

Congregational Meeting

At the last meeting of St. James Church Council on Thursday, June 28, a motion was passed to give notice to the congregation that there will be a congregational meeting after the church service on September 9 to seek the direction of the congregation on the joint search committee.

Summer Soloists

As the choirs take a break over the summer, we're looking for people to bring a musical offering to our services. Any and all types of music are welcome: sing, play, or dance by yourself or with friends. Anyone interested is invited to see Phil after the service or contact the church office 722-1881.

Condolences

We extend sympathy and condolences to Edna Bemister and family on the passing of her husband, Ray Bemister. Funeral services were held this past Tuesday here at St. James.

Go Project

The GO Project is happening THIS week! From July 22- August 2, there will be 20 youth, leaders and staff forming community, worshipping, sleeping and eating together here at St. James. They will be serving the St. John's community and working with a variety of different organizations throughout the 11 days. In order to help with the mission and work of GO we are in need of your help. We are looking for volunteer drivers to help shuttle the youth to and from mission sites. If you are interested and available to drive please contact Hillary MacDonald at 905-246-7386 or call Susan at the church. We also invite you to join us next week as GO leads worship and after the service for a hotdog lunch.

60th Wedding Anniversary

We would like to extend our congratulations to Eric and Helen Crummell who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 28. We wish you many more together!

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A Community of Friends in Faith



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WE HAVE SCENT-SENSITIVE CONCERNS

St. James United Church

July 22, 2012

11:00 a.m.

Minister:	Rev. Bill Bartlett
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
C.E. Lay Minister:	Susan Sheppard
Organist/Choir Director:	Dr. Philip Roberts
Assistant Organist:	Allan Morgan
Scripture Reader:	Cecil Templeman

Organ Prelude:

Welcome:

Introit:

Call To Worship: (responsive)

- L: Gather together on this Sabbath morning,
P: with the joy and courage of summer's greening and growth,
L: alongside the eternal song and swift journey of the happy brook,
P: beneath the morning's brightening rays and her shadows cast about with the leaves of the poplar.
L: Look! The Great Creator gives us earth and animates all of life.
P: God's blessings are like the dew on a tender, new blade of grass,
L: and the breeze in the grey wisps of the elder.
P: The Creator rejuvenates all with summer
L: and gentles the children of Earth into the call of rest.
P: Here we gather, lest we fail to notice –
L: grace abounding; life playing out; a gift being given.
P: As a people of the Sabbath, we open inward eyes,
L: and prepare room for the Divine to raise life in us anew.

Prayer of Approach: (unison)

O God, summer days call us to rejoice. In the beauty of this season, we see your presence and your love. We come into this sanctuary today to give you thanks for your presence with us, and to learn anew how best to be your people. Amen.

Hymn: Morning Has Broken

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Resources for the worship service were taken from GATHERINGS Summer 2011 and 2012.

Head Usher:	Audrey and Cecil Templeman
Greeters:	Carolann Kennedy Rebecca Ann Bartlett
Ushers:	Daphne Coish Rev. Bill Coish Phyllis Thomas Ike Thomas Sadie Keats Raymond Keats



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. 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.

Many Thanks

Mary Burry would like to thank everyone for helping her celebrate her 100th birthday and for all the wonderful cards, flowers, and gifts. The thoughtfulness showed by all was truly appreciated.

Construction

The work has started on the roof so access to the church may be limited during this time. Entrances into the church may have to rotate during construction so watch for signs indicating which ones to use. Sorry for the inconveniences this will undoubtedly cause.

Time with the Children:

Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful 291

Offertory Invitation:

Offertory:

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

Offertory Prayer: (unison)

We offer what we are able to give. We offer in humility and in thankfulness for all that has been provided for us. May what we give be used to build the Kingdom of your grace here in this place. May what we give find places of want so justice may be done and your love extended by our actions. Amen.

Life and Work at St. James:

GO Project Covenanting

Susan: Members of the congregation, will you support the GO Project as youth gather together, here at St. James over the next 11 days? Will you share with the GO Project your support, love of God and openness to this ministry?

Congregation: We will, God being our helper.

Prayer by Laying of Hands

Loving God, we thank you for your grace and presence in each of our lives as we open our hearts and minds to your leading. Please be present in us as we pray for the GO Project and its leaders. Strengthen them and us so that we can work diligently in your service. Please watch over us as we travel the uncertain path, and keep us safe in your loving community. We give thanks for willing servants in your

church, and we pray that you will lead them knowing you are ever with us. Amen

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

Let your word speak in each heart. Let your truth set each one free. Let your gospel inspire us for justice. Let your presence fill us with joy. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
David is not the one to build God’s house.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 23 749
God invites us to still waters.

Solo: How Great Thou Art Ryan Dean

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56
Jesus teaches from a boat and heals the sick.

Hymn: Come and Find the Quiet Centre 374

Sermon: “Jesus Was On Vacation”

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer:

Hymn: Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore 563

Commissioning: (unison)

As we go into the sweetness of this summer day, may we go refreshed by our worship together, inspired to be a blessing to all whom we meet, and sustained by the ever-flowing Spirit who blesses us with every breath. Amen.

Benediction:

Organ Postlude: