

Today's bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of the following:

Our Dear Son David C. Bemister

From mom, dad, sisters Valerie and Karen and brother Glen.

Jack and Irene Hunt

From son Derek and grandchildren Lindsay and Jonathan.

February 5, 2012

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
Reader:	Dave Adams



Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit: I am a Child of God

Call To Worship: (back of bulletin)

Prayer of Approach: (back of bulletin)

Hymn: Arise, Your Light Is Come 79

Time with the children:

Baptismal Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (vs 1-3) 644

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Presentation

Parent's Declaration

Parent's Baptismal Vows



Congregational Commitment: (all stand)

We have heard the will of the parents. We have received these children in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of Christ. We will support these parents by providing an environment where love is shown and faith is nurtured. Amen

Statement of Faith: (unison)

God is Holy Mystery, beyond complete knowledge, above perfect description. Yet, in love, the one eternal God seeks relationship...We find God made known in Jesus of Nazareth, and so we sing of God the Christ, the Holy One embodied. We sing of Jesus, a Jew, born to a woman in poverty in a time of social upheaval and political oppression. He knew human joy and sorrow. So filled with the Holy Spirit was he that in him people experienced the presence of God among them. We sing praise to God incarnate. Jesus announced the coming of God's reign – a commonwealth not of domination but of peace, justice, and reconciliation. He healed the sick and fed the hungry. He forgave sins and freed those held captive by all manner of demonic powers. He crossed barriers of race, class, culture, and gender. He preached and practised unconditional love – love of God, love of neighbour, love of friend, love of enemy –and he commanded his followers to love one another as he had loved them.

(From Song of Hope, a United Church of Canada statement of faith.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Pouring of the Water:

Action of Baptism

Logan Stanley William Foote-Croft, son of Troy Croft and Susan Foote.
Gibson Jay Gollop, son of Richard and Wendy Gollop.

Blessing:

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Welcome:

Baptismal Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (vs 4-7) 644

Life And Work Of St. James:

Offertory Invitation: (unison)

Music and laughter, hands and minds, curiosity and compassion: what an abundance of gifts we have! All these gifts are symbolized in our offering today. As we present our monetary gifts, we also commit ourselves in service, as we worship God.

Offertory: God, Whose Almighty Word

Offertory Hymn: Praise God from whom all Blessing... 541

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

Gracious God, bless and transform all that we offer: our monetary gifts, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our hope, our risking, our hearts that your covenant may be written on our hearts and we may be a blessed and transformed covenant people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 40: 21-31
Those who wait upon God shall renew their strength

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 147 – Part One 869

Anthem: By The Well, A Thirsty Woman

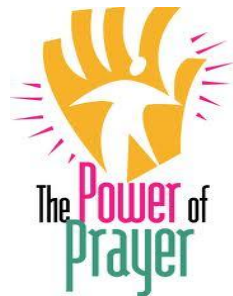
Gospel: Mark 1: 29-39
Simon's mother-in-law and many others are healed

Hymn: On Eagle's Wing 808

Meditation:

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer:

Hymn: Walk with Me 649



Commissioning: (unison)

God of the wilderness, be with us as we wander through the desert of our lives. Keep us from running back to the safety of old assumptions, and walk with us as we learn to live the life abundant.

Benediction:

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey; may the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road; may the love of Christ make us caring companions; as together we go forth into the community to share our lives in love.

Organ Postlude:

Minute for Mission -February 5—The Journeys of Black Peoples February is Black History Month. Here is one of the ways Mission and Service supports anti-racism work in the church.

In 2005, The United Church of Canada held a national consultation called The Journeys of Black Peoples in The United Church of Canada. The Journeys of Black Peoples network came into being out of that consultation because of members' concerns and the desire to live out the church's anti-racism policy. That policy states we will participate fully, organize for diversity, act justly, and speak to the world.

The Journeys network continues the consultation's work, aiming to achieve specific goals, including having national gatherings in 2007 and 2010. The Journeys of Black Peoples addresses the unique concerns of Black peoples in the United Church, dealing with inclusion, and advocating for justice to enable Black peoples to make more meaningful contributions to the whole church.

People who attended the 2010 national gathering reflected deeply on what it means to be African-born, Caribbean-born, and Canadian-born, to share a common racial identity, common cultural characteristics, and yet multiple identities. The group also considered relationships between Black and Aboriginal communities. They affirmed that Journeys is indeed intercultural because of the multiple cultures represented.

This network of Black peoples can alleviate some of the isolation and marginalization that many Black peoples express and will help us become a racially just church. The church's policy and the network gatherings and programs are all supported by Mission and Service. Together, we can fulfill our vision for the church.

St. James United Church

February 5, 2012

Mission Statement

The Church is a fellowship of believers who have responded to God's call through Jesus Christ. As members of a Christian community initiated by Christ to proclaim God's love for the whole creation, we are called to:

- (1) Believe in God and God's love made visible in Jesus Christ;
- (2) To participate in a spiritual journey, intentionally proclaiming, celebrating and deepening spiritual consciousness;
- (3) To be good stewards of all that we possess and to care for the earth which is God's creation;
- (4) To develop meaningful and caring relationships with others as well as with God;
- (5) To empower individuals and groups, in response to the call of Christ, to increase their awareness of the oppressive forces around them, and with God's help, to seek justice for all people.

Church Directory

Minister: Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation.. Rev. Pamela-Jones Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister Susan Sheppard
Minister Emeritus..... Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker
Clerk of Session Clyde Flight
Chief Usher David Hapgood
Organist & Sr. Choir Director..... Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist..... Allan Morgan
Youth Choir..... Doreen Brown
Children's Choir Susan Sheppard
Office Secretary/Manager Margaret Hodder
Church Custodians/Maintenance Keith Davis,
Dave Hapgood and Linda Martin

Weekly Schedule

Time

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Today	Nursery and Sunday School	
Monday	Yoga	9:30 am
Wednesday	Singing Group	10:00 am
	Guitar Group	11 – 12:30 pm
	Friendship Group	2:00 pm
	Youth Choir	7:00 pm
	Men's Choir	8:00 pm
Thursday	Senior Choir	7:30 pm

Usher in Charge: Barry Cutler
Greeters Bill and Cindy Pike
Ushers: Trevor, Janet, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett
John Stuckless and Sandra Thistle

Coffee Hour

Join us next Sunday following the worship service for coffee and refreshments. The coffee hour will be hosted by St. James Senior Choir. All are welcome!

Valentine's Day Tea... Escasoni Ministry



There will be a time of fellowship after the Escasoni service on Tuesday, February 14 from 3 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Room at St. James United. This is a small way to say thank you to those who volunteer with the ministry at Escasoni. If you have been involved in any way with this ministry (carol sing, monthly worship, etc.) please come along for a cup of tea and conversation. For more information contact Rev. Pamela at the church office.

2012 Go Project

Youth ages 14-19 are reminded to contact Susan if they are interested in participating in this year's Go Project.

Godly Play Training Forum - April 19-21.

Persons interested are asked to call Susan at 722-1881.

Valentine Dessert Auction

Join the Go Project for a Valentine Dessert Party/Auction and entertainment on February 10. Admission is \$5. Each table of 8 will pool their funds to bid on a selection of homemade desserts. The table with the highest bid chooses their dessert first.



Sympathy and Condolences

We express sincere sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of **Mr. Jack Hunt**. Mr. Hunt passed away on Monday, January 30. The funeral will take place at a later date in the Spring.

Memorial Fund

We acknowledge donations in memory of Melita Saunders from the following:
Ann Henry Philip and Mabel Sparkes

Life and Work at St. James Church

We acknowledge a donation in loving memory of wonderful dear mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Melita Saunders** from Gary, Linda, Steven and Jennifer Saunders and Kelly and Stefano DeCecco.

Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund

We acknowledge a donation remembering Bethany's birthday from Victoria Colbourne.

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)

Wesley United Church Thrift Shop

Wesley United Church (corner of Patrick Street and Hamilton Avenue) holds a Thrift Shop every Tuesday from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (weather permitting). Articles for sale include good quality children's & adult's clothes and household goods. All items are available for very affordable prices. A light lunch is also served. All are welcome.

Can mercy restore what genocide destroyed? A Laura Waters Hinson Film – As We Forgive, narrated by Mia Farrow will be presented at St. John's Chapel on Sunday, February 12 at 7 p.m. (Presented by Memorial University Chaplaincy) Admission and parking are FREE. Contact rwhalen@mun.ca for more information.

Eastern Wind Ensemble Gonzaga Concert Band – directors Ashley Sheppard and Doug Vaughan presents *Breaking New Ground* on February 13 at MUN School of Music at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. and \$10. (www.easternwindensemble.com)

ORGANIZATIONS & YOUTH GROUPS

CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair	Vacant	Last Tues.	7:30 p.m.
Past Chair	Steve Pike		
Admin/Communications	Vacant		
Council Secretary	Jan Winsor		
Board of Trustees	Hal Stanley	At call of Chair	
Worship & Sacraments	Trevor Bartlett	Last Sun. following	Worship
Faith Formation & Christian Education	Douglas Matthews	1 st Monday	
Property	Bill Legge	4 th Monday	
Finance	Brian Ramjattan		
Treasurer	Jean Thompson		
Stewardship	Vacant		
Ministry & Personnel	Gerry Mayo		

ORGANIZATIONS

Men's Service Club	Les Dean	3 rd Wednesday	5:30 p.m.
UCW Co-Presidents	Roma Paul & Jean White	2 nd Monday	7:30 p.m.
UCW Friendship Group	Winona Kelsey Ruth Baker	Barbara Butt	2 & 4 th Wed
Observer Rep	Al Penney		
Archives	June Jones		
Library	Vacant		
AOTS Choir	Doreen Brown		

MUSIC:

Children's Choir	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Youth Choir	Wednesday	6:45 p.m.
Senior Choir	Thursday	7:30 p.m.
St. James Band		
Sight Restored		
UCW Choir	1 st Monday	7:30 p.m.
AOTS Choir	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday	8:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUPS

Sunday S / Nursery	Rebecca Pike	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Drama Club	Vacant	Saturday	10:00 a.m.
Ready (11-13) Set (14+)	Rebecca Pike & Donna McPherson	Alternate Saturdays	7:30 p.m.
GO Youth			
Chief Usher	Dave Hapgood		

Help Us To Help You

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