

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memories of
Bethany Danielle Pike
"Remembering Bethany's birthday, January 8"
with love from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca.

St. James United Church

January 5, 2020/Epiphany Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choir:	Senior
Choir Director/Soloist:	Branden Olsen
Usher in Charge:	Michelle Skinner
Greeters and Ushers:	Wayne Skinner, Jean Thompson, Paul Walsh, Robin Bartlett

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) We give thanks for the light of the world. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. The light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overcome it.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Look into the night sky; see the brilliant stars.

All: We know that God offers us guidance for the journey.

One: Look ahead; see the path that leads to the future.

All: We know that God has a vision for that future.

One: Look within; see the gift of God's Spirit shared for us all.

All: We know that God is working within us and among us.

One: We have begun a new journey in a new year. We are open to being inspired by an old story with a treasured message.

All: Thanks be to God. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Gracious and loving God, as we celebrate Epiphany, invite us to seek the light of Christ's presence set out for us to follow. We have

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for Mission & Service support ministries to those living on the

margins, like First United Church Community Ministry in East Vancouver, B. C. The community has become the epicentre of the converging crises of mental health, addiction, extreme poverty, homelessness, and marginalization. The people who gather here for help are people who literally have nowhere else to go—they may have been rejected by other shelters, mental health supports, hospitals, or their own families. They are among the most regulated and constricted members of our society, and yet, as Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne shares, *“Every day since I started at First United there has been a moment where I’m surprised by joy: Watching two participants in our weekly Spirit Circle move through hostility to forgiveness. [Seeing] the brother of a young woman who was murdered on the Pickton farm sweeping our steps, because he knows the role our staff play in advocating for missing and murdered women in our community. When we shift our view of the notorious Downtown Eastside from the negative to the positive, we receive the joy of seeing growth and community, not just poverty, addiction, and despair. I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to serve this community, and I hope to be always surprised by joy in this place.”*

St. James United Church Life and Work, January 5, 2020

We offer our condolences to Minnie Penney, her family and friends, on the passing of Minnie’s beloved husband, Al (Adolphe), on December 29. His funeral took place from St. James yesterday.

Message of Thanks from the Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers of Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center. *“The generosity of your congregation’s food and financial donations is the backbone of the important work we do, and allows us to relieve hunger and restore dignity in our community.”*

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations to Project Grace in loving memory of:

*Bethany Danielle Pike; remembering Bethany’s birthday, January 8, with love from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca;

*Bethany from Kyle J.P. Winter;

*grand-daughter Bethany from Nan & Pop Hapgood.

Have you received your special envelopes? Our church bases much of its budget on special collections at Thanksgiving, our Anniversary and Christmas. If you have received these envelopes we encourage you to return them with your regular collection. If you don’t have one let us know and we’ll make arrangements. We sincerely thank everyone for their on-going support!!

Contemporary Worship Services have a new day and time! Please join us on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 for another chance to worship.

Are you looking to help in some way? Our Lay Visitation Program Co-ordinator is seeking folks who may be interested in participating in the program. If this area of help speaks to you, please call or email SuAn in the office, and let her know your availability.

Housekeeping:

***When driving to St. James during the week,** morning and afternoon, please park for free in the first line nearest Elizabeth Avenue. Anywhere else in the parking lot is liable for a ticket.

***Winter brings its share of challenges** for St. James, one of which is keeping the floors of the Auditorium, Fellowship Room and Youth Church salt free. Please consider bringing indoor shoes with you when you visit the living rooms of St. James.

***During periods of extreme weather,** a committee consisting of Council Chair, Property Chair and the Clerk of Session (or their designates) in consultation with the Ministerial staff will determine if it is not reasonable to open for Sunday worship. Notification to the Congregation will be via the congregational email, VOWR, other radio stations, the website and the recorded telephone message by 8:30 am on the Sunday in question. A telephone contact sheet consisting of other key people to receive early notification will be maintained. This list includes, but is not restricted to the chief usher, musicians, and choir.

***St. James' Little Free Library,** open to the community, operates on a *'take a book, leave a book'* principle. Please feel free to bring your gently used book for exchange to the wooden cabinet in the side door lobby, and to take a book as you leave. (Please do not bring boxes of books and leave them here.)

Sign up for weekly Congregational emails: register at info@stjamesuc.org

Newfound Sound is the only all women's chorus specializing in four part a cappella harmony in barbershop style. We welcome new members on Wednesdays 7-9 pm at St. James, under the Direction of Brandon Olsen.

For more information, call Patsy at 726-1936.

Overeaters Anonymous (OA): Are you struggling with unhealthy eating behaviours? Overeaters Anonymous is a support group whose program is based on physical, emotional and spiritual healing. They are a Twelve Step program for people facing serious eating problems.

www.oanl.org

738-1742, info.oa.nl@gmail.com

Next Sunday, January 12: The Seniors Memory Mug Up at The Market, a free and informal story sharing session for seniors, where people gather, have a cup of tea, and share memories in the Community Room at the St. John's Farmers' Market, 245 Freshwater Road. For more information call Terra Barrett with Heritage NL, 739-1892 ext. 5 or terra@heritagenl.com

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