

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, Lord Jesus.**

- words and music: Jim Strathdee

Opening Prayer

***Hymn VU 35 Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

Christ is born; give him glory! [x2]

Christ is born. Alleluia! [x2]

VU 41 words: traditional Byzantine Christmas prayer
music: Raquel Mora Martinez

Scripture reading: John 1: 1- 18

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Christ is born; give him glory! ...

Reflection 1

Hymn VU 68 All Poor Ones and Humble

Reflection 2

Hymn VU 59 Joy to the World

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts - **VU 55 In the Bleak Midwinter**

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

***Hymn VU 44 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

***Commissioning and Blessing**

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James Bay United Church

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

December 30, 2018

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE EPIPHANY WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LABYRINTH WALK - January 6, 7pm at Irving Park

As the Wise Ones were guided by the star, walking the labyrinth is a way to open up to the Spirit's guidance as we move into a new year. This event is for everyone. James Bay United Church is partnering with James Bay New Horizons to host the neighbours in an opportunity to learn about this spiritual practice. No previous experience is necessary and elders and guides will be on hand to help you get started.

You can: come and walk or watch and enjoy the candlelit Labyrinth, visit with neighbours and friends over a hot beverage, or help as a volunteer and host or guide.

We'll be walking the Labyrinth even in the event of heavy rain.

CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT COURSE

'Making a Difference to you pain-experience'

A 6-session course. **Beginning Tues. January 8 at 2 p.m.**

Where: Meeting in the church foyer/sanctuary.

Will look at the 15 Mental/Physical steps that can make a difference to your experience of pain. We will start with the Neurobiology of pain, and two stress-assessments, then take a look at the '10 Commandments of Pain Management'.

Will also go through 4 exercises for daily practice.

To register, or for further information, contact Gary Brandstadt at 250-385-4636, or e-mail 'garbrand@telus.net'.

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

Scripture Reader: Bev McLean

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Paul Barker and Marg Lunam

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Closed Tuesday Jan. 1 for New Years day stat holiday.

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: 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 1 – OUTREACH closed.

Thursday, January 3, 5:30 – 7:30pm

2019 Perogie Pinchers of Victoria offered at James Bay United Church

Experience the culture, have fun, learn family secrets from 1863! Make your very own 24+ Authentic Ukrainian Perogies. Call to register for the first class of the New Year 250-634-3108.

2019 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up. They are in the front office reception. 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.

Seasonal/Winter Closure for James Bay United Thrift Shop

Once again, our Church Thrift Shop will be closed for rest and restoration during the holiday season and the month of January.

We will re-open, bright and sparkly, on Friday, February 1, 2019. Thank you for holding your donations until the last week of January. A big thank you to all our volunteers for their tireless donation of time and energy and to all our valued customers. See you in the New Year!