

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of
Irene Tucker,
(January 28, 1926 – February 1, 2011)
from daughters Marilyn Pardy and Linda Facey and families.

St. James United Church

February 2, 2020/Christian Unity Sunday/4th Sunday after Epiphany

Minister:	Rev. Brian Colbourne
Minister of Youth/Christian Education:	Susan Sheppard, DLM
Minister Emeritus:	Rev. Dr. Donovan Brown
Organist:	Amy Dalziel
Guest Choir:	St. John's Gay Men's Chorus
Guest Choir Director:	Yohei Sakai
Guest Pianist:	Sarah Sauv�
Usher in Charge and Greeter:	Oliver Wellon
Ushers:	Jean Thompson, Aubrey & Ruby Hill, Jack & Florence Head

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CANDLE: (One) We light this candle to remind us of the presence of Christ. The light from this one candle shines equally for each one of us; the light from this one candle shines equally for the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: We gather in the presence of God's steadfast love.

All: God, we come seeking Your restoration and healing.

One: We gather by the gift of God's own Spirit.

All: God, we come to listen, we come that we might be heard.

One: Let us worship and pray.

All: God, we come in trust that You are already here, and already ahead of us, leading the way.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Loving God, we come together today to find You, to be embraced by You, and to be filled with Your holy presence. We are honoured to be welcomed in this house, amazed that You love us and humbled that You call us Your

children. Help us to open our hearts and minds to receive Your love, today and always. Amen.

HYMN: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* 395

CHILDREN’S TIME, BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

ANTHEM: *Poor Wayfaring Strange* Choir

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY CHORUS:

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One*

OFFERTORY PRAYER: (together) Generous God, having given us all things, You give us Your very self each time we commune with You. In gratitude we dedicate these offerings that the whole world might know the same joy. In Christ we pray. Amen.

HYMN: *Seek Ye First the Kingdom* 356

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18: 20-32
 Luke 11: 1-13

MEDITATION

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

PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: *I Feel the Winds of God* 625

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Knowing the love and grace of God, let us go out and share it with our neighbours, through example and through action, today and every day.

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

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

Minute for Mission: Black History Month is a time to honour and celebrate the contributions of Black people in Canada, and to look at the past while giving thanks as we look forward to the future. At the turn of the 20th century there was an influx of Black American men and their

wives to Montreal. The men secured jobs as porters, as those were the only jobs available to them in the climate of segregation of the day. The women formed the Coloured Women's Club in 1902 to assist newcomers to settle into Montreal society. By 1907 this group determined that the overt racism expressed and condoned in White churches of all denominations was not a situation they could tolerate. This led them to form their own church (known in the Congregationalist denomination as the "coloured church"). At Union Congregational Church, all denominations were welcome to pray, praise, and worship in peace, joy, and dignity. The United Church continues to work toward its commitment to be an intercultural church, although many in our congregations still encounter Black isolation and segregation. Many congregations in diverse parts of Canada do not reflect their community. There is a clear lack of education around what it truly means to be intercultural, and there is a sense among some people of being singled out as different. Many Black people do not feel welcome at church, which should be a sanctuary from racism. Thanks to your gifts for Mission & Service, a group called *The Journeys of Black Peoples in The United Church of Canada* was formed. The group strives for integration, offering help to those who come from outside the church to find a home within the church. We have come a long way from the days of slavery and segregation, but we still have a long way to go. This Black History Month, let's take the time to learn about the saints who have gone before us and their impact that is still felt today.

St. James United Church Life and Work, 02-02-2020

We offer our condolences to Conrad Anthony, his family and friends on the passing of his mother and step-father, Pauline Anthony-Kane & James Kane on January 16. Their funeral service took place from St. James yesterday.

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations:

***to the Memorial Fund** in loving memory of wife, Blanche Hollett, former organist and Choir Director, from William Hollett;

***to the General Fund** in loving memory of husband, Harvey Riche, from wife Beulah.

Financial Update: St. James sincerely thanks our congregation for their ongoing support. To meet our budget, we need average weekly givings of \$4,038. (This includes the weekly PAR contributions.)	Givings: January 5: \$3,546
	January 12: \$3,170
	January 19: State of Emergency
	January 26: \$3,919

Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun event, Friday, February 14th: Our *Valentine's Day Friendship and Fun* event is only two weeks away! It features a concert, dessert party, wine pull and silent auction! Tickets are now on sale from the church office for \$20 each. Help wanted!! Your support is appreciated!!

**If you are able to make and donate a dessert please contact Karen Brown at 689-7297.*

**If are able to donate a bottle of wine (\$15 value or greater) for the wine pull please contact Paul Walsh at 690-2767 [or paul.walsh@cim.ca](mailto:paul.walsh@cim.ca)*

**If are able to donate an item (new items only) or gift card for the silent auction please contact Bill Legge at 685-4900.*

** If you can volunteer time to help organize and run the event, please contact Paul Walsh at 690-2767 [or paul.walsh@cim.ca](mailto:paul.walsh@cim.ca).*

CPR Training for AED Machine: We will be holding a retraining session for our current registered users for CPR/AED here at St. James on Saturday, February 15: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

If you are interested in participating in a NEW Training session and becoming an attendant for St. James, can you please contact Susan Pike by email susanpike@warp.nfld.net or 576-0703 before February 13 to ensure we have space for all participants. Training is provided by The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Help needed: St. James is again hosting The Kiwanis Festival this year. We are looking for a custodian, (paid position) to be on site for some of the sessions, morning, afternoon and/or evening. The festival runs from Saturday, February 15 – Thursday, February 27. Help is needed on the Saturdays, Sunday afternoons, Wednesday mornings, Thursday evenings and one Friday afternoon and evening. Preference is a person who can cover most of these sessions. Please contact SuAn if this interests you: 722-1881, ext. 200 or info@stjamesuc.org

Monday, February 3: Loose Threads Sewing Studio Winter Session at the new time, 2-5pm.

Next Saturday, February 8:

***1:30pm: New time for Ukelele class** - Saturdays at 1:30. All are welcome, beginners to more advanced. Feel free to drop in and share in the fun!

*** 4:30pm: Contemporary Worship Service** on the new day at the new time! Please join us for another chance to worship.

Our UC bookstore is looking for a couple of volunteers to help pack away the Christmas display, probably only for a couple of hours. Please contact Leona Laundry if you have a couple of hours to spare. 1-800-268-3781 ext. 6141, l laundry@united-church.ca

Heads-up for the World Day of Prayer for the city of St. John's: This year it will be held at Wesley United Church on Friday, March 6 at 7pm.

Bulletin blooper: *"The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday."*

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