



## *St. James United Church*

Announcements

*World Communion Sunday*

October 1, 2023

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### Upcoming Events:

- **Mon. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1 pm – UCW Meeting (UR)** Roll call: items for bazaar. Please bring wedding photos.
  - **Wed. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch**
  - **Sun. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Worship Service**
  - **Wed. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch**
  - **Thurs. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Worship Committee Meeting**
  - **Sun. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Baptism Service and World Food Sunday**
  - **Wed. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch**
  - **Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 am - Worship Service (Peace Sunday)**
  - **Wed. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch**
  - **Sun. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 am - Worship Service & Lunch After Church; A Baked Potato Blowout**
  - **Wed. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch**
  - **Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – Evergreen Bazaar (Details to follow)**
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### *This Week in Worship ...with Pastor Patricia*

**This week, we will be honouring our oneness in Christ and with all our Christian family around the world as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.**



Every year, it takes place on the first Sunday of the month to promote Christian unity and the concept of ecumenical cooperation, which encourages all Christians to develop loving connections.

This tradition was started in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr, former minister of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in the United States. In 1936, it was adopted throughout the US Presbyterian Church, and four years later, the National Council of Churches endorsed the holiday. Today, World Communion Sunday is observed by Christian churches worldwide.

**Apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 4:3-5: (NIV)**

**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

**This Sunday, we join others around the world as we remember in word, song, and action that Christ has one body, spread though it may be across denominations.**

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*And something to think about as we enjoy fellowship following our service...*



October 1st is also International Coffee Day! "The bitter invention of Satan" has definitely conquered our hearts. Stories say that this irreplaceable product originally comes from Ethiopia. In the 16th century, coffee was used in Persia, Egypt, Syria, and Turkey, but only appeared in Europe a hundred years later.

Nowadays, two billion cups of coffee are consumed per day! This delicious beverage is made from drying, roasting, ground coffee beans.

Coffee Day is also about raising awareness on issues related to the coffee trade, including pollution of waterways, low worker wages, destruction of natural habitats, etc. ~ from <https://www.internationaldays.co/>

***See you on Sunday! ~ Pastor Patricia***

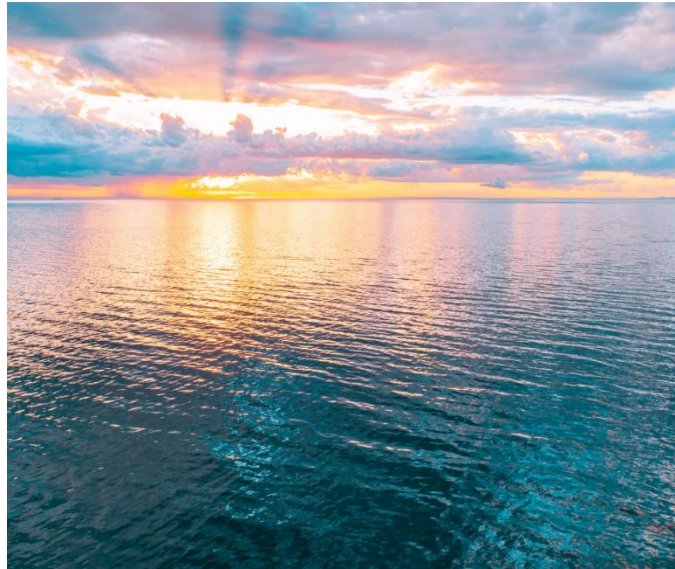
Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our 171<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration!







# Have you heard about "EDGE: Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries"?



## Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries

is a Vancouver-based nonprofit providing resources that equip the church to support mental health and well-being, and it's free of charge to everyone.

Sanctuary's main tool, [The Sanctuary Course](#), is used in 80 countries by over 250,000 people. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session study guide explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote well-being.

[Watch the EDGEy conversation](#) between Daniel Whitehead, CEO of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries, and Alexandra Belaskie, and find out more about [Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries](#) and the [free resources](#) they offer.

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## The Moderator's Orange Shirt Day Message



**Please take time to hear her important message as we honour this important day.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRhRK1Ai2N4>

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