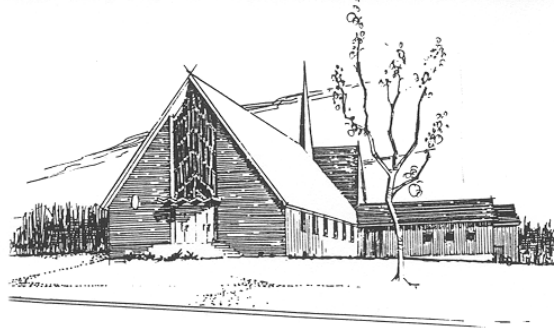


St. James United Church

A Community of Friends in Faith
330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1T9
August 12, 2018



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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August 12th, 2018

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Bob Rose
Musical Offering:	Rebecca-Ann Bartlett
Usher in Charge:	Janet Bartlett
Greeter:	Trevor Bartlett
Ushers:	Allison Bartlett, Jennifer Bartlett Kate Bartlett, Gloria Le Feuvre

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Life & Work of St. James

Lighting the Community Candle

Passing the Peace

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: When the people were sick, Jesus healed them;

All: when they were hungry. Jesus fed them;

One: when waves threatened, Jesus calmed the waters.

All: As in the past, so it is today; Jesus heals us when we are sick; Jesus feeds us when we are hungry; Jesus brings peace to our stormy lives. Let us come, seeking Jesus Christ as we worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) We gather for Your blessing, O God, we of all genders and all ages. We gather to receive Your teaching. We gather to be shaped by You. We gather in worship, seeking encouragement, hope, direction, and peace. Even as we confess our failings, You lift our drooping chins, turning us to move forward. How endless is Your love. Praise be to You, O God. Amen.

Hymn: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 220

Minute for Mission

Offertory Invitation: (one) The journey within life can be long and challenging, yet it is made more manageable when it is shared with one another. We are invited to share our resources for the work and ministry of this congregation. Through our gift to Mission and Service, we share in God's mission to the world as part of the United Church of Canada. Engaging the wholeness of life is what seeking to find the Love of God is all about. Finding this wholeness is what challenges many today. The work of the church is to accompany seekers as they journey toward this wholeness, and so we offer our support in the form of these gifts. Our offering will be received.

Offering

Offertory Chorus

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We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O God, from thee.

Offertory Dedication: (together) We bring before You, God, our gifts - gifts of our labours, gifts from our hearts, gifts that remind us that life is to be shared with others as we face our hopes and challenges. Bless these offerings, and the spirit in which they have been given, in Christ's name. Amen.

Responsive Psalm Reading: Psalm 130 pg. 852-853

Hymn: *Seek ye First the Kingdom of God* 356

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Solo: "Spirit Dancing" Rebecca-Ann Bartlett

Meditation

Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God Today* 625

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *O Jesus I Have Promised* 120

Commissioning and Benediction

One: May God of the unexpected, surprise us this week, with blessings where we thought there were only burdens, life where we saw only death

All: Then may we be the ones who offer life, surprising others with our generosity

Musical Postlude

St. James United Church Life and Work, August 12, 2018

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.
Giving's for: July 22: \$3,701
July 29: \$3,002

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

to the General Fund

- *in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Barbra and David Adams;
- *in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Gilbert and Lillian Thomas
- *in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim, from Bill and Glenda Butt
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- *in loving memory of Mildred Bonnell, from Marilyn Hollett

to the Painting and Cleaning Fun

- *from Rose Thain

to the Youth Ministries Fund

- *in celebration of the marriage of Paul Walsh and Robin Bartlett from Betty and Dave Mose

Members of our choirs and congregation, now that the Music Program has finished for the summer, please consider sitting in the choir pews! No musical/vocal experience or expertise required!

Tickets are now available for purchase or reservation from our Church Office for our Diamond Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

Beginners' Yoga is taking place Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm at Cochrane Centre, in the sanctuary. All levels are welcome. Mats provided. For further information, please contact 754-2532.

Save the Date! The annual bonfire & worship at Middle Cove Beach will be on Wednesday, August 29th. More details to come later in the month!

Grief and Bereavement Information Session

Date: August 14, 2018

Time: 7 – 9

Location: In the Cafeteria Conference Room (behind the Cafeteria) at Dr. L. A. Miller Centre

Minutes for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support community ministries like one in North Bay, Ontario. The Community Homeownership Action Group Project (HOAP) works with families to enable them to become homeowners – whether it is assistance to purchase a house, or renovations to allow a family to remain in their current residence. The coordinator of HOAP noted that families in the program are hard-working & motivated to accomplish the goal of ownership. Without the support of the organization & assistance from the United Church, the obstacles would be too great to overcome. She states it is a privilege to participate in a program that works alongside its participants to create meaningful change in their lives & our community – M&S makes this possible.

Courageous Leading and Living: A Circle of Trust® Professional Retreat This professional retreat welcomes educators, health care professionals, clergy, business and community leaders and anyone seeking to exercise leadership with authenticity and integrity. The retreat cost is \$300. This includes daily tea/coffee and snacks and lunch on Saturday. To register or for more information email Michael at michael.saver@rogers.com.

Spaces are limited, early registration is recommended.

When and Where?

Friday September 28th (6:30pm – 9pm)

Saturday September 29th (8:30am – 4pm)

Sunday September 30th (8:30am - 12pm)

Presentation Sisters Retreat House,
47 Parsonage Drive, St. John's, NL

VOWR presents Kevin Collins “The Moment Is Mine”, at Wesley United Church (corner of Patrick St. & Hamilton Avenue) on September 27th at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by contacting Radio Station VOWR at 579-9233; Fred's Records, 198 Duckworth St.; Outfitters Army Navy Store, 1091 Topsail Road; or O'Brien's Music, 278 Water St.