

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memories of
*John Harvey Butt, November 7, 1921 - November 26, 2005
from
daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda & Glenn Winsor, Gloria & Keith
Le Feuvre and grandson Joel Le Feuvre.
and
*Capt. Peter & Mrs. Olive Parsons, parents,
and Susan Bishop, sister,
from Heidi Janes.

St. James United Church

November 25, 2018/Reign of Christ Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Band:	Sight Restored
Usher in Charge:	Barry Cutler
Ushers:	Cator & Jean Brown, Linda Babstock, Sandra Thistle, Bill & Cindy Pike

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

Band Introit: *Meet With You*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: God's reign is coming!

All: God's reign is here!

One: We live God's reign,

All: guided by Christ, who reigns in our hearts.

One: We live God's reign—

**All: filled by the Spirit, serving in love, celebrating life,
worshipping God.**

(The Right Rev. Richard Bott – Moderator UCC)

Opening Prayer: (together) Blessed are you, Jesus, source of life and blessing. You have walked with people in their troubles and joys, offering comfort and celebration. We

*Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance:
by Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

*As we gaze on Your Kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me.*

Blessing and Sending Forth:

One: The seasons of the church year come and go.

All: The seasons of the calendar year come and go.

One: The seasons of our lives change from one to the next

All: The call of the gospel remains constant.

One: Jesus' call to "*come, follow me*" is spoken each day.

All: May God give us what we need to answer "*Here I am, send me.*"

Benediction

Musical Postlude

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

*"In order to truly see the need of others,
we must first stop thinking of only ourselves!"*

Youth Ministries' upcoming events

Next Sunday, December 2: Soup lunch following the 11am Worship Service.

Annual popular Poinsettia Sale: Order your Christmas poinsettia(s) today! The order form is outside Susan's office, with the cost being \$15 each. The deadline for orders is next Sunday, December 2.

Sunday, December 16: There will be a cookie sale following the 11am Worship Service.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support opportunities for teachers like Melissa Carter to work at Los Quinchos School in Managua, Nicaragua. She notes that she is not there to change their culture; she maintains that school can be a powerful environment to positively affect self-confidence and empower the youth to take on new challenges. They are strong and resilient in that they must overcome daily difficult challenges. She is learning Spanish, making many errors which result in much teasing, but points out to the students that it is part of the learning process. One assignment for the grade 11 English class was to tell about their weekend in 5 sentences. Writing about themselves was a completely new experience for them, but most were able to produce simple sentences. Regardless of errors, Melissa used lots of positive reinforcement, smiles, high fives, and fist pumps to encourage them and make them realize

that “*Si, tu puedes*” (Yes, you can). “*During the daily interactions with students, I learn about who they are and what they hope to accomplish. Hopefully, I can help them learn some English or make them realize that they can fulfill the dreams they currently hold as well as the dreams they have yet to discover.*” Loving our neighbour is at the heart of M&S.

St. James United Church Life and Work, November 25, 2018

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Donna Hunt, whose aunt passed away recently.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:
to the General Fund:

* in loving memory of son Andrew and husband Garry from Jan Winsor;

*in loving memory of T. Alex Hickman from Nancy and family;

*in recognition of St. James’ First Organising Committee and in remembrance of such *Precious Memories*, from Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown.

to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Cecil G. Cole from wife Muriel and family.

St. James extends a heartfelt thank you to the Anniversary Committee, the speakers, the volunteers and the congregation for the Anniversary celebrations from this past weekend. Special thanks go to those who travelled distances to attend. The planning, the preparation work, the musical talents, and the support of the congregation as a whole made it a wonderful experience.

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

Givings for:	November 4:	\$5,671
	November 11:	\$2,300
	November 18:	\$3,745

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.

It's that time of year again! Christmas Decorating of the Sanctuary will occur next Saturday, December 1. All ages and abilities are welcome. We will be at the church from 10:30am until we are done, usually about 3pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. It is a fun time and many hands make light work, so please make an effort to be there for whatever time you can afford.

The Diversity Committee’s Soup Lunch and Learn that was planned for today is now postponed until the New Year.

Tomorrow, Monday, November 26:

*Rev. Colbourne will be taking time off for Continuing Education Leave from Monday November 26 to Monday December 3.

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

* *Writer's Circle* every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room, open to anyone wishing to discover or exercise their creative writing skills as well as folks needing direction, proofreading or editing of their work, with assistance from experienced leaders.

*UCW Executive meets at 7:30pm.

Wednesday, November 28:

*Our Friendship Group meets at 1pm.

*Ukelele class in the Fellowship Room, 8-9pm.

Thursday, November 29: Weekly *Not a Bible Study* continues at 7pm.

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

Please see the notice board by the Annex door for:

*Stella Circle's Wish List for our White Gift Service;

*Agnes Pratt Home Foundation Appeal for Funds to renovate the Southview Unit. Fundraising efforts will also be matched with a donation from the Fry Family Foundation;

*Bridges To Hope Appeal for funds.

The United Church Bookstore is planning on conducting inventory the week of December 17-21. They are looking for volunteers! Can you spare an afternoon or morning or a full day to help them? It's fairly simple and fun – just count and record. They will take any time that you can spare. Please contact Leona Laundry at ucbookstore@nfld.net or 754-0372 and she will include you in the inventory schedule.

This evening:*The Wesley Male Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will be holding a service at Wesley, starting with sing-along at 6:50 pm: all are welcome.

**Draw Near* at 7pm at Cochrane Street UC for an evening of music and readings in preparation for the Christmas Season.

Tuesday, November 27: Gower Street Seniors Club Christmas Gala: All Seniors Welcome! Turkey Dinner and entertainment, 6pm-8:30pm Tickets are \$20 each and are available at Gower church office. Call 753-7286.

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