

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

Greeting

Invitation

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release,
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

- words and music: Marty Haugen

Opening Prayer

**Mighty and tender God,
Voice of the voiceless,
Power of the powerless:
We praise you for your vision
Of a community of wholeness,
A realm of peace,
In which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,
In which the stranger is welcomed,
The hurting are healed,
And the captive set free.
Guide us by your truth and love,
Until we and all your people
Make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.
We pray in the name of your anointed one,
Our servant-king,
To whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God,
Be honour, glory and blessing
This day and forever. Amen**

*Hymn VU 679 (vs 1-3, 5-6) "Let There Be Light"

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Behold! Behold! I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold! Behold! I make all things new
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

MV 115 -words and music: John Bell

Scripture reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Behold! Behold I make all things new ...

Reflection

The New Creed pg. 918

*Hymn MV 169 "When Hands Reach Out"

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Offering our Gifts

*Song of Dedication

**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 – pg. 929

We thank you God R

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn MV 143 "We Cannot Own The Sunlit Sky"

*Commissioning and Blessing

* **With open hand receive and share
the gifts of God's creation
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.**

MV 143 - words: Ruth Duck; music: Marty Haugen

James Bay United Church

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

November 26, 2017

Who we are ... becoming

We are a Christian community from all walks of life
growing in trust that God is up to something beautiful
here and now, in and through our lives.

So it is that we seek to be known in the
neighbourhood

as a place where people are
tapped into hope
known and loved
inspired to risk new ways
and live with purpose and joy.

Whoever you are,
and wherever your journey has taken you,
rest assured you will find a welcome here.

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UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS FOOD FAIR: Saturday, Dec. 2 from 11 am - 2 pm at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Hall, 1110 Caledonia Ave, Victoria. Featuring sale of Baba's best frozen home-made perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, and Ukrainian Christmas bread, poppy seed rolls, Ukrainian sausage rings, and organic preserves, sauerkraut and assorted baking. Suggest you come early as they always sell out.

NOTE: NO HOT LUNCH.

Free admission, wheelchair accessible.

Proceeds in support of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Parish.



Events at Our Place Society & Opportunities to Give

Christmas Craft Fair - Support the artists and crafters of Our Place, Cool Aid, Anawim House Pacifica Housing and check a few gifts of your Christmas list at the same time. First Metropolitan Church – December 2nd – 10am to 3pm 932 Balmoral Street

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

Scripture Reader: Duncan & Beverley McLean

Ushers & Greeters: Sylvia Scott, Pauline MacKenzie and Kim Tadei

Cup & Conversation: Eunice Davison

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

Tuesday, November 28 – OUTREACH

9am – 11:30 Front Office Reception

Friday, December 1

JBUC Thrift Shop OPEN 10am – 2pm

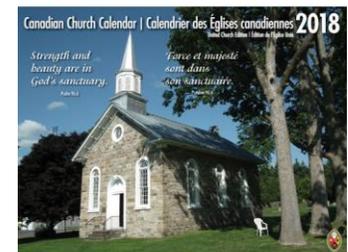
Your donations are gratefully received Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 - 11:30am.

Saturday, December 2

JBUC Singles Potluck Dinner. Lower Hall. Doors open at 6pm

2018 Church Calendars are

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



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.

Annual Christmas Lights Across Canada celebration at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30pm

There will be special guests as well as performances by student choirs and bands. Following the ceremony to light the provincial Christmas tree on the front lawns, everyone is invited inside to enjoy seasonal refreshments and more festive musical performances.



New in the JBUC library this week: LETTERS TO MY GRANDCHILDREN by internationally recognized environmental advocate and science broadcaster David Suzuki. Suzuki distills a lifetime of experience and accomplishment into life lessons for his six grandchildren. He offers chapters consisting of personal stories and reflections that build up to the lessons that he hopes his grandchildren, and the rest of us, will take to heart. Suzuki writes of the need to convey reasons for hope when asking people to contribute to efforts to make the world a better place and does not consider despair and defeat as acceptable responses to the challenges we face.

Crisis, Conscience, Community: the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

The John Albert Hall Lecture Series
Thursday afternoons, 5:00 - 6:20 pm, at the
University of Victoria, A120 David Turpin Building
The lectures are free and open to the public.

4. Why the Reformation Still Matters

Thursday November 30 2017

Dr. Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia, University of Victoria Multi-Faith Services, and University of Victoria Centre for Studies in Religion and Society



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.

Join the us for a presentation of George Frideric Handel's MESSIAH Come enjoy and share in a *Messiah* like no other. With 16 professionally trained vocalists, an 11-piece orchestra, plus four top-notch soloists led by one of the most passionate and experienced conductors on the Island, it shall be a night to remember! All venues are wheel chair accessible and can accommodate buses and vans.

Only three performances:

December 1st, St. Mary's Church, Westshore

December 5th, North Douglas Church, Saanich

December 10th, SHOAL Centre, Sidney

Tickets available at: Christian Book & Music, Tom Lee Music, SHOAL Centre and Eventbrite.ca For more info: www.vipguild.ca

For more info see poster in the front office reception