

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
my son Dale and my daughter Lori
from Mom.

And

this bulletin is dedicated to:
Remembering Bethany Danielle Pike
(January 8, 1988 – May 27, 2008)
from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

St. James United Church

May 26, 2019/Sixth Sunday of Easter/Baptism

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
Usher in Charge:	Barbara Adams
Greeters and	Muriel Cole, Joyce Hill
Ushers:	Menetha Dyke, Vera Marshall, Helen Taylor, Vickie Styles

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: This is the light of Christ, a promise of love. This light shines for us, and for all of creation. For this we give thanks.

CHORAL INTROIT: *Holy, Holy, Holy (F. Schubert)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: I invite you to quiet your body and mind, take a deep breath. We are here to experience the Holy. May it be so in this time of worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Holy Lord and Friend, we gather today in Your presence to hear Your story, to sing Your songs, to feel the wonder of Your loving guidance in our lives. Be among us, sit with us, and let us feel Your Spirit now and always. Amen.

HYMN: *Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)*

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CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucas Charlie Roy

child of Courtney & Christopher Thorne

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: *It Only Takes a Spark*

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OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made know:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) God our Rock, Your strong message of daring love challenges us to live in courageous gratitude. With thankful hearts, we share our resources. With humble spirits, we offer ourselves. With gracious faith, we commit ourselves to the ministry of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM: *Shenandoah, arr. Bartholomew*

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 5: 1-6
John15: 9-17

MEDITATION: "Friends Forever"

HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* 575

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: As we go out into the world seeking justice and truth, may the words sung and spoken today fill our hearts with new life. As we go out into the world seeking love, may we find the love that passes all understanding.

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

St. James United Church Life and Work, May 26, 2019

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Operating Expenses** of the Church, \$3,000, from St. James UCW.

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Eric Crummell from Shirley Bursey.

***to Project Grace**, remembering Bethany, from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

***to Project Grace** in loving memory of grand-daughter Bethany Danielle Pike from Nan & Pop Hapgood.

***to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in recognition of Stephen Pike's retirement from employees at CRA.

"Memorial Gift to the glory of God and in loving memory of my dear friend, Rev. Melvin Ralph, who died on May 29, 2016" from Morley Hodder.

<p>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.)</p> <p>Givings for: May 5: \$3,023 May 12: \$3,688 May 19: \$2,673 plus a special contribution \$10,000</p>

The Observer has a new name! In March/April of this year, this award-winning, 190 year old magazine changed its name to *Broadview*.

Annual subscriptions are not renewed automatically, so if you had one for the past year and wish to renew for another year, please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca) to do so. Cost for the coming year is \$25, with the renewal deadline of June 14. For those folks wishing to begin a subscription, please return the following form to our office.

Broadview: *I would like to receive a subscription to The United Broadview through the St. James United Church-NL Group Plan at the price of \$25 per year. Payment enclosed.*

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Wanted: Special Project Implementer at St. James UC for an 8 week period during July and August. Funding for this is available to those who meet the following conditions: “1. *be between 15-30 years of age (inclusive) at the start of employment;* 2. *be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or person on whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act;* 3. *is legally entitled to work in NL. International students are not eligible. Recent immigrants are eligible if they are Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents.*” Applicants must be: highly organized with attention to detail; able to efficiently plan, manage and complete several projects within the time frame; able to confidently interact with church staff, the congregation and the public. Proficiency in MS-Office is a must. Please submit your interest along with your resumé to St. James United Church, Attn: Jan Winsor, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, A1B 1T9 or info@stjamesuc.org by Sunday, June 9.

Monday, May 27: *Sewing Studio last session for the season, 3-6pm.

***Writers’ Circle:** 7:30-9pm in the Fellowship Room.

Thursday, May 30: St. John’s Gay Men’s Chorus annual concert at 7:30pm in our Sanctuary; *Born This Way*, with Special Guest Abra Whitney. Admission is \$20/\$15.

This afternoon: Topsail UC is hosting a retirement open house for Rev. Bruce and Mrs. Dianne Kearley from 2- 5 at Topsail Church Hall. All welcome.

This evening at 7pm, a joint service for the United Communities of Faith at Cochrane Street UC. Guest preacher is David Armour the Executive Minister, Philanthropy and President of the UCC Foundation. Coffee, tea and fellowship will follow the service. The offering from this service will be in support of Burry Heights Summer Camp.

Next Sunday, June 2, The United Church will celebrate an official Pride Sunday to celebrate the lives and ministry of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people. St. James will celebrate with a Pride Sunday on July 14 for the beginning of NL Pride week.

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support displaced people in Canada. Dr. Kathy Yamashita reflects on what it means to be a Japanese Canadian in light of the Japanese Canadian internment camps during World War II, and the support of M & S of The UCC that works with the small Japanese United Church to grow into the multicultural church it is today. The relocation camps were in the interior of B.C, and in southern Alberta, where those in the camps did hard labour sugar beet farming. During this time, The UCC supported Japanese people through the Board of Home Missions program. *“We had missionaries who helped us with high school education, as the province only provided elementary education in the relocation camps. They helped us to remain as a Christian community that supported each other through those difficult times. After the war, those who were of the Japanese congregation in southern Alberta continued to worship together and eventually purchased an old hall in Lethbridge, Alberta. As time went on, the Japanese United Church was less dependent on the Japanese language, and thankfully, with support from M & S, it has grown into a multicultural United Church. We worship in English. We are now financially stable and value M & S, remembering the help we received in the past. Through reading Minutes for Mission in church, we have learned of the good work done through our giving for M & S.”*

Gower Seniors Gala, Tuesday, May 28, 6-8pm: Jigg's Dinner, dessert, tea/coffee with entertainment provided by *The Walsh Family*. Tickets are \$20.00 each, available at Gower Street United Church Office, 753-7286.

Spiritual Enrichment Meeting, hosted by Hillgate Joys Christian Fellowship on Friday, May 31 at 6pm. Theme: *Come, Holy Spirit We Need You!* Guest Speaker: Annette Bonneau. (Poster on bulletin board outside Sanctuary.)

Flea Market: The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, June 1, 9am-12noon, at the Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road. Many slightly used household items will be available. Admission is \$1.00. Anyone wishing to donate items for this event could drop them off on Friday, May 31.

Did I read that sign right?

In a Laundromat: *“Automatic washing machines: please remove all your clothes when the light goes out.”*

In an office: *“After tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.”*

THE END