

St. James United Church

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A Community of Friends in Faith



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We have Scent-Sensitive Concerns

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

Ivy Winsor

From Gary, Diane and family and Joy, Ken and family

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Epiphany 11

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Allan Morgan
UCW Choir:	Doreen Brown
Reader:	John Parker



Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: Come Into His Presence

Call To Worship & Prayer of Approach: (responsive)

- L: God invites everyone;
P: **We respond willingly.**
L: God blesses all;
P: **We rejoice in God's generosity.**
L: God yearns for the healing of all, everywhere;
P: **We share in God's mission.**
All: **Let us pray: Day by day, You bless the earth with all that is needed to sustain life. Without ceasing, you keep prodding and challenging the human family to share and seek justice for all. Endlessly, you embrace us with your forgiving mercy and put before us your vision of peace, joy, and wholeness.**
L: Holy One, we admit that we forget easily how much we need your grace and goodness: (silence) You have made us new people, forgiven and invited us to live fully and freely.
P: **Thank you, God, for your goodness and for times to rejoice in your grace. We pray in Christ - your Beloved One, our Friend and Companion on the journey of life. Amen.**

Hymn: Open My Eyes, That I May See 371

Time with the children:

Hymn: Jesus Bids Us Shine 585

Prayer of Confession: (Responsive)

L: Sometimes you Call
P: and we're too busy to hear you.
L: Sometimes you Call
P: and we're too tired to care.
L: Sometimes you Call
P: and we're frozen by our fear.
L: Sometimes you Call
P: and we go, but unwillingly, pulling back every step of the way.
L: We ask that you would forgive us
P: our busyness, our tiredness, our fear, and help us to live life in your Call.
L: We ask this in the name of the One who walked with us each moment... Jesus the Christ. Amen.



Life And Work of St. James:

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Our congregation, like most, has ushers to greet people. We want to express in a tangible way that each of us and all people are welcome. We want you to be able to hear the message that there is a place for us. We welcome your presence. Our ushers also welcome your discipleship. And right up there with the things that matter most to us is our money. As we offer our dreams, our time, our involvement in this congregation and with God, our ushers accept our monetary gifts, our tithes, our envelopes, and our PAR cards. We are present in God's dream in our living.

Offering: Will You Come and Follow Me 96

Offertory Hymn: Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands 537

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, by the world's standards, we are a people rich in material goods. Free our hearts to give out of gratitude rather than guilt. Bless our offerings to the Mission and Service Fund that they may help level the playing field. Bless our offerings for the work of our ministry here in St. John's that we may share our resources, our sacred space, and our compassion for all people in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3: 1-20 (God calls Samuel)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 861
(God has searched and known me)

Anthem: Walk In the Light

Gospel: John 1: 34-51 (Jesus Calls Philip & Nathanael)

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 642

Sermon:

Pastoral Prayer:
The Lord's Prayer:



Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky 509

Commissioning:

We have been given a little time – Sabbath time this morning. We have been given a sanctuary set apart from the constant clamour of the world. We have been given companions on our journey – neighbours and friends, soulmates and strangers to pray with, to praise with, to hold each other and ourselves accountable. We have been given a little courage – to look more deeply into our failings and our faith. We have been given a covenant for creating healthy communities and connecting us to the Sacred Source of life.

Choral Benediction: To God's Loving Kindness

Organ Postlude:
(Resources being used today are from Gathering 2011-12)

January 15— Minute for Mission

Come to the Table

Mental illness and homelessness are serious problems that the United Church addresses through Mission and Service. Here is one example from Manitoba.

Ed had been homeless for about seven years. His life as a husband, father, and truck driver fell apart because of depression, alcohol, childhood trauma, and a marriage breakup.

In the midst of this turmoil, Ed discovered Oak Table Community Ministry in Augustine United Church, Winnipeg, and started to visit regularly. He became a “street dad” to the kids who showed up homeless, looking out for them, and pointing them toward supports like Oak Table.

Oak Table referred Ed to a research project focused on mental health issues and homelessness. After completing the program, Ed moved into his own, furnished apartment and is looking into becoming an Oak Table volunteer. Ed is absolutely thrilled, transformed, and grateful.

Oak Table serves between 40 and 60 people daily, many of whom are homeless. Some struggle with mental illness; some are kids with addictions fleeing abusive or unhealthy homes. Oak Table offers food, pastoral care, telephone and internet access, and special activities and events. With a local health unit, the ministry also offers workshops on nutrition and healthy living.

The need is great. Oak Table is the only community ministry in its part of Winnipeg. Oak Table counts on Mission and Service to sustain its ministry of hospitality. Your gifts helped Ed regain control of his life, and your continuing gifts to Mission and Service will help many others.

<u>Weekly Schedule</u>		<u>Time</u>
Today	Nursery and Sunday School	
Monday	Yoga	9:30 am
Wednesday	Singing Group	10:00 am
	Guitar Group	11 – 12:30 pm
	Youth Choir	7:00 pm
	AOTS Supper Meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday	Men’s Choir	8:00 pm
	Senior Choir	7:30 pm
	Friendship Group	2:00 pm
January 25		

Usher in Charge: Dave Hapgood

Greeters: Janice Winsor Linda Babstock

Ushers: Dorothy Hapgood Oliver Wellon
Jim Von Riesen Wayne and Maggie Skinner

Confirmation Class

Youth are reminded to meet with Susan following today’s worship service.

Intercultural Study Group

The group will resume their gatherings from 7-8 p.m. on Monday, January 16 in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

2012 Go Project

Are you finishing grade 8 this year? Or 19 years old or under and would like to join the GO experience? There will be a meeting for interested youth and parents on Sunday, January 22 at 12:30 p.m. to let you know about this year's programs and to preregister. For more information about the GO Project visit www.thegoproject.ca or for meeting and program information contact Susan at 722-1881 or youthchurch@stjamesuc.org

Scent Sensitive at St. James

Due to increased expression of health and allergy concerns, we are again asked to become “scent-sensitive” at St. James. In the interest of your church friends who have reactions to perfumes and colognes, you are asked **NOT** to wear such fragrances. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Bethany* from Gladys, Larry, Meredith, Melody and Marina Schofield.

We also acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Olive Pike* from Carmel, Tony, Amanda and Anthony Ross.



Memorial Fund

We acknowledge donations in memory of *Melita Saunders* from the following:

Gilbert and Lillian Thomas	Janice, Jennifer and Claire Tremblett
Albert and Vickie Styles	Ruby Matthews Betty Hanlon
Harold and Doreen Janes	Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike
Mary Daya	Rev. Wallace and Muriel Baker
Brenda and Sam Butt	

We also acknowledge donations in loving memory of the following:
Nina Hatcher from Re/Max Realty Specialists Limited, Leslie Hicks, Gordon Jin and Rebecca Law.

AND

Doreen Squires from St. James UCW.

Life and Work at St. James

We acknowledge a donation in memory of a loving wife *Melita Saunders* from Phil.

Music Program

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of *Melita Saunders* from Linda and Ed Murphy.

Office Administrator

St. James has an opening for full time position of Office Administrator. The Office Administrator is responsible for all general and administrative office duties for the Church. Persons interested in this position can drop off a copy of their resume to the Church office or email it to info@stjamesuc.org. Deadline for applications is January 24, 2012.

PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

The United Church of Canada administers this program. You decide the amount you wish to donate to the church, and your bank account will be debited on or about the 20th of the month.

Visa/Master Card: You can also use Visa/Master Card via the PAR Program. People wishing to do this are asked to call/email the church office for more details. (Small cards are also available to put in the offering plate in place of envelopes)

Post-Dated Cheques: This is another option for you. Leave your post-dated cheques at the office and we will deposit them accordingly.

Presently we have 48 families participating in the Par program. Many people use PAR for their offering, finding it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitment

PAR Cards – Pre Authorized Remittance

Persons using the PAR Program are reminded that there are special cards available to be used during the collection of the offering. (please check with one of the ushers or the church office)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2012

The St John's and Area Council of Churches has arranged the following services in cooperation with host congregations. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the services.

January 22 – 6:00 p.m. The S.A. Temple, Torbay Road

January 25 – 7:30 p.m. Pentecostal Church, Park Ave. Mt. Pearl

January 29 – 7:00 p.m. St. Peter's R.C. Church, Mt. Pearl

Morning Devotions

Jan 18 First United, Mount Pearl Jan 19 S.A., Ashford Dr. Mt. Pearl

Jan 20 Church of the Ascension, Mt. P Jan 23 Wesleyan, Park Avenue

Jan 24 Pentecostal, Park Ave. Mt. P. Jan 25 Church of the Good Shepherd

Material was developed by Christian churches in Poland. The theme is "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15: 51-58)

Topsail United Church celebrates its 175th Anniversary

A Ham and Bean Supper with a Variety Concert will be held on Monday January 23. The Supper will begin 5:30 and the Concert at 7 p.m. Cost \$10. To reserve tickets please call the Church Office at 834-4567.