JAMES BAY UNITED CHURCH

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
April 8, 2018

Location: Church Hall.

Time: After morning service, approximately 11:30 AM. Lunch served during the meeting.

Present: 40 to 50 members, adherents and guests, including all Board members and Rev. Karen Dickey.

Chair: Cheryl Caldwell.

Secretary: Karen Pollett.

Welcome and election of new Board Chair: Rev. Karen Dickey
M/S Doug Lunam/ Dorothy Lindquist that Cheryl Caldwell be elected Chair of the JBUC Board. Carried unanimously.

Presentation of proposed JBUC Sabbatical Plan:
Rev. Karen will be on a sabbatical leave from May 22-August 22nd.
A document providing details was circulated, and each section was addressed by a member of the Board.
Discussion of how to make this plan a success followed, at individual tables, notes being taken on flip-chart paper, and ideas then shared with the whole group. Reception to the proposal was generally very positive and many useful ideas were brought forth.
Further support was invited, outlining how volunteers could participate in new ways. Sign-up sheets were provided.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00.

Prepared for the Congregational Meeting April 8, 2018.

Karen will be on a sabbatical leave from May 22- Aug 22.
The intention of this leave is to provide time for refreshment, renewal and rest.
As Karen works out plans for her time away, the Board is proposing the following plan for us as a congregation.

Coverage for Minister:
The Month of June:
Bring on board a minister, part-time (8 hr/ week) to be available two half days per week for pastoral care, administrative guidance, to convene a mid-week conversation, and to finalize details for Sunday worship (eg. touching base with guest preachers, lay leaders).

The Month of July:
Bring on board a minister, part-time, (12hr/week) to be available two half days per week for pastoral care, administrative guidance, to preside and preach at each Sunday service.

August 1- 22
Duncan and Beverley McLean will be available for pastoral care, and administrative guidance and worship leadership for the first three Sundays in August.

Sunday Worship:

Sunday May 27 10:15 am - Singing our Faith service

Sundays of June 10:15 am: 3 guest preachers; 1 service led by JBUC members

Sundays of July
Mornings: The sanctuary will be open for anyone seeking a quiet space for prayer and meditation. Along with playing recorded music, someone will be present to welcome those who arrive.

FIVE Evening Services featuring a different kind of music each week, with scripture, reflection and prayer … opening doors to people who presume that a Sunday morning service isn't for them. This series is planned with the intention of offering a different experience from our usual Sunday morning service; and with an awareness of the special quality of summer evenings -- the lingering light and warmth that invites us out, lending an ease for connection.
These evenings would be *an offering of the congregation to the community*, while at the same time providing the opportunity for worship for members of the congregation.

Sundays of August [Aug 5,12, 19] 10:15 am - Duncan and Beverley McLean leading, along with other members of the congregation.

Putting Yourself In The Picture
In what ways would you be willing to step forward
to make this a time of blessing for you and others?

Below are some key areas awaiting participation.

With other ways that occur to you to offer yourself, please see Duncan McLean

After Service refreshment time: see Louise n' ha Ruby

Set up for lemonade on the patio

Clean up

May 29, Sundays of June, July, August

Leadership in Sunday morning services: see Cheryl Macpherson

This is a perfect opportunity to expand the array of voices and faces offering leadership in our services … greeting at the door, offering a welcome, lighting the Christ Candle, leading the prayers of the people, reading scripture, making music, singing in the choir, offering a reflection, saying good-bye at the door as people leave after service, engaging with visitors and others during the after-service refreshment time.

Training, guidance, encouragement --available in spades!

Pride Sunday in June: see Gordon Miller

Be part of a planning team to shape and lead a service in June

Pride Parade July 9: see Gordon Miller

Be part of a planning team for JBUC's participation in the parade