



St. James United Church
Announcements
March 12, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Mar. 12th - 9:15 to 9:45am (before church) – Lenten Wisdoms** (Upper Room)
- **Sun. Mar. 12th – 10am – 3rd Sunday of Lent; Communion and Membership Sunday**
- **Mon. Mar. 13th – 1pm – Annual World Day of Prayer Service - All are welcome to attend. Refreshments & fellowship to follow.**
- **Sun. Mar. 19th - 9:15 to 9:45am (before church) – Lenten Wisdoms** (Upper Room)
- **Sun. Mar. 19th – 10am – 4th Sunday of Lent; Mental Health Awareness Sunday - A Beginning**
- **Tues. Mar. 21st – 9:30am – Board Meeting (upper room)**
- **Sun. Mar. 26th - 9:15 to 9:45am (before church) – Lenten Wisdoms** (Upper Room)
- **Sun. Mar. 26th – 10am – 5th Sunday of Lent; Mental Health Awareness Sunday - The Journey Continues; Lunch After Church...Banish the CHILL of winter with a CHILI LUNCH and celebrate March birthdays. Freewill donations appreciated. All are welcome.**

Easter Services:

- ♦ **Sun. Apr. 2nd – 10am - Palm Sunday Communion**
 - ♦ **Thurs. Apr. 6th - time tbd - Maundy Thursday hosted at St. James United**
 - ♦ **Fri. Apr. 7th – time tbd - Good Friday - Innispirit Joint Service with Choir at Churchill UC**
 - ♦ **Sun. Apr. 9th - Easter Sunrise Service - Innispirit**
 - ♦ **Sun. Apr. 9th – 10am - Halleluiah! Easter Sunday Service at SJUC**
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Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful and fun.

Greeters: Darlene Perkins

Lay Reader(s): Ted Gemmell

Refreshments: Donna Wice

It's that time of year again...



THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... from Pastor Patricia

As we continue to journey through the season of Lent, this week we acknowledge the 3rd Sunday of Lent.

I wonder, if after reading this week's scriptures below, you can guess what our additional focus is for this Sunday?

Of course, the "Upcoming Events" may have tipped you off!



Romans 15:7

Paul writes, "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does God welcome us? Extravagantly!

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

Romans 15:5-7

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

This Sunday, our service and Communion is dedicated to our new members.





**Did You Hear the News?
Our Fellowship Lunch for March 26th...
will be a toasty Chili lunch!**

**Thank you to Pat E. for organizing it,
and to everyone who has already volunteered to make a
pot of their favourite recipe, or to bring the trimmings!!**

Yummy!!!!

**This Lenten prayer was written by Trappist monk Thomas Merton.
It is from from [Thoughts in Solitude](#) (1958).
It is a wonderfully written reminder that, whatever we are going through,
we are not alone.**



**My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
Nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that, if I do this,
You will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore I will trust you always
though I may seem to be lost
and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.**



A Community Partner to know about:

Did you know? from innisfiltoday.ca



The Ontario government is investing in its seniors in Innisfil by funding \$56,881.18 in three projects that will help seniors stay safe, fit, active, healthy and socially connected across the community with Seniors Community Grants.

Recipients in Innisfil include:

- Innisfil Public Library Board — This project will allow the Innisfil ideaLAB & Library in partnership with the Town of Innisfil and local retirement homes to deliver Kits and Community for Older Adults. This will broaden the opportunities for seniors to collaborate and develop community connections through the Senior's Craft Kits Program. The library co-ordinates the creation and delivery of 200 craft kits for isolated seniors. Seniors are encouraged to join craft groups at the library to complete their kits with other seniors of the community.
- Town of Innisfil — This project will enable the Town of Innisfil in partnership with Sandy Cove Acres, Lakeside Retirement Home, Dancing with Parkinson's, and the ideaLAB & Library to pilot a new Mobile Senior Active Living Centre that will travel throughout Innisfil on a daily basis. The mobile centre will offer activities, crafts, and special guests that will help keep seniors active physically and mentally. By being mobile, more seniors will be able to participate.

YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka — This project will enable the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka, in partnership with the Town of Innisfil, to present the YMCA Silver Club at all five of their YMCAs: Collingwood, Gravenhurst, Midland, Wasaga Beach and Innisfil. The Silver Club occurs for two hours weekly and features a mix of physical activities as well as information workshops on various topics of interest to seniors as offered by community partners.

Keeping in Touch

I phoned Shirley McNabb to wish her Happy Birthday on Valentine's Day. Just before Christmas, she had moved to Creedan Valley Care Community in Creemore. Shirley is quite happy and content in her new home, as this nursing home is where her mother lived for some time. In her younger days, she is well-remembered as one of the driving forces in the creation of hundreds of Easter Eggs. ~ Author: Barb Johnston



SHINING WATERS
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PIE Day, March 14th
7 pm – 8:30 pm



Save the date! From 7 pm – 8:30 pm on PIE Day, March 14th, we will be hosting an event with guest speaker Teddy Syrette. Teddy might be familiar to people who live in the north, as they grew up in and around Sault Ste. Marie on the Rankin Reserve. Teddy is Anishinaabe and a 2-Spirit person who is well known for their activism, performances, and community engagement. If you have visited the 'Kent Monkman: Being Legendary' exhibit at the ROM (Royal Ontario Museum), you would have seen Teddy's portrait as part of that exhibit.

The Zoom Link is:

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/87017893043>

Meeting ID: 870 1789 3043

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ST. PATTY'S DAY DINNER † March 17th, 5-7 pm † Churchill United



CAFÉ CONVO

with Victoria Fisher MSW

**The community is invited to join the conversation
March 24th at 7:00-9:00 pm at Midhurst United Church**

Victoria Fisher is Anishinaabeke from Ebb and Flow First Nation with a Master of Social Work – Indigenous Specialization.

She is the Executive Director of a non-profit service organization, contributes to Indigenous-led resource development and works to shine light on community capacity.

Victoria will talk with us about the service/relationship experiences that guide her work. She will facilitate opportunity for shared reflection and connection.

Café Convo is a safe space to listen, ask questions and join the conversation on a variety of topics. All are invited.

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