



St. James Visitor

Thanksgiving 2019

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM REV. BRIAN COLBOURNE

"Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good." - Genesis 1:11-12

And that my friends, was just for starters!

God has continued the work of creation down through the ages, and the result of His work can be seen all around us.

The season of autumn is so often filled with beautiful colours. It is the season when we prepare to gather in the produce of the land, which reflects God's work and our work combined. As we look closer at the results, we are reminded that we cannot do it alone; we need God's touch to make it a success.

At this time of year, my attention is not only directed toward the produce of the land and sea which are often seen in various pictures of "Thanksgiving," but my attention is also directed to the skills and talents which God has given to the people. All this is an important part of who we are as a people and the tradition that makes us what we are.

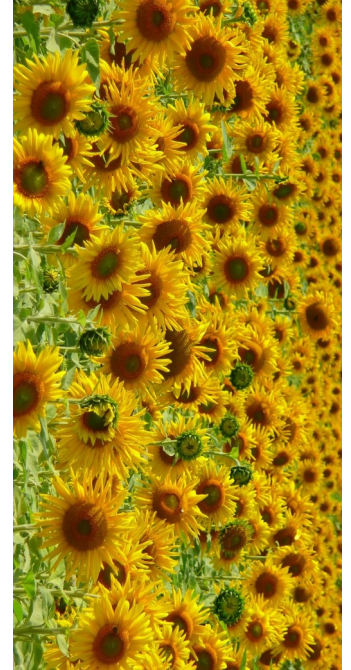
We walk into craft shops or attend craft shows, and we find beautiful items of work which are the result of skillful hands. Our history tells us that many of these skills were a necessity in years gone by and they reflect a way of life.

In our season of Thanksgiving, we give God thanks for the gifts, the talents and the blessings which all come from God.

As a church congregation, when we work together - combining our gifts and our talents under the leadership of God - great things will be the result. For all the individuals in this congregation who share their time and talents, we give thanks. There is a lot of work being done, and there is a lot of work still needed to be done. There is always room for more people to be involved.

If there is some skill or talent which you may have, why not become a part of the work God is doing with St. James United Church. As a "Thank Offering" to God, share your talent and your time. Become involved! Happy Thanksgiving.

Blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, Rev. Brian



SPIRITUAL FELLOWSHIP

Please join us the first and third Wednesday of the month from **12 noon - 2 pm** for a half hour Worship Service in the Youth Chapel followed by lunch and social time. Bring along your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea are provided. Drop in and join in, FOR SOME OR FOR ALL. Everyone is welcome.

THIS IS NEW!! AOTS AND UCW CHOIRS continue to practice together at 10 am on Fridays in the Fellowship Room. New members welcome!



A MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Thanksgiving—a time to reflect on all that we have and who we are. The time of year when Mother Nature rewards us with a final blast of colour before nature settles in for the cold of winter. This is also a good time to reflect on the activities at St. James. We are extremely fortunate to have a congregation that is active and involved, who care for our church family and beyond.



While we may not have a formal Outreach Committee, all of our groups and committees include outreach as an important aspect of service. Our AOTS and UCW continue to be strong leaders and supporters of our church; the Visitation program with co-ordination by Janet Bartlett is functioning well. We have an incredible Christian Education program that continues to offer many varied activities to the congregation and the community at large; our Youth groups, while not always present at Sunday services, are involved and interested in our church and community; our Worship and Sacraments Committee is continually assessing and addressing the needs of the congregation from a spiritual perspective; the Music Program continues to grow and evolve.

The Administration and Communications Committee has dedicated itself to ensuring that we are kept informed of pertinent information and activities, including engaging local media in advertising our activities. Our Property folks do their best to maintain the beauty of our building and surroundings which is a challenge as the buildings age. The Bethany Center, formerly known as the Manse on Paton Street, is occupied full time by Project Grace, a music program for children and now expanding to adults.

The Finance Committee continues the struggle to maintain our budget in spite of external influences negatively affecting our resources. We are extremely pleased to note that givings continue to grow, and for that we extend our most sincere appreciation to the congregation for their ongoing support.

We also give thanks to everyone who has helped/is helping to provide the services and activities at St. James... without help, little of the above would be possible. We have so much to be thankful for—let us not forget that when we must face stressful and difficult times.

Happy Thanksgiving, Marilyn Adams, Council Chair

WHERE IS SUSAN?

Many of you may be wondering what happened to me as I am no longer visible at St. James on Sunday mornings. After 14 years of enjoying your support and encouragement as I learned how to first be a leader of children and youth and as I branched out into adult programs and worship leadership, on June 16 I began the half-time ministry position with the Bell Island-Portugal Cove Pastoral Charge.

I continue to minister in the half-time position with St. James as your Minister of Youth and Christian Education, but my volunteer hours have been cut back. Also, to allow time for a safe commute to Portugal Cove on Sunday mornings between services, we have moved the early service at St. James to 9 am.

If you would like to visit or contact me, I will be working at St. James on Mondays and Thursdays, 722-1881 ext. 204. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays I will work from the office in Portugal Cove, 895-6525.

Blessings, Susan Sheppard



CONFIRMATION

Any youth age 12 (grade 7) and up who wish to take part in this year's Confirmation Program, please contact Susan at susan@stjamesuc.org or 722-1881 ext. 204.



ST. JAMES MUSIC PROGRAM

The music program is an important part of the worship team who meet regularly to plan our worship services. Music is an integral part of our worship service—whether it be the prelude or postlude, anthem or congregational singing, it is enjoyed by all. Music causes us to reflect; it inspires us, motivates us, calms us and brings joy and laughter. At St. James we are blessed with much music: the choirs (Senior, AOTS, UCW, Youth); Guitar Group; praise band, Sight Restored; and a fledgling Ukulele band. We thank the members of all groups for their commitment to the program.

The music program has seen much growth in the past few years, more so in 2018-19 with the addition of the Associate Music Director position. A number of music events were presented from November to June. There are a number of events already in the works for this year.

We are also pleased to note that we have two additional community choirs who now practise at St. James: Newfound Sound and the Gay Men's Choir as well as Shallaway who have been with us for some time. The music program is led by our experienced music professionals as outlined below.

Amy Dalziel, Music Director

Amy grew up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, earned her Bachelor of Music from Mount Allison University and completed a Masters of Music degree in piano performance and pedagogy at Memorial. Amy enjoys playing for both traditional and contemporary worship services and has experience leading and accompanying both small choirs and instrumental ensembles.

Amy was a member of our first Music Director team from 2014-2016. She resigned in August 2016 to go to England where she enhanced her qualifications as an organist and gained further experience. She returned in late summer 2018 and was rehired as Associate Music Director for 2018-2019. On the resignation of our previous Music Director, Paul Rodermond, Amy accepted the position as Director of Music with primary responsibility for Music Ministry and the Organ, with added responsibility for arranging and presenting additional music events.

Branden Olsen, Associate Music Director

Branden hails from St. John, New Brunswick. He completed a Bachelor of Music at Mount Allison University and is pursuing a Masters of Music in Voice Performance followed by a Masters of Music in Conducting at Memorial. Prior to his move to Newfoundland, he was Director of Music at St. John's United Church in Moncton. He comes to us with an incredible background and experience both locally and internationally. Branden is also Director of Newfound Sound, a women's barbershop chorus, and teaches private piano lessons. His primary role as Associate Music Director will be to the Senior Choir, with added responsibilities in the music program in partnership with Amy Dalziel, the Music Director.

Doreen Brown, Director

Doreen is no stranger to music and music education, having had a career as a music teacher. She continues to offer private piano lessons. Doreen has been Director of the Youth Choir for many years and is held in high esteem by the choir members. She also directs the AOTS and UCW choirs—often blending them with the youth for special pieces. Doreen brings considerable experience and guidance to our music program and coordinates regularly with the other Music Directors.

PAR Program (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

The United Church of Canada administers PAR. Decide the amount you wish to pay the church and your bank will be debited on or about the 20th of the month. (Small cards are available to put in the offering plate).

You can also use **Visa/Master Card** via the PAR Program. **Post Dated Cheques** provide another option for you. Leave your post dated cheques at the office and we will deposit them on the date you specify.

Many people use PAR as a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church whether they are at home or traveling. Please call the church office for more details.




PLEASE JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 30

- ◆ Fish Pond
- ◆ Carpenter Shop
- ◆ Bake Sale
- ◆ Live animals



BETHLEHEM MARKET

 St. James United Church, 330 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's

Saturday, November 30, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

\$2 single or \$5 for family of 3+



- ◆ Christmas Nativity Scene
- ◆ Bethlehem Café
- ◆ Story Time for the youth
- ◆ Live Christmas Music

RENDEZ-VOUS 2020 will take place in Calgary, from August 11-14. It is an event for youth, young adults and leaders which takes place at various cities across Canada every three years.

St. James YAYAs have attended each of the three previous Rendez-vous in Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal. They have experienced inspiring keynote speakers, a wide variety of workshops in all aspects of spirituality and worshipped together in creative ways.

Any youth and young adults (YAYAs) interested in taking part in this event should contact Susan **As Soon As Possible!** This will be a costly event so fundraising needs to begin immediately so that we can buy flights as seat sales come up. Contact Susan at 722-1881 ext. 204 or email susan@stjamesuc.org.



Just as many hands make light work, many small gifts can make a big impact — and make a significant difference in the life of someone in your community. Bridges to Hope simply would not exist without your generous support.

Please bring a non-perishable food item for our Food Chest when you come along to service so we can help others in need.





THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE DIVERSITY FAIR 2019 POSSIBLE



Registration is now open online for “Music Lessons for Grown Ups” on Tuesdays, September 17 to November 7, 7:30-8:30 pm, \$120 per person at The Bethany Center.

Registration is also open for “After School Music Program” for children in grades 1 through 12. Lessons are offered in violin, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, piano, percussion and ukulele. Visit www.projectgrace.ca to learn more and to sign up.



AOTS MEN’S SERVICE CLUB



Fish Dinner

**Friday, October 25, 2019
Time: 6 pm Cost: \$20.00**

UCW

FALL SALE AND MORNING COFFEE



Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: 9:45 – 12 Noon Cost: \$7.00



WORSHIP SCHEDULE October - December 2019

Date	Time	Details	Music
October 13 Tape VOWR	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Creation Time Ends Thanksgiving Baptism	Senior Choir
October 20	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship World Food Sunday Coffee Hour—Church Council	AOTS/UCW/Youth
October 27	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Peace Sunday	Guest Choir Newfound Sound
November 3	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost Baptism SOUP LUNCH	Service of Music
November 10	9:00 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm	Contemporary Worship Remembrance Sunday Going Down of the Sun Service Communion	Senior Choir
November 17	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Anniversary Sunday Coffee Hour--CE and Sunday School	Senior Choir/Youth AOTS/UCW
November 24	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Reign of Christ Sunday	Guest Choir Gay Men's Choir (T)
December 1 Tape VOWR	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Advent 1 - HOPE Baptism SOUP LUNCH	Senior Choir
December 8	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Advent 2 - PEACE Communion	Senior Choir
December 15	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Service Advent 3- JOY Coffee Hour--UCW/AOTS	Youth/AOTS/UCW
December 21	7:00 pm	Winter Solstice	
December 22	9:00 am 11:00 am	Contemporary Worship Advent 4 LOVE	Senior Choir
December 24	6:30 to 7:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship	Senior Choir/Youth AOTS/UCW
December 29	11:00 am	First Sunday after Christmas	Guitar Group

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