

## St. James United Church

April 7, 2019/Fifth Sunday in Lent/Baptism

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
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Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
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Choir:	Senior
Usher in Charge:	Jean Thompson
Greeters and Ushers:	Mary Daya, Oliver Wellon, Linda Babstock, Marilyn Adams, Kevin & Marilyn Pardy

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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

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE:** Today we light the Christ candle as we continue to look ahead through the shadowed days of a Lenten journey, and the anticipation of the joyous hallelujahs of Easter morning.

**CHOIR INTROIT:** *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Call to Worship:** (responsive)

One: With open arms, we are welcomed by God.

**All:** **We delight as we reconnect with each other and celebrate the bounty God showers upon us as we worship today.**

**OPENING PRAYER:** (together) Ever-Welcoming God, You assure us that there is a place for all in Your loving embrace. May we lean into that tender care, confident and trusting. Remind us again that Your way is full of compassion and love. Open our hearts to the ever-present opportunities to bring hope and comfort to Your people. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**HYMN:** *Jesus Loves Me*

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### CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**Noah Franklin Green**

child of Stephanie & Kristian Green

**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 918

**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:** *Though I May Speak* 372

**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.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Wade in the Water*

**SCRIPTURE:** Philippians 3: 4-14  
John 12: 1-8

**MEDITATION** "To Love or Not to Love? – That is the Question."

**HYMN:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 382

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:** The heart of Christ will show the way. The love of God will bless each day. The Spirit's call will open lives. Our hope and joy will begin to rise. Let us go forth as new creations in Christ.

**BENEDICTION**

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

**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

**Minute for Mission**

Globally, human trafficking is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest organized crime after drugs and the arms trade. Human trafficking includes exploited labour, sale of human organs and forced marriages, but some 80% is related to sexual exploitation. In Asia, India is considered the hub of this crime- the national government reports that children go missing daily. West Bengal is a hot bed of trafficking. M&S partner Church of North India, Durgapur Diocese, is tackling the issue with an anti-human trafficking program. The program educates communities and leaders about trafficking, rescues those who have been trafficked and provides safe haven and support for those rescued. It has been noted that children, especially girls and women are taken from their homes and sold for sexual exploitation and to work as bonded labour. They are often lured with promises of education, a better life and money. Instead, children are put to work in brick kilns, carpentry units, or as domestic servants or beggars. Some are victims of human organ harvesting. Community volunteers are collaborating to fight this evil and to care for those rescued from trafficking. Children and adults are provided with shelter, food and education. M&S partner Church of North India is working to defend and protect the safety and dignity of all. No one should be trafficked.

*St. James United Church Life and Work, April 7, 2019*

**We offer our condolences** to Doug Noseworthy, his family and friends, on the passing of Doug's beloved wife, Renette (Renny), on March 29. Her funeral service took place from The Carnell Memorial Chapel on April 2.

**We offer our condolences** to Elizabeth Freake and family on the passing of Elizabeth's daughter, Deborah Dyer on March 30. Her funeral took place from Barrett's Chapel on April 3.

**We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:**

**\* to the General Fund:**

**in loving memory of Maxine Ivory** from:

Mary Barrett

Roxanne & John Fleming

Phil Saunders

Charlie & Linda Babstock

Menetha & Sid Dyke

Lima Spurrell

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St. James UCW

**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: March 17: \$3,190

March 24: \$3,696

March 31: \$3,685

**Today: The Church Council invites you** to come and share cake and coffee/tea immediately following the service as we celebrate Volunteer Week and the dedicated volunteers who support the life and work of our church.

\*All information about our May Retreat, along with Gift Certificates for purchase at \$125, will be available.

**\*This afternoon at 5:** Project Grace's Winter Semester Showcase in our Sanctuary; donation basis.

**Tomorrow, Monday, April 8:**

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

**\*Writers' Circle**, 7:30pm in the Chapel.

**\* The regular monthly meeting of the UCW** at 7:30pm in the church auditorium.

**Tuesday, April 9:**

**\*Pleasant View Towers Worship Service** at 2pm, conducted by members of the men's club. Volunteers please meet at 1:30 in the chapel to plan the congregation pick-ups; new volunteers are always welcome! **Important:** Residents are not to be taken off the floor without a tag!

**\*Bridges To Hope's** Annual General Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Hall, Queen's Road at 7:30pm.

**Wednesday, April 10:**

**\*Weekly lunch time Communion Service** every Wednesday during Lent at 12.15 in the Chapel followed by a brown bag lunch.

**\*Friendship Group** meets at 1pm.

**\*Zatoun Olive Oil** on sale from the office at \$20 a bottle; only 1 bottle left!

**Thursday, April 11:**

**\*St. James Guitar Group** plays at North Pond Manor at 2pm.

**\*Our Senior Choir Choral Scholar**, Alison Petten, will be performing her graduation recital on Thursday,

April 11 at 6 pm in the D. F. Cook Recital Hall, MUN School of Music. Please feel free to drop by to support Alison! Parking is available in the MUN School of Music parking lot.

**\*Not a Bible Study** at 7:30pm in the Youth Centre.

**Saturday April 13:**

**\*Ukelele:** in the Fellowship Room at 1pm for 1:30 start.

**\*UCW Spring Tea & Variety Stalls, 2-4 pm;** cost: \$7 from a UCW member or at the door. Sheilah Beckett 726-7421, or Barbara Butt 576-1344.

**\*Annual Mooseburger Fundraiser** at St. Andrews Church on Longs Hill, 4 - 6:30pm.. Sign-up sheet here on the bulletin board, or go to the website: [www.bridgestohope.ca](http://www.bridgestohope.ca)

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

**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 to the church office before Monday, April 15.

**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.

**Holy Week United Church Services:**

Monday, April 15th at 7:30 pm at Wesley Street United Church.

Tuesday, April 16th at 7:30 pm at Cochrane Street United Church.

Wednesday, April 17th at 7:30 pm at Cowan Heights United Church.

Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 pm at Gower Street United Church.

Good Friday, April 19th at 12 noon at George Street United Church: Offering in support of Stella's Circle

**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](mailto:info@stjamesuc.org), 722-1881, ext. 200

**Cowan Heights United Church's** fundraiser for their youth this summer: an evening of fun with Matthew Cooper, Phillip Roberts, Bailey Collins, RONALDA HUTTON MACDONALD, Peter MacDonald and the St. John's Choir. Saturday, April 13 at 7pm, cost \$20/adult, \$5/child (12 & under).

**Wesley United Church:** Jiggs Dinner on Thursday, April 11 at 6pm, followed by a card game. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling Marvin at 579-7900, Pheobe at 726-1689 or the Wesley Church Office at 579-3682.

**THE END**