

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of

A cherished mother, Roma Paul

from Nancy and Anthony Paul.

"Her kind and loving spirit will stay with us forever."

And also in memory of

A loving mother, Winne Parsons

from Louise & Tom Harris.

St. James United Church

May 8, 2016/Christian Family Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Terrie Jackson
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Choirs:	Youth, AOTS
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Music Director:	Amy Dalziel
Musicians:	St. James Guitar Group

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.

Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude: *Please feel free to follow along with the projected words.*

Welcome & Life and Work of St. James

Passing the Peace of Christ:

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

One: You are invited to share in the peace of Christ with your neighbours.



Call To Worship: (responsive)

One: Christian Family Sunday is a time to celebrate the family that we connect with.

All: It is a time for celebrating where we live and who we live with.

One: It is a time for connecting and for setting free.

All: Today, let us sing our celebration for our families, as well as our worldwide Christian family!

Opening Prayer: (responsive)

One: Loving God, we thank You for our family circle.

All: Our family is a group of people who understand us and accept us as we are.

One: Loving God, we thank You for our family circle.

All: Our family is there for us when life is testing, there for us when the going is rough.

One: Loving God, we thank You for our family circle.

All: Our family is aware of our resistance to change, not afraid to challenge us.

One: Loving God, we thank you for our family circle.

All: Our family was there for us in times past, strong support for today, to be relied on in coming days.

One: Loving God, we thank You for our family circle,

All: which is sometimes family of birth or adoption, and sometimes a varied group of people who have come into our lives. We are thankful for our family circle, however it came to us. Amen.

Hymn: *The God of the Mountain*

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known.
Then things change and you're down in the valley,
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone.

*Chorus: For the God of the Mountain is still God in the valley,
When things go wrong, He'll make them right.
And the God of the good times is still God of the bad times;
The God of the day is still God of the night.*

You talk of faith when you're up on the mountain,
Though the talk comes so easy when life's at its best.
But down in the valley, of trials and temptations,
That's when faith is really put to the test.
Chorus

Children's Time & the Circle Song

Anthem: *Somebody's Knockin'*

Youth

Minute for Mission and Invitation to the Offering

Offering: *Take Time to be Holy*

Guitar Group

Offertory Hymn: *We Love the Place, O God*

We love the place, O God wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode all earthly joy excels.

It is the house of prayer wherein thy servants meet
As Thou, O Lord, art there Thy chosen flock to greet.

We love the Word of life, the Word that tells of peace,
Of comfort in the strife, and joys that never cease.

We love to sing below for mercies freely given,
But oh, we long to know the triumph song of heaven.

Lord Jesus, give us grace on earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face, and with Thy saints adore.

Offertory Prayer (together) Loving and gracious God, great is Your faithfulness,
great is Your mercy, great is Your love. We offer our gifts in gratitude for all You
have given to us. We offer our gifts that others might come to know the wonders
of Your love. Accept them, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Readings

New Testament: Acts 16: 16-34

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 97 817

Hymn: *How Beautiful Heaven Must Be*

We read of a place that's called heaven; it's made for the pure and the free.
These truths in God's Word He hath given; how beautiful heaven must be.

*Chorus: How beautiful heaven must be, sweet home of the happy and free;
Fair haven of rest for the weary; how beautiful heaven must be.*

In heaven no drooping nor pining, no wishing for elsewhere to be,
God's light is forever there shining. How beautiful heaven must be.

Chorus

The angels so sweetly are singing up there by the beautiful sea.
Sweet chords from their gold harps are ringing. How beautiful heaven must be.

Chorus

Gospel: John 17: 6-19

Anthem: *God's Choir*

AOTS

Hymn: *A Mother's Love is a Blessing*

An Irish boy was leaving, leaving his own native home,
Crossing the broad Atlantic, once more he wished to roam.
And as he was leaving his mother, who was standing on the quay,
She threw her arms around his waist and this to him did say:

*Chorus: A mother's love's a blessing, no matter where you roam.
Keep her while she's living; you'll miss her when she's gone.
Love her as in childhood, though feeble, old and grey,
For you'll never miss your mother's love till she's buried beneath the clay.*

And as the years go onwards I'll settle down in life,
And choose a nice young colleen, and take her for my wife.
And as the babies grow older and climb around my knee
I'll teach them the very same lesson that my mother taught to me.
Chorus

A Time of Prayer

Closing Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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Blessing & Sending Forth

Musical Postlude *Please feel free to follow along with the projected words.*

Ushering this week is provided by:

Ushers in Charge: Barbara Butt

Greeters: Menetha Dyke, Glenda Butt, Shirley Bursey,

Ushers: Joan Barbour, Lorraine Boland



Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices

Wheelchairs

Enlarged Bulletins

AED(Automated External Defibrillator)

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one
of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

Financial update January to March 31, 2016:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue:		
Collections	\$43,932	\$53,750
Rentals	9,498	10,500
All other	<u>12,684</u>	<u>16,475</u>
Total Revenue	\$66,114	\$80,725
Expenses:		
Church	\$29,420	\$24,900
Assessments	5,643	5,643
Committees	9,672	3,979
Salaries	<u>56,291</u>	<u>55,335</u>
Total Expenses	\$101,026	\$89,857
Net Deficit	(\$34,912)	(\$9,132)

You will notice above that our collections are down \$10,000 from the amount budgeted for that period of time. Our expenses are up a little, due to the timing of the oil bills, and the fact that we paid the Go Project registration to host the event.

The Roof Loan will be paid off in 2017, at a cost of \$1,250 per month plus interest.

With the summer coming and people going to the country or doing family events, please consider joining PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance), using the donate button on our website or dropping off post dated cheques. This way your givings will remain up to date.

Regarding Lent, Easter and the Hymn Sing in April, we struggled with Lent, with a budget of \$3,000, and a Lenten collection of \$475. Unfortunately, we did not adequately communicate about not using Lenten cards, and neglected to send out envelopes. Our Easter budget was \$5,000 and we collected \$5055; the Hymn Sing budget was \$5,000 and we collected \$4760.

It seems the Finance Committee is always reporting doom and gloom when it comes to the church finances, but unfortunately the church cannot run without adequate income. The Church Council is working on a few fund raisers for the fall, so please stand by for these announcements, and please make a special effort to take part.

Finance Committee