

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
mother **Sadie M. Butt** and aunt **Mildred Legrow**
from
Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre and families.

St. James United Church

April 28, 2019: Second Sunday of Easter

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choirs:	AOTS, UCW
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge:	Jean Thompson
Greeters:	Kevin & Marilyn Pardy
Ushers:	Linda Babstock, Marilyn Adams Oliver Wellon

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

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

SHARING 'THE PEACE':

One: The peace and presence of God is here... to stay.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors.

INTROIT: *Come, Let Us Worship the Lord, v. 1*

Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Jesus calls us with a rollicking sense of humor, chuckling at our faltering steps.

All: We find it hard to believe that we are loved so deeply, so we giggle with the nervous laughter of disbelief.

One: God calls us amidst our everyday living, grinning at the irony of our actions.

All: May we, too, grin and allow laughter to fill our worship, feed our faith, and rejuvenate our spirit.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) God of merriment, beckon us into the frolic of worship, that we may grasp Your hand of new life. You are the joy in our happiness and in our sorrow. We pray for the gift of a holy sense of humor, the ability to laugh at ourselves, the ability to keep life in perspective. We rejoice in our transformation into people of joy and embracing our identity as Your children. Amen.

HYMN: *I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy*

*1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart,
Down in my heart, down in my heart.
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.
Down in my heart to stay.*

2. I got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart.

3. I've got the peace that passes understanding, down in my heart.

4. I've got the wonderful love of my blessed Redeemer way down in the depths of my heart.

5. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart.

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *I am the Church! You are the Church!*

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we're the church together!

*1. The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place; the church is a people.*

*2. We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colours and all ages, too from all times and places.*

*3. And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying;
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING: *Come, Let Us Worship the Lord, v.2, 3* Choirs

DOXOLOGY: *Praise God from whom our humor flows
 Praise God all joyful hearts below
 Praise Spirit with whom our hearts soar
 Praise Christ whose smile is evermore.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Bless these offerings, O God, as echoes of Your laughing hearts. That You should love us, absurd as we are, that You should call us, as flawed as we are, inspire us to share the twinkle in Your eye, to become the proof of Your good humour in service to others. Bless us in our ministries as images of Your smile. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Easter Song* Choirs

SILENCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18: 9-15; 21:1-6

GOSPEL: John 16: 20-22

PSALM 100: Make a Joyful Noise 820

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HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* 232

PARTING WORDS:

One: Our true home is in the present moment.

All: To live in the present moment is a miracle.

One: The miracle is not to walk on water.

All: The miracle is to walk on the green Earth in the present moment,

One: to appreciate the peace and beauty that are available now.

All: Peace is all around us - in the world and in nature

One: and within us - in our bodies and our spirits.

All: Once we learn to touch this peace, we will be healed and transformed. It is not a matter of faith; It is a matter of practice. (*Thich Nhat Hanh*)

BLESSING FOLLOWED BY MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church Life and Work, April 28, 2019

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of Gerald Hopkins, who passed away on April 18. His funeral took place from Barrett's Chapel last Tuesday, April 23.

We welcome 2 more butterflies to our Easter Sanctuary in celebration of:

*Leo Doyle and Susan & Ronald Burry from Audrey Burry;

*the life and memory of my mom, Shirley Newhook, and my mother-in-law, Bana Yetman from Brenda Newhook.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)

Givings for: April 7:	\$3,565
April 14:	\$3,983
April 21:	\$5,380

Today:

- * Deadline for Hymn Sing requests; extra forms in the foyer;
- * Coffee Hour, hosted by our Worship & Sacraments Committee, following the 11am Service; all welcome.

Rev. Brian will be on vacation until May 7th.

Monday, April 29:

- * Sewing Studio, Spring Session begins, 3-6pm in the Fellowship Room;
- * Writers' Circle, 7:30pm in the Fellowship Room.

Wednesday, May 1: Last day for registering for our *Learn, Laugh and Leave Relaxed Retreat*, Friday, May 10 evening and all day Saturday, May 11 Cost: \$125.00. Gift certificate for Mother's Day available, as well as all information, from St. James office.

Rise & Shine Pansy Bowl Fundraiser

Name: _____ Quantity (\$15 per bowl): _____

Phone # or email: _____

Deadline is May 1.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service enable community ministries like Massey Center, Toronto, Ontario, to create new programs that meet the needs of young, single mothers. It has been a place of refuge and encouragement for almost 120 years. Originally housed in the Methodist parsonage and known as The Victor Home for Women, the Massey family, in 1947, gave the centre their summer home, and renamed it the Massey Center Home for Unwed Mothers, now known as Massey Center for Women. While the original home remains part of the footprint, the center has expanded to include pre-and post-natal housing, education programs, a daycare, and infant mental health programs. People speak fondly of the Center, and many choose to stay connected to it. Lisa, who found out at 18 that she was pregnant, had no family support when she came to Massey Center. Without the support of the Massey Center, she is certain she would have had her child taken by Children's Aid. Lisa now

works as the center's receptionist, a welcoming face and voice for first encounters there. Massey Center is very thankful for United Church support, whether in the form of Mission & Service giving, local United Churches' gifts of diapers, or United Church Women who knit beautiful blankets. All these gifts are changing lives each and every way.

Thursday, May 2: The Agnes Pratt Home Foundation will be joining a VOWR Gospel Hour, from 8-10pm, channel 800 on your am radio dial. This will be a special time of wonderful music to assist with the fundraising efforts of the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation. If you would like to sponsor one of the hymns, please use the form on the bulletin board outside our Sanctuary. This year the Agnes Pratt Home Foundation are thankful to have a fund match from the Fry Family Foundation up to \$50,000. This means your donation will double. The money raised through this VOWR gospel hour will be used for the Southview Renovation Project within The Agnes Pratt Home. www.aphf.ca

The St John's and Area Council of Churches invite you to join them for their 21st Annual Dinner and evening of Christian Fellowship at 6pm, Friday, May 3 at St Pius X Parish Hall; \$20 for a Roast Beef dinner. Tickets from George Powell 722-5007, georgepowell@nl.rogers.com

Tuesday, May 7, 2-4pm: Café of Memories 2019 at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pearl for an afternoon of entertainment and refreshments for those with dementia and their caregivers, hosted by the Alzheimer Society of NL and Lodge Westmoorland. Call 576-0608 to register - no charge.

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