

This bulletin is dedicated in loving memory of daughter

Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N.

from mom, dad and family.

(March 3, 1959 – April 19, 2013)

It is also dedicated in loving memory of brother

E. Desmond Butt, P. Eng.,

April 14, 1948 – March 5, 2018

from sisters Glenda Winsor and Gloria Le Feuvre
and families.

St. James United Church

March 1/Lent 1/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:	Jean Thompson
Greeters and Ushers:	Clyde Flight, Brenda Kelleher-Flight, Linda Babstock, Mary Daya, Marilyn Adams

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.

INTROIT: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, v. 1*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise Him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters draw near,
Joining in glad adoration.*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: Gather us in, Holy God. Gather us in, our Creator. Gather us, in Your name.

All: Gather us this Lenten season to hear the stories of Jesus, the old, old stories.

One: Gather us to learn, to grow, to repent and to be renewed.

All: Gather us for worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (together) Loving God, You have called us and named us as Your own. You are as close to us as the air we breathe, You are as essential to us as our heartbeat. Open us to Your will, and give us courage and strength to be Your people. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

395

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Harper Ella Lewis

child of Vanessa Melanie Cole
& Roger Jordan Lewis

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 this family 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

918

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.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

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) When You reach out, it means the world to us, O Christ. When we reach out to the world, that outreach gives meaning to Your name. Bless this offering, we pray, that it may touch many, through the work of your church. Amen.

HYMN: *Like a Healing Stream* MV144

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 32 759
SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2: 15-17 and 3: 1-7
Matthew 4: 1-11

MEDITATION

HYMN: *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* 115

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: *O Lord My God, How Great Thou Art* 238

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH: (One) Let us go forth from this place of worship and return to the world, praising God and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION followed by MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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

Minute for Mission snippet: Supporting Ministers Financially: Your gifts to Mission & Service help support ministry personnel, lay individuals, and pastoral charges with important financial assistance during difficult circumstances.

St. James United Church Life and Work, March 1, 2020

Thank you to all who attended the Pancake Supper! Thank you as well to the many volunteers who helped make the evening possible. We would also like to thank Clifford Smith of Smitty's Restaurants in Churchill Square and Mount Pearl for donating the pancake batter. It was enjoyed by all.

The flowers adorning the Sanctuary today are in loving memory of parents Bill and Ruby Vallis from Betty and family.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Hon. Dr. John Crosbie from Phil Saunders.

We gratefully acknowledge donations to Project Grace in loving memory of Joanne Hapgood, R.N., B.N. from Stephen, Susan and Rebecca Pike.

Please note: The Congregational meeting set for March 1 has been rescheduled to March 8 following the 11:00 am service.

Our Property Committee is looking for a replacement for Keith Davis to carry out the custodial duties every Sunday morning; this is a paid position. Please contact Bill Legge for further details at 770-0345 or w.legge@nl.rogers.com

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: February 9: \$3,652
	February 16: \$3,890
	February 23: \$2,857

Lenten Folders: If you have not received your Lenten folder, you may find it outside the office in alphabetical order of your last name.

Monday, March 2: *Loose Threads Sewing Studio*, 2-5pm.

Thursday, March 5: Lenten Study Program begins: '*Signs of Life: Why Church Matters.*' This is a 5-week program on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the Youth Chapel. Please contact Susan (722-1881, ext. 204 or susan@stjamesuc.org) to register; course materials will cost \$5.

Thursday, March 5: Lenten Lunchtime Communion Services at noon in the Youth Chapel.

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

Saturday, March 7:

*Ukelele class, 1:30pm in the Youth Chapel;

* Contemporary Worship Service, 4:30pm.

Congregational Meetings: Your Council has recently approved several action plans which affect all of us. We ask that members make every effort to attend the following 2 meetings.

***Next Sunday, March 8**, after the morning Service, to share information on a proposal formulated by Stewardship to address our debt and financial future.

***Sunday March 15**, following the morning Service, our Annual Congregational Meeting to receive the Annual Report and Budget.

Our UCW will have their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9 at 7:30 pm in the Auditorium. The program will be presented by TanJay, women's fashion store. They are bringing

in a rack of new spring arrivals, and will show how they can be mixed, matched and coordinated with accessories. They will also bring some coupons along. New members are always welcome.

Sunday, March 15: Our guest choir at the 11am Worship Service will be Newfound Sound Women's Barbershop Chorus, who will be performing in celebration of International Women's Day.

The Lions Club of Newfoundland and Labrador has placed a used eyeglass collection box in the side entrance of the church. They invite anyone with a pair of gently used prescription glasses or sunglasses (without the case) to donate them to their recycling program. Glasses collected in the province are now being recycled by inmates at the Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre, to be sent to Haiti for vision clinics co-sponsored by Lions and Team Broken Earth.

THE END