

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of daughter
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
from mom, dad and family.
(March 3, 1959 – April 19, 2013)

It is also dedicated in loving memory of
Margaret Quick Babstock,
a beloved mother and grandmother,
on the one hundredth anniversary of her birth, March 2, 1919
from her family.

St. James United Church

March 3, 2019/Transfiguration Sunday/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:	Janet Bartlett
Greeters:	Barbara & David Adams
Ushers:	Bill Legge, Trevor Bartlett, Michelle & Wayne Skinner

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 CANDLE: We light this candle to remind us that the transfigured Christ is also the transforming Christ.

CHORAL INTROIT: *Dance with the Spirit*

MV156

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: The mountain is quiet.

All: Four friends gather.

One: Suddenly Jesus is transformed.

All: Voices and images surround the mountain; the friends of Jesus are filled with awe.

One: Then Jesus returns to His friends, comforting them.

All: The mountain is quiet.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) O God, we gather here today on Transfiguration Sunday. Three days from now, we enter into the season of Lent. But today, on this special Sunday, we pray that we may see Christ transfigured before us, and that we will be transformed by Your grace to prepare us to follow Jesus through the days of Lent. Amen.

HYMN: *Jesus Bids Us Shine*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Quinn Lillian Boland

(daughter of Courtney Lillian Sears Boland & Shane James Boland)

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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER

ACTION OF BAPTISM

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.*

HYMN: *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

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OFFERTORY INVITATION OFFERING

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) Transform these gifts, O God, from the humble stuff that they are, into agents of change, sources of comfort, visible demonstrations of our faith in action! Transform us also, so that we may be more than we are in Your service each day.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM: *I Know Where I'm Goin'*

Choirs

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 34: 29-35
Luke 9: 28-36

MEDITATION "Transfigured Christ and Transformed Lives"

MUSICAL GOSPEL MOMENT: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

*That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known.*

*In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

*Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His Word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

*May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight.
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: We are people blessed by God. We are a transformed people. Let us go in the light of the transfigured Christ as we leave this place, taking the blessing and love of Christ into the world.

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: Supervised ministry education is an intentional learning experience that enables people preparing for ministry to deepen their pastoral identity, reflect theologically and enhance their ministry skills. M&S supports this by providing a grant to a learning site, like a congregation, for an 8 month placement. The Rev. Maya Braithwaite recently completed a placement at Bloor Street UC, Toronto. One of her goals was learning about social justice in a congregational context. *“Ministry is about relationships - it’s about collaborating with others and harnessing the creativity that God has gifted us. While at Bloor Street, I had the opportunity to share in the healing work of storytelling: I experienced what an Affirming church looks like and what it does in its day-to-day functions and worship; I learned about protocol as we welcomed and began the work of supporting a Syrian refugee family; I learned about conflict transformation as we grappled with ways of responding to the Truth & Reconciliation Commission’s recommendations; I shared my love for contemplative prayer and a variety of spiritual practices. We danced, journalled, meditated and the children and I learned about Godly Play together”* Your gifts to M & S help support candidates as they prepare for ministry and are equipped for leadership in our church.

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 3, 2019

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

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

- Aubrey & Ruby Hill;
- Muriel’s nephew, Timothy Hiscock;
- Shirley Downey.

***to Project Grace in loving memory of daughter, Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.** from Mom, Dad and family.

***to Project Grace in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood, R.N.,B.N.** on her birthday, March 3, from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca.

<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: February 10: \$3,704 February 17: \$2,806 February 24: \$3,541</p>

Thank you from the dancers to those who contributed and donated to their bake sale! They had a lot of support from the congregation and the bake sale was a wonderful success!

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 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:

*There will be a *Mac and Cheese* lunch, hosted by our Youth Ministries, after the 11am Worship Service. Cost: a donation to our programs.

*Tickets will be on sale at the lunch for our Pancake Supper on Tuesday at 6pm: \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Note: tickets will not be available at the door.

* Copies of the 2018 Annual Report available for perusal;

*VOWR's evening service today will be from St. James;

*This evening: Youth Group upstairs in the Youth Room at 7pm.

Tomorrow, Monday, March 4:

*Tickets on sale from the office for tomorrow's Pancake Supper;

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

Tuesday, March 5:

*Tickets on sale from the office for tonight's Pancake Supper;

*The St. James Guitar Group plays at Bonaventure Retirement Home at 2pm;

*Book Group cafe-style discussion of *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian McLaren in the Youth Centre at 7:30pm – time change this week only.

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

Thursday, March 7: Not a Bible Study, 'Painting the Stars,' cancelled.

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 an introductory course on the pipe organ for youth ages 12-18, Friday, March 8, 15, 22, 29: 6-7pm. This group course will run when 2-4 people enroll. Students must have a few years of piano tuition. Cost: \$25 per class (\$100 for the 4-week course). Contact Amy (765-1003; amd637@mun.ca) with any questions or to enroll.

Saturday, March 9: Beginners' Ukelele in the Youth Centre at 1pm for 1:30 start. Susan at 722-1881, ext. 204, susan@stjames.org

Next Sunday, March 10: St. James' Annual Congregational meeting to discuss reports from 2018 and approve the 2019 budget will be held after the 11am Worship Service.

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.

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.

Great Big Book Sale 2019: CFUW St. John's is collecting gently used books. Please drop off at the site of the former TD Bank in Woodgate Plaza, 58 Kenmount Road, between Toys R Us and Quizno's Sub, 11am – 3pm Monday to Saturday, 1 – 3pm Sunday. They accept all types of books, in good condition, **except** encyclopedia, Readers Digest condensed books, textbooks, magazines and outdated technology manuals. They also no longer accept VHS tapes. Their 2019 sale is scheduled for May 6-8 at the REMax Centre, 135 Mayor Avenue, St. John's.

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