

Saint James United Church

August 12, 2018 12th 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 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

Welcome

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

We come from places of rest – from summer cottages, summer holidays, lazy days of summer – to gather for worship.

As God can be seen in the beauty of creation, the gentle summer breeze that rocks the hammock, and starry nights, so can God be seen in this place.

We come to reconnect. We come to see the face of God in the face of others. We come seeking, so that God may be known in our lives, in this place, and in the world.

Come, let us worship God. Let us pray together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 12 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Baptism
Coffee and Fellowship after the service.
- Aug. 19 Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Farewell Barbeque for Rev. Deb in the C.E. Centre

Scriptures for August 19, 2018

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

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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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 August 20, 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 \$ 30,273.74 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.

SUMMER IS HERE! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO KEEP OUR CHURCH GOING!

PRE-AUTHORIZED MONTHLY GIVINGS

Currently we have 56 members who have monthly givings through the United Church Par Program. This allows you to have monthly deductions for givings from your bank account on the 20th of each month. Forms available at the church office.

UPPER ROOMS FOR JULY AND AUGUST Cost \$ 3.00

Both Small and Large Print are here.

Gracious God, we thank you that you desire to live in relationship with the human family. Bless us as we gather to worship you. Open our hearts and minds that we may hear again the story of your love for us and for all that you have made. Bless us, heal us, and transform us, so that we might know that we are both loved and cherished and called to be vehicles of your grace in the world. Amen.

(Written by Allan Warren. *Gathering* Pentecost 1, 2018, page 34. Used with permission.)

Hymn VU#443 – God, We Pray at This Beginning

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Today, we welcome into the family of God and of Saint James United Church the following children: *Max Jameson Rich, son of Ashlee & Ryan Rich and Emmy Lee Phillips & Tyler William Randall Phillips, children of Scott & Chelsey Phillips.*

Baptismal Benediction VU#454 – May God Who Creates You

Prayer of Confession

God, we are your people, yet, too often, we in the Christian faith have not witnessed to the grace you share with us. We have judged others in your name because we did not care for them. We found excuses to reject those who were not like us by declaring wrongly they were not like you. God, forgive us and open our hearts to your grace so we may love others as you love all of us. Amen.

(Written by Sandy Ferguson. *Gathering* Pentecost 1, 2018, page 39. Used with permission.)

(time for silent confession)

Words of Forgiveness

God says – I have called you by name; you are mine. Even when we don't claim God – God claims us. We belong to God – and are loved into completeness. Let us open our hearts to the love and grace of God. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Passing the Peace of Christ

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Music

Prayer of Illumination

Compassionate One, open our hearts, our lives, and our senses to revelations both old and new, for we are seeking newness in the message that is as old as you. Amen.

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Scripture Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

Meditation

Music for Reflection

Hymn VU#658 – O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go

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

The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents, our commitment, all these we offer to you, O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the needs in our world. Bless and multiply them to your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

(Written by George Allan. *Gathering* Pentecost 1, 2018, page 44. Used with permission.)

Minute for Mission (printed)

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU#684 – Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Commissioning and Benediction

Return to the world in which we live, giving thanks to God for your many blessings, and sharing those blessings with your neighbour, all for the love of God.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit go with you today and always. Amen.

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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

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The bulletin today has been dedicated in honour of the baptism of Max Jameson Rich by Joan Hall.

Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive.

If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves.

If children live with ridicule, they learn to feel shy.

If children live with jealousy, they learn to feel envy.

If children live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.

If children live with tolerance, they learn patience.

If children live with praise, they learn appreciation.

If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.

If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.

If children live with honesty, they learn truthfulness.

If children live with fairness, they learn justice.

If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.

If children live with security, they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness, they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

SUMMER SERVICES

Regular services will be held at Saint James during the months of July and August. Rev. Debra's last service will be August 19th. Please join us in the C. E. Centre after the service on the 19th for our Farewell Barbeque for Rev. Debra.

On August 26th we will have a guest minister from Alberta, Rev. Ray Goodship. Look forward to seeing everyone.

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DONATIONS

A donation has been made to the Roof Project in loving memory of Mary Cliff, mother of Jolene Caverhill, by Doug and Lynda Swan, Ruby MacNabb, Winfield Bunting, Ray and Arlene Derrick.

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Cliff, mother of Jolene Caverhill, by Shirley Gates, Daniel and Fran Merryweather, Lewis and Jane Pelkey, Margaret B. Beattie.

A donation has been made to the Roof Fund in loving memory of John Depow, brother of Jane Boyd, by Wayne McCallum, Marion MacFarlane, Winfield Bunting, Ruby MacNabb

A donation has been made to the General Fund in loving memory of John Depow, brother of Jane Boyd, by Phyllis Robinson.

A donation has been made to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Alex and Kathy Sawyer,

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Blair and Jocelyn Keirstead. Ralph Vail,*

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Blair and Jocelyn Keirstead. Roy and Edith Calder.*

A donation has been made to the Youth Camp Fund in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Ron and Anne Murray.