

# the MESSENGER

St James Anglican Fellowship

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## Thoughts

### A message from our Rector

The Easter season is upon us.

Are we ready? Of course the answer is yes and no!

We don't think we are ever truly prepared to be able to understand the enormity of God's gift to us in Jesus Resurrection.

How could we? I doubt if any of us understand what it must

heard a beautiful song or poem that allows you to look at the world, and your place in it, in an entirely new way?

Sometime we experience something beautiful, and just know that there is something greater than ourselves that is smiling at us.

*Have you ever just KNOWN that God is smiling on you?*

*Easter is a message of love from God to you.*

have been like to face Jesus death on the cross knowing what was coming. And I suppose we have trouble knowing the scope of Jesus victory either.

We can get glimpses of the wonder of God's love for us.

Have you ever seen a beautiful sunset or sunrise, and felt your breath taken away? Have you ever looked at your children and known that you would do almost anything for them? Or

Maybe you are struck by how even when there seems to be no hope at all, you somehow know that because of Jesus there is still hope.

Easter is God's amazing gift to us, to invite us to come close, to know his love and his compassion for us even though we know we don't deserve it.

Happy Easter!!

## Easter is...



What does Easter mean to you?

The grass is starting to show green tips, and the birds are singing in the mornings. What a beautiful time of year! Sometimes during January we feel like it may never come. And then it does.

Does Easter mean spring daffodils and Easter lilies?

Yes but so much more. We celebrate the new life of spring and the new life promised in Jesus' Resurrection. That is life that is, well eternal and so much more.

As we see the wonderful promises of spring all around us this Easter be reminded that the promises of spring are only a shadow of the promises to us in the resurrection of Jesus.

## Our Bible Study Groups...

Can it be that it has only been a couple of months we have been meeting together?

We have two bible study groups meeting and they are both thriving, but very different!

Our afternoon group meets at 2:30pm on Tuesday, and is studying the upcoming readings for the week as well as progressing through the Old Testament.

Our evening group has been looking at the Psalms and considering what they have to say to us today in our own context.

Both groups are a great place to discuss your faith, pray for each other and just have a great time together. If you are not yet involved with a group consider joining us!

## Kid's Zone

By: Cathy McComiskey

In the coming weeks we will be continuing our lessons learning more about God. We will also be learning about Palm Sunday and very importantly about the real reason for Easter. Rev. Steve has asked the "Kid's Zone" kids to participate in the Palm Sunday service which we are planning to do.

Coming:

In May, the children will be singing in the service on Mother's Day as well as a couple of the children will recite some of the Bible verses we

## Musical Notes

By: Marilou Timpson

Happy Springtime everybody! Isn't it encouraging to see the flowers and birds and all the beauty around us. New Life is springing up... Both in nature at St James Fellowship!

Thanks to all who Come and sing joyfully to the Lord each Sunday. We are hoping that the mix of old and new worship music has been a blessing to all. Keep letting us know if you have favorite songs, or song requests. God will continue to guide all of us as we learn to walk in unity, love and cooperation, trusting in God's goodness and Grace.

Love In Christ, Marilou Timpson

## An Amazing Thank you!

In the last issue of the Messenger we talked about some of the material things needed, to allow us to meet at our beautiful new home on South St.

All of your generosity is astounding! ...from chairs to mugs in the kitchen, we have been blessed so much.

Thank you.

have learned over the past weeks. We are looking forward to this opportunity to share in the main service!

We will also begin a new series looking at some of the women in the Bible.

Summer news:

We will be continuing with "Kid's Zone" each Sunday throughout the summer months and look forward to not having a break from our weekly time together.

The series we began in January, learning about who God is and what He is like, has been very interesting: God is our Shepherd, is our Guide, is Love plus how we should love others, is our ..p3

Kid's Zone continued...

Shield, is the Light of the world and a Light to our path, is Everywhere and is Good. We have learned many things about God through these lessons and the Bible verses each week that we hope will be helpful to each of the children on their faith journey.

Each week Kid's Zone is an active time of coming together from ages 3 to 13, where we have a Bible lesson, learn a verse from the Bible, sing and make a lesson related craft.

All are welcome.

Thank you again to those who have supported us with books and supplies.

Most of all we are thankful for your prayers for us as we lead the children and especially for the children to fall in love with Jesus in a personal way.

Cathy McComiskey  
Sally Honey

## Coming Events

Every Tuesday Afternoon	2:30 pm	Bible Study at the Church
Every Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm	Bible Study at 77 Aspen Drive
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Palm Sunday
April 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Ladies Movie Night
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Good Friday
April 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	Easter Sunday
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm	Spring Fling Dinner

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submissions in!

If you have things to share in our newsletter, website or on our Facebook page, be sure to send them to [messenger@stjamesfellowship.ca](mailto:messenger@stjamesfellowship.ca)

## Our Committee's

Thank you so much to each and every one of you has signed up to be a part of one or more of our committee's. There has been so much to do, that other than the Women of St James (who have had two meetings!) and our faithful cleaning party, we have not yet gotten the committees together. There is so much to do! Our plan is to have meetings in the weeks following Easter, and then get down to work on some of the important things we are setting out to do. Please pray for each of the Committees we are forming, and pray that God will show you how you can help.

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## A Prayer for St James Fellowship

Heavenly Father, thank you for your blessing upon St James Fellowship and upon each of our lives. Thank you for the way you encouraged us on our journey. You provide for all our needs. Protect us and keep us safe. Heal us and cleanse us from all our sin. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and give us wisdom and discernment. Help us to be your hands and feet to this community. Help us to see you more clearly, and to see people around us with love and compassion.

Guide your church and help us to know your will. As you taught us we pray your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All these things we pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus. Amen

We are having a "Spring Fling" dinner on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.

Mark your calendar! The Women of St James have planned a great menu for us so save the date, and bring your friends.

## A Last Word

As we approach Easter we have so much to be thankful for at St James Fellowship.

We have a wonderful place to meet, a Church Committee in place that is looking after the administrative aspects of our organization. And most of all we are developing into a group that truly is journeying together to learn what it means to be a Jesus follower in Quinte in 2017.

Jesus has so many plans for us. He calls us to get to know his love more and more, and to grow in our ability to show that love.

I am so thankful for each of you, in how we are growing together as a loving, caring, and growing community.

May God bless each of you as we walk together following Jesus, and experiencing his love and power in our lives.

*Steve+*