

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Clyde Taylor
from wife Helen,
sons Brian, Paul, Graham and Glen
and grandchildren Alex, Alicia, Sarah, Amy and Chynna.

St. James United Church

February 24, 2019/7th Sunday after Epiphany

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist/Choir Director:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	Senior
Guest Speaker:	Katie Vardy
Usher in Charge:	Kim Mayo
Greeters/Ushers:	Katelyn Mayo, Laura Mayo, Jean Thompson, Shirley Feltham

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

Acknowledgement of Country/First Peoples

Welcome

Announcements

Entry into the Celebration

Lighting of the Community Candle

CHORAL INTROIT: *Bathe Me in Your Light*

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Come, let us gather in this sacred yet ordinary place,

All: knowing every place is sacred,

One: where we find peace or energy,

All: where beauty flourishes,

One: where we share body, mind and heart...

All: Come, let us gather in this sacred place.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Calling God, You have gathered us in your community. You have made a place for us. A place where we may break free of the expectations placed on us by others - and those they taught us to place on ourselves. A place where we may drop the guilt and the shame, not to shirk accountability, but in honest expectation of forgiveness. May we let go of the thing we said the other day. Let go of the thing we dread next week. Be here, in this moment. Let what we say and do here be real for us and honest to You, and prepare us for the life of the world. Amen.

HYMN: *God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness* 260

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *River Running in You and Me* MV163

OFFERING INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: *Grant Us, God, the Grace* 540

*Grant us, God, the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Creator, as we bring our gifts forward, may our whole life move forward, in good faith, with good feelings, and with a good belief about the future. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Ave Verum Corpus* Choir

CENTERING SILENCE

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
Luke 6: 27-38

HYMN: *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* 684

MEDITATION: Katie Vardy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: *O for a World* (tune of 29, Hark the Glad Sound) 697

PARTING WORDS: (responsive)

One: And now we take our leave.

**All: Before we gather here again: may each of us bring
happiness into another's life; may we each be surprised
by the gifts that surround us; may each of us be enlivened
by constant curiosity.**

One: And may we remain together in spirit till the hour we meet
again.

WORDS OF BLESSING

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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.

Minute for Mission: June 5, 2017 marked the 50th year of Israel's military occupation of Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Staff in the United Church's Church in Mission Unit recently visited Palestine-Israel, where they were hosted by Wi'am: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Center, which works to resolve disputes in the Palestinian community, support reconciliation and address the psychological & physiological consequences of long-term conflict and occupation. Located just inside the separation walls surrounding Bethlehem, Wi'am literally faces the occupation—1/4 of its property is lost to the 8m high Israeli separation wall; an Israeli security tower overlooks its outdoor space. Wi'am is committed to providing programs, such as a community garden, empowering Palestinian youth, children, men and women. This faces big challenges. At the height of summer, running water is denied to Bethlehem residents to maintain uninterrupted service to Israeli settlements, and the nearby Israeli military base directs its sewage run into the garden. In spite of these obstacles, Wi'am was proud to offer United Church staff a tour of its small garden and share a harvest of fresh pea pods, snapped off and enjoyed in the last rays of sunshine on a warm evening. Mission & Service works with our partners striving for justice and peace in Palestine-Israel.

St. James United Church Life and Work, February 24, 2019

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of Bill & Ruby Vallis from their daughter, Betty Sherstan in Quesnel, BC.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the General Fund in loving memory of Muriel Baker from:**

- Brenda and Clyde Flight
- Shirley Bursey

***to Bridges To Hope in loving memory of Don Marshall** from his wife, Vera.

Thanks to you, our Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun Fundraiser was another fantastic success! We raised approximately \$5300 -- that's \$500 more than last year! A delightful evening of music, fun, laughter and delicious desserts amidst beautiful decorations was enjoyed by all. The Fundraiser Organising Committee expresses our heartfelt thanks to all who contributed their time, energy, talents and donations to make the evening so successful and to all those who participated. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and we received many compliments. Kudos to you all!

We Value Your Membership at St. James! *"If you would like to become a full member of St. James Congregation, we would be honoured to welcome you! Are you unsure of your current status with the church? I can help you, and would love to chat with you to help you determine your status and become a Full Member of our Congregation. Please contact me: Susan Pike 576-0703 or by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net"*

Today after the 11am Worship Service: The liturgical dance group is having a bake sale to raise money for new costumes.

Tickets for St. James annual Pancake Supper for Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm, are on sale from the office during the week: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12.

Tomorrow, Monday, February 25:

***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 Youth Centre.

Tuesday, February 26:

***The St. James Guitar Group** play at Cambridge Estates at 2pm.

Thursday, February 28: Not a Bible Study, *'Painting the Stars,'* at 7:30pm.

World day of Prayer: This annual ecumenical service will be held on Friday, March 1 at 7pm in St. Mary's Church on Craigmiller Avenue. The program for 2019 was developed by the women of Slovenia. Two representatives from St. James are participating in the service. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, March 2: Beginners' Ukelele in the Youth Centre, weekly at 1:30pm. Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204, susan@stjames.org *If you don't have a ukulele, the A. C. Hunter Public Library's Musical Lending Library has some to borrow.*

The Annual Congregational meeting to discuss reports from 2018 and approve the 2019 budget will be held after the 11am Worship Service on March 10.

Copies of the report will be available next Sunday, March 3.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service will be on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

Heads up for Lent: There will be a weekly lunch time Communion Service every Wednesday during Lent, beginning on March 13. This short Service will begin at 12.15 in the Youth Centre followed by a brown bag lunch. Why not make this weekly practice part of your Lenten Spiritual Journey?

*Our Lenten Offering Folders will be available from the office.

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 on Friday, March 8, 15, 22, and 29: 6-7pm. 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 Friday, March 1 with any questions or to enroll.

This evening at 7:30:Projekt Chamber Voices – Winter Night at The Kirk, exploring the theme of cold dark snowy nights to radiant icy winter dawns through music. Tickets at the door: \$12 for students and seniors / \$15 General.

Cantus Vocum joins the NSO Sinfonia for "Cantus Vocum Sings" at the Anglican Cathedral at 8pm on Saturday, March 2. Tickets (\$35/\$30 Students & Seniors 60+) www.nsomusic.ca

VOWR Radio presents Spirit of Newfoundland's Dinner Theatre "*Stand By Your Nan*" on Thursday, March 28, at the Masonic Temple, Cathedral Street. Doors open 6:30pm, dinner starts 7pm, Show starts 8pm. Tickets are \$85 per person with a tax receipt for \$35; call VOWR at 579-9233, Wesley United Church at 579-3682 or Marvin Barnes at 579-7900.

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