



St. James United Church
Announcements
Summer Worship - July 2, 2023

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

Greeter: Cairine Tessier

Lay Reader: Shirley Parker

Refreshments: Mary McGrath

A HUGE thank you to Darlene Perkins (and her groundskeeping brother!) for all the work that she did to prepare for our Sunday, worship and picnic! We worshipped on a piece of heaven on earth.



And, of course, thank you to Pat Edmonds for creating our service and planning our picnic for us.

To everyone who was there, and everyone who helped set up for our picnic, you are amazing! It was great fun.







This Week in Worship ...with Pastor Patricia



Welcome to Summer Worship...

a little more relaxed, a little more creative, and a little easier... just like those hot summer days!

This week we kick off the first of 3 weeks celebrating our Indigenous community.

June was National Indigenous History Month. It was a time for all Canadians - Indigenous, non-Indigenous and newcomers - to reflect upon and learn the history, sacrifices, cultures, contributions, and strength of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. It's important to keep in mind that First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples each have their own unique histories, as does the United Church in its relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

What is *your* relationship like? You will get a chance to think about that over the next 3 weeks.

This Week, our message is ***Becoming Rooted ~ A Hymn Sing for Connectedness.***

It's our usual - first of the month hymn sing - with a twist.

Come and enjoy!

~ Pastor P.

A Prayer for the Moose Hide Campaign

As you wear your moose hide pin, let this prayer settle within you.

Mother God, Beloved Christ and Sister Spirit,

May this moose hide remind me of my commitment to create and live in a society where Indigenous women, girls,

and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people experience

the freedom to flourish within a healthy society that respects, values and cherishes the human rights and dignity of all people.

May I join with others to be a part of your healing and restoration.

Amen

~ from: <https://united-church.ca/prayers/prayer-moose-hide-campaign>

It's Canada Day, Eh! Yay!

On Canada Day we commemorate July 1st, 1867, when the British North American Act (now known as the Constitution Act) united Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada into a single country. Not only did this union give our new country a lot of independence, it was an important part in paving the way for Canada to achieve independence from the United Kingdom.

In 1965 we did away with the Union Jack and got our own flag.



In 1982 the Canadian Constitution was repatriated, and our country truly became independent. That is also when *Canada Day* became an official holiday.

For me, the biggest part of this holiday is celebrating what it means to be a Canadian...

incredible freedoms and an abundance of everything we need.

It's a day to meet up with friends and family to enjoy everything that our beautiful country has to offer –

for through the grace of God, I believe we live in the greatest country ever!

On Saturday, take time to enjoy the stunning natural beauty around you, the fields, the trees, the flowers, birds

(much like we did at Darlene's last Sunday!)

and a sky filled with sounds of peace rather than missiles and rockets.

On Saturday, Sit back and celebrate, because

We Are Canadian!!!

~ *Pastor P.*

Supporting Community Summer Fun:



**Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute
Presents "Kindie" (Kids –Indie) Recording Artist
Darrelle London**

SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST, 2023

2:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Doors open at 1:30 P.M.

Meet the Artist Reception after the show

Location: Tec-We-Gwill Women's
Institute Hall (Newton Robinson)

4380 Line 10

Bradford West Gwillimbury

Cost:

16 and over: \$10

Under 16: \$5

5 and under: FREE



Darrelle will be playing songs from her latest album PRIMARY, released Friday, March 24, 2023.

To reserve a seat, contact Andrea Nolan at andrea_rbm@yahoo.ca or 705-458-8964.