

St. James United Church

January 13, 2019/Baptism of Jesus/Baptism

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist	Paul Rodermond
Choirs:	AOTS, UCW
Choirs' Director:	Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge:	Michelle Skinner
Greeters/Ushers:	Wayne Skinner, Trevor & Janet Bartlett, Allison, Kate and Jennifer Bartlett

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

CHOIR INTROIT: *Safely Through Another Week*

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: We have been given the gift of water;

All: to quench our thirst.

One: Water...

All: to cleanse our bodies.

One: Water....

All: to refresh our souls.

One: Water....

All: to remind us of new life!

One: Come to Jesus the Christ, the Water of Life, the Spring that will never run dry, the One who quenches our thirst and offers us more than we can ever imagine! Come to the water.

All: We come to remember. We come to worship our God. Alleluia! (The Right Rev. Richard Bott – Moderator UCC)

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Jesus, teacher, friend, and guide, be with us this morning as we pause to gather together. We are a community of faith and of faithfulness, led by Your star into new adventures of spreading Your Good News. Today, as we sing, praise, and pray, open us to listen as You give us our instructions for the days ahead. Amen.

(Kate Gregory, Belwood-Metz P.C., Belwood, Ont.)

HYMN: *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

PARENTS' BAPTISMAL VOWS

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (together) We have heard the will of the parents. We receive this child in Christ's name as we ourselves have been received. We all belong to the one household of faith in Jesus Christ. We will support these parents and this child through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed 918

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ACTION OF BAPTISM

Nuala Olivia Pyne

(daughter of Sasha Victoria Hutton & Matthew Nicholas Pyne)

BAPTISM CHORUS:

*I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING: *Laughter Lit the Stars of Morning* Choirs, MV190

OFFERTORY SONG: *Spirit, Open My Heart* (chorus) MV79

*Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Loving God, like the Magi, we bring our gifts. We bring the work of our hands and hearts. We bring a portion of our material wealth. We pray that these gifts may be utilized in Your work and multiplied by Your grace. Amen.

CHOIRS: *Love, Oh, Such Love*

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION: "God's Grace, Day by Day"

HYMN: *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* 644

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Like a Healing Stream*

MV144

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: Let us go into the world as baptized people. As the Spirit came to us in the laying on of hands, may our hands create beauty and link with others in friendship and service.

BENEDICTION

(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Accessibility at St. James United Church

Hearing Devices

Wheelchairs

Enlarged Bulletins

If you wish to use one of the above services that we offer, please speak with one of our ushers and they will be happy to assist you.

The AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

is located in a cabinet hanging on the wall outside of the side door to the Sanctuary – the Extension entrance.

Are you unable to drive to church?

Please give the office a call (722-1881, ext. 200) if you would like a free taxi service to our Sunday Worship Services.

St. James has a Little Free Library,

open to the community, on a *'take a book, leave a book'* principle. Please feel free to bring a gently used book to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave.

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 13, 2019

We offer our condolences to Albert & Myrna Arklie whose grandson, Matthew John Arklie, passed on December 29. His funeral took place from Caul's Chapel on January 4.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Bridges To Hope in loving memory of grand-daughter Bethany from Nan & Pop Hapgood.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund in loving memory of Bethany from Richard, Andrea, Brianna and Brayden Reid.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to Project Grace in loving memory of Bethany Pike from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to the General Fund in loving memory of Jean Brown from Helen Collins and Aubrey & Ruby Hill.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of:

* Jean Brown from Gilbert & Lillian Thomas;

*Joan King from the St. James UCW.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 14:

***Sewing Studio** returns, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room. New people welcome.

***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.

***St. James UCW** meetings restart this evening at 7:30pm; all welcome.

Tuesday, January 15: Book Group monthly cafe style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McClain in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Wednesday, January 16: First of 2019: **AOTS dinner meeting** at 5pm for 5:30 in the Auditorium. New members are always welcome, and encouraged to join.

Thursday, January 17: Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' at 7:30pm.

Saturday, January 19:

***Tech Time**, 10am – noon in the Fellowship Room. Would you like help in navigating your electronic device? Our experts can help.

***Ukelele (new!)** Weekly, 1:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Room.

***Community Potluck and Games Night, 6-9pm** in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

Sunday, January 20: Celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service, 3pm 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.

* **Youth Groups**, 7-9pm

***An Introduction to the Pipe Organ:** Amy Dalziel, Associate Music Director at St. James and a Colleague of the Royal College of Organists, will give a short introductory course on the pipe organ for youth ages 12-18. The course will consist of four lessons: Sunday, Jan 20, 27, Feb 3, 10: 6-7 pm. This is a group course (i.e. not private lessons) and will run if at least 2 people enroll (with a maximum enrollment of 4 people). Students must have a few years of piano tuition to enroll. Cost: \$25 per class (\$100 for the 4-week course). Contact Amy (765-1003; amd637@mun.ca) by Thursday, January 17 with any questions or to enroll.

Monday, January 21: Women's Yarn Gatherers at 7:30pm. Come for a yarn and/or bring your yarn and needles.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S offer students an opportunity to gather for a meal in a multi-faith, safe space at places like the large Halifax campus of Dalhousie University. If you visit Dalhousie's Multi-faith Centre on Monday night, you will be greeted with a free hot meal provided by the United Church chaplain and so much more. The Monday Night Meal creates an inviting and intimate space in which chaplains greet students from diverse backgrounds by name. Even the food available reflects an

intentional effort to support respectful, intercultural and multi-faith community bonds. As they share food and conversation, students build trust with one another and the chaplains. They share stories and opinions, including personal beliefs and spiritual perspectives .During special seasons on the inter-faith calendar, the Multi-faith Centre student assistants occasionally take the lead, contributing food and related traditions that are essential to their faith. At the Monday Night Meal, there is an open table and a warm welcome! Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our M&S.

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