This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of Ceanne Butt, R.N.,

January 23, 1953 - December 27, 2009

from sisters-in-law Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families.

It is also dedicated in loving memory of parents, Graham & Beatrice Pike, Capt. Stephen & Mrs. Cecilia Penney and sister Bernice Pike from Adolphe & Minnie Penney.

St. James United Church

December 24, 2018, Christmas Eve

Minister: Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education: Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown

Organist/Senior Choir Director:
Choirs:
Youth, Senior
Youth Choir Director:
Doreen Brown
Band:
Usher in Charge:
David Hapgood

Greeters: Jennifer Tremblett, Claire Neary

Ushers: Kevin & Marilyn Pardy

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

Sight Restored, Organ

Acknowledgment of the Land

Liturgical Dance: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Entry into the Celebration

Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful 60

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer: (together) Holy One, You gave us the gift of life, You put us in a stunning world, and You made us free to choose. In Jesus, Light of the World, You gave us new life and new hope for knowing You. May that Light shine through our choices, our words, and our acts, so that others will see You, source of Light and Love. Amen.

Anthem: Sing for Joy Youth Choir

Lighting the Christ Candle

Carol: A Candle Is Burning 6

Anthem Sight Restored

Carol: What Child Is This? 74

The Prophecy: Isaiah 9: 2, 6

Anthem: When Will the Little King Come? Youth Choir

The Christmas Story

Luke 2:1-3 The census
Luke 2:4-6 Mary's Journey
Luke 2:7 The Bethel Inn
Luke 2:8-20 The Shepherd

Carol: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing 48

A Time to Ponder and Pray

The Lord's Prayer: (tune of Away in a Manger)

Our Father in heaven all praise to Your name! Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone: Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
As we forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation, to lead us be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.
For Yours is the kingdom; o'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, forever! Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offering: Caro Mio Ben Andie Winsor

Offering Hymn: What Child Is This? v. 3

So send us out to do His work with arms stretched out to others.

Bring peace and joy and hope and love to all our sisters and brothers.

Offering Dedication: (together) Many gifts are shared this evening, some hidden under shining trees, others tucked in socks and stockings. Receive all the gifts that are shared this night for Your work in the world. Bless the gifts and the givers. Bless the act of giving. Amen.

Carol: Silent Night 67

Words of Blessing

Carol: Go, Tell It on the Mountain 43

Musical Postlude

"The shepherds.....went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger." Luke 2: 15, 16

"He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" Isaiah 9: 6

Christmas Gift Donations 2018



We acknowledge and appreciate the following donations at this special time of remembering:

To the Memorial Fund in honour of Phil Saunders, with love from his grand-daughter Sarah.

To the General Operating Fund in celebration of Claire Higdon's birthday on December 26 from Stephen O'Dea.

To the Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

- *Melita Saunders, an amazing, loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother from Gary & Linda Saunders and family;
- *Clayton & Florence Barbour; wonderful, kind parents, grandparents great-grandparents and in-laws who knew the true meaning of Christmas, from Linda & Gary Saunders and family;
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- *Sylvia & Clarence Martin from Robert & Minnie Gullage.

To St. James Music Ministry in loving memory of our little boy, Joshua Colbourne from Rev. Brian & Gail Colbourne.

To the General Operating Fund in loving memory of:

- *Parents Capt. William & Susan Moss and Clarence & Margaret Beckett from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;
- *Aunt and Uncle Bessie & Chester Prince from Sheilah, Jim and David Beckett;
- *Ross Pilgrim from Jim & Sheilah Beckett;
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To Stella Burry Foundation from Ethel Butler.



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

Office open hours 2018: Thursday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Dec. 31: 9:30am – 3:30pm;

Next Sunday, December 30: There will be one Worship Service at 11am only.

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.

*Please see the notice boards or peruse our website for the full list of our Church Council, groups and organizations. We welcome all volunteers! www.stjamesuc.org

*Sign up for 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.

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