

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.
from mom, dad and family.
(March 3, 1959 – April 19, 2013)

St. James United Church

March 4, 2018/Lent 3/Baptism

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Visitation:	Rev. Pamela Jones-Fitzgerald
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Organist:	Paul Rodermond
Choir:	UCW, Youth
Choir Director:	Doreen Brown

St. James United Church is a safe place for all people to worship, regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background or sexual orientation.

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Sharing the Peace:

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.



Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Duet: *One Candle*

Doreen Brown
Katelyn Mayo

Lighting the Community Candle: We light our Community Candle to remind us that we are in community with one another and with Christ, and His light will guide us as we walk together.

Introit: *Lord Listen*

Choirs

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: You are water to the thirsty, O God.

All: You are bread to those who have a spiritual hunger.

One: Your covenant, O God, is lasting and true.

All: It is for each one of us, but holds good for nations and faith communities.

We gather in this place to worship our God.

Opening Prayer: (together) On our journey, God, we sometimes struggle... How much should we share with others about our understandings of You and Your love? When should we proclaim Christ's message, that Your reign is here? As we worship and pray, as we sing and celebrate, give us voices and hands to live Your Word. Amen.

Hymn: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down*

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Children's Time

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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 the Water

Action of Baptism

Charlie Matthew Branton

(son of Melissa Paula Branton & Matthew Edward O'Brien)

After Baptism: *Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong, in His love we shall be strong.*

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

*Jesus loves me, this I know, as He loved so long ago,
taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me."*

Offertory Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *Spirit of Life, come unto me.* 381

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Offertory Prayer: (together) Teach us, O God, to offer the very best of who we are in the service of Your will through the mission of this church: may we offer hope, may we offer joy, may we offer reconciliation in a world so much in need. Receive what we give for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem: *The Mystery*

Choirs

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 19, Refrain #2

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Scripture: Mark 8: 31-38

Meditation: Lent

Hymn: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

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Blessing and Sending Forth: Let us leave this place knowing that there is nowhere we can go where God is not, and nowhere too far to find our way home.

Choral Benediction: *Prayer of Dedication*

Musical Postlude



Ushering this morning is provided by:

Usher in Charge: Jean Thompson

Greeters and Ushers: Kevin & Marilyn Pardy, Linda Babstock, Mary Daya, Marilyn Adams

Minute for Mission: Our gifts to M&S support the important work of *The Healing Fund*. Pimicikamak Cree Nation is a Cree-speaking indigenous community north of Lake Winnipeg, in Cross Lake, Manitoba. The community initiated a 3 day suicide prevention strategy by inviting indigenous artists to their community to create art with their children, youth and families. Using an Indigenous framework called Circle of Courage, the project promoted strength, resiliency, and healing among the participants by fostering their sense of belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. Through various creative arts such as drum-making, storytelling, painting and comedy, participants were recognized for their talents and gifts. It strengthened the participants' relationships with each other, adults and community elders. With guidance from the artists, the youth built their leadership skills by helping coordinate parts of the project. Every evening, participants shared their artwork with the community thus creating a narrative of healing and hope.

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 4, 2018

We offer our condolences to Winona & Gus Kelsey on the passing of Winona's sister, Frances Jean Andrews on February 22. Her funeral service took place from the Carnell Memorial Chapel last Wednesday;

We also offer our condolences to Derek and Heidi Janes on the passing of Derek's brother, Brian Janes on February 22. A celebration of his life is to be held at a later date.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Bethany Danielle Pike Memorial Camp Fund** in loving memory of Charles Weston Earle from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca Pike, and in loving memory of Bethany Pike from Luke, Cathy, Stephanie, Janna and Jillian Grenning and also from Fred & Pam Earle;

***to Project Grace** in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood from her mom, dad and family, and also from Susan, Stephen and Rebecca;

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Keith Taylor from Maxine Ivory.

We offer our thanks to the CE Committee for its work on the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

Today after the 11am Service, please join us for a soup lunch in support of our youth ministries.

Monday, March 5 at 11am: NIA (no-impact aerobics); \$5 drop-in fee.

Wednesday, March 7 at noon: Lenten Communion Service and brown bag lunch.

Saturday, March 10 at The Lantern, 9:30am: Nagham Tarhini, a Solidarity Visitor from Lebanon will speak about her work promoting dialogue between Christians and Moslems in the Middle East.

UCW Spring Tea:

*“Mark March 24th on your calendar's list;
an Easter Spring Tea that you don't want to miss.
It's here at St. James, 2pm until four;
a warm welcome awaits as you enter the door.
Handmade rabbits and aprons and scarves on a stall;
cakes and cookies and muffins you'll find down the hall.
Surprise bags are fun and well worth the price.
With sandwiches and cookies, we'll fill your cup twice.
\$7.00 a ticket--- we considered inflation!!
And look for support from the whole congregation.”*

The Annual Congregational meeting to discuss reports from 2017 and approve the 2018 budget will be held after the 11am Worship Service on March 18.

Copies of the report will be available on March 11.

Policies on Harassment and Misconduct



What the United Church says about safety and respect

A safe environment is one that fosters healthy relationships free from harassment of any kind. Harassment is *any* unwanted conduct that is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwanted and is a form of discrimination. **The United Church of Canada will not tolerate harassment or sexual misconduct of any kind.**

The policies below define harassment and misconduct.

Find the *Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy* and the *Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Policy and Procedures* at www.united-church.ca/handbooks

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If you are at risk and in need of immediate assistance to ensure your personal safety, **call 911** for police services.

If you are aware of behaviour that is inappropriate, but you are not in immediate danger, please call **1-800-268-3781 ext. 7788** or e-mail **complaintresponse@united-church.ca** for information about how to bring a complaint.

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