

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memories of
my mom and dad, Pearl & Leslie Noftall

"together again,"

with love from Jocilyn Noftall Gorman.

It is also dedicated in loving memory of

Melita Saunders on January 1st,

from Phil and family.

St. James United Church

December 30, 2018/First Sunday after Christmas

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Music Group:	St. James Guitar Group
Usher in Charge:	Eric King
Greeters:	Rev. Bill & Daphne Coish
Ushers:	Clyde Flight, Brenda Kelleher-Flight, May King

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 Community Candle: The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world.

Introit Hymn: *Joy to the World*

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Call to Worship:

One: As we begin today's service, we realize that another year is ending.

All: Yet we are about to begin another. It's a time to prepare for new beginnings.

One: God's call to us today and every day of our lives is to serve and worship, in every ending and beginning.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) You have called each one of us, great God of the ages, and despite our detours, You continue to call and show us love and grace. Now, in this time of worship, we praise and thank You for Your never-ending love and guidance. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Time, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hymn: *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* 43

Offertory Invitation

Offering: *Good King Wenceslas* (instrumental)

Offertory Chorus: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One*

Offertory Prayer: (together) Here we present our gifts, O God: symbols of our very selves given to You, signs of our willingness to follow the path You lay before us. Bless these gifts for Your mission in this church and in the world, just as You bless us, we pray. Amen.

Hymn: *Away in a Manger* 69

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20 and verse 26
Luke 2: 41-52

Guitar Group Selection: *Mary's Little Boy Child
When a Child is Born*

Reflection

Solo: *Merry Christmas Mary* Rev. Brian

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer in Song

Closing Hymn: *Silent Night, Holy Night* 67

Blessing and Sending Forth: We gathered to absorb love, and we go forth in love. We gathered to be inspired, and leave to inspire. We gathered for a service, and go forth to be of service. We gathered to connect with truth, and go forth to live our truth.

Benediction

Musical Postlude: *Christmas in the Harbour*

St. James United Church Life and Work, December 30, 2018

The new poinsettia adorning the Sanctuary today is in loving memory of John & Frances Hussey from the family.

St. James' 2018 financial year end is tomorrow, December 31: For making last minute annual contributions, the office will be open 9:30am -3:30pm. For contributions outside of these hours, please use the secure mail box (lock box) to the right of the exterior office door.

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

Givings for: December 9: \$4,945

December 16: \$5,992

December 23: \$5,738

This evening: VOWR's broadcast service will be from St. James.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Memory Tree bulletins can be found next to the Memory Tree!

Heads –up for January: the following sessions resume:

- *Sunday, January 6: Bi-weekly Youth Group, 7-9pm;
- *Tuesday, January 8: Monthly Book Group, 7-9pm;
- *Thursday, January 10: Weekly Not a Bible Study, 7:30pm;
- *Monday, January 14: Weekly Sewing Studio, 3-6pm;
- *Monday, January 14: Bi-weekly Writer's Circle, 7-9pm;
- *Saturday, January 19: Monthly Tech-time, 10am-noon;
- *Saturday, January 19: Monthly Games Night with potluck, 6-9pm;
- *Wednesday, January 23: Friendship Group, 12:30pm.

Sign up for weekly Congregational emails: register at info@stjamesuc.org

When driving to St. James during the week, morning and afternoon, please park for free in the first line nearest Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

Guy Matthews Medical Assistance Fund: Rev. Guy Matthews a minister and friend to most of us underwent Heart Transplant Surgery in Ottawa in late September. Guy is doing very well, but a fundraising appeal has been established to help the Matthews family deal with the financial stress associated with this surgery. Your donation clearly marked "Guy Matthews Assistance Fund" can be made in several ways:

- *Send / drop off donation to St. James Church office.
- *Drop your donation in the collection plate at a regular Sunday service.
- *Email money transfer to guymatthewsmedicalfund@outlook.com
- *Online through the Guy Matthews Medical Assistance Fund Go Fund Me website www.gofundme.com/guy-matthews-medical-assistance Google "go fund me" and then search for "Guy Matthews." More Information regarding this fund raising can be found on the St. James United website www.stjamesuc.org or by contacting Stephen Pike, stephen.pike@nf.sympatico.ca 765-2438

Minute for Mission: We cannot say it enough: Thank you for your gifts for Mission & Service – together we are transforming lives! We all know the statistics of how many community ministries, theological schools, congregations and global partners are supported by M&S, but what about the stories behind the numbers? The young man in St. John's, who told us he would be dead without Emmanuel House; the middle aged man in Hamilton, who has a home for the first time in his adult life; the women of Kenya,

who are empowered to feed their families through a bull exchange program- these are but a few of the many stories of how M&S mends the world. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

The next Grief and Bereavement Information Session in the Cafeteria Conference Room, L.A. Miller Centre on Tuesday, January 8, 7-9pm. (This session is held the 2nd Tuesday of every month). For further information, please contact Peter Barnes at 777-2167, peter.barnes@easternhealth.ca or Mag Snook at 777-8972, margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca

Celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service, 3pm on Sunday, January 20 here at St. James United Church. Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on our theme, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut. 16:20). Our offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon. May Christ bind us together in this visible act of corporate worship.

A very Happy and Healthy
New Year, 2019, to all.

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