

St. James United Church

May 20, 2018/Pentecost Sunday

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

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

Announcements: Life & Work of St. James

Lighting the Community Candle

Introit: *Holy, Holy, Holy* Choir

Call to Worship: (responsive)

One: Today we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit is with us.

All: We celebrate with enthusiasm.

One: In song, with shouts of joy,

All: we celebrate our thanks to God.

One: We celebrate as different persons coming together in Christ.

All: We are united in faith. Come, let us celebrate and worship God.

Opening Prayer: (together) Loving God, you speak to Your people in so many ways: in wind and fire...in cloud and thunder....in moments of great confusion and in the spaces in between. In our lives – in the busy-ness and quiet – help us to hear Your voice. Help us to live Your love. Help us to be Your people, this day and forever! Amen,

Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 375

Children's Time

Hymn: *Spirit, Open My Heart* MV79

Offertory Invitation Offering

Offertory Chorus:

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*Spirit of Life, come unto me.
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) The work of our hands and our hearts, our time and talents, our commitment, all these we offer to You, O God, in hope that they will be of benefit to the church and the needs of the world. Bless and multiply them to Your use, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Anthem: *Praise His Holy Name* by Keith Hampton Choir

Scripture

Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Acts 2: 1-8 and 12-21

Meditation: 'Living the Dream'

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn: *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

Blessing and Sending Forth: We have opened our hearts to God's Spirit on this day of Pentecost. As we go from this place, let God's Spirit breathe into us with goodness, and breathe out of us in love. With our every breath, let us give praise to God. Amen.

Musical Postlude

Ushering this morning is provided by Usher in Charge: Menetha Dyke

Greeters: Maxine Rose, Joyce Hill

Ushers: Shirley Downey, Glenda Butt, Florence Head, Betty Winsor, Jean White



**St. James United Church
60th Anniversary
Painting & Carpet Cleaning Fundraiser**

It has been several years since the church inside and the trim outside have been painted, and the carpet has not been cleaned since it was installed. Since 2018 is the 60th Anniversary of the church, it would be nice to have it spruced up for the big weekend in November. The Church Council agreed to have a fundraiser for Father's Day to see if we could raise the money to cover the cost of the paint and carpet cleaners.

Painting inside:

40 gallons of paint at	\$40.00 each	\$1,600.00
12 pkgs Rollers & Paint Tray	20.00	240.00
8 pkgs Paint Brushes	20.00	160.00
Total		\$2,000.00

Painting outside:		
5 gallons of paint	\$40.00 each	\$200.00
3 pkg Paint Trays & Brushes	20.00	60.00
Total		\$260.00

Carpet Cleaning:		
Professional Cleaner		\$3,500.00
Total		\$5,760.00

If you would like to make a donation, please fill in the information below and return to the church office by June 11th.

Name: _____

Envelope No: _____

Amount: _____

In Honor or Memory of _____

St. James United Church Life and Work, May 20, 2018

Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by our Worship and Sacraments Committee, after the 11am Service.

Tomorrow, Monday, May 21: *Church office is closed; *Beginner Quilting with Susan cancelled; *Women's Meeting Place Group cancelled.

Thursday, May 24 at 7:30pm: Our St. James Guitar Group presents a fun evening of music and song in the Sanctuary. You will know many of the tunes, and will be encouraged to sing along. Looking for an evening out? This concert is sure to give you a lift! We hope to see you here. ! \$10 tickets at the door!

The United Community of Faith will be holding a joint service at Gower Street UC next Sunday, May 27 at 7pm. Its predecessor, The Downtown (United) Churches Committee, has been meeting for many years and has now expanded to welcome all of United Churches in the St. John's region under the new name United Community of Faith. It recently decided to hold its first joint service at Gower on May 27; Cowan Heights will host the second service in October. Members and friends of all congregations are extended a warm welcome to attend.

Monthly noon Communion and brown bag lunch to begin Wednesday, May 30.

Pansy Bowls: We have 2 pansy bowls looking for a home. They cost \$15 each. Please see Susan or SuAn if you would like to purchase either of them.

Flowers for our Memorial Garden: If you would like to plant a low-growth plant in our Memorial Garden in memory or celebration of someone, please feel invited to do so. There is a hand spade just inside the front doors of the Annex.

Observer renewals: It's that time again! Please contact Barry Cutler (364-3450 or newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca) to renew your subscription for another year – it does not happen automatically. Cost for the coming year is \$25, with the renewal deadline in June. If you wish to begin a subscription, please return this form to the church office by Monday, June 4.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Summer Student Employment during July and August: if you are interested in being considered, please email or drop off a résumé to the church office (info@stjamesuc.org) by Wednesday, May 30. Interested students must be between 15-30 years of age, a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or refugee, legally entitled to work in NL, and should have been a registered full time student (secondary, post-secondary, vocational or technical) during 2017/8 with intention to return to school full-time in 2018/9.

Senior's Worship Service with Communion, Wednesday, June 6 at 2pm, followed by a time of fellowship with tea, coffee and some sweet treats. Please contact the church office if you need transportation. (722-1881, ext. 200) As well, volunteers are needed to usher and serve for the time of fellowship. Please let Rev. Pamela know if you can help with this. (revpam@stjamesuc.org)

Minute for Mission: Our gifts for M&S support innovation in ministry. As a jazz saxophonist, Peter Woods knows that live musical performances are spiritually moving events for both performer and the audience. As an ordained minister, he has always wanted to connect his performances more overtly to faith communities and spiritual growth. Thanks to funding from Embracing the Spirit, an M&S funded learning network and innovation fund, the program fosters new forms of ministry-including drum circles, outdoor labyrinths and community cooking classes, along with supporting existing communities through connection & collaboration. When the program was launched in 2016, Peter and his ensemble were there to perform. They were later provided with a grant, allowing the group to develop professionally, combining the power found in the contemporary jazz pop concert experience with the progressive theology of the United Church. Peter states, people have never stopped seeking spiritual nourishment in a musical setting. The music is a vessel and is one part of a message about love and acceptance in the world. The group hopes to connect with other musicians as the United Church seeks to be a credible presence in the Spiritual but Not Religious world; Embracing the Spirit funding makes that possible.

Wesley United Church's Flipper Dinners on Thursday, May 24 and Thursday, June 7, both at 6pm. Eat in only, no takeouts. Tickets are \$25, valid only on the night for which they are purchased, from Pheobe at 726-1689, Joan at 368-0434 or Wesley Church office at 579-3682.

Walk for Alzheimer's next Sunday, May 27 at Northbank Lodge, Pippy Park; registration at 1pm with walk beginning at 2. Register on line at www.walkforalzheimers.ca Questions answered at 576-0608.

Morgan Brothers Gospel Concert with George Street Men's Choir at George St. UC next Sunday afternoon, May 27 at 2:30, Tickets are \$10 in advance from 726-8775, or \$15 at the door.

Gower Seniors Gala, all seniors welcome for Jigg's Dinner, dessert, tea/coffee, entertainment by the Walsh Brothers, on Tuesday, May 29, 6-8:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each, available at Gower Street United Church Office, 753-7286.

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