



St. James United Church
Announcements
Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Apr. 9th - about 6:25am - Innispirit Easter Sunrise Service** at Belle Ewart Park, Lefroy
 - **Sun. Apr. 9th – 10am - Halleluiah! Easter Sunday Service** at SJUC
 - **Sun. Apr. 16th – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Mon. Apr. 17th - 1pm – UCW Meeting** (upper room) Roll call: money for St. James' garden, Program: Karen Given, Hostess: Shirley King
 - **Sun. Apr. 23rd – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Sun. Apr. 30th – 10am – Worship Service; "Pasta Plus Lunch" and celebration of April Birthdays. Enjoy an array of dishes, hot or cold, that all contain pasta. If you can contribute a pasta dish - crock pot, casserole or salad - or a birthday cake please contact Pat at patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com or 705-739-1106. All are welcome. Freewill donations appreciated.**
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This week in worship...



"It's not about the bunny; it's about the lamb."

Well, to some it is about both!

This week Luke 24 comes to life as we reflect on the story of resurrection,
joy and hope!

I can't wait to sing our Hallelujahs and lift the rafters in song!

Remember the Sunrise Service at Belle Ewart Park at 6:30, followed by
breakfast and fellowship!

Then, we'll see you at St. James for our 10:00 service.

~ Pastor Patricia

What is the church colour for Easter Sunday?

White

White is the colour of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white.

This color, used primarily during Easter Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”

Christ's triumph from the grave on Resurrection Day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity.

White reinforces that message of joy.
but...

Gold

Gold is the optional colour for Easter Sunday. While white is most often used, **gold's** emphasis is undeniable.

Gold represents value and worth.

The golden festival of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the event that gives our lives meaning and worth.

He is worthy of our praise as we adorn his altar with the color of splendor.

Look for these colours on Sunday in the sanctuary.

Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful & fun.

Greeter: Mary McGrath

Lay Reader: Pat Edmonds

Refreshments: Ross & Doreen Parker

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Children enter the sanctuary and sit with their family for the beginning of the church service at 10:00 a.m. Shortly after, the children will go with their Sunday school teacher for bible story, activities and crafts. If you can't join us this Sunday, attached to the Weekly Announcements e-mail, you will find an Easter Story activity to do with your children. Hope to see you soon!

~ The Christian Development Committee



Author, blogger, and mother of 7 children, Victoria Riollano says...

The good news of Easter Sunday is not in the perfect matching outfits or church celebrations but in the remembrance of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Jesus did not die on the cross for a yearly holiday but for an eternal celebration of each of us having the opportunity to go from death to life! What an honor to celebrate this daily! Jesus died so that if we repent and believe, we could accept the full benefits of the cross.

Instead of paying the penalty of our sinful nature, the true joy of Easter is in recognition of the greatest gift ever bestowed to mankind, the gift of salvation.

My prayer today is that we celebrate the resurrection every day. I pray we share the joy of what Christ has done as often as possible, not just as a part of a one-day celebration. May we take to heart the severity of what God has done rather than get lost in the commercialism. Go and share the gospel with anyone willing to listen!

The message of the gospel will outlive our momentary celebrations. The knowledge and acceptance of Christ's resurrection truly have the ability to change lives forever!

Thank you, Victoria for reminding us of the Easter message!

Real Easter bunnies...

- **are white as snow** because Jesus takes all sin away (Isaiah 1:18b).
- **are gentle**, kind-hearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32).
- **have big ears** that are quick to listen (James 1:19).
- **have big eyes** to look carefully and choose what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).
- **have no voice** for complaining or arguing (Philippians 2:13).
- **are quiet** in prayer, but hop with thanksgiving and rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-6).
- **have big feet** to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter bunnies, too (Matthew 28: 19-20).
- **eat what is healthy** by filling up on God's word every day (Psalm 119:11).



Shining Waters Region 10

The **Shining Waters Region 10 UCW Annual Meeting** will be held *Tuesday May 2nd 2023* from *9:15 am to 6 pm* at *Burton Avenue United Church, Barrie*. Pat Edmonds has the pre-registration forms for UCW members wishing to attend. The form must be submitted by April 10th and, if meals are required, the cost is lunch \$20.00 and dinner \$25.00. Cheque must be submitted with the form.

Outreach

You will remember that I did a mission trip to Nicaragua before Covid with the Open Hands committee, at Burton Avenue UC in Barrie. To continue our outreach, our Open Hands Canada group at Burton Avenue UC has arranged a youth exchange to the Miawpukek First Nation in Conne River, Newfoundland, July 3-10. They will attend the Pow Wow weekend.

Fundraising is underway: walk-a-thon (May 13), Coffee House night, paddle-a-thon, and “A Taste of the Rock” - an evening of Newfoundland culture and cuisine on Sat. June 10. This is a cold plate dinner with musical entertainment by Sandy Bottom Boys, a Sandycove Band with Newfoundland music. There is also a silent auction. For more info see **Heather Walker**.

Fundraiser for Programs at Trinity United Church - Beeton

SKYLINERS BIG BAND - Music Concert...Barrie, Ontario's Premier Big Band
Saturday May 6, 2023 7 pm - 9 pm

Trinity United Church (37 Centre St. N., Beeton, ON)

Tickets: \$25 per person

See link for more information:



Trinity Fundraiser.pdf

A poster for the Simcoe Singers' performance 'IT'S ABOUT TIME'. The poster features a blue background with a decorative border of small yellow circles. At the top, it says 'Simcoe Singers present' in white and black text. Below that, 'IT'S ABOUT TIME' is written in large, bold, black letters. The central image shows a collection of various colorful cuckoo clocks and wall clocks. At the bottom, a yellow box contains the date and time: 'Saturday April 29th, 2023 7:00 pm' and the location: 'Bethel Community Church 128 St. Vincent Street'. In the bottom left corner, it says 'For Tickets call Janice 705-487-0508 \$12 Adults \$5 Students'. In the bottom center is the 'BARRIE FOOD BANK' logo. In the bottom right corner, it says 'Please support the Barrie Food Bank and bring donations'.

***Please submit all announcements via e-mail to Heather Thompson by noon on Tuesdays.
Thank you!***