

This bulletin is dedicated in celebration of
the 25th Wedding Anniversary of
Gloria and Keith Le Feuvre,
who were married at St. James United on August 24, 1991.

St. James United Church

August 28, 2016/Pentecost XV

Minister of Visitation: Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist: Ashley Ruby
Senior Choir Director: Emma Clark
Soloist: Sophie Shoemaker

Please remain seated comfortably until invited to stand.
Please turn off your cell phone during the Service.

Musical Prelude

Acknowledgment of Country and First Peoples

Welcome and Life and Work of St. James

Lighting of the Community Candle

Sharing The Peace:

One: The peace of God is here.....to stay.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbours.

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As we enter into this sacred place, put away the pressures of the world that ask us to perform, to take up masks, to put on brave fronts. Silence the voices that ask you to be perfect. This is a community of compassion and welcoming.

All: We bring all that we are, and all that we yet can be, to this safe and holy place.

Opening Prayer: (together) God of Extravagant Welcome, like flickering candles on a table the soul of each person illumines the heart of our gathered community, and in the radiance of the whole, we recognize Your presence.

Hymn: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down, v.1, 2, 4* 395

Children's Time & the Circle Song

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

Invitation to the Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart, chorus* MV79

Offertory Dedication: (together) We look for a gentler humanity, a kinder world: with our money and with our hearts, with our minds and with every good intention, let this be our prayer and our deed. Amen.

Silence

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Musical Offering

Sophie Shoemaker

Gospel Reading: Luke 14: 1, 7-13

Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* 457

Meditation

Responsive Prayer:

One: In the midst of hunger and war

All: we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

One: In the midst of oppression and tyranny

All: we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

One: In the midst of doubt and despair

All: we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

One: In the midst of fear and betrayal

All: we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

One: In the midst of hatred and death

All: we celebrate the promise of love and life.

One: In the midst of sin and decay

All: we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

One: In the midst of death on every side

All: we celebrate the promise of the Living Christ.

Closing Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide* MV 145

Parting Words: (responsive)

One: For the blessings we each bestow on one another with our energy, compassion, and prayer, we give thanks.

All: For the blessings we become to others in need, we give thanks and remember that we are not alone.

Words of Blessing followed by Musical Postlude

Ushering this week is provided by Usher in Charge: Baxter Howse
Greeters and Ushers: Bill & Glenda Butt, Menetha Dyke, Sylvia Cole



Life and Work, August 28, 2016

We offer our condolences to Bradley Moss and family on the passing of Bradley's father, Dr. Larry Moss, on August 10, and also to Gerri and Roger Barbour on the passing of Gerri's father, Patrick Dempsey, on August 21.

We acknowledge a donation to the Roof Fund in loving memory of a wonderful father, Gilbert Hiscock, from Patsy.

We offer our congratulations to Amy Skinner and Jason Churchill, who were married from St. James yesterday.

We give a big thank you to Alex Hickman who ran the office during the past 7 weeks, and wish him well in his future studies in the UK.

Moving forward: Last Sunday, we said farewell to Rev Terrie before she moves on to her new position at Sherwood Park United. While we go through the process of selecting a full time minister to replace her, Rev. Pamela and Susan have graciously agreed to share the Ministerial duties, thus making for a smooth transition over the fall. Your Church Council is very pleased with this arrangement.

We also welcome Ashley Ruby as our new organist and Emma Clark as our new Choir Director. Please take a moment to get to know them as we look forward to great leadership in music. They will be more formally introduced at a later date, but many of you will know Emma as a member of our Congregation and choir.

St. James United Church Senior Choir is recruiting! If you have any interest in singing at all, we would love to have you come out and sing with us! We rehearse once a week and sing in church twice a month. This choir is open to ALL skill levels - we're all about making music together and having fun. Please contact Emma Clark at emmalcclark@gmail.com if you have any questions or if you would like to join!

Join us as we bring summer holidays to a close with a bonfire and worship at Middle Cove beach on Wednesday, August 31. We will start the fire around 6pm and worship at 7 pm. Bring your own chairs, refreshments, hot dogs and sticks for the roasting. Susan will bring the marshmallows. This is an event for all ages so all are most definitely welcome.