



*St. James United Church*  
**Announcements - May 14, 2023**  
*An Ode to Mothers*



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**Upcoming Events:**

- **Wed. May 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am – Social Morning** (upper room)
- **Sun. May 21<sup>st</sup> – 10am – Worship Service**
- **Tues. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30am – Board Meeting** (upper room)
- **Wed. May 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:30am – Social Morning** (upper room)
- **Sun. May 28<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Worship Service; Lunch After Church** (see details below)

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

**Greeter:** Could this have been you?

**Lay Reader:** Darlene Pettit

**Refreshments:** Barb Johnston & Sharon Fabricius

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**Lunch After Church**

**May 28<sup>th</sup> is Sunny Salad Sunday** and May birthday celebrations. Bring your favourite salad and your appetite. If you can make a salad, any kind, please let Pat know at [patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com) as she will not be back in person until the 28th. Two birthday cakes are also needed. All contributions gratefully accepted.

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**THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... from Pastor Patricia**

Approaching the topic of mothers on Mother's Day is much more complicated than it used to be... for a good reason.

Our cultural society has changed. There are those who are grateful to the mothers who have cared for you, who still care for you. And there are those who come grieving for mothers who have died, or grieving the mother you never had,  
the relationship you longed for.

There are moms in the thick of raising children. They come with unique worries –  
and even if your children are adults, you still come with worries!  
Some dread another mention of motherhood  
– perhaps you've struggled with infertility, or you're carrying grief after pregnancy loss, or the loss of a child.

Or maybe you've simply chosen not to parent, and wish our culture would stop lifting up parenthood as the ideal.

Almost all of us come with a mixture of all of these.

So where will I find myself this Sunday as we gather together?  
Let's talk about mothering in God's style... by acknowledging the greatest  
"mother" of all?

I wonder who that is? 🙄

See you on Sunday!

~ Pastor Patricia

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### *To the Moms Who Are*



To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and  
pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their  
babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have  
contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighbourhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

*- Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church*

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## **Bradford United Church Final Celebration Service - June 18, 2023 2PM**

Good Afternoon, Friends of Bradford United Church,

Bradford United Church will be celebrating its history during our final worship service on Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 2:00PM. This service will be officiated by our very own Rev. Dr. Bruce Sweet with the participation of many others. Immediately after the service, we will be hosting a strawberry shortcake reception in the fellowship hall. This promises to be a memorable afternoon during which we can worship together, tell our stories and say goodbye.

We are hoping to be able to celebrate this time with other local churches and clergy, past/supply ministers, members of Shining Waters Regional Council and community friends. Please RSVP Joyce at the office through email or a phone call, if you are planning to attend and with numbers. We are looking forward to seeing you in June!

Blessings,

Joyce

Bradford United Church

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**St. James United Church**  
2230 Victoria Street West, Stroud

## **Strawberrylicious Supper**

**Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## **Tasty Salads & Ham**



**Strawberries galore!**



**Sit-down Supper @ 6:00 pm**

**or Pick-up @ 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm**

**& Select Your Own Salads**

**\$25.00 each**

**To Order** – Call 705-436-5225 (leave message)

or e-mail [stjamesunited@rogers.com](mailto:stjamesunited@rogers.com)

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH

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TEA TABLES

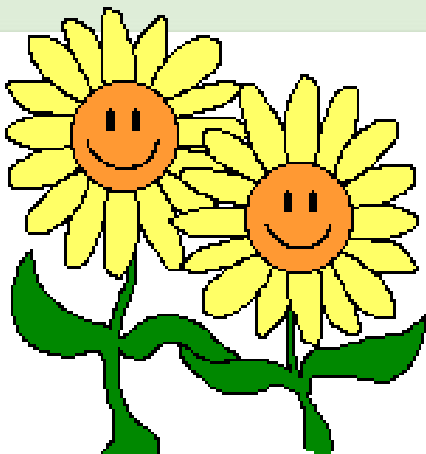
HOMEMADE TREATS  
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SPRING BASKETS

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MIDHURST UNITED CHURCH –

# ROAST BEEF DINNER

Saturday May 27th

Take Out Style

*Enjoy a delicious takeout meal including –*

- \*Roast Beef and gravy (vegetarian option available)*
- \*Mashed potatoes and vegetables*
- \*Salad*
- \*A selection of our famous homemade pies*

**COST:** \$30.00 (plus Eventbrite Ticketing fee)

**TICKETS:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/takeout-beef-dinner-tickets-626243951517>

*\*\*note: ticket sales end Tuesday May 23rd \*\**



Dinners can be picked up at the church drive-thru on Sat. May 27 at your scheduled time and then easily reheated at your convenience.

Midhurst United Church  
91 Doran Road  
Midhurst

Questions?  
phone: Liz at 705-722-7208

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