



St. James Visitor



Easter 2020

"The angel said to the woman, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He is risen, just as He said'." (Matthew 28:5-6)

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

It seems like only last month I was preparing words for our Christmas newsletter. This is another indication that we have no way of slowing down the passing of time. We do, however, have the opportunity to decide how to spend the precious time we have.

As I reflect on the words of scripture quoted above, I realize just how easy it is to have fear when we face the unknown. The women went to the tomb that morning expecting to find the body of Jesus. It was difficult enough for them to visit his tomb, but now his body was gone.

"What was happening?" "What did this mean?" Nothing made sense to them. Their first thought was that someone must have taken his body, but "why?"

They were filled with so many questions and then fear set in. It was very difficult for them to understand what was happening. Then the angelic voice spoke to them, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He is risen, just as He said".

They could have gotten lost in their fear and confusion, but the story did not end there. Words of hope and a reminder of his promise brought them out of their fear into a new hope. It brought them into a "new day".

Easter reminds us of the Good News that the old can be made new through the power of the living God.

We live in an "ever changing" world; our sense of safety and security is changing, our community and society are changing, and even our church is continuing in the process of change. And now we are living in a very frightening time as the world is dealing with the Coronavirus. Something that has moved throughout the world and has caused fear in many. It has caused many changes in the way we live and the way we communicate with each other, the way we

interact and yes, even the way we worship. It has caused fear and uncertainty.

It leaves us wondering with a sense of fear, "where will it all end?"

At Easter time in our Christian Faith, we focus not only on the crucifixion and the tomb, but we also focus on the fact of the empty tomb and the Risen Christ. This is where we find new hope; this is the Good News. God is with us and we are not alone. We live in God's world.

We need not be afraid of what is, or of what might be, because the One who cares for us holds the past, the present, and the future.

As we journey through Easter, we are called to hear the words which bring the Easter story to life again. For some, it will be a time of reflection as to what this Jesus of Nazareth really means to us as individuals. For others, it may have very little effect on what is happening in the world today.

Jesus becomes so much more real to us when we journey with him to the cross of Calvary, past the empty tomb, and into the Resurrection story.

The song writer Ira Stanphill, wrote the words:

***Many things about tomorrow
I don't seem to understand,
But I know who holds tomorrow
And I know who holds my hand.***

Throughout the days of uncertainty, we are called to be a people of faith as we walk with Christ. And as a people of faith we are able to find hope in the promises of God.

As we work and pray together for the future of our families, our church, our community, and the world, let us put our trust in God and God's plan for each one of us. Only with God's help are we able to discover and experience the miracle of the Easter Story.

God be with you and bless you as we continue to be an Easter people.

Blessings and Peace to you and your families.

Rev. Brian



Financial Update

While our services and other activities at St. James have been suspended for the time being our financial obligations remain. We appreciate the generosity and support our congregation provide, and we acknowledge with thanks those who have donated through our website and by dropping off donations at the church mailbox.

With in-person services now suspended until at least the end of April, we ask you to continue your support. One of the best and easiest way of doing this is by signing up for PAR – our pre-authorized remittance. You can set up PAR so that your donation will be made monthly, automatically, from your bank account. You can set up a donation for any amount, and you can update, cancel or change at any time. If you're interested, e-mail the church office at info@stjamesuc.org and we'll get the information to you.

If you'd prefer other options, we encourage you to select one of the following:

- *Contributions can be made through CanadaHelps.org at this link: (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/889602868RR0001-st-james-pastoral-charge/>). By using this link you'll automatically receive a tax receipt for your donation;*
- *There is a secure drop-box/mail-box outside the church where envelopes can be placed;*
- *Our website has a "donate" button through which contributions can be made electronically;*
- *Contributions can be mailed via Canada Post to:*

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Most importantly, take care of yourself. Follow the directions provided by the Medical Officer of Health and her officials. If you're in a position to help others who may be at risk, reach out. Stay in touch with family and friends via telephone or video connection. Working together we'll weather this storm.

Thank you again for your continuing support of our congregation. We look forward to being together for worship and seeing each other again soon. In the meantime, let's join together each week by viewing the virtual services our ministerial team are providing.

St. James Digital Worship

Contemporary Services

Maundy Thursday (communion) - April 9
Good Friday service - April 10
Easter Vigil - April 11
Easter Sunday - April 12
Holy Humour - April 18
Earth Day Reflection - April 22
Camping Sunday - April 25

Traditional Sunday Services

Every Sunday throughout April (12, 19, 26)

Good Friday

Musical Reflection - April 10

Community Worship Special Easter Services

Gower Street United on April 10th at 12:00 noon (www.gowerunited.com)
Wesley United Holy Week Services broadcast live on VOWR, Youtube, and Facebook live

St. James Trivia (submitted by Les Dean)

1. How much in average annual funding (approximately) did the St. James congregation contribute to the Mission and Service Fund over the 2013-2018 period?
a) \$12,000 b) \$9,000 c) \$35,000 d) \$26,000
2. What structural feature did St. James have when it was officially opened and dedicated on October 15, 1961 which was not common to older United/Methodist churches throughout the province?
a) two ranks of pews b) a steeple cross c) a side entrance d) a pipe organ
3. How many members of St. James' congregation made pledges and individually guaranteed a portion of the church's construction loan in 1959?
a) 13 b) 99 c) 62 d) 123
4. Who was the deceased former minister of St. James who hung a dried codfish from the pulpit at Thanksgiving and wondered out loud how many times it had swum around Cape Onion near the beloved place of his birth?
a) Rev. F. Vipond b) Rev. W. E. Stanford c) Rev. Dr. Wallace Baker d) Rev. Ray Tucker



A message from our UCW

What a wonderful time is spring! The cold and snowy days hopefully will soon be passing.

March is a month of hope; looking ahead of closing the doors of winter and opening them to brighter days of spring. We may still see some snow sweep over us, but each day of longer sun brightens our pathway. It sure lifts our spirits and makes life much easier for our older folks to get around.

There are so many uncertainties in our daily lives, our society and around the world. The news these days is always so depressing; it leaves us wondering: *What is it all about?*

We need to think about the Easter story: our journey through Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday is the greatest example of unconditional love ever given and received.

Lent is the period of forty days and forty nights which comes before Easter, beginning on Ash Wednesday. It is a season of reflection and preparation before Easter. It is a time of personal stock taking, a time of coming to terms with ourselves, with hope and with love towards others. As we head toward the real triumph of Easter: *"Lord, I believe; help Thou my misbelief."*

Due to the pandemic, the UCW have not held their Spring Tea this year, and now, we will soon be winding down for another great year. In the fall, come and see what we do. We have a great year planned.

As we enter into the Holy Season, let us walk tentatively into Holy Week as we remember that many cried *"Hosanna!"* while one man wept for their enthusiastic misunderstanding. It is a time to explore the reality and the deep meaning of the suffering Christ.

Happy Easter to all, and have fun eating treats from the Easter Bunny.

Betty Pilgrim,
Past Co-President UCW

St. James Guitar Group

It has been nearly twelve years since Herb and Marjorie Caruthers founded the St. James Guitar Group and their leadership continues to inspire us. With guitars, button-accordions, and a mandolin, we play and sing a wide range of country, folk, and popular tunes which are both secular and gospel. Between mid-September and mid-June, we get together nearly every week for either a concert, a worship service, or planning and practice.

From the beginning, the Guitar Group's outreach has included special events for seniors. In 2019 for example, we collaborated with five different music programs and performed in a total of twenty concerts that were approximately an hour or so in length. We also performed at nine senior's centres and facilities in the St. John's area.

The Guitar Group has also been a part of the music program at St. James, both in worship and in special fundraising activities. In 2019, we participated in five worship services, including the Memorial Hymn Sing last May, took part in two concerts at the church, and were again privileged to provide entertainment at the annual UCW/AOTS Christmas dinner.

We are united by our love of music, the camaraderie of the group, and the opportunities to joyfully share our music and faith with others. We are rewarded by the smiles on the faces of those who sing along with us, dance to our music, listen to our performances, and laugh at our anecdotes. We are grateful to all our friends at St. James for your support and encouragement, and wish you all a very happy Easter 2020.

Harvey Weir



MEMORIAL HYMN SING -- Sunday, May 17, 2020

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him may not perish, but may have eternal life". (John 3:16)

There comes a time every year when we find strength and comfort in remembering our loved ones through fellowship in song. On Sunday, May 17, 2020 we will hold our Memorial Hymn Sing, with music accompaniment by the St. James Guitar Group. It is a time to remember our loved ones who contributed so much to our lives and who live in our hearts and memories.

We invite you to join us for this special service to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us in faith. By selecting a hymn in dedication to your loved ones, we invite you to participate in the life and work of the church through your donation. These gifts will enhance and support programs here at St. James United Church. Please extend an invitation to participate through giving, to those family or friends connected with St. James but are unable to attend. The opportunity to acknowledge loved one in memory can be quite a moving experience.

All dedication requests will be publicly acknowledged in the Memorial Hymn Sing bulletin. The amount of your contribution is confidential and a tax receipt will be issued. Please return the bottom portion of this form with your donation to the secure drop-box to the right of the Annex entrance, or email your hymn sing selection to info@stjamesuc.org (Subject: Hymn Sing) with your means of donation: drop-box, Canada Helps, website donate button. Our deadline is **Monday, May 4**; cheques can be made payable to St. James United Church.

Hymn Selections

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| 1. <i>Because He Lives</i> | 6. <i>What a Friend We Have In Jesus</i> |
| 2. <i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee</i> | 7. <i>Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</i> |
| 3. <i>Take Time To Be Holy</i> | 8. <i>God of the Mountain</i> |
| 4. <i>Will You Walk With Me?</i> | 9. <i>Count Your Blessings</i> |
| 5. <i>Spirit of Gentleness</i> | 10. <i>Precious Memories</i> |

Name of Contributor: _____

Envelope No. OR Address: _____ Donation: \$ _____

Hymn Choice No. _____ In Memory of: _____

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(To contribute more "in memoriams", please use a separate sheet clearly attributing the contributor's name to each loved one's name & selected hymn no.; amount; & envelope no./address.)



Saturday Ukulele Practice Group

For the last two years, Rebecca-Ann Bartlett has been leading a Ukulele Group on Saturday afternoons. Usually there are around 8 – 10 people in attendance. Beginner to advance are welcome to drop in and join the group at any time. We have so much fun playing and learning together. This group had their first performance at the Bethlehem Market on November 20, 2019. Thank you so much Rebecca-Ann for the dedication to this group and for sharing your talent and time with us. You complement the music with your beautiful voice. Also, congratulations on your amazing performance as the lead in the musical “The Wedding Singer.” We are all so very proud of you!

Gloria Le Feuvre and Karen Brown



Left to right: Karen Brown, Rebecca-Ann Bartlett, and Gloria Le Feuvre

Trivia answers: 1.(c), 2.(b), 3.(c), 4.(d)

Loose Threads Sewing Group

For the last two years, Susan Sheppard has been leading a sewing group called the “Loose Threads.” We meet every Monday to work on various projects. We have learned so very much about the art of sewing from Susan. Her vast knowledge and experience have been a great asset to those who participate, whether it is dropping in to do small project or tackling a big one.

We just tell her what we would like to make and she will go through the process and show us how, sometimes starting from scratch and making a pattern. We enjoy the social time together. This is community at its best! Some of us get more work done than others as some of us do more chatting than work! We appreciate all that Susan does to make sewing easy and fun. It is confidence building and gives us a sense of accomplishment.

We presented Susan with a cross stitch that reads “My Soul is fed by Needle and Thread.” We certainly feel that way every Monday. It is such a comfortable and peaceful place to come and sew, learn, and laugh together. Susan, we cannot thank you enough for sharing your time and talents. God Bless!

Gloria Le Feuvre and Karen Brown

Susan Sheppard and cross-stitch presentation



Jean White and her granddaughter Laura Keough with Christmas Mummer pillows



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Precedents

ACROSS

- 1. Emulates a bonfire
- 6. iPhone offering
- 10. Years in Brasil
- 14. Map detail
- 15. One may be dropped in a stable
- 16. Make manifest
- 17. Ex-governor host of TruTV's "Conspiracy Theory"
- 19. Art Deco designer
- 20. Emphatic refusal
- 21. Thin and rugged
- 23. Letters on a New Year's invite
- 25. Vegas naturals
- 26. Back-alley merchant's call
- 29. Paragon of pomposity
- 31. Subject of a "60 Minutes" spray expose

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- 32. What you might put down once you've found a place to stay
- 34. "Centipede" company
- 36. Word with rat or report
- 39. Frequent part of a New Year's toast
- 42. Famously flamboyant pig puppet's favorite pronoun
- 43. Training locale for "Underwear Bomber" Abdulmutallab
- 44. "Monsters vs. Aliens" actor Zellweger
- 45. Dumbstruck
- 47. Short short time
- 49. Contents of many software boxes
- 50. Project Mercury missile

- 52. Mr. Jones of the Monkees
- 54. Deterrence
- 58. Jam or kettle of fish
- 62. It's propelled by a pole
- 63. Melody frequently played in late December
- 65. Riga resident
- 66. Kind of box on a car
- 67. Principle
- 68. Canadian gas brand
- 69. Days we'll never see again?
- 70. ___ of one's own medicine

DOWN

- 1. Rembrandt van ___
- 2. Count Basie's "___'Clock Jump"
- 3. Org.
- 4. Fall back on
- 5. Cat who is now named Yusuf Islam

- 6. Back on board
- 7. Dispense from a teapot
- 8. Medic's start
- 9. Potluck perennial
- 10. Ring of color
- 11. Place for Pan
- 12. Like some horse feed
- 13. Iditarod equipment
- 18. Bygone Chevy with a much maligned name
- 22. The Monkees' Micky Dolenz, according to song
- 24. "Selah" site
- 26. Brit's buggy
- 27. One way to fly
- 28. New Year's parties, e.g.
- 30. Dirty dwellings
- 31. Wall St. worker
- 33. Least forward
- 35. Pimpily

- 37. Antiquing device
- 38. Ulee's miners?
- 40. Sesquipedalian treasure trove: abbr.
- 41. Like Kalamazoo's New Year's ball
- 46. "Shall we?"
- 48. Crunch, for one
- 50. iPhone offerer
- 51. Levels
- 53. OS recently (and thankfully) replaced by Windows 7
- 55. Pop of rock
- 56. Dunkable delight
- 57. Approach
- 59. Bingo relative at Vegas
- 60. Canadian New Years parties
- 61. Sunrise direction, in Sonora
- 64. "I heard him exclaim, ___ he drove out of sight...."





WORSHIP SCHEDULE APRIL TO OCTOBER 2020

Date	Time	Details	Music
April 12	11:00 am	Easter Celebration	Digital Worship
April 19	11:00 am	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Digital Worship
April 26	11:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Digital Worship
May 3	11:00 am	4 th Sunday of Easter (Baptism) Vocation Sunday	Senior Choir
May 10	11:00 am	5 th Sunday of Easter (Communion) Christian Family Sunday	Senior Choir
May 17	11:00 am	6 th Sunday of Easter Memorial Hymn Sing Coffee — Property/M&P/Finance	Guitar Group
May 24	11:00 am	7 th Sunday of Easter	Senior Choir
May 31	11:00 am	Day of Pentecost Laity Sunday	AOTS/UCW
June 7	11:00 am	Trinity Sunday (Baptism)	Summer Music Schedule begins
June 14	11:00 am	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost (Communion)	Summer Music Schedule
June 21	11:00 am	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	Summer Music Schedule
June 28	11:00 am	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
July 5	11:00 am	5 th Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism)	Summer Music Schedule
July 12	11:00 am	6 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
July 19	11:00 am	7 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
July 26	11:00 am	8 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
August 2	11:00 am	9 th Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism)	Summer Music Schedule
August 9	11:00 am	10 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
August 16	11:00 am	11 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
August 23	11:00 am	12 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
August 30	11:00 am	13 th Sunday after Pentecost	Summer Music Schedule
September 6	11:00 am	14 th Sunday after Pentecost (Baptism)	Summer Music Schedule Ends
September 13	11:00 am	Creation Time 1 (Communion)	AOTS/UCW
September 20	11:00am	Creation Time 2 Coffee Hour — AOTS	Senior Choir
September 27	11:00 am	Creation Time 3	Guitar Group
October 4	11:00 am	World Wide Communion Sunday	Senior Choir
October 11	11:00 am	Thanksgiving Sunday (Baptism)	Senior Choir

Contemporary Worship is every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.