



St. James United Church

Announcements
Thanksgiving Sunday
October 8, 2023



Upcoming Events:

- Tues. Oct. 10th – 9:30 am – Special Board Meeting (upper hall)
- Wed. Oct. 11th – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch (upper hall)
- Thurs. Oct. 12th – 9:30 am - Worship Committee Meeting (upper hall)
- Sun. Oct. 15th – 10 am – Baptism Service and World Food Sunday
- Wed. Oct. 18th – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch (upper hall)
- Sun. Oct. 22nd – 10 am - Worship Service (Peace Sunday)
- Wed. Oct. 25th – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch (upper hall)
- Sun. Oct. 29th – 10 am - Worship Service & Lunch After Church; A Baked Potato Blowout
- Wed. Nov. 1st – 9:30 am – Sit, Chat & Stitch (upper hall)
- Sat. Nov. 4th – Evergreen Bazaar (times to be determined)

This Week in Worship ...with Pastor Patricia

I wonder who would agree with me, that the best thing about leftover turkey is making a sandwich with white meat, mayo, salt and pepper and in my case, stuffed between 2 pieces of rye bread? Or maybe the best part about leftovers is not having to cook for a few days! And, of course there are the dessert leftovers, because everyone wants to start their diet the next day, so they leave the calories with you! No matter which way you look at it, Thanksgiving leftovers bring out the sighs, groans and cheers of continuing the feast for another day.



*This Sunday, we are going to think about what the leftovers bring into **your life** as God's gifts of grace and gratitude.*

For those of you who will be spending the day away with family or friends, may you celebrate Thanksgiving with love in your heart and gratitude in your being. Thanksgiving blessings to everyone!"—

~ Pastor Patricia

in happy moments,
PRAISE GOD
in difficult moments,
SEEK GOD
in quiet moments,
TRUST GOD
in every moment,
THANK GOD

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

Greeter: Mary McGrath

Lay Reader: Mary McGrath

Refreshments: Doreen Parker

Well, the time has come again for the Evergreen Bazaar and along with it the **AWESOME AUCTION!**

If you have any new items (items that are very lightly used or like new) tucked away and want to help the church please bring them in and put them in the Noah's ark room. Please tape a note on the top as to who donated it and if you have any idea of the cost to purchase.

Thanks in advance to all who can help make the Awesome Auction a success. If you have any questions, or are unable to get your item to the church, please call me at 705-431-7149.

Linda Severson-Winson

MEAT PIES – will again be available for order by the case and will be served for lunch at St. James' Evergreen Bazaar on November 4th. **A case of 36 pies costs \$75.** Cases will be available for pickup on Friday, November 3rd at 3 pm, in the parking lot. Orders must be placed by October 25th.

Please email Pat Edmonds – patriciaedmonds11@gmail.com – or phone 705-739-1106. If no answer, please leave your order on the answering machine and Pat will call back to confirm. A few pies may be available in 6's on the day of the bazaar, but there's no guarantee.

Pat Edmonds



Do you need some thoughts to reflect on as you give thanks this season?

John Newton (1725-1807)

"The Lord afflicts us at times; but it is always a thousand times less than we deserve, and much less than many of our fellow-creatures are suffering around us. Let us, therefore, pray for grace to be humble, thankful, and patient."

A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)

"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it."

Jose Hobday (1929-2009)

"First Step: Plant your feet firmly on the earth. Using your five senses, give thanks to our Creator God for the countless ways God comes to us through creation- for all the beauty that your eyes see, for all the sounds that your ears hear, for all the scents that you smell, the tastes that you

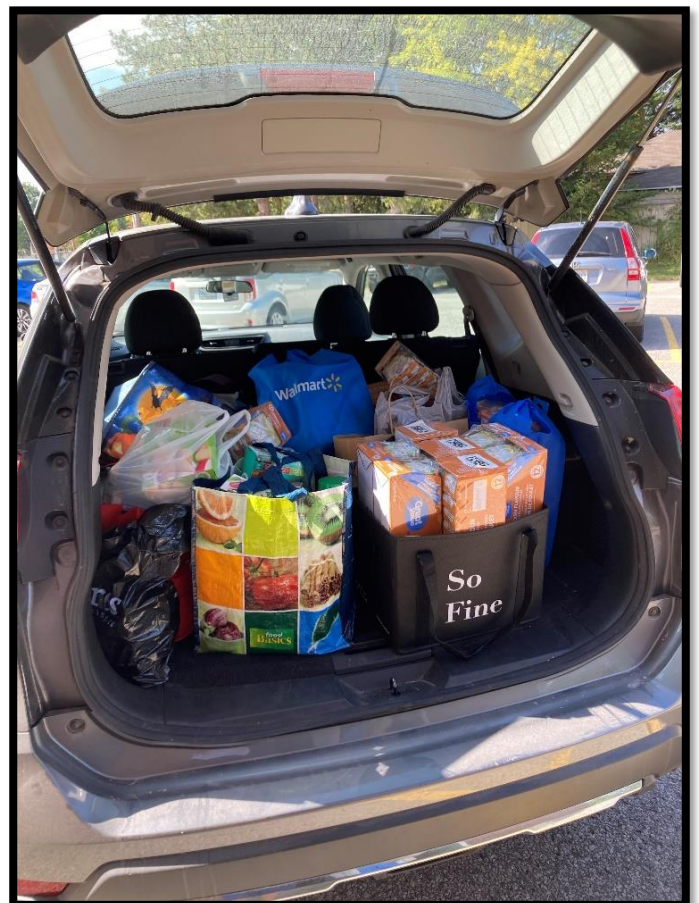
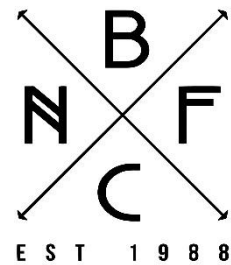
taste, for all that you feel (the sun, wind, rain, snow, warm, or cold). Pray this day that you may be open and attuned to the countless ways that our Creator God comes to us through your senses, through the gifts of creation. Second Step: Let go of all the pain, struggle, regret, failures, garbage of yesterday - step out of it - leave it behind- brush the dust of it from your feet. Third Step: With this third and final step, step into the gift of the new day, full of hope, promise, and potential. Give thanks for the gift of this new day, which God has made!"

How many ways can one say Thank You??

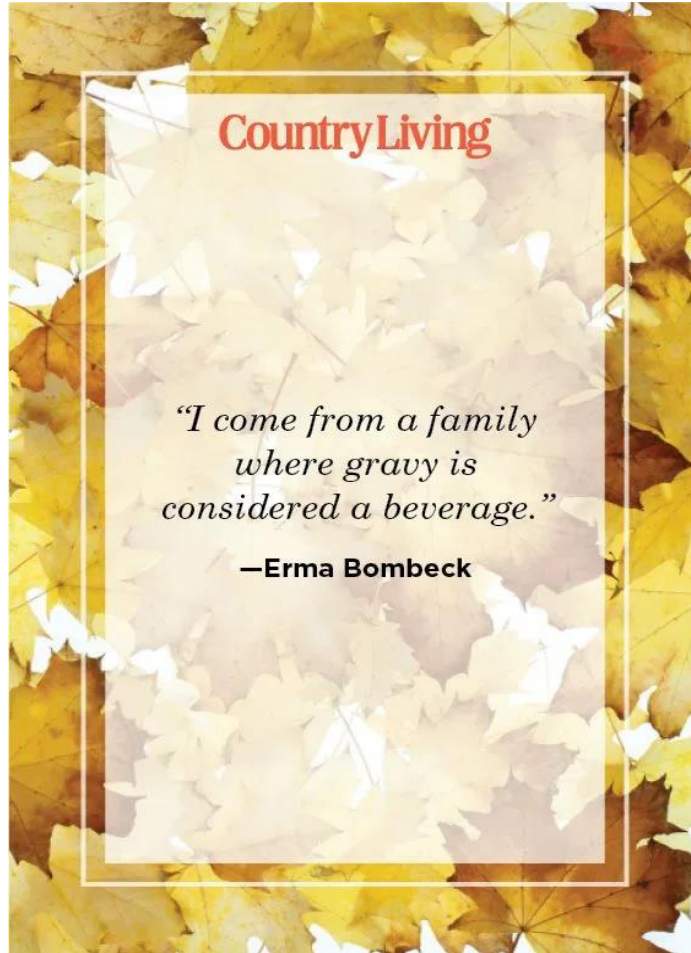
Once again, I filled my car's trunk with the food you so kindly donated, and delivered it to the *Barrie Native Friendship Centre*. They were so appreciative and thankful and I might add, overwhelmed by your generosity!! It will be a much happier Thanksgiving for many...

THANK YOU - it says it all.

Hilary Mallett

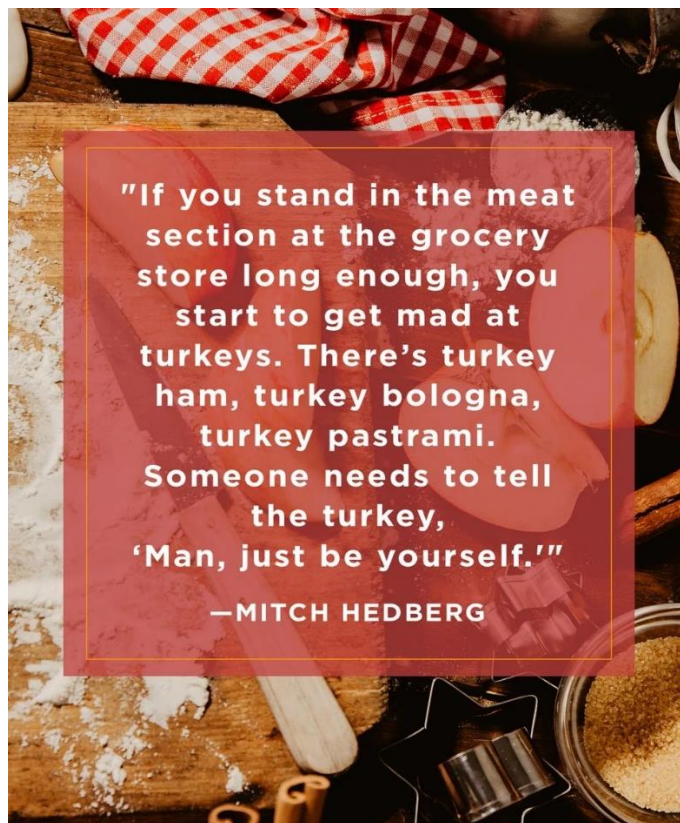


Some Thanksgiving Humour!!!



*"I come from a family
where gravy is
considered a beverage."*

—Erma Bombeck



**"If you stand in the meat
section at the grocery
store long enough, you
start to get mad at
turkeys. There's turkey
ham, turkey bologna,
turkey pastrami.
Someone needs to tell
the turkey,
'Man, just be yourself.'"**

—MITCH HEDBERG



“We may not
have it all together,
but together,
we have it all.”

ANONYMOUS



*I will praise
the name
of God
with a song,
and will
magnify him with*

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 69:30



Our Very Own Trailblazer!

Karen Kelly – the very first woman to win the award for the Female Amateur 70 division.
She is now on her way to the “Provincials” in disc golf!



Below are the girls who were on the scorecard with Karen, at the Stone's Throw Disc Golf Tournament.



Community:

2023 Wave of Light to Remember all babies lost in Pregnancy and Infancy

Sunday October 15 at 1 pm

Flag Raising and Service at the Courthouse Courtyard,
57 Holland Street East, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

An arm of love is extended to all to attend this free service as we gather together to remember the babies gone too soon... to stand together to shine a light in the darkness and to raise awareness of this unspeakable shattering loss. Together, as the Wave of Light we will break the silence and remember these precious babies.



To have your baby's name read out loud during the service please rsvp to Liz at:
lizwillmarryyou@gmail.com or call (905) 775 8941

The Clock Tower will be lit in pink, blue and purple as part of
the International Wave of Light.

** This event is a partnership of the Wave of Light BWG Chapter, Women's Institute Bond Head, Tec We Gwill Branches and the Town of BWG.

Harvest Dinner - Friday October 20, 2023

Grace United Church
350 Grove St. E, Barrie



Featuring roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, bun/butter, coleslaw, horseradish and assorted homemade pies for dessert.

Seatings (75 Tickets/Seating):

5:00pm or 6:15pm

Take-Out (25 tickets/time slot):

4:30pm – 5:00pm

or 5:30pm -6:00pm

TICKETS: \$25.00 each - AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE 705-734-0760

Miscellaneous:

If you know of anyone in need of a hospital-style bed, one has one become available. Contact Pastor Patti at **Bond Head United Church** for more information. 905-775-2512

Bring your gratitude and thanksgiving to MS PIGGY this Sunday!



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