

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memories of
*a cherished mother, Roma Paul
November 30, 1938-April 27, 2013
from Nancy and Anthony.
*“Her love, caring and faith rooted her infinite acts of kindness. She
will always be a guiding light.”*
and
*Murley Bursey, 1927-2012
from Shirley, Carolyn, Sherry, Paul, Barry and Dave.

St. James United Church

December 2, 2018, Advent 1, Hope

Worship Service led by members of St. James' Youth Group

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	UCW
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge:	Oliver Wellon
Ushers and Greeters:	Peter Barbour, Ron Robbins, Jack Head, Tom Rose, Aubrey Hill

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

Acknowledgment of the Land

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle:(responsive)

One: Someone is shouting:

All: Get ready for God.

One: Someone is whispering:

All: Get ready for God.

One: Someone is singing:

All: Get ready for God.

One: As we light this candle, we remember God is coming soon.

Introit: *Come, Light of the World*

Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: As we look toward the night sky, we see the sparkle of stars set against the depth of infinite space.

All: We feel humbled by the vastness of the universe and overwhelmed by what we do not know.

One: Like another star sparkling in the night, we light this candle. Holy light, you shine with hope in the challenges of our world.

All: Open us to recognize your presence all around us, even when all seems shadowed and overwhelming.

Opening Prayer: (together) Holy breath, holy lips, holy words, and we are blessed with holy song. For as long as we know memory to be, the song of beauty has resonated through us. May we listen with hearts open to its rhythms and may that which is holy dance through us. Amen.

Hymn: *Hope Is a Star* 7

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 2

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offering Hymn: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* 544

Offering Prayer: (together) Who are we, O God, that You should come to us? Yet You have visited Your people and redeemed us in Your Son. As we prepare to celebrate His birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your word, and move us by Your spirit to bless Your wonderful works. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, even Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: *Joseph's Song* Choir

The Be's of Advent

Be Hopeful: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reflection

Hymn: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 1 and 4) 1

Be Brave: Luke 1:26-38

Reflection

Hymn: *She Walked in the Summer* (vs. 1 and 3) 12

Be Welcoming: Luke 2:1-7

Reflection

Hymn: *Jesus Our Brother* (vs. 1, 3, 6) 56

Be Yourself: Matthew 2:7-12

Reflection

Hymn: 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (vs. 1, 3) 71

Liturgical Action: Cloth for the Cradle

Song: Cloth for the Cradle Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: People Look East 9

Blessing

Sharing the Peace followed by Musical Postlude

Christmas 2018 Memory Tree: Christmas is a time of celebrating the birth of Jesus. As with all special celebrations, we remember with fond and loving memories those who are no longer with us to share in these occasions. One of the ways we at St. James acknowledge this at this time is through the Memory Tree. For a donation of \$5, a coloured bulb will be changed to a white one in memory of your loved ones. The changing of lights is a beautiful, seasonal visible symbol. Even when the tree comes down, the gift continues in our Life & Works.

Deadline Monday, December 19.

<u>Memory Tree Form</u>
Name of person donating: _____
In Memory of: _____
Env #: _____ Address if no Env. #: _____

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 2, 2018

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of parents, Roma & Eric Paul from Nancy and Anthony.

Today after the 11am Worship Service:

*Soup lunch hosted by our Youth Ministries; donation basis.

Every Sunday: St. James' Anniversary Calendars are available for purchase at \$20 each. They are also available during the week from the church office.

The 60th Anniversary was a wonderful event and a truly special evening. If members of the congregation have photographs they are willing to share, please contact Susan Sheppard for information on how to send them. The idea is for some selected pictures to be shared on our website, and for all of them to be stored in our archives.

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

Givings for: November 11: \$2,300
 November 18: \$3,745
 November 25: \$6,700

Are you on PAR for January 1, 2019? This is a great time to set it up or revise your current PAR givings. If you use envelopes, please find your 2019 box on a window sill or chair in the Sanctuary, in alphabetical order of last name.

The Memorial Fund of St James was established as a means for families to commemorate the lives of deceased loved ones through enhancement of worship and the Sanctuary. It is managed by the Worship and Sacraments Committee. Examples of expenses are: Hymn Books, Bibles, Choir gowns, Furnishings for the Sanctuary and Music. Music is an integral part of our worship services providing joy, solace, inspiration and peace through participation, simply listening or reflecting. The Music Program at St. James is financed directly from the Memorial Fund. When considering donations to the church, we ask that you consider donating to the Memorial Fund.

Tomorrow, Monday, December 3:

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

*United Church Bookstore & Gifts Christmas Sale, December 3-7, 8:30am-4:30pm Beautiful gift ideas, discounts offered and refreshments served.

Tuesday, December 4: Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Wednesday, December 5: Friendship Group closing luncheon; eating at 12:30.

Thursday, December 6: *St. James Guitar Group will be playing at Kenny's Pond Retirement Community at 7pm. *Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

Next Sunday, December 9: *A congregational meeting to discuss the Visitation Program and the status of the Minister of Visitation position will be held following the 11am Worship Service. If you would like to participate in our Interim Lay Visitation Program, please contact SuAn (722-1881, ext. 200).

*Project Grace presents their Christmas *Semester Showcase* in our Sanctuary at 3pm. Admission is by freewill donation.

Sunday, December 16 at 7 pm: A Christmas Festival of Carols and Choirs. St. James will host an evening of Christmas music: a congregational carol sing alongside performances by the Senior Choir and various groups from the St. John's community. Entrance: freewill offering.

Stella Circle's Wish List for our White Gift Service is on the notice board by the Annex door. Also, our Rebecca Pike is interning at Stella's Circle this fall. She is letting us know that Stella's is looking for donations of gift cards for Subway or grocery stores for December 10. Cards may be given to SuAn in the church office or Rebecca at 576-0703, rebeccapike@warp.nfld.net

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S enable people to flourish. In China, the Amity Foundation offers programs for people on the margins - people like Zhou Jian, 34, who has worked at the Amity bakery since it opened in 2007. As a child, Zhou was placed in an institution where he stayed until 2004 when, at 21, he was able to move to Amity Foundation's Home of Blessings for those who are developmentally challenged. He did not understand the concept of words or numbers. Slowly, he mastered these skills. Zhou was then ready to take on another challenge by working in the bakery. He has grown in skill to become one of the main bakers. Zhou is constantly learning new techniques, proudly mastering each new challenge. He is so proud in the tasty baked goods he produces that he has become the face of the Amity Bakery on billboards and posters. At the Amity Foundation's 30th Anniversary, it was Zhou who welcomed everyone and invited guests to taste the cake he and other bakers had prepared. We are thankful for the loving way that the Amity Foundation offers developmentally challenged individuals the opportunity to live out their passion for creating and learning.

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