



St. James United Church
Announcements
January 15, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Tues. Jan. 17th – 9:30am – Board Meeting** (upper room)
 - **Sun. Jan. 22nd – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Sun. Jan. 29th – 10am – Worship Service & Lunch After Church** and celebration of January birthdays. Please contact Pat Edmonds at 705-739-1106 or patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com if you can bring a cake. All are welcome. Freewill offering to help cover cost.
 - **Sun. Feb. 5th – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Sun. Feb. 12th – 10am - Annual Congregational Meeting**
 - **Sun. Feb. 19th – 10am – Worship Service / Inclement Weather Date for ACM**
 - **Sun. Feb. 26th – 10am – Baden Powell Service**
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THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... *from Pastor Patricia*



Sunday's scripture is Psalm 40 VU page 764, & John 1:29-42

Like the first disciples who were called to follow, to move, and to change, we too are still invited into this call of serving, responding, and following.

Our calling as the Church is to seek out those in need— wherever they are— and share the love, hope, and promise of Jesus Christ with them.

This means moving beyond the four walls of our church to engage our community.

As Frederick Buechner once defined 'vocation' ... it's "the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

St. James United Church is living that definition of our discipleship in many ways!

This week, I'd like you to think about how your personal generosity works to create "beloved community" and show ALL God's children that they're loved.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."- Matthew 5:16, NRSV

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. ~ Pastor Patricia

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

Greeter: Lorraine Stapleton

Lay Reader: Shirley Parker

Refreshments: Ross & Doreen Parker

Thank you to Mary and Patricia for sharing with us a few tasty morsels that would be found during Ukrainian Christmas!

Thinking of trying to make your own Borscht (beet soup)?

Yummy Ukrainian Borscht for SJUC

Ingredients:

- 12 cups beef or vegetable broth or stock low sodium
- 5 cups green or red cabbage thinly sliced (I used green)
- 1 large onion chopped
- 3 medium carrots chopped
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 3 large beets peeled and cut into matchsticks (I grated half; you can also use a large can of beets, but it's not as colourful or flavourful)
- 4 large potatoes peeled and cubed
- 1 large can diced or stewed tomatoes
- 1 can white beans (optional)
- 2 tsp salt
- 3 large bay leaves
- 1 tbsp white vinegar
- Pinch of sugar or maple syrup (I used 1 tbsp maple syrup)
- 3 large garlic cloves grated
- Black Pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp. Italian Seasoning
- 1/4 cup dill or parsley finely chopped
- Yogurt or sour cream and rye bread, for serving (optional)

Instructions:

1. In a large pot (I used a 6-quart Dutch oven), add broth, bay leaves and bring to a boil.
2. Meanwhile, wash, peel and cut vegetables.
3. Once broth is boiling, add cabbage, cover and bring to a boil. Then reduce heat to low and cook for 20 minutes.
4. Preheat a large frying pan on medium heat and swirl 1 tbsp of oil to coat. Add onion, carrots and sauté for 5 minutes, stirring often.
5. Add beets, remaining 1 tbsp of oil and cook for another 3-4 minutes.
6. Transfer sauteed veggies to a pot along with potatoes, tomatoes, white beans and salt. Cover, bring to a boil and cook on low heat for 20 minutes.
7. **Turn off heat.** Add vinegar, sugar, garlic, dill and pepper. Stir and let borscht sit for 10 minutes to allow flavours to blend together. Enjoy!

Serve hot with a dollop of yogurt or sour cream if desired.

A night time prayer before you rest your head on your pillow...



The Night Is Dark

Lord, it is night—a time for stillness and rest.

Quiet my soul and let me rest
in the thoughts of your Presence.

The day has been long but it is gone.

Help me to let it go.

The night is dark and I am far from home,
but I am with you.

In the quietness of the night,
come to me and hold me—
wipe from my forehead the furrows of care
and smooth from my soul the lines of worry and doubt.

As the night precedes the dawn of a new day,
assure me that you go before me
to prepare the way,
with new joys, new ideas, and new friendships.

Into your hands, I commend my spirit. Amen.

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2023 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are available from Silvia Leibundgut. Those who would prefer to make their offering by preauthorized remittance, please let Silvia know. These payments are like regular bill payments, and are made electronically, and thus, are not dependant on people being present each week.

Please remember to sign your name to our Sunday gatherings lists for Greeter, Lay Reader or Refreshments. The lists are posted in the Upper Room. *Thank you!!*

If there is anyone interested in becoming an official member of St. James United Church, please speak to Patricia for details.

For updates on the ongoing work of the United Church of Canada, click on the link below for their newsletter entitled "*E-ssentials*"

-- *The United Church of Canada E-ssentials* - September 13, 2022

<https://mailchi.mp/united-church/es220830-1050176?e=fbdc2a77e6>

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