

GATHERING IN THE SPIRIT

(Please note: * indicates please rise in body or in spirit
VU refers to the red hymn book; MV is the coil bound book)

Music for Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Invitation

Listen in the silence. Listen in the noise.

Listen to the sound of the Spirit's voice.

- words and music: Linnea Good

Opening Prayer

In this season when the days grow shorter

and the nights grow longer

and the darkness enfolds us all the more,

we wait for your promised light to come.

O Spirit of Ceaseless Prayer,

breathe your hope in and through our waiting.

May our trust deepen,

that just as seeds grow in the darkness of the earth

and stars grow bright in the darkness of the sky,

You are up to something wondrous among us

in the darkness of these days.

In Christ we pray. Amen

***Hymn VU 4 God of All Places**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Open our hearts. Open our minds.

Open our lives to you, O loving God.

Open our hearts ...

MV 21 words and music: Jim Strathdee

Scripture reading: Psalm 80: 1-7, 18-19

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Come Radiant One, fill our world with your promise.

Come, Shining Presence, fill our world with your hope.

- words and music: Bruce Harding

Communion Celebration

Communion songs:

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

Through this bread and wine we share,

may we be your sign of hope everywhere.

-words and music: Bernadette Farrell

MV 4 All Who are Thirsty

Offering our Gifts

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Sing praises! Hallelujah!

Give thanks to God in love made known,

Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

-music: VU 217 Geistliche Kirchengesange, Colonge

words: Thomas Ken

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

*** When God is a child, there's hope in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid**

VU 7 - words: Brian Wren; music: Joan Collier Fogg

James Bay United Church

*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

**December 3, 2017
ADVENT 1**

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Minister: Karen Dickey

Music: Daniel Brandes

Communication & Neighbourhood Engagement: Gordon Miller

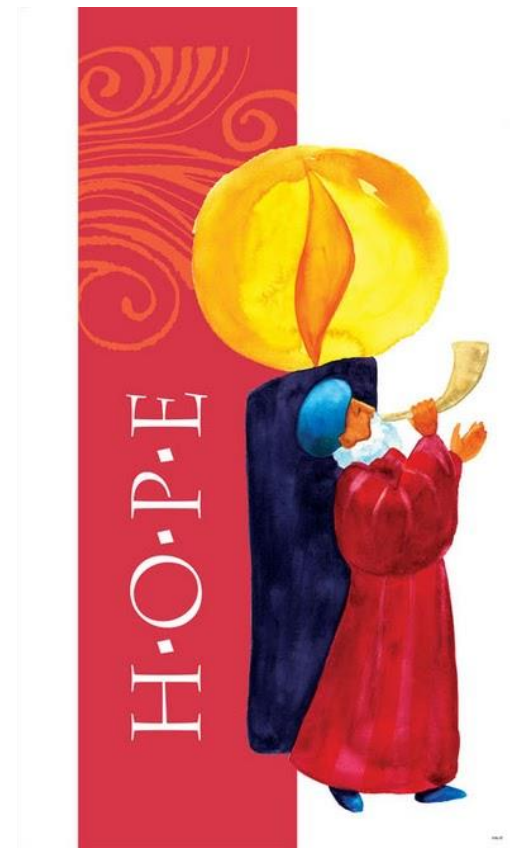
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Events at Our Place Society & Opportunities to Give
Our Place Society & CBC presents 'A Christmas Carol'

Thursday, December 14, 2017

First Metropolitan Church 932 Balmoral Street

Tickets: \$17.50 Adults/\$5.00 Children

Purchase tickets at www.ourplacesociety.com or at Front Desk at Our Place. Tickets also available the night of the event at the door. CBC readersBob Macdonald, Gregor Craigie, Arthur Black to name a few

Hot Chocolate Sponsorship -\$150 – hot chocolate, whip cream & sprinkles. Come and connect with the Our Place Society family members and offer a warm beverage on a cold day. Please contact Tracy Campbell at: TracyC@ourplacesociety.com or call 250-388-7112 ext. 259

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You are invited to a Christmas Concert featuring Tom Jackson and Tom McKillip

Monday, December 18 at 7pm

Centennial United, 612 David Street
Doors open at 6pm for silent auction.

Proceeds from the concert and silent auction are in support of The Mustard Seed Street Church.

Tickets available at The Mustard Seed Street Church, online and at the door.

General Admission: \$35

Group Tickets – 6 or more \$30 each

Student Ticket: \$25 with student I.D.



Scripture Reader: Jeremy Williams

Ushers & Greeters: Paul Barker, Pam Warwick and Beverley McLean

Communion Servers: Cheryl Macpherson, Sue Ross, Beverley McLean, Duncan McLean and Linda Wreggitt

Please remember in prayer: Friends and family of Phyllis Pollard, Dallas, Judith, Kathleen and Larry Gilbert, Lorraine, Josh, Alan, Pat, Leyla, Joan, Ron, Bill Clark, Alissa, Drew, Laurie, Jeanne Miller, Pam Brown, and Kara Taylor.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am – 12 noon

For Pastoral care emergencies please contact:

Rev. Karen Dickey at 250-592-5931.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 3 – Anthem Choir

11:50am – 12:30pm – JBUC Sanctuary

Anthem Choir is open to anyone and everyone who finds a joy in the act of singing-together. We meet for 4-5 Sundays leading up to the performance, rehearsing after worship service. Come and join us for one and if the experience brings you joy and is a positive challenge, feel free to join us again next time. ***This set of rehearsals is to prepare for our Christmas Eve anthem!***

Tuesday, December 5 – OUTREACH 9am – 11:30

Front Office Reception

Friday, December 8 -JBUC Thrift Shop OPEN 10am – 2pm

Saturday, December 9 – James Bay Children's Choir

-an initiative started this fall in partnership with Sandra Fletcher, local teacher and advocate for choral singing for children is holding their first concert on **Saturday, December 9 – 3-4 pm**

at the James Bay United Church Sanctuary.

Come and enjoy the lovely voices of these young singers. The James Bay Children's Chorus singers range in age from 7 to 13. They have prepared several songs for you to enjoy, including some seasonal selections. Our special for this performance is Sophia Higgins who will be singing 3 songs by Bach, Vivaldi and Poulenc.

Admission by donation.

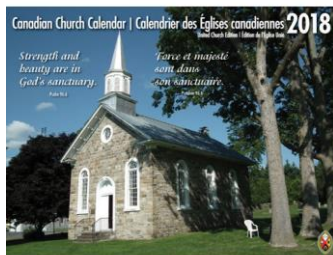
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our minister, Karen Dickey, is available for conversation!

Maybe you wish to know more about James Bay United, or maybe you've been walking around with a question or an idea and it's time to engage it a little more, or perhaps you'd value getting to know Karen and her to know you, *whatever!* ... just know Karen would WELCOME the connection. To set up a time and place, speak to her in person or jot a note kdickey@shaw.ca or phone [250 384 5821](tel:2503845821).

Finding a home for your heart here at James Bay United Church? Some people choose to take the step of becoming a member as a way of outwardly saying YES! to what they are already experiencing inside – a spiritual awakening or re-awakening; a desire to grow in faith, in hope and in love; an eagerness to be part of helping this congregation be home for the hearts of others. If this speaks to you, please speak to Karen to talk more about the why and what and how of membership.

2018 Church Calendars are available for pick-up in the Church office. Please see Vanya during regular office hours.
Calendars are \$5.00 each.



Christmas Storytelling for first time listeners.

Sunday, December 17 – 4:00 – 4:30 pm

James Bay United Church

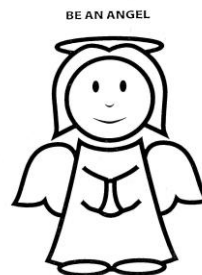
A time for your special young ones, based on the classic “Davey and the Fist Christmas” by Beth Varden. Watch and delight as the children discover the wonder and magic of Christmas through a child’s eyes. (healthy snacks after).

Ogden Point Christmas Light Up

Sunday, December 3, 2017 3:00pm – 5:30pm

Ogden Point. Pier A by the breakwater

Here is an opportunity to see all the trucks before they start the lighted truck parade leaving Ogden Point at 6:00pm • Popcorn by donation for JBUCP • Local Food Trucks • Beer Garden • Live Christmas Music • Photo Booth • ***Please bring a can of soup for the James Bay Community Project.***



ANGEL GIFTS Our church has a long history of sponsoring this program of providing personalized Christmas gifts to the members of Our Place. The 8 names and shopping guidelines are displayed on the middle post in the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase gifts for one or more persons, or even join with someone else, please take an angel card and write your name(s) and the angel number on the sign-up sheet. There are suggested items and a money value on the instruction card. ***Please have all items packaged and labeled and back to the church on or before Sunday, December 10.*** Thank you.



Make a difference with Your Gifts

Gifts with Vision are an additional way to support the work of the United Church of Canada’s Mission & Service partners in Canada, Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Middle East. **Bring hope and healing to life through Gifts with Vision.** Gifts starting at \$10. Choose gifts online at www.giftswithvision.ca or take a look at gifts in the catalogues located in the JBUC front office reception. Please share the catalogues with others as there are only 4 available.