

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Irene Tucker
(January 28, 1926 – February 1, 2011)
from daughters Marilyn Pardy, Linda Facey and families.

St. James United Church

January 27, 2019/3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Usher in Charge:	Michelle Skinner
Greeters/Ushers:	Paul Walsh, Robin Bartlett, Gloria Le Feuvre, Janet & Trevor Bartlett

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, ability, cultural background or sexual orientation.

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

We hear Jesus calling, "*Follow me!*" We light our candle to remind us that we are in unity with one another and with Christ, and His light will guide us as we walk together.

CHOIR INTROIT: *For These Blessings*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: It is a gift to live on this land.

All: It is a gift to be nourished by the water, soil, plants and animals of this earth.

One: God calls us to worship with a voice over the waters, a voice over the forest, a voice flashing forth in flames of fire.

All: Let us lay our open hands, open hearts and open minds before God in worship, prepared to follow the Spirit's leading.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Eternal God, help us find You in the sky, in the earth, in each other. Take this moment of worship that we may be touched by the eternal, that we may be touched by Your peace. In the name of Jesus, we make this prayer. Amen.

HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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*Your work, O God, needs many hands to help You everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.
Because we love You and Your work, our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as Your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Creator God, we offer these gifts to “*Your will be done.*” We offer our strength and hearts for whatever You direct us to do for You. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Amy Dalziel

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm #19 (Refrain 2) 740

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31
Luke 4:14-21

MEDITATION: “Being Christ to our Community”

HYMN: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* 507 (Tune: #625)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: *Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart* 513

COMMISSIONING: (responsive)

One: God chooses messengers and prophets in every age. God’s work needs our prayer, our love, our very self.

All: **In faith, we hear and answer. In hope and joy, we go to bear witness to the love that frees and heals.**

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission

Jennifer quit school during grade 12 and left home at 16, held a number of jobs and had 2 long term relationships. Turning 30 was a milestone for her; she made a 10 year plan. First was to complete her high school education, then study to become a continuing care assistant (CCA). The plan was impacted

when she became a single mom to Paxton in 2012 - the joy of her life. Jennifer knew she would end up on Social Assistance if she couldn't find adequate work to support her son. Her ambition to be a CCA was still alive, but searching for available help was a hard and discouraging process until she found Brunswick Street Mission, a M&S supported community ministry in Halifax. The volunteer coordinator at the Benevolent Program helped her create a budget and identify ways around the many barriers. A local nursing home provided a scholarship; Brunswick Street Mission covered child care expenses and bus pass; its clothing and food banks helped extend her tight budget. Following a long and difficult journey, Jennifer has graduated from the CCA program and has a full time job that she loves. She knows she makes a difference for her patients and she is a good role model for her son.

Help Us to Help You

<input type="checkbox"/> We have sickness in our family	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like a call from a Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive The Visitor
<input type="checkbox"/> I am interested in PAR, envelopes	<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to discuss full membership	<input type="checkbox"/> I have changed my address

Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 27, 2019

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the UCW Choir from Ethel Pitt.

Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)
 Givings for: January 6: \$2,194
 January 13: \$3,545
 January 20: \$2,977

Update to Guy Mathews Medical Assistance Fund: Between December 1st and January 23rd the GMMAF has received donations of \$17,636 dollars to assist Rev. Guy with costs associated with his recent Heart Transplant and period of recovery. These funds are in the process of being transferred to Rev. Guy with a planned finalization of the fundraising campaign effective January 31st. If you still wish to make a donation, please do so by January 31st, after which it can be sent directly to Rev. Guy. Once the fund is closed, we will provide a report to the Church Council covering the activities of the committee.

On behalf of Rev Guy and Deanna we want to thank everyone who donated. The response has been overwhelming, and will go a long way to alleviating the financial pressures associated with this type of medical treatment.

Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser: Friday, February 15. Mark your calendars!

Our *Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun* fundraiser event last year was such a huge success, we're doing it again! Concert, dessert party, wine table and silent auction! **Tickets are on sale after today's 11am Worship Service**, and from Robin Bartlett, 754-5409, robinbartlett1224@gmail.com

To donate auction items (gift cards or new or hardly used quality items), contact Clyde Flight, 685-1688, clydeflight@nl.rogers.com

To donate a dessert, contact Sarah Norman, 631-0095, srhnorman@gmail.com

To volunteer, please contact Robin.

The church office will be closed this coming week, January 28-31. If you have any announcements for the February 3 bulletin, please leave a message at 722-1881, ext 200.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 28:

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

***Writers' Circle** every second and fourth Monday of the month, 7-9pm in the Fellowship Room. Do you need help with an assignment or writing creatively? Do you want friendly feedback on a piece? For more information, Chris at 687-3400 or chrislpenney@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 29: The St. James Guitar Group will play at Hillcrest Estates at 1:30pm.

Thursday, January 31:

***A Lay Visitation program** is being developed as part of our Outreach to members of our Congregation. A number have volunteered to be part of this initiative, and we welcome any others who would like to participate. Rev. Brian will hold an orientation session in the Fellowship Room on Thursday, from 1:30-3:30pm for all interested participants.

***Not a Bible Study**, *'Painting the Stars,'* at 7:30pm.

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

Sunday, February 3: Soup lunch hosted by our Youth Ministries; donation basis.

Help needed, second week of Kiwanis Music Festival: We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the 3 –hour sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening for Monday - Thursday, February 25-28. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Tuesday, February 5: Chi Gong 2019 at St. James: An 8 week program, every Tuesday morning, 11am-noon, February 5 - March 26, led by Dr. Yajing Song, Ph. D. in Chinese Medicine. Dr. Song has been practicing in St. John's since 1994. She also has taught Tai Chi for more than ten years and Chi Gong privately.

This first class is a drop-in for \$5. After that, please register for the following 7 for \$70. If driving, please park for free in the first line nearest to Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

Chi Gong is one kind of traditional Chinese medicine practiced worldwide for relaxation, preventive medicine and self-healing. *Chi gong* literally means *Life Energy Cultivation*. The practice typically involves moving meditation, coordinating slow flowing movement, deep rhythmic breathing, and calm meditative state of mind. It is suitable for all ages.

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