

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
T. Alex Hickman
from
his wife Nancy
and
children Sandy, Heather, Harry and Peter.

St. James United Church
October 20, 2019/World Food Sunday

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Choirs:	AOTS and UCW
Choirs' Director:	Doreen Brown
Usher in Charge:	Kim Mayo
Greeters and Ushers:	Gerry, Katelyn and Laura Mayo Shirley Feltham, Sharon Seaward Sara Collins

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

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) We light this candle as a symbol of the presence of Jesus, with us individually and as a community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Bond of Love*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We come into this moment, prepared to celebrate God, aware of the needs of the world and open to the Spirit that leads us.

All: God supports us as we seek to share life with all creation.

One: We come into this moment, aware of the variety of needs that surround us and open to a future yet to be revealed.

All: Encourage us as we reach out with hope and goodwill toward others.

One: In words and songs, in stories and in prayers, in quiet times and happy times, God is with us. Thanks be to God. Let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) God, we have come to this place to know You, to grow in faith and to strengthen our ties to one another. Help us to deepen our commitment to Your values of peaceful living, abundant generosity and fullness of life for all people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: *Immortal, invisible, God Only Wise* 264

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* 642

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made know:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together). Lord we remember with thanks all the works of Your hand. We remember with thanks all the works of those who grow our food and those who work for peace and justice in the world, those who teach and organize, heal and lead. Accept our offering for the work of Your church, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM: *All Because of God's Amazing Grace* Choir

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 32: 22-31
Luke 18: 1-8

MEDITATION

HYMN: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *Will You Come and Follow Me* 567

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Let us go from here renewed and refreshed, eager to be God's presence in the world now and always.

BENEDICTION

(Let us share the peace of Christ with each other as we leave.)

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute For Mission: In his letter to the Ephesians, the apostle Paul writes about God empowering church leaders *“to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ”* (Ephesians 4:12). What are the ways that a minister has helped this community of faith to equip the saints for ministry, or to build up the Body of Christ in this place? Today, we offer gratitude for the many ways that our ministers help to build up the Body of Christ through their leadership and ministry. Thank you for the sermons, the worship gatherings, the educational opportunities for all ages; for the ways you equip people for discipleship; for the home and hospital visits; for your outreach and justice leadership; for the prayers and care; for your faithfulness and your call to be a minister in The United Church of Canada. Thanks to our gifts to Mission & Service, we support our ministers through theological education training and continuing education. Mission & Service also provides support to your community of faith through pastoral relations at the regional council and the denominational council. Thank you for your gifts to Mission & Service.

St. James United Church Life and Work, October 20, 2019

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of Blanche Hollett from the owners of Grey Cliffe Condominium Corporation.

***to the Memorial Fund:**

****** in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish, *“Now, that’s a bit of all-right!”* from Shirley Bursey:

******in loving memory of Blanche Hollett for her music, from Shirley Bursey.

Today: Please join us for Coffee Hour, hosted by St. James’ Council, after the 11am Service.

This evening at 7: Community of Faith Service at First United Church. Guest preacher is Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Executive Minister, First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council. Collection is for the Bahama Disaster Relief Fund. Please join us afterwards for a cup of tea!

Monday, October 21: Susan’s Sewing Studio continues.

Wednesday October 24: Our Friendship Group meets, starting with lunch at 1pm.

A.O.T.S. Fish Dinner: This is a reminder, for those who have purchased tickets that the Dinner is this coming Friday, October 25, at 6pm. We thank you again for your support.

Next Saturday, October 26: Halloween Pipe Organ Workshop: *A fun and engaging introduction to the pipe organ featuring Halloween music, age-appropriate games and activities and a Halloween candy hunt. No piano or pipe organ knowledge necessary. Please contact Amy at amd637@mun.ca for further information or to register for the event.*

9:30-10:30: Ages 5-7 (parental attendance required)

11:00-12:00: Ages 5-7 (dependent on enrolment - parental attendance)

12:30-1:30: Ages 8-10: 2:00-3:00: Teenagers: Cost: \$10

Next Saturday, October 26: Community Potluck and Games Night, 6-9pm in the Auditorium! All ages are welcome! Bring something to share for supper, and stay for fun and board games, or even a game of cards!

Our UCW Fall Sale is on Saturday, November 2 this year, 9:45am - noon. \$7 tickets can be purchased from any UCW member, who loves to see you there!

Sunday, November 3: Service of Music (11:00 am): a service of worship through music, including solos, small ensembles, congregational hymns and a 'Pop-Up Choir'. Anyone and everyone is encouraged to join the 'Pop-Up Choir' for a rehearsal before the service at 10am. No choral experience necessary! Please speak to Branden or Amy for more details.

Save the Date: Fall Youth Gathering at Burry Heights, November 8-10.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 30: Bethlehem Market at St. James; details to follow.

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

In the city, Saturday, October 26:

***George St .United Church UCW Fall Tea and Sale** at 2pm. Bake sale will be in Room C, and New to You sale in Gym. Tea will follow at 2:30pm in the JPMOC. Tickets are \$8 from Ruth at 722-4961, Ruby at 745-4807 or any George Street UCW member.

***The Glenbrook Lodge Ladies Auxiliary's** annual Fall Bake Sale at the Glenbrook Lodge, Torbay Road, 2 - 4pm. A variety of baked goods and preserves will be available.

***What is the place of Christianity in Canada today?** To celebrate the 75th year of the Canadian Council of Churches, they are hosting a cross-Canada live-streamed conversation, which you may join in person at West End Baptist Church at 2:15pm, 315 Topsail Road, or register for on-line participation at www.united-in-learning.com/cc75

Tuesday, October 29, 7:30 – 9:30pm: 14th Annual Jewish, Christian, Muslim Dialogue. The theme this year is *Religion in an Age of Anxiety*, to be held in Main Auditorium of the Medical School, adjacent to the Health Sciences Centre.

Please see the Community notice board outside the Sanctuary for information on more community events.

THE END

