This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Charles Henry, September 23, 2009**,

from his daughter Anne.

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 St. James United Church

September 22, 2013/ Pentecost 18

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

Minister of Visitation/MUN Chaplain: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Clerk of Session: Susan Pike

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller

Assistant Organist: Gillian Burry

Choir: Youth & AOTS

Youth/AOTS Choir Director: Doreen Brown

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 **You may remain comfortably seated until invited to stand.**

**Organ Prelude:** *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* arr. Smith

 *Sarabande, Allemande, Rigaudon* Young

**Welcome**

**Introit:** *Listen* AOTS & Youth

**Hymn:** *Seek Ye First the Kingdom*356

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: Be still, and know that God is.

All: Before creation began, God was.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

All: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

One: Let us sing praise to our God.

 **Opening Prayer:** (together)
Grand designer of all things: the light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on Your lips. And it was good. Amen.

**Time with the Children**

**Hymn:** *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

**Offertory Invitation:** (together)

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we are about to bring our gifts to You, O God. Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart. Amen.

**Choir Offertory**: *Everyday People* AOTS

**Offertory Hymn:** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* 541

**Offertory Prayer:** (together)

Loving God, Parent of us all, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of Your creative Spirit. Multiply and use them to bring the word and the touch of Jesus to Your people in this place and throughout the world. Amen.

**Life and Work at St. James**

**Prayer for Illumination:** (together)

Loving God, You speak to us in so many ways: in the song of a bird, in the babbling of a brook, in the voices of our friends, in the hug from Mom or Dad, in the songs we sing, and in the stories of the Bible. Speak to us now through the reading of scripture. Help us to hear Your voice and follow the way of Jesus. Amen.

 **THE WORD OF GOD**

**First Testament:**Genesis 27: 1-4, 15-23, 28: 10-17

**Responsive Psalm 67:** *Let the peoples praise You, God*  786

**Gospel:** John 14: 15-28

**Anthem:** *Gonna Build an Ark* Youth

**Sermon**

**Hymn:** *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 344

**Prayers of the People**

**Closing Hymn:** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 333

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

**Choral Benediction***: My Peace AOTS*

**Postlude:** *Trumpet Voluntary* Clarke

(Prayers adapted from *Feasting on the Word* *Worship Companion, Celebrate God’s Presence*)

**Ushering this week is provided by:**

**Usher in Charge:** David Hapgood

**Greeters:** Susan and Stephen Pike

**Ushers:** Dorothy Hapgood, Eric Paul, Jennifer Neary, Claire Tremblett

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**A donation has been received for the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of Rita Hann from Lillian Thomas.

**Important! Our Thanksgiving Visitor** will be sent out during the week of October 7th. If you have any submissions for **The Visitor** at this time, please email them to info@stjamesuc.org (Subject: Thanksgiving Visitor) or drop them at the office by September 25th. That’s this coming Wednesday!

**The Observer:** Al and Minnie Penney have gracefully retired from their dedicated work to all Observer subscribers. Thank you Al and Minnie! Now we are looking for someone or two to continue their good work. Please contact SuAn for the details.

**Comprehensive Review Update:** Thank you to all who came out to the town hall meeting Wednesday night. Your contribution is appreciated. If there are other individuals and/or church groups who could not make the meeting, yet would like to get involved in crafting the future of our church, please contact our Communications Chair at janwinsor@yahoo.ca or the church office 722-1881 on or before Wednesday 25 September.

**St. James 55th Anniversary Celebrations:** On Friday, November 15th, we will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary with a dinner and auction at the Royal Canadian Legion in Pleasantville. This facility is wheelchair accessible. The dinner will start at 6:30 pm followed by a silent and live auction.

The cost of the dinner is $30 for adults and $20 for children under 12. It will consist of stuffed chicken breast and all the trimmings. Tickets are available at the church office and the deadline is November 3rd. When you purchase your tickets, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions such as diabetes or gluten-free and we will make sure that you have a dessert to enjoy.

If you do not have transportation or you don’t drive by night, we can arrange a ride for you. Just let us know when you purchase your ticket and we can get you there. If you are able to provide transportation, please let us know that as well.

We are looking for items for the auction such as baked items, knitted goods, sewn items, dinners, sailing trips, pictures, or anything you would like to donate, please drop them off to the office by November 10th. A form for your donation will be available at the church office and at the services on Sundays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office at 722-1881.

**An account has been set up at the Recycling Depot on O’Leary Avenue for the ‘GO Project.’** If youhave any refundable cans or bottles for recycling that you wish to donate, please bring them along to the O’Leary Avenue location and let them know they are for the ‘GO Project.’ O’Leary Avenue is across from the Avalon Mall parking lot.

**Rev. Terrie’s Bible Study** on the Book of Revelation continues: two time options are available, Mondays at 10am or Tuesdays at 7pm.

**Our Friendship Group** will begin their meetings on September 25th at 2pm. New members are always welcome.

**A Covenanting Service** for our Ministry team will be held on Thursday Sept. 26th at 7pm. Please join us for this special occasion.

**Infinitely More:** On Friday, September 27th at 7:30pm, the St. James GO Project will host Christian music duo, **Infinitely More**, for a night of inspirational entertainment! Husband and wife duo, Gerald Flemming and Allison Lynn, use guitars and vocal harmonies to create a joyful mix of acclaimed original songs and fresh interpretations of the classics. Blending Gospel, Praise & Worship, Country, Pop, and Jazz, **Infinitely More** wants to create a fresh new sound for the church. Admission is $10.

**Information Session for Caregivers**: Friday, September 27th at the Mount Pearl Seniors Independence Group, Park Avenue. Please see the flyer outside the office for details.

**The Gospel Folk:** The Gospel Folk is a new community seniors’ choir (50+). They invite enthusiastic men and women who love to sing gospel to join them – couples are especially welcome. The first rehearsal will be on October 6 at 2.30pm in the first floor lounge at the Kelly’s Brook Seniors’ Complex – please use the main entrance off Stamps Lane. For more information, please call Daphne Benson, 739-8714

Are you interested in taking part in a study being conducted by Mercy Winsor, research assistant with the Health Research Unit in the Community Health Division, Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University, titled "**Sustaining information technology used by older adults to promote autonomy and independence:  Newfoundland and Labrador cohort"**?

 Individuals must be living in and around St. John’s; be 50 years or older, have reduced computer use because of problems associated with arthritis/ chronic pain, and be interested in receiving in-home sessions by an experienced tutor to make computer use more comfortable.

If this interests you, please contact Mercy at 777.2098

**Our fall programs are up and running!** There is a hard copy schedule of events in the mail box outside the office door. If you wish to have access to view the computer calendar, please talk with SuAn.

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