

Ushering this week is provided by: Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo, Kennedy Collins, Sara Collins, Sophie Fitzgerald, Nick Adams and Jennifer Bartlett

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the **Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** from Duncan Crabtree, a participant of the GO program this summer at St. James.

Project Grace is pleased to offer *Summer Music Lessons for Adults!* Weekly evening classes in piano, flute, clarinet, violin and cello - \$120 for 8 weeks of group lessons taught by Project Grace's own Teaching Artists. Registration online: <https://goo.gl/forms/qpbnG0JpdJw7EkAO2> or by emailing projectgracenl@gmail.com.

St. James is looking for members to join its Diversity Committee, which will help to initiate and organize the process of discernment towards becoming an Affirming Ministry congregation. We welcome members of all walks of life, of any age, race, gender or sexual identity. We wish for this committee to be as diverse as possible so that many voices can be heard in this process. For more information and to join, please contact Chelsea Skanes at 699-5214, or chelseaskanes@hotmail.com.

July 26: The United Church Bookstore & Gifts will be having a sidewalk sale **from 11am-2pm**. If the weather is not favourable the sale will be held on August 1st. As well, the Newfoundland & Labrador Conference Office will be hosting a barbecue with hot dogs and refreshments. All welcome.

July 27: The Alzheimer's Society of Newfoundland and Labrador is hosting a Lunch & Learn webinar! Please feel free to join them from 12:30-1:30pm. If you are interested in registering for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or, give a call at [\(709\) 576-0608](tel:7095760608).

August 16: Join us as we come together in hearing Reverend Dr. John Pentland speak about ministry, from 7:00-9:30pm at Gower Street United Church. Admission is \$10.



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St. James United Church

July 23rd, 2017/7th Sunday After Pentecost

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| Minister: | Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald |
| Minister of Youth/Christian Education: | Susan Sheppard, DLM |
| Acting Minister of Visitation: | Rev. Ettie Gordon-Murray |
| Organist: | Bob Rose |

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

Musical Prelude

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

Welcome & Life & Work of St. James



Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Lighting of the Community Candle

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: People of God, come with a Spirit of Joy!

All: We come to worship God with hearts and hands and voices.

One: People of God, come with humility and simplicity!

All: We come to worship deeply aware that we long to be more. Let us worship God, be filled with God, and be changed by God. Amen.

Opening Prayer: (together)

One: When sunlight brightens the morning sky,

All: You are with us, Creator God.

One: When rain refreshes the growing grain,

All: You are with us, Creator God.

One: In the midst of family fun and adventures with friends,

All: You are with us, Gracious God.

One: As we meet to pray and to praise You,

All: You are with us, God, made known in faith community, Thank You and amen.

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| Hymn: | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | VU220 |
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Children's Time

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| Hymn: | In the Quiet Curve of Evening | VU278 |
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Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S provide refuge. The solid door opens to a place of warmth & welcome for young women between the ages of 16-30 who find themselves on the street for a variety of reasons. Naomi House in St. John's is a part of Stella's Circle and the former home of the founder and namesake of social worker, Stella Burry. Burry worked with the United Church of Canada to introduce community development to the people of St. John's in the 1930's and her legacy is still making a difference today. The staff at Naomi House offers emergency help, housing and employment support to young women. The rooms the women stay in are simply furnished, yet there is a sense of comfort and safety here. Naomi House has been mending the lives of young women for decades. We sing thanksgiving that together through our gifts to M&S we can change lives and mend the world.

Offertory Invitation

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| Solo: | We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder | Susan Sheppard |
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| Offertory Hymn: | Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands | VU537 |
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Offertory Dedication: (together)

Loving God, may these offerings cause you to weep with joy. Though sometimes we may be a stiff-necked people, we are also filled with your Spirit. From Your Spirit comes our response and these resources returned to You. Bless what is upon these offering plates. Breathe life into paper, coin and cheques, that Your Spirit may be witnessed in what is made possible by the great generosity of Your people. Amen.

Scripture Readings

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| Hebrew Scripture: | Genesis 28: 10-19a | Sophie Fitzgerald |
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| Instrumental Solo | Gillian Sheppard |
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| Gospel: | Matthew 10: 24-39 |
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| Hymn: | Spirit, Open My Heart | MV79 |
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Meditation

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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| Closing Hymn: | Go to the World | VU420 |
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Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude