

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *The Mystery* Choirs

OFFERTORY HYMN: *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) Patient and loving God, You are always ready to welcome us home, and You are always ready to welcome our gifts so that the good news of Jesus Christ may be preached and lived in our time and place. This is why we give. Receive our giving, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Sanctus* Youth Choir

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 32 759

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Luke 15: 1-3 and 11-32

MEDITATION: "We can never get away from the love of God."

HYMN: *O God, How We Have Wandered* 112

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: *O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)* 238

COMMISSIONING: God has welcomed us with open arms, and we have found our place in the family. As we go into the world, may we know the love of God surrounds us, the grace of Christ enfolds us, and the Holy Spirit gives us guidance, each day. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: The air was filled with excitement at Oak Table Community Ministry in Winnipeg, Manitoba, as guests who signed up for Beach Day confirmed the details.. A few guests were anxious, wanting to know how their ID would be safe if they went in the water, or how they would get breakfast that morning since they usually go to a soup kitchen. Some things were easily solved. The ministry would help keep wallets safe; would serve juice and a muffin to everyone when they arrived. Other things were not easily solved and showed just how alone in the world many of the guests are. As those staffing the camp did their due diligence in making sure they had phone numbers and names of next of kin or a friend who could be contacted in case of emergency, they quickly found out that many had no one they could name. No friend, no relative, no neighbour to call if something happened to them. It is hard to

imagine that someone could be so isolated, so alone. When Oak Table guests are hospitalized, the ministry is their contact person. When someone goes in for surgery, often Oak Table is the name that goes down as the emergency contact. The ministry's staff and volunteers are the ones who miss them when they are not there. They are their family. For those attending, Beach Day could be the only "family" outing they have, with the only "family" they know. Your gifts for Mission & Service help make sure all have a place to go and people they can call family.

Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly

On Easter morning, we celebrate the new life of the risen Christ by filling our Sanctuary with butterflies! You are invited to join us by sponsoring a butterfly to hang in our Sanctuary for the Easter season; the proceeds received will be put toward the ongoing work of our St. James Church community. Butterflies can be given to commemorate a special event, to honor a loved one, in memory of someone, to mark a milestone. Help us to create our Easter Butterfly Sanctuary. To sponsor a butterfly, please return the form below to the church office. Deadline is Monday, April 15.

<u>Celebration of Life Easter Butterfly</u>	
Name of person donating: _____	Amount: _____
In Celebration of: _____	
Env #: _____	Address if no Env. #: _____
Deadline is Monday, April 15.	

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 31, 2019

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Maxine Ivory, who passed away on March 24. Her funeral took place from St. James on March 28.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Muriel Baker from Kevin & Marilyn Pardy.

<p>Financial Update: To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)</p> <p>Givings for: March 10: \$4,135 March 17: \$3,190 March 24: \$3,696</p>
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This evening: Youth Group in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Tomorrow, Monday, April 1: *Our Lenten Offering Folders will be available from the office all week; *Sewing Studio, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room.

Tuesday, April 2: Book Group's last session for current book in the Chapel, 7-9pm. We'll be starting a new book on May 7: *Jesus before the Gospels* by Bart D. Ehrman. If you'd like to join the discussion, please purchase the book and start reading!

Wednesday, April 3: *Weekly lunch time Communion Service every Wednesday during Lent at 12.15 in the Chapel followed by a brown bag lunch. Why not make this weekly practice part of your Lenten Spiritual Journey?

***Zatoun Olive Oil:** Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil on sale from the office during Lent at \$20 a bottle. *"Zatoun is Palestine in a bottle"* Only 1 bottle left!

***Meeting for parents of youth** wishing to participate in the GO Project this summer, as well as parents of youth and any young adults interested in Rendez-vous 2020 in Calgary. 7pm in the Chapel downstairs.

Thursday, April 4: Not a Bible Study at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

Saturday, April 6: Ukelele: in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start.

Next Sunday, April 7 at 5pm: Project Grace's Winter Semester Showcase in our Sanctuary; donation basis.

Bridges To Hope:

***Monday, April 8:** Their Annual General Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Queen's Road at 7:30pm. St James is a partner congregation of Bridges to Hope and is entitled to have a representative to vote at the General Meeting. This is an opportunity for a member of the congregation to attend the meeting as our representative. If you are interested, please advise the church office, 722-1881, ext. 200, by Tuesday, April 2.

***Saturday April 13:** Annual Mooseburger Fundraiser at St. Andrews Church on Longs Hill, 4 - 6:30pm. Cost is \$6 for a Mooseburger or \$8 for a Mooseburger, water and a bag of chips. The goal is to sell 350 burgers. Please pre-order to ensure they do not have wastage. Sign-up sheet here on the bulletin board, or go to the website: www.bridgestohope.ca

UCW Spring Tea & Variety Stalls: Saturday, April 13, 2-4 pm; cost: \$7.00.

Tickets are available from UCW members and at the door. Donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support! If you require additional information, please contact Sheila Beckett 722-7621, or Barbara Butt 576-1344.

"Come let us have some tea and continue to talk about happy things."

Tuesday, April 16 at 12 noon: A Presentation of Organ and Choral Music for Holy Week featuring Amy Dalziel, organist, and the AOTS and UCW choirs under the direction of Doreen Brown. Entrance: freewill offering.

The AOTS Fish Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 26 at 6pm. Ticket price is \$20, available from any member of the men's club or from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11 - an integrative, interactive approach to personal growth of the mind, body and spirit. Themes of *Spirituality, Personal Growth, and Practices to Find Peace* are highlighted in the practical sessions with experienced leaders, helping you to renourish your soul, plant the seeds for optimal benefit for yourself and others, rediscover the best in you and find emotional and spiritual health. Cost: \$125.00. Gift

certificate for Easter/Mother's Day available, as well as all information from St. James office, info@stjamesuc.org, 722-1881, ext. 200.

For over 65 years Burry Heights Camp has offered camping experiences for children ages 9-15. Crafts, sports, swimming, canoeing, hiking, thinking spiritually, and nature study are among some of the activities offered on a weekly basis, for 8 weeks each summer. Registration for the 2019 camping season is available on the Burry Heights website www.burryheights.com/summer-camp

This evening at 7: 56th annual Service for the "People of the Sea" at George Street UC with guest speaker Her Honour, the Honourable Judy Foote, Lieutenant Governor of NL. A reception will follow in the Jimmy Pratt Memorial Centre.

The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer will hold a service at Wesley, starting at 6:50 pm. Special guests will be four representatives from the MUN School of Music. All are welcome to attend.

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