

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

**Radiant One, Light within all life,
for the morning light and its irresistible dawning
we thank you.
For the mystery of your presence in and beyond
all that can be seen, we thank you.
For the endless outpouring of yourself
that we may know your heart's desire
and be guided into ways of peace and joy,
we thank you.
May the light of your love rise within us
and shine upon us this day
that we may be strengthened in body, mind and spirit
to live with new born hope.
We pray in the name of Jesus
who draws us even now into your new day.
Amen**

*Hymn 710 Shall We Gather at the River

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening to the Word

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.**

MV 97 words and music: traditional song Tanzania

Scripture reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7; Luke 3: 15-17, 20,21

God's Word is Life!

All: Thanks be to God

Reflection

“Down to the River to Pray”

RESPONDING WITH OUR WHOLE HEARTS

Prayers of the People

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn MV 144 Like A Healing Stream

*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*

Epiphany 2

January 13, 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

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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 in the JBUC library: BIRDIE by Tracey Lindberg, a citizen of the As'in'i'w'chi Ni'Yaw Nation Rocky Mountain Cree. She incorporates elements of Cree folklore and oral tradition into the narrative of BIRDIE. The book tells the story of Bernice Meetoos (nicknamed Birdie), who leaves her Cree community in northern Alberta and travels to British Columbia in a search for home, and hope, after a childhood shattered by sexual abuse. This is a beautiful, difficult, humorous and painful first novel.

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 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.

2019 Perogie Pinchers of Victoria offered at James Bay United Church

The next date to sign up for classes is Jan 26, 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.

Scripture Reader: Judy Krzesowski

Ushers & Greeters: Coleen Nichol, Alison and Terry Renner

Cup & Conversation: Eunice Davison, Raymond and Bev Tracey

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: 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 15 – OUTREACH 9:00am – 11:30am
Front Office Reception

Tuesday, January 15, 2-4pm Pain-Management Course
'Making a Difference to your pain-experience'
A 6-session course . Join us in the foyer/sanctuary of the church. Copies of the book 'Heal the Pain' by Gary Brandstadt can be found in the church library. Visit the church's web-site for details. To register, or for further information, contact Gary Brandstadt at 250-385-4636 or email garbrand@telus.net

Tuesday, January 15 – Jazz at the Church Returns! – 7pm
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. 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 suggested donation of \$10 (as you are able) will be taken at the door. Accessibility ramp is available on the west side of the building