

St. James United Church

September 9, 2018/Creation Time 1

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	enior
Usher in Charge:	Robin Bartlett
Greeters/Ushers:	Paul Walsh, Marilyn Adams, Gloria Le Feuvre, Allison Bartlett

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

Acknowledgement of Land

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Community Candle

Entry into the Celebration

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As the sun endures, and the moon glows,

All: changing days speak of God's glory.

One: As the rainbow arcs through grey clouds,

All: colours speak of God's glory.

One: As Earth provides sustaining food,

All: harvests speak of God's glory.

One: As people gather to praise God's name,

All: we speak of God's glory.

One: Amen, Amen and Hallelujah!

Opening Prayer: (together) Today we celebrate our growing awareness of our humanity. We bring our empty hands and ask You to fill them. We bring our heavy hearts and ask You to share our load. We bring skin of many shades and sensitivities, eyes that yearn to see, and ears that wait in silence and noise for the sound of Your presence. Amen.

Hymn: *This Is God's Wondrous World*

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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.

Reading: 'Creation Accounts in Genesis' by Miriam Therese Winter
**Response, All: Mother earth, sister sea, giving birth, energy,
reaching out, touching me lovingly.**

Children's Time, Birthdays, Anniversaries & other Celebrations

Hymn: *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker* MV30

Introduction to Offering

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Called by Earth and Sky chorus* MV135
*Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of life sanctified,
Called by earth and sky.*

Prayer of Dedication: (together) Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Holy Mystery who is wholly love, we dedicate these gifts for the healing of Your creation. May we be good stewards of these riches that You have entrusted to us. Amen.

Silence

Epistle: James 2: 1-10, 14-17
Faith without works is dead.

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37
The Syrophenician woman's faith challenges Jesus.

Hymn: *Healer of our Every Ill* 619

Meditation

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn: *Draw the Circle Wide* MV145

Parting Words:

One: Will you care for creation?

All: We will care for creation! We will celebrate life!

One: This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

All: We belong to the earth.

Words of Blessing

Musical Postlude

Minute for Mission

Our gifts for M&S support theological training at 7 schools across Canada and 3 educational centers. The Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is a small university whose commitment is to *“serve Christ’s mission by shaping effective and faithful ordained and lay leaders and understanding among communities of faith.”* AST was formed in 1971 through the joint vision of its founding parties- the United, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches of Canada. It is located on the site of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, which has provided theological education since 1878. Thanks to the board of governors, faculty staff and the support of the 3 founding parties, AST continues to train, support and prepare leaders to face the unique challenges of ministry in the 21st century. One candidate for ministry notes: *“AST was my first choice for theological education because of its commitment to ecumenism and interfaith dialogue”*. Effective leadership in the church today means that we are not only able to educate and care for our local congregation, but also able to engage with our neighbours outside the church walls with respect and a deep sense that we are all children of God. M&S makes theological education for students, clergy and lay worship leaders possible.

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.

St. James United Church Life and Work, September 9, 2018

We offer our condolences to Gary & Delores Martin, their family and friends, on the passing of Gary’s father, Wesley Martin on August 30. His funeral service took place from Carnell’s Funeral Home on September 3.

We also offer our condolences to Graham & Ethel Verge, their family and friends, on the passing of Graham’s sister, Dorothy Marie Clarke on September 1.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the following:

- *student Katelyn Mayo for her work at St. James this summer;
- *Mr. & Mrs. B. Wedgewood and Menetha Dyke for taking such wonderful care of the beautiful church flower beds. Thank you to all!

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- * **to the Operating Expenses of St. James** from the estate of Barbara Moore;
- ***to St. James United Church** in loving memory of Wesley Martin from Joss & Gracie Wood;
- ***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Wesley Martin from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas;
- ***new Sunday School supplies** in loving memory of Ross Pilgrim from Katelyn Mayo.

Financial Update:

To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115.
(This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)
Giving's for: August 19: \$2,611
 August 26: \$2,511
 September 2: \$3,351

Our UCW will meet tomorrow evening, September 10, at 7:30 in the Auditorium

The next Pleasant View Towers Worship Service will take place at 2pm on Tuesday, September 11. Volunteers are asked to meet at 1.30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome!

Weekly Senior Choir practices resume in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30pm. New members are most welcome!

The St John's English Country Dancers begin their Fall Session in our Fellowship Room on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 to register, then \$7 weekly. If interested to join, please contact Gail Bartholomew, 745-3881. New members 16 years and older are welcomed!

Wednesday, September 12: Our weekly Youth Choir practices resume at 7pm. New members are most welcome!

Tickets for our Diamond Anniversary Celebrations are available for purchase or reservation from our Church Office. This milestone event will take place on Saturday, November 17 at 6 for 6:30pm in the Auditorium. Cost is \$25 per ticket.

Looking ahead in September:

*next Thursday, September 13: *Not a Bible Study* resumes;

*next Saturday, September 15: Back to School BBQ for students / young adults – a fundraiser for our Youth Ministries; 12:30-3:30 at St. James;

*next Saturday, September 15: Burry Heights Day; see posters! Purchase tickets for the dinner theatre at 754-8824;

*next Sunday, September 16: Terry Fox walk with our youth group. If you are interested in joining or sponsoring the team, or just making a donation, please talk with Katelyn Mayo, Hannah Sheppard, or any members of the youth group!

*Monday, September 17: Weekly *Sewing Studio* opens: 3-5pm.

*Saturday, September 22, our first monthly congregational board game night will be held from 6:30-8:30 in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! There will be coffee, tea, snacks and board games for everyone to enjoy!

*Sunday, September 23: The second annual Diversity Fair after the 11am service, from 12-2! St. James is a diverse community that welcomes all, and promotes inclusion of all persons in our community as an acknowledgement that every individual is equal and important to our mission. If you are willing to lend your time and talent for this event, please let SuAn know and we'll be in touch.

The next Grief and Bereavement Information Session in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre on Tuesday, September 18, 7-9pm. For further Information, please contact Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes at 777-2167, peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca or **Mag Snook** at 777-8972, margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca

Second annual Ovarian Cancer Symposium featuring presentations on topics that range from how to recognize the symptoms of ovarian cancer, understanding and coping with the disease, to genetic research and testing presently taking place in NL. Saturday, September 15 at the Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University Campus for \$25, lunch included. Register at 864-3358 or www.MED.MUN.CA/Exposium2018

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