This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

**Jack & Irene Hunt**,

from Derek, Jonathan and Lindsay.

 St. James United Church

 September 8, 2013

 Pentecost 16/Communion

Minister: Rev. Terrie Burry

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

Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM

Choir: Senior Choir

Organist/Senior Choir Director: Christine Tiller

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**Organ Prelude:** *Choral Song* Wesley

**Welcome**

**Hymn:** *All Creatures of Our God and King*217

**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:** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* 291

**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.

**Organ Offertory:** *Holy Manna* Traditional

**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 1: 1-2:4a

**Responsive Psalm:** 147 (part 1) 869

**Gospel:** John 1 : 1-5

**Anthem**

**Sermon**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** *All Who Hunger*  460

**The Great Thanksgiving:** (responsive)

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to our God who is love.

**All: It is good and right to give our thanks and praise.**
**One:** It is a right and good and joyous thing, always and everywhere, to give You praise, Creator of heaven and earth. You took the formless chaos, swept across it with Your mighty Spirit, and said, “Let there be light!” And there was light. You separated the heavens and earth and brought forth trees and

plants. You set sun, moon and stars in the heavens, and called forth fish, birds and all living creatures. You made us, creatures of Your own image, to live in communion with You. We long for relationship with You, yet we turn away. Still, You remain steadfast, calling us again and again to turn to You. For Your abundant grace and for all Your mercies toward us, we join Your people on earth and all the company of heaven in proclaiming Your praise.
**All:** (sung): O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
 All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to Your grace.
 Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings Your praise.
 And blessed is the one who comes and bears Your name always.
**One:** Holy and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ. You gave Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth, and so we follow Him. Jesus called us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in Your Triune name and learning together to obey everything that You have commanded. Jesus promised to be with us always, to the end of the age. On the day of His resurrection, He walked with two disciples to Emmaus and sitting at table with them, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and they saw the mystery of faith.
**All:** (sung) Sing Christhas died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

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 **One:** We pray You, God of love, send Your Spirit upon these, the gifts of Your creation: grain, grapes and us Your children. Strengthen us to do Your will, to baptize and to teach, and to always walk with Jesus Christ. Through Him, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.



**Breaking the Bread & Pouring the Cup**

**Invitation to the Feast**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion by Intinction**

**Prayer after Communion:** (unison)

Holy One, nourished at Your table with food, fellowship and the gift of Your Spirit, we pray You send us out into Your world sharing Your grace and mercy with all Creation. Walk with us on the journey, filling us with strength, guiding us with light and holding us in love. We pray together in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray to You saying those ancient words, “Our Father…….”

**Closing Hymn:** *Creating God, We Give You Thanks* 292

**Blessing & Sending Forth**

 **ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH**

 **September 8, 2013**

 **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.

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**Church Directory**

 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

 Chief Usher…………………………………………….David Hapgood

 Organist & Senior Choir Director……………Christine Tiller

 Assistant Organist…………………………………..Gillian Burry

 Youth/Men`s Choir Director………………… Doreen Brown

Office Administrator……………………………….SuAn Randall

Church Custodians/Maintenance……………Keith Davis, David Hapgood and Linda Martin

**Ushering this week is provided by:
 Usher in Charge:** Oliver Wellon

 **Greeters:** Tom Rose, Maxine Rose

 **Ushers:** Linda Babstock, Jan Winsor, Baxter Howse, Phil Saunders

**Communion Servers:** Joel LeFeuvre, Hannah Sheppard, Mary Hood

**Donations have been received** in loving memory of Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker for the **Cemetery Fund** from Shirley Bursey and for **the Mission & Service** Fund from Muriel Cole.

This morning we take great pleasure in welcoming **Christine Tiller as our new Organist and Senior Choir Director.** Christine has had extensive experience in similar positions with at least five Churches in Ontario, as well as other churches in Regina, Saskatchewan and Saint John, New Brunswick. Christine returned to Newfoundland and Labrador during the summer of 2007 and has provided organ supply in a number churches in the St. John's and Carbonear areas. Christine maintains a private voice and piano studio as well as an auditioned studio choir of her vocal students. Welcome, Christine, and we look forward to enjoying your gift of music with our Choir.

**John Wesley Parker** has left St. John’s for a while and is now teaching at the Mushuau Innu Natuashish School in Natuashish, Labrador for the school year. We extend great thanks to him for all the work he has done on keeping our website up to date, and wish him well in his new job. He will be back in St. John's for next summer.

We offer a big welcome and thank you to **Glenda Winsor** for coming on board to be our new web administrator!

**Our UCW Monthly Meetings** begin tomorrow, Monday at 7.30pm

**Escasoni Worship:**  Services at the Escasoni Complex will begin again this Tuesday, September 10th.  Volunteers are always needed to help with transporting residents to and from the worship area, as well as during worship.  If you have never been a volunteer for this special ministry, why not come along? Perhaps, you have a talent you wish to share with residents, such as a vocal or instrumental performance. We would love to have you!  We gather at 1:30 in the main auditorium.  Worship begins at 2 pm and usually lasts for a half hour.  If you have any questions or would like to know more about this ministry please contact Rev. Pamela at the church office or by email at mununitedchaplain@gmail.com

**The first meeting of your Church Council** will be held on Tuesday Sept 10th, beginning at 7:30 pm.

**Go Project and Rendezvous meeting** for youth and parents interested in taking part in summer 2014 activities: after church on September 15th.

**Rev. Terrie will be conducting a one-hour Bible Study** on the Book of Revelation over a 5 week period. Two time options are available, commencing Monday Sept. 16 at 10am or Tuesday Sept. 17th at 7pm. If this interests you, please show up!

**The first fall dinner meeting of the Men’s Service Club** will be held on Wednesday September 18th at 5.30pm.

**Comprehensive Review:** A town hall session will be held in the Sanctuary of St. James on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:30pm so that our congregation can be included in a church-wide conversation that the [Comprehensive Review Task Group](http://www.united-church.ca/general-council/gc41/comp-review) is leading about our future.  The task group believes God is at work in the world and is calling our church to the threshold of something new.  Where do you see that happening?  What new models, structures, and processes would nurture our vitality as communities of faith?  Our Moderator has invited us to be part of this important conversation which will help shape the recommendations we will build together for the 42nd General Council in 2015.  For more information, please visit [www.stjamesuc.org](http://www.stjamesuc.org/) and follow the links for **Comprehensive Review Task Group FAQs**and **Comprehensive Review Consultation Questions for Congregational Panels**.

**Burry Heights Day** will be a day of fun, food, friendship and song. Mark your calendars for September 21st and tell your friends.

**Our Friendship Group** will begin their meetings on September 25th at 2pm.

**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.

**St. James Go Project Youth** presents  *A Spirit of Newfoundland Dinner Theatre Fundraiser  “Beatles…. Back In The N.F.L.D.”*  Join us for an evening of entertainment and food, provided by Spirit of Newfoundland!  October 17th at 7pm, doors open at 6pm; tickets $80 per person ($30 tax receipt) at the Masonic Temple, 6 Cathedral Street. For Tickets please contact Rebecca Pike or the Church office.

**Project Grace** is seeking volunteers for its brand new fundraising committee. This committee will be responsible for brainstorming and executing 2 - 3 major fundraising events for the After School Music Program. If you are interested in being involved, please email Gillian Sheppard at projectgracenl@gmail.com or call 725.4529

**Financial Update:** St. James financial position to July 31st, 2013.
 Revenue Total                                 187,072.69

Expense Total                                  220,164.81
Net Deficit                                       -33,092.12

***Behold* Conference in Halifax, October 24th-27th**. *Behold* is an intercultural experience with practical workshops and insightful keynote speakers. It is not limited to race or ethnicity, but engaged with all kinds of difference including age, gender identity, ability, ideas, and beliefs. If this interests you, please see the flyer at the front of the church or outside the office for more details, and register before October 15th for a discount.

**If you have an announcement** you would like to see here, please email SuAn at info@stjamesuc.org. She is now in the office on Monday afternoons, 1-4.30, Tuesdays thru’ Thursdays, 9.30-1 and 1.30-5, and Friday mornings 9.30-1.

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