

## **Saint James United Church**

**September 16, 2018 17<sup>th</sup> 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** More Voices #7 - Gather Us In (2x)

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

One: Wisdom cries out in the street.

**All: What does Wisdom say?**

One: She calls for us to listen and to love one another.

**All: We come today to listen and to love.**

One: Wisdom is here with us.

**All: We are ready to worship God.**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Sept. 16 | Morning Worship<br>Presider: Heather Donnelly<br>Coffee and Fellowship after the service.            | 10:30 a.m.                                       |
| Sept. 17 | Alzheimer Support Group  | 6:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 18 | Games<br>Committee Meetings<br>Official Board Meetings<br>Pathfinders and Rangers                    | 1:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 19 | Quilting   | 1:00 p.m.  |
| Sept. 23 | Morning Worship<br>Presider: Bev Sharpe<br>Sunday School<br>Coffee and Fellowship after the service. | 10:30 a.m.                                       |

### **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 Kirk Cemetery Fund  
in loving memory of Shirley McCallum by Gary McCallum.*

*A donation has been donated to the Kirk Cemetery Fund in loving  
memory of Catherine Grant-Armour by Pat and Blair Whitehouse,  
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Stockford.*

### Obituary for Rev. Ray Purchase

*I posted the obituary on the Bulletin Board or you can read  
from the computer at the address below.*

<https://vjmcgillivray.ca/tribute/details/1050/Rev-Ray-Purchase-Glace-Bay/obituary.html#tribute-start>

### *Opening Prayer*

Holy Wisdom of God,  
You call to us from the depths of our hearts,  
where we long for connection with you and with one another.  
You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods,  
Where human pain and possibility are most urgent.  
You call to us from our sacred stories,  
where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, comfort.  
Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, and  
help us see with your eyes  
the ways which lead to beloved community  
with You at the center. Praise be.

*Hymn* MV#10 - Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

### *Soul Searching*

Merciful God, your Wisdom calls to us but we do not hear.  
We confess that we ignore your calls and your commandments to  
welcome the stranger. We exclude, ignore and demean each other  
by drawing lines and creating barriers. Forgive our selfishness  
and our lack of imagination. Holy Wisdom, stir our hearts and  
inspire us to build your peace in our communities. Amen.

### *Words of Assurance*

### *Greeting Each Other*

*Hymn:* VU#606 – In Christ There Is No East or West

### *Time for All Ages*

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

### *Anthem*

*Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture*      *Psalm 19* – Voices United page 740 Refrain 1  
*Prov. 1: 20-33*  
*James 3: 1-12*

*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*

*All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts  
to create greater access, insights, and wisdom  
for people within and outside of these walls. May it be so!*

*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* MV #63 – Long Before My Journey's Start

*Commissioning and Benediction*

*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*

### **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.

### **URGENT NEED!!**

The W. I .Home has been blessed with an abundance of cucumbers and will supply all the ingredients and bottles. They have asked us to see if there is anyone who would like to make these for the home. Please call Marion Briand at the W.I. Home (328-2148) if you are able to help. This would be a great group project.

### **ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS:**

Please check the bulletin board. There is a brochure and entry forms to submit Cover Photos for the Bulletin Covers and the United Church's Calendar. Would love to see some of your photos on these church covers and calendar.

### **VALLEY FOOD BANK September is **HUNGER ACTION MONTH****

Check Bulletin Board for more information.

**Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.**

Your donations are much appreciated.

### **NORTHAMPTON FALL SUPPER**

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Dessert and Coffee.

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$ 12.00 Everyone Welcome!!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CO-ORDINATORS - VOLUNTEERS**

**FALL SUPPER COORDINATOR is needed.** If we do not have a volunteer in place, we may have to cancel.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS**

We are in need of Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers for this fall. Please contact Joan Hall at 425-2438 or 328-6114.

### **ANNUAL FALL PIE MAKING**

**PIE MAKING IS UP AND RUNNING.** Sign up Sheets for ordering pies is on the bulletin board outside the church office. The pies are 9" and \$ 9.00 each. We are also looking for volunteers to help. Please sign up with your name and phone no and we will give you a call.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH**

#### **OPERATION SPONGE BOB SQUARE PANTS**

This Fall our Sunday School outreach program involves gathering monetary donations to buy jogging pants and underwear, sizes 4,5,6,and 6x for area schools. Accidents do happen! Our younger students and schools are in need of those items, as most are not returned after use.

We thank You so much.

Receipts will be issued through your weekly envelopes.

Project will end October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEES FOR 2019**

It may seem early but we need to think about our committees for the up coming year. If you are not presently on a committee and would like to be, just leave you name at the church office and you will be contacted.

### SEASON OF PLENTY

All those with extra produce from your vegetable Harvest, please bring the next few Sundays to share with those who have none--  
-Extra cukes, tomatoes, etc. Everything welcome.

### 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 completed in the fall.

### ALZHEIMER SOCIETY SUPPORT GROUP

This support group meets at Saint James the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### UPPER ROOMS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

**Cost \$ 3.00**

Large Print are on there way.

### YARD SALE

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

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

More details to follow.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

### WHAT'S UP??

#### The Wondering Church

As September begins, we are just over halfway through the Season after Pentecost – a time when we explore what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. The Unit 1 theme “The Wondering Church” grew out of gospel passages which are full of questions. The Gospel of Mark explores what it means for Jesus to be “the Christ” by showing the disciples struggling to understand who Jesus is and what his ministry means. Questioning is one of the ways the community of disciples, then and now seeks to understand Jesus and the significance of his ministry.

While questions are an important part of faith, we do not come to understand through right-brained examination only. We need to be open to a connection with a sense of wonder and awe. The logo for this unit reflects this. It shows three children carefully examining a butterfly emerging from its chrysalis, the hardened protective covering (or cocoon). As we follow the upturned faces of these three figures, what do we imagine they are talking about? What might their questions be? How is a sense of wonder and awe, about God’s Creation and by extension about God, an important feature of the journey of faith? As a community of people, we gather with our various experience to question, learn and celebrate together.

#### SCHEDULE

- Sept. 16      Who is Jesus?  
Church 10:30 a.m. Gathering 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:50 a.m.  
To Explore who we are and why we have come together.
- Sept. 23      Who is Most Important?  
Church 10:30 a.m. Gathering 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:50 a.m.  
To celebrate that all have an important place  
in Christ’s Community.
- Sept. 30      Who are the people of God?  
Church 10:30 a.m. Gathering 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:50 a.m.  
To explore the cost of belonging to God’s Community.
- Oct. 7        Thanksgiving      Intergenerational Service  
Children join their parents for the whole service.