kid
again... contact us at 506-328-2094 or email bbbscy nb.aibn.com.*

ANNUAL FALL PIE MAKING

**Sign up Sheets for ordering pies is on the bulletin board outside
the church office. The pies are 9` and \$ 10.00 each. We hope to
start making pies mid Sept.—actual date depends on the when the
apples are ready. We are also looking for volunteers to help. Please
sign up with your name and phone no and we will give you a call on
the actual dates, when we know.**

YARD SALE

The date has been set for our Annual Fall Yard Sale.

Thursday, October 4th 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

More details to follow.