This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of cherished parents, Roma & Eric Paul

from Nancy and Anthony.

"With thanks and gratitude for a lifetime of love, support and encouragement.

You are forever in our hearts."

St. James United Church

October 13, 2019/Thanksgiving/Baptism 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: Branden Olsen
Usher in Charge: Kim Mayo

Greeters and Ushers

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

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY/FIRST PEOPLES

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) As light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us, warming our hearts and brightening our way. May His light bring life into the darkness of this world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: Here I Am, Lord

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Come on this day set aside for thanksgiving and praise.

All: We come with grateful hearts, yet anxious minds.

One: Come to remember and be still. For it is in theses sacred, gratitude-filled moments that we will find answers.

All: We come longing for wisdom and peace to fill our spirits.

One: As we worship God together, let us be open to receive all the gifts of God. Let us be ready to respond to God's call to service.

All: Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Holy God, as geese fly overhead, as orange globes fill the pumpkin patch, as the landscape is painted with reds and golds, we are filled with gratitude. We are thankful for the earth that is alive around us, for families and friends that give us life, for all that makes life good. May we give our thanks freely, so all around us may feel Your presence. Amen.

HYMN: Come, You Thankful People, Come 516

CHILDRENS' TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Matthew Caman Marina Caman Eileen Alexandra Caman Dennis Caman

PRESENTATION BAPTISMAL VOWS AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT: (together) We receive this family 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 this family through prayer, and provide a community of faith in which they are welcome to belong. As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our love and our support, With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church. May we serve God's world together. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND POURING OF WATER Action of Baptism

BAPTISM CHORUS:

I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God.
I've been washed in the fountain, filled with God's love.
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
for I'm part of the family, the family of God.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A New Creed 918

HYMN: For the Fruit of All Creation 227

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) Generous God, everything we have and are, everything we can be, everything good in our lives, is a result of Your love and grace. We present these gifts as a way of participating in the ministry of proclaiming Your love. Use them. Multiply them. Transform them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTHEM: Here I Am, Lord Choir

by Dan Schutte, arr. by Craig Courtney

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 95, Part One (1-7) 814

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13: 10-17

MEDITATION

HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God 236

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore You 232

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Let us go now, with thanksgiving ringing in our hearts, with thanksgiving rising to our lips, with thanksgiving flowing from us to the world!

BENEDICTION

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE



Minute For Mission: From January 28 to February 10, 2018, a group of youth leaders travelled to Nepal to see Mission & Service ecumenical partner, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, at work. The Rev. Janet Jones was one of the United Church leaders on the trip. Here, she shares her reflection on the impact of support from Canadian Foodgrains Bank: "We gathered with moms and their children, and learned about the nutrition and child growth monitoring programs and

other purposeful things they do together. We heard meaningful stories of children recovering from malnourishment because of the programs offered. What's best is that community members are trained and lead the programs. How do we put an end to hunger? Share collective knowledge and skills with each other, support and give care when needed, and share the global stories so we can realize we really are all the same. These projects focus on providing seeds, tools, and training to communities working toward self-sustainability. They're able to feed their families through their own farming and sell the extra produce in creating income and savings." Mission & Service support is helping these communities thrive.

We offer our condolences to William Hollett, his family and friends, on the passing of William's beloved wife, Blanche Hollett on October 4. Her funeral service took place from St. James last Tuesday.

We also offer our condolences to the family and friends of Robert 'Bob' Rendell who passed away on October 6, with his funeral service from Carnell's Chapel last Thursday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

- *to the Memorial Fund in loving memory of Rev. Bill Coish from our AOTS Men's Club;
- *to the General Fund in loving memory of:
- ** Blanche Hollett from Ron & Lorraine Robbins and Menetha & Sid Dyke;
- **Rev. Bill Coish from Menetha & Sid Dyke;
- *to the Cemetery Fund in loving memory of Robert Rendell from Aubrey & Ruby Hill.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$3,961. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions. Givings: September 22: \$2,977

September 29: \$4,188 October 6: \$3,640

Monday, October 14: The church office is closed and Susan's Sewing Studio cancelled for Thanksgiving Monday.

Wednesday, October 16: Spiritual Fellowship: 12 noon - 2pm for a half hour Worship Service in the Youth Chapel, followed by lunch and social time. Bring along your brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Drop in and join in, for some or for all. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday, October 16: AOTS dinner meeting at 5pm for 5:30 in the Auditorium. New members are always welcome, and encouraged to join.

Next Sunday, October 20: Community of Faith Service at First United

Church, 7pm. 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!

Friday, October 25: Fish Dinner at 6pm: Tickets are now available from Aubrey Hill, 726-8306.

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

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!

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.

This afternoon: Seniors Memory Mug Up at The Market, a free and informal story sharing session for seniors at the St. John's Farmers' Market, 245 Freshwater Road. For more information call 739-1892 ext. 5

Next Saturday, October 19:

- *Wesley United Church's Annual Fall Fair at 10am; \$5. Cold Plate Dinner at 5pm for \$20, followed by an auction. For tickets for the dinner, please call their Church office at 579-3682.
- *Topsail United Church Flea Market, 10am-2pm. Admission \$1.
- *Cochrane Centre: Messy Church, 4–6pm; great music, stories, crafts and food! Everyone is welcome.
- *First United's anniversary dinner, silent auction at 6pm; Jacob's Passage's concert in their Sanctuary at 7:30pm; tickets (\$25, \$15 concert) from 368-2194.
- *Cowan Heights United Church Men's Club will be hosting a Moose/Beef stew supper at 6pm. Tickets \$15 per person, available from any member of the Men's Club or calling their Church Office, 745-2871.

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

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