



# *St. James United Church*

## **Announcements**

### **Peace Sunday**

**October 22, 2023**

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Sun. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12 pm – Innispirit Choir Practice** at Churchill United Church
  - **Wed. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch** (upper hall)
  - **Wed. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Meat Pie Orders** (\$75/case of 36) Call Pat Edmonds at 705-739-1106 or e-mail [patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com)
  - **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** (upper hall)
  - **Fri. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3 pm - Meat Pie Pick-up** (SJUC parking lot)
  - **Sat. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> – 9 am to 2 pm - Evergreen Bazaar & Awesome Auction**  
(\$2 Muffin & Coffee 9 am – 11 am; **\$10** Meat Pie Luncheon 11:30 am – 1 pm)
  - **Sun. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Worship Service** (Remembrance Sunday)
  - **Tues. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – All Welcome to Decorate the Church!**
  - **Wed. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch** (upper hall)
  - **Sun. Nov 12<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Worship Service**
  - **Mon. Nov 13<sup>th</sup> – 1 pm – UCW Meeting** (upper hall)
  - **Tues. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Mission & Outreach Meeting** (Noah's Ark Room)
  - **Wed. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch** (upper hall)
  - **Sun. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Worship Service**
  - **Tues. Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 pm – Board Meeting** (upper hall)
  - **Wed. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch** (upper hall)
  - **Sun. Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Scout Service & Hot Dog Lunch After Church**
  - **Wed. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch** (upper hall)
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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?*

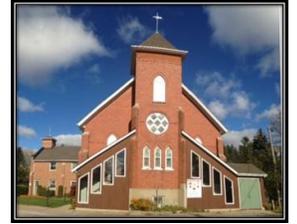
**Lay Reader:** Hilary Mallett

**Refreshments:** Carley Moore

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**This Week in Worship ...with Pastor Patricia**

**In a time when peace seems unattainable, we are going to bring the Peace of Christ to our worship this week as we acknowledge *Peace Sunday*.**



**It is a day for all churches to proclaim, pray for, and promote peace in communities, nations, and throughout the world.**

**And the world certainly needs our prayers.**



**Peace Sunday is a moment in the church's calendar to remind ourselves that we welcome Jesus, the Prince of Peace, not only Christmas day but throughout the rest of the year as well. It's a chance to reset our own priorities. To let go of our own violent or less than peaceful ways and recommit ourselves to being a people of peace.**

**Peace is built through all of our actions. Through welcoming the stranger. Through arguing for peace in times of war. Through offering a friendly ear when someone is troubled or in pain. Through daring to dream that weapons of war could be turned into ploughshares. Through speaking out against racism or highlighting the impact of war on God's climate. When we have all taken an action for peace this week, the harvest will be good.**

**So, will you step up and take action for peace this week?**

**You can start but bringing your light of peace to church this Sunday.**

**See you there! ~ Pastor Patricia**

*This poem was written by Christine Sine and used in her Season of Gratitude retreat. You may like to sit for a couple of minutes after reading this prose and consider the places in which you also experience grief and an aching heart for the horrors of war now in the Middle East, continuing in Ukraine and sadly, as so many more conflicts rage throughout the world.*

**The rain is falling,  
Great big tear-like drops that wrench at my heart.  
How often our tears are closer than praise.  
Yet God's love still surrounds us,  
Jesus still comforts us,  
The Spirit still dwells within.  
When tears are closer than praise,  
Let us sit and welcome them into our souls.  
May they foster compassion,  
Inspire love,  
Give birth to peace.  
Our trust is in you, O Eternal One,  
We put our hope in your transforming love,  
And wait for you to wash away tears  
From all the peoples of the earth.**

~ Christine Sine, 2021

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## **COOKIES FOR HEALTHCARE**

From **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 22, 2023** McDonald's is supporting Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation with **Cookies for Healthcare!**

All proceeds from cookies sold at the **Alliston** and **Angus** McDonald's locations, during this time, will be donated to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Visit any of the three locations (137 Yonge Street, Alliston / 30 Dunham Drive, Alliston / 231 Mill Street, Angus). Purchase chocolate chip cookies, individually for \$0.99 or in packs of 2 for \$1.49, 6 for \$3.99, or 12 for \$7.49. Prices do not include tax.

## **Saint Marie Among the Hurons Bus Trip to “First Light”**

There are family activities, Live music, vendors for shopping, historical demonstrations, candlelight buildings and walkways. If you wish, topping off the evening with cocoa around the fire.

**Date: Friday November 24<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Time: 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM**

**Ticket and Bus: \$33.00 per person** (pick up stop TBA) Bring a bag lunch to eat on the way as well as your singing voice to sing Christmas Carols.

Bus will leave Midland at 8:30 PM to be home for 9:30PM

**Book your tickets early. Cut-off date for ticket sales October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact:** Cheryl LeLiever 705-794-7900

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## **Gilford United Church Chicken Dinner**

**½ roast chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, bun  
& homemade pies!!**

**Wednesday October 25, 2023**

**Dine in 2 sittings  
5 pm & 6:15 pm**

**Adults \$25  
Kids 10 and under \$10**

**Reserve tickets by Friday October 20<sup>th</sup>**

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