

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

Invitation

**Holy light, still burning bright,
presence of God that frees us.
Lift the shadows from our soul,
Shine through our life, dear Jesus.**

- words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

**O Holy One as close as breath,
before you breathed us into life
before you shaped us from the soil
there was earth -- full of potential
for life, for growth, for flourishing.
From the beginning you have prepared a place for us,
a home for us
-- yet clearly, thankfully, not only for *us*.
O that we would open our eyes to the wondrous weave
of relationship that is your creation.
O that we would labour with you in this labour of love
that is your creation.
O that your delight would be our delight.
Breathe with us now ...
Be with us now ...
that we may be filled with the inspiration of your love.
We pray in the name of Jesus, in whom we find our way
to abundant life. Amen**

*Hymn MV 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Listen to the word that God has spoken,
listen to the One who is close at hand,
listen to the voice which began creation,
listen even if you don't understand.**

Scripture reading: Luke 4: 14-21

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Hymn MV 172 God Says

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

**Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

MV 85 words: John Bell, Graham Maule; music: John Bell

Prayers of the People

Spirit of God rest on your people ~
waken your song deep in our hearts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn Come and Journey with Me (words on back)

*Commissioning and Blessing

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Come And Journey With Me

**Come to the song, come to the dance,
Bring all you are, And all you can be.
Come with your voice, come with your heart.
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.**

**Come let the sun fill up your eyes.
Take the time to look around,
And love, just love, and walk with each other,
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.**

**Come and see, come and be.
Be all you are and all you can be,
And leave all behind and calm your mind.
Come and journey with Me.
Come and journey with Me.**

-words and music: David Haas

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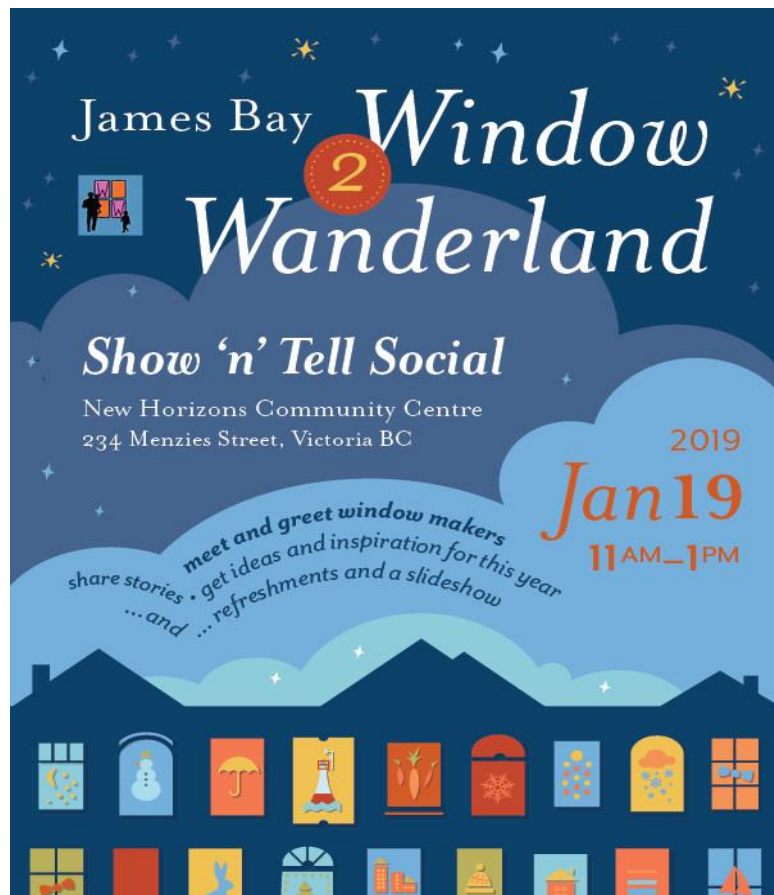
*Following in the way of Jesus
on the journey inward
and the journey outward*

Epiphany 4

January 27, 2019

The word of God...
penetrating our inmost being
is more than a communication of light:
it is a new birth,
the beginning
of a new being.

- Thomas Merton



Come join your neighbours to see and hear from last years Window Makers. Get inspired and encouragement in making your own display for Window Wanderland 2 February 23, 24, and 25.

- January 19 from 11:00 to 1:00 at New Horizons.

Workshops are also scheduled at the James Bay Community Centre:

- February 2 Puppets Workshop
- February 9 Translucent Paper Scenes
- (\$4.00 materials fee per person) from 9:30-12:30 at the James Bay Community Centre
- Pre-register at 250-389-1470

Scripture Reader: Colleen Nichol
Ushers & Greeters: Susan Ross and Sylvia Scott
Cup & Conversation: Colleen Nichol & Christine Bodnarchuk

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.

Please remember in prayer: Katie Kennedy, Lori, Christine, Kris and Darcie, Lyman Butterfield and family, Joyce Reid and Cindy Garret- Owen, Linda and David, Gary Coburn, Sam and family, Ahmed, Leyla, Laurie, and Judith Brunt.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Tuesday, January 29 – OUTREACH 9:00am – 11:30am
 Front Office Reception

Tuesday, January 29, 2-4pm Pain-Management Course
 'Making a Difference to your pain-experience' continues....
 Join us in the foyer/sanctuary of the church. Visit the church's web-site for details. For further information, contact Gary Brandstadt at 250-385-4636 or email garbrand@telus.net

Tuesday, January 29 – Jazz at the Church – 7pm
The Wes Carroll Trio is a jazz, groove and soul group from Victoria BC. Wes is a graduate from Vancouver Island University's 'Jazz Studies' degree program and has recorded two full length albums: "Off Pulse Quartet, Live in Holland" (2014), and "Off Empire" – the Wes Carroll Confabulation's debut album, (spring, 2018). This trio is made up of storytellers who travel from spacious valleys to funky marshlands with the sole-goal of whisking jazz into a new kind of froth. They perform both instrumental and vocal songs, receiving inspiration from John Scofield, Bill Withers and Wes Montgomery. Through their two-and-a-half year stay at the Empress, their sound has congealed into something that is exciting, dynamic and not to be missed!

Friday, February 1 - Excitement is building as the Thrift Shop is starting its new season on Friday, February 1, opening at 10am!!!



For the second year, we are participating in Canada's National Walk for Homelessness. **Coldest Night of the Year** is a family-friendly walk that raises awareness and raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. **Walk with us on February 23, 2019! Either a 2, 5 or 10 kilometer walk.**

Last year, your support allowed Our Place to raise over \$48,000, and we think we can double that this year.

Please once again consider gathering or joining a team of friends, family, workmates or congregation together, register online at: cnoy.org

Your participation allows us to:



- **Nourish body and soul** with food for all who need it, provided in a welcoming and dignified manner
- **Foster healing** through counselling, mental health assistance and connections to other help.
- **Provide safe shelter** and support to vulnerable people in our community
- **Help people find pathways** to employment and permanent housing. On Victoria's coldest nights, Our Place Society works tirelessly to get as many people indoors as possible but, unfortunately, there are still people left outside.

This walk allows the community to come together and show how much they care about the most vulnerable members of society. Help us provide a sense of hope, love and belonging to our neighbours in need. If you are interested in walking with us and have questions, contact Steven Seltzer at 250-940-5064, or email stevens@ourplacesociety.com
I'll see you out in the cold!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2018 Year End Tax Receipts are available for pick-up. They are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary

Ready for a deeper dive? into your faith, your life, into connection with others? This small group opportunity may be for you. Meet together (at a time and frequency determined by participants) to reflect on your life, bringing what's unfolding in your life into conversation with your faith. A chance to consider the questions, insights, surprises life is raising about what you believe. An opportunity for spiritual growth within the surround of compassionate friendship. *Facilitated by Karen Dickey*
More info: www.jamesbayunited.com

2019 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are on the back table in the sanctuary. If you would like to sign up for offering envelopes or Pre-Authorized Remittance please see Vanya in the Church office during regular office hours.

2019 Perogie Pinchers of Victoria offered at James Bay United Church

The next date to sign up for classes is March 16, 10:00 am ~ 12:00 pm: Experience the culture, have fun, learn family secrets from 1863! Make your very own 24+ Authentic Ukrainian Perogies. Call to register at 250-634-3108.

