## **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

We are standing on holy ground. We are standing on holy ground. God has called, we are journey bound, standing on, standing on holy ground.

- words and music: Judy Pearson Hafso, Marc Hafso

Opening Prayer
Spirit of promise,
Spirit of purpose,
Spirit of ceaseless prayer,
as we open our hearts this day to the pain and joy of living
gather us,
center us
in your love
that endures and redeems all things.
Rekindle in us your passion for life that has been sown
in every human being.
Rekindle in us your passion for life
that we may give ourselves whole-heartedly
to the wonder of your healing grace. Amen

\*Hymn VU 611 Out of the Depths

### 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: Psalm 46 and Romans 12: 1-3, 11-21

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

A time of Remembrance

\*Hymn Song For Love [see back page]

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 84 In You There is a Refuge

\*Commissioning and Blessing

We are walking a path of peace [x3] Lead us home, lead us home.

MV 221 -words and music: Janet Bauman Tissandie

How our wounds ache for love's healing all through our days.
How our world needs love's revealing in all its ways.
Fearful hearts suspect the stranger, hardened nations arm for danger, love lives on, the powerful changer, all through our days.

Now we sing to praise Love's blessing all through our lives, laughter, joy, surprise confessing, all through our lives.

Love that dreamed a new creation, love that dared an incarnation, love that offers transformation all through our lives.

Love's the grace that makes us caring all through our lives, urges us to warmth and sharing all through our lives, speaks in us, oppression naming, strive in us, injustice shaming, lives in us, true peace proclaiming all through our lives.

Love's the clown that mocks at winning all through the world, midwife of each new beginning all through the world.

In the struggles that confound us, in the chaos all around us love's wide arms with hope surround us all through the world.

- words: Anna Briggs; music: AR HYD Y NOS Welsh traditional

# James Bay United Church November 11, 2018



# **James Bay New Horizons Happenings**



Featured Reader: Yvonne Blomer

The Planet Earth Poetry reading series is a launching pad for the energies of poets, established or not. The afternoon begins at 1:30 with an

open mic, followed by a featured reader. Between 1:00 and 1:15, put you name on the list to read at open mic.

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 3:00pm

Annual Christmas Bazaar, Tea & Bake Sale Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
10am – 2pm
Free Admission, Refreshments for sale.
Credit and Debit accepted.
Wheelchair accessible

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Scripture Reader: Paul Barker

**Ushers & Greeters:** Sylvia Scott, Allison and Terry Renner **Cup & Conversation**: Bev Tracey, Marion Handcock,

Aleksa Harkness and Judy Krzesowski

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Office is closed Tuesday, Nov. 13 in lieu of the Sunday statutory holiday. Outreach will remain open.

Open 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.

## THIS WEEK AT JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH:

**Tuesday, November 13 – OUTREACH** 9:00am – 11:30am - Front Office Reception

Tuesday, November 13 – Jazz in the Sanctuary 7-8:30pm 6 Tuesdays - See back and insert for more information

Wednesday, November 14 - Soulful Wednesdays continues THIS WEEK!

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.

simple supper at 5:30, evening prayer at 6:30, series option at 6:45

Friday, November 16 - JBUC Thrift Shop Open 10am – 2pm Your donations are gratefully received Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



They're back! The James
Bay Children's Chorus that
practices in our sanctuary
each Thursday afternoon, are
preparing for a concert on
November 29, 4:45 – 5:30.
They, along with a guest
musician, will perform in the

sanctuary and we are all invited. Already the choir has grown to 20 choristers, and they are as thrilled with their practice space (inside and out!) as they were last year. This concert is an expression of their gratitude to us.

2019 Church Calendars are ready to pick up in the Church office.
Cost is \$5 each.



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

Jazz in James Bay for the neighbourhood!

The people of James Bay United Church are opening the sanctuary of the beautiful heritage building at 511 Michigan on Tuesday

evenings for the benefit of our local community. Accessible music venues that you can walk to right in the neighbourhood encourages good mental and spiritual health. And with the help of local jazz legend Kelby MacNayr, we will bring some of the best of the best in the Victoria jazz scene to the heart of James Bay -- A venue without distractions - where the focus is you, the music and the sacred space to listen. Running for six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning November 6.

A suggested donation of \$10 (as you are able) will be taken at the door.

See insert for more information on who's playing this week.

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Retreat

December 2 - December 4, at the Bethlehem Retreat Centre in Nanaimo, led by Karen Dickey and Cheryl Macpherson.

We'll arrive on Sunday at 3pm, depart Tuesday after lunch. Car pooling will be arranged.

Cost for 2 overnights, 5 meals – \$225 shared accommodation; \$270 individual accommodation.

More details to follow.

Please indicate your interest by next Sunday. Contact Karen kdickey@shaw.ca or 250 592 5931