

St. James United Church

October 28, 2018/Peace Sunday/Reformation Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choirs:	AOTS and UCW
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge:	Oliver Wellon
Greeters/Ushers:	Florence Head, Glenda Butt, Jean Thompson, Jean Brown

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 and Announcements

Lighting the Candle: We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of the Lord with us individually, and as a community of faith.

Introit: *Blest Be The Tie That Binds* Choirs

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We gather together to lift our hearts and our minds and our spirits to God.

All: We rejoice that we are part of this faith community.

One: Prepare to hear God's Word.

All: We rejoice that scripture still speaks in telling ways.

One: Be still and know that God is with you.

All: We rejoice that God is also with us in the silence.

One: Know that we will be called to act on what we receive.

All: We rejoice that we can bring change for God for good.

One: Then let us worship God!

Opening Prayer: (together) Loving God, as we rise to greet this day, we offer You thanks for the privilege to be Your church in this time and place. You have blessed us beyond words. Show us signs of Your presence as we worship, work and witness together. Rekindle in us a passion for discipleship for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn: *Worship The Lord*

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Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *As the Deer Pants for the Water* 766

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Chorus: 537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help You everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share. Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory Prayer: (together) Life-giving God, Your love is revealed in many ways. The beauty of our ponds and lakes, the gentle flowing streams, and the always-present well of Eternal Life are great gifts. Open our hearts to the majesty of the wellspring of giving. May our offerings be filled with love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Anthem: *The Longer I Serve Him* Choirs

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16: 1-4 and 7-13
1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Report from General Council Hannah Sheppard

Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* 331

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Go to the World* 420

Blessing and Sending Forth: (responsive)

One: We go to dare to follow where Jesus leads: into the margins and into new relationships.

All: We go and listen.

One: We go to listen for surprising voices found in unexpected places and in times of wonder.

All: We go into the world to love ourselves and others by God's gracious blessing. We go as children of God and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Benediction

Musical Postlude

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

“Do not seek God in outer space – your heart is the only place in which you meet God face to face.” – Angelus Silesius

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support events like the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering where Indigenous communities can come together in solidarity and faith. For several decades, Indigenous communities of faith have gathered nationally to discuss matters of self-determination, spirituality and their relationship with the United Church of Canada. These gatherings are a forum for listening to one another and discerning Creator’s plan for mission and ministry. The July, 2017 gathering took place on the treaty One Territory (Manitoba). A sacred fire burned throughout the gathering with 4 Fire Keepers guarding it all day. Participants came from all across Canada- including youth, Elders and ecumenical guests from the Moderator’s Dialogue on Reconciliation. A Bible study was offered where participants reflected on biblical passages alongside the 7 Teachings of Love, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Wisdom, Humility and Truth. An educator from Saskatchewan spoke of her experience working in academic institutions on issues of workplace equity, institutional racism, and cultural competency. Connections were made between these issues and the work of reconciliation. There is high praise for events like the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering that dig deeper into the issues and empower participants. We celebrate that through M&S, communities can look forward the next Gathering in 2020.

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 28, 2018

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund from the Friendship Group.

Minister Emeritus: There will be a short congregational meeting immediately following the 11am Service next Sunday, November 4. The purpose of this meeting is to present a name for the congregation to appoint a Minister Emeritus.

Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,115. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for:	October 7:	\$3,695
	October 14:	\$3,904
	October 21:	\$2,884

Today, after the 11am Service: Please join us for Coffee Hour when we say goodbye to Rev. Pamela and wish her well in her new Ministry.

Also, Anniversary Dinner tickets (\$25 each) and 2019 Anniversary Calendars (\$20 each) will be available for purchase.

Important: Anniversary Dinner Tickets (Saturday, November 17, dinner at 6 for 6:30pm) are selling fast, so for those of you who have reserved tickets, please drop by the office by next Thursday, Nov 1 and pick up your tickets. After Nov 1, the remainder of the reserved tickets that have not been picked up will be sold. The cut off for selling tickets will be Nov 6, so please make sure that you have purchased your tickets by then. Also, please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.

Tomorrow, Monday, October 29:

*St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Meadow Creek Retirement Centre, 1895 Topsail Road, Paradise at 2pm;

**Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 3-6pm.

Thursday, November 1: Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

Next Saturday, November 3: Our UCW Fall Sale at 9:45am. If you would like to contribute to the sale, please contact a UCW member. Tickets are \$7 at the door or from any UCW member. We'd love to see you there!

An Evening at the Red Tent: In Biblical times, the Red Tent was a place where menstruating women were segregated from the community and family. It was also a place of spirituality and sisterhood. On Friday, November 9, from 7-9pm in the Youth Church Room, join us to celebrate the spirituality of women, the symbols of sisterhood, and the international issue of period poverty. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a package of sanitary napkins or tampons for donation to Street Reach. (We welcome anyone who identifies as female of any age, race or cultural background to this event.)

Sunday November 11: the 11am Worship Service will be moved to 4pm for a '*Going Down of the Sun*' Service to commemorate Remembrance Day. The change in time will enable those who are able and interested to attend the Remembrance Day Services held at the cenotaphs in the area. The 9:30am Contemporary Service for November 11 is also cancelled.

Book Group: Monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain begins on Tuesday, November 13 at 7pm to allow time for you to find the book and start reading!

Sunday, November 18, 60th Anniversary Service at 11am with Rev. Ralph Taylor as our guest preacher. Rev. Taylor, son of the late William and Sally Taylor, was the first candidate for ministry from St. James. Following the service, there will be a coffee hour downstairs. Come and help us celebrate this special occasion.

***St. James 2019 Anniversary calendar** is available for purchase during the week from the office at \$20 per copy.

Refundable cans and bottles for recycling that you wish to donate to:

*St. James Youth Ministries: please bring them along to the Recycling Depot's O'Leary Avenue location at the back of Car Quest Auto Supplies building, and let them know they are for St. James, 722-1881. Hours of operation for the depot are Monday-Friday 9am-4:45pm and Saturday 8:45am-4:45pm.

*Project Grace: drop off recyclables any time at any Green Depot, and let them know they are for Project Grace, phone number 725-4529.

This evening at Wesley UC: The Wesley Male Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a service at 6:50, and will feature some familiar hymns of the church. All are welcome. Special guest soloist will be Allan Piercey.

Next Saturday, November 3:

*George Street United Church UCW Tea & Sale at 2pm, the *New To You Sale* on the upper level in the gymnasium; the *Bake Sale* in Room "C", next to the gym. At 2:30pm *tea, coffee, and goodies* in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Outreach Centre on the lower level. Tickets are \$7, available from Ruby at 745-4807, Ruth at 722-4961 and Melissa at 726-8775.

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