

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)

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation

**Come all you people, come and praise your Maker. [x3]
Come now and worship your God.**

MV 2 words and music: Alexander Gondo, Zimbabwe

Opening Prayer

**We watch this morning
for the light that the darkness has not overcome.
We watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.
We watch for the glow of life
that gleams in the growing earth
and glistens in sea and sky.
We watch for your light, O God,
in the eyes of every living creature
in the ever-living flame of our own soul.
If the grace of seeing were ours this day
we would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day.
Grant us the grace of seeing.
Amen**

***Hymn MV 81 Love Us Into Fullness**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Listen, listen, be open O my heart.
Love is calling, be open O my heart.**
-words and music: Bret Hesla

Scripture reading: Mark 7: 24-30

**God's Word is Life!
All: Thanks be to God**

**Listen, listen, be open O my heart.
Love is calling ...**

Reflection

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

***Hymn MV 142 Oh a Song Must Rise**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

**Your will be done, be done on earth [x3]
Your will be done on earth. Your will be done on earth.**
-MV 151 traditional song, South Africa

Prayers of the People

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn MV 30 It's A Song of Praise to the Maker**

***Commissioning and Blessing
Dare to let God encourage, dare to let God inspire!
God is making all things new;
the challenge now is ours
Dare to let God ... Dare to let God.**
-words and music: Bruce Harding

James Bay United Church

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

October 21, 2018

Something of a better world to come
cannot be until *you speak it*.
God does not hold all the cards.
We see together.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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William Head on Stage Presents

The Crossroads: A Prison Cabaret

Created and performed by the men of William Head Institution, SNAFU and The Prison Arts Collective

Directed by Kate Rubin

The Crossroads: A Prison Cabaret is a musical satire. Perfect for a fall evening excursion out to Metchosin, with mist, moon and the call of owls accompanying you, this original production inspired by such classic musicals as Cabaret, and West Side Story and film's such as Tim Burton's Corpse Bride should not be missed! Complete with live music, innovative dance numbers and 26 performers, The Crossroads: A Prison Cabaret tells a story of a world underground where banished souls from the ages are trapped deep under the crossroads outside of town. They are kept entertained by a host of supernatural beings until they can find the key to their entrapment. Intolerance, fear and the need for inclusion are the main thematic elements that this satire addresses in a highly inventive, sure-to-surprise and delightful way.

WHoS plays have invigorated and stirred audiences for 37 years. This is their 57th production.

"One of the best performances I have seen. It took terrific heart and courage for these men to get up onstage, do something new, and share a piece of themselves with the audience. I would go again in a heartbeat." - *Morgan McPherson, The Charlebois Post*

PUBLIC PERFORMANCES

Fri Oct 19 evening, Sat Oct 20 evening, Thu Oct 25 evening,
Fri Oct 26 evening, Sat Oct 27 evening, Thu Nov 1 evening,
Fri Nov 2 evening, Sat Nov 3* Matinee, Sat Nov 3 Evening

All Evening Shows:

Gates Open at 6:15pm - Gates Close at 7:15pm

Show Begins at 7:30pm, Absolutely no late-comers

***Saturday November 3rd Matinee:**

*Gates Open at 12:15pm - *Gates Close at 1:15pm

*Show Begins at 1:30pm

For ticket information visit: <https://whonstage.weebly.com/shows.html>

Scripture Reader: Kim Tadei

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Cheryl Caldwell

Cup & Conversation: Irene Fraser

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: Linda and David, Kim F, Gary Coburn, Eric Manning, Sam and family, Dale, Laurie, Ahmed and Leyla, Jeremy and Denise Cushing.

THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

Tuesday, October 23 – OUTREACH

9:00am – 11:30am - Front Office Reception

Wednesday, October 24 - Soulful Wednesdays continues THIS WEEK! for 5 more weeks.

simple supper at 5:30

evening prayer at 6:30

series option at 6:45

Choose between **Learning to Meditate with the Bible**

(an opportunity to learn some prayer practices that help you listen for the Spirit stirring in your soul) and

Singing our Faith (explore 6 themes at the heart of Christian Faith in dialogue with our own lives and issues of our time ... we won't just talk about these themes but sing them too).

We'll meet in the hall downstairs ... enter off the patio at the back of the building.

Friday, October 26 - JBUC Thrift Shop

Open 10am – 2pm - Your donations are gratefully received
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

New Expressions of Faith in the 21st Century for those who missed the “Weird Church” book study and for those who participated, a chance to deepen the conversation with the author

Friday, October 26th 7-9pm, Saturday

October 27th 9am – 4pm

Sunday, October 28th 1-3pm

\$25/person for the entire weekend,

including lunch on Saturday

Each event hosted at

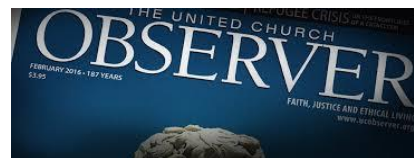
Cadboro Bay United Church,

2625 Arbutus Rd. **Register now:** victoriapresbytery.org



New in the James Bay United Church library this week:

THE LEMON TREE: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan. The title refers to a tree in the backyard of a home in Ramla, Israel. The home is currently owned by Dalia, a Jewish woman whose family barely escaped the Holocaust. But before Israel gained its independence in 1948, the house was owned by the Palestinian family of Bashir, who meets Dalia when he returns to see his family home after the Six-Day War of 1967. Journalist Tolan traces the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the parallel personal histories of Dalia and Bashir and their families—all refugees seeking a home.



United Church Observer Magazine Renewals for 2019

Our United Church Observer Magazine renewals are now due for 2019. The cost of each subscription for the year will be \$25.00 if we have more than 5. Each member or adherent who is presently subscribing to the Observer or any new subscribers are asked to Contact Linda Clegg at (250 383-3275) or see her after service on Sundays during the month of October for confirmation of subscription and payment. The deadline for renewing your subscription or purchasing a new subscription is October 31, 2018. Thanks.

St. Aidan's Fall Market Bazaar Saturday, November 3rd

10am – 3pm

Featuring 21 stalls: Baking, Gifts, Knitting, Preserves, Sewing, Books, Home Décor, Christmas, Handbags, International Treasures, Jewellery, Linen & Lace, Nice & New, Plants, China, Toys, Crafty Things, Vintage and Art and Silent Auction. *Our renowned Thrift Shop will be open*

Take a break with a muffin and tea or coffee or treat yourself to a full \$5 Hot Dog Lunch.

St. Aidan's United Church, 3703 St. Aidan's Street (Richmond & Cedar Hill Cross Rd.)

For more information visit: www.staidansunited.ca



Our Place Winter Warm Up - Sleeping Bag/Blanket Drive

Our Place needs your help to gather 300 sleeping bags and 500 blankets to assist our community's most vulnerable this winter. In Victoria, please drop off bags and blankets to 919 Pandora Avenue anytime between Oct. 7 and Oct. 13 (Homeless Action Week) or on the West Shore at 94 Talcott Road between 9:00am-4:00pm from Oct. 9 to Oct. 1.