



## *St. James United Church*

### **Announcements**

**September 3, 2023**

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Sun. Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Worship Service.** *Sunday School resumes. (Changed from Sept. 3)*
  - **Sun. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 11 am – Innispirit Worship and Picnic** in Bradford. See details below!
  - **Tues. Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 am – Board Meeting** (upper hall)
  - **Sun. Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10 am – Anniversary Service and Lunch After Church**
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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:** Pat Edmonds

**Refreshments:** Worship Arts Committee

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**The beginning of the Season of Creation arrives on September 1<sup>st</sup> and continues to October 4!**

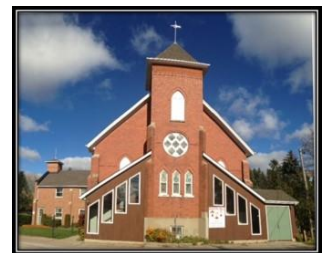
The Season of Creation began in 1989 when the Orthodox Church recognized the first day of September as a day of prayer for creation. Soon after the World Council of Churches expanded the season and since then, Christians all around the world have come together in this season to pray for, celebrate, and protect God's creation.

**The liturgical colour for this season is ORANGE.**

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

Welcome back to those who have returned from summer holidays,  
and to those who are ready to make *this week* the week that you are ready to return to church!



🙏 We have planned a special Sunday Worship for all of you 🙏

It brings together beautiful hymns of our Creation season and the announcement of new directions for St. James. Definitely a Sunday you don't want to miss!

**See You There! Pastor Patricia**



**St. James will continue to give our food donations to the Native Friendship Centre until the end of September.** They were sincerely appreciative of what we were able to donate last time, and were eager to share the food with those Barrie families who can come in for food assistance, but to also share with the homeless who are living on the streets.

Keeping that in mind, if you are able to give donations throughout September that are individually packaged and able to be eaten without the use of can openers (pull tab lids are great), these foods can be taken out into the community by staff at the Friendship Centre to those in need.

As always, we thank everyone for your food donations, and for your financial gifts that come through SJUC to our Innisfil Food Bank.

We continue to be a generous and compassionate church community!

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**SAVE THE DATE: OCT. 21, 2023**

October 21 is the United Church of Canada Annual General Council Meeting (online)

Brought to you by the 44<sup>th</sup> General Council.

*The Annual General Council Meeting provides an opportunity for collective accountability – to each other and to the broader church.*

*It is open to all interested parties.*

Stay tuned for details.

## **Our Innispirit Picnic is back... but in a new way!**

**The ministers of South Simcoe United Churches continue to find ways to support each other, and encourage relationships among our local churches.**

**This year, we will hold our (Innispirit) outdoor worship and picnic in a new way and in a new place; one that will encourage ALL church members in South Simcoe to bring their spirit and worship together!**

**Come and enjoy the fun!**



**Beeton, Bond Head, Bradford, Churchill, Gilford, Lefroy, Nobleton, Schomberg, Stroud, Thornton**

### **Multi-Congregational Church Picnic**

**Sunday, September 17, 2023    Worship: 11:00 am**

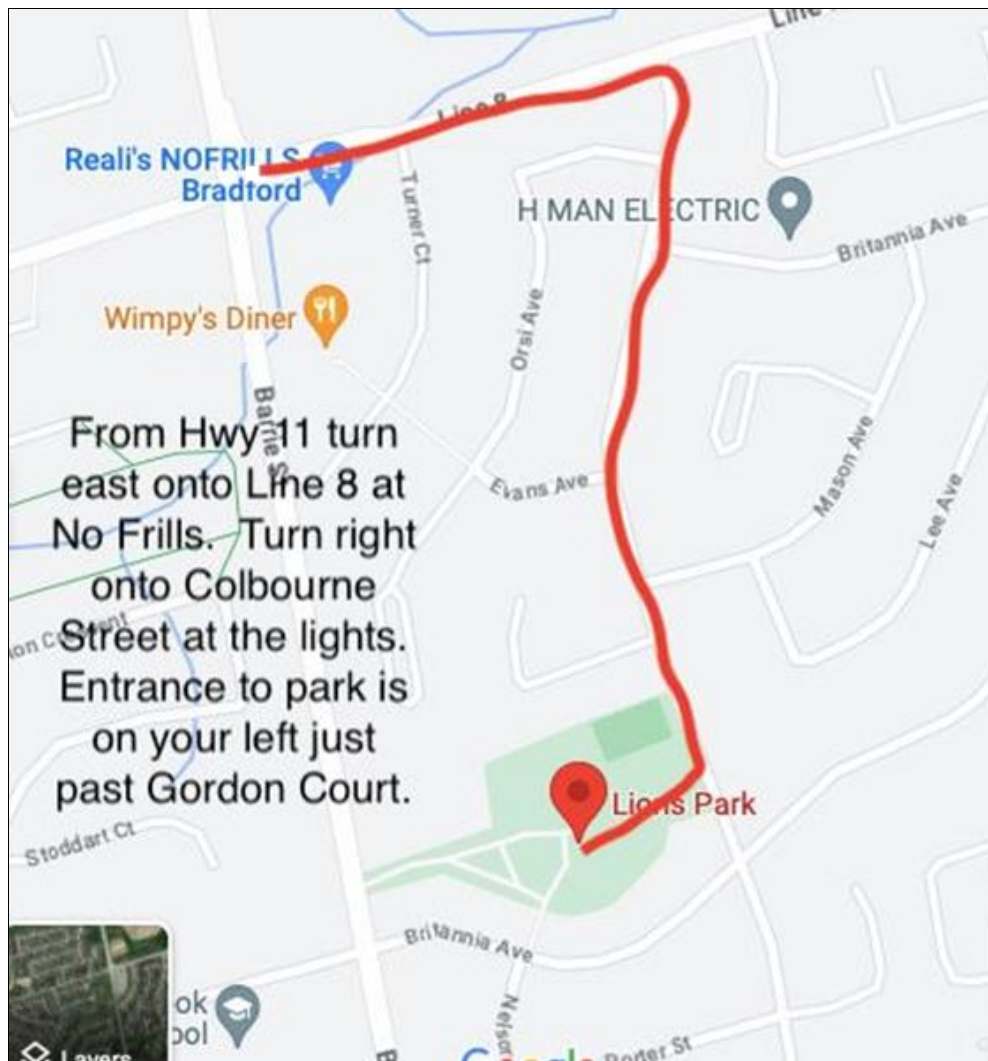
**Potluck picnic lunch to follow.**

**@**

**Lions' Park Pavilion, Hwy 11/Yonge St., Bradford**

**(See map below on how to enter parking lot)**

**Bring a lawn chair, something to share on the picnic buffet,  
a plate, cup and cutlery for your own use,  
and your spirit to meet fellow members of local United Church  
congregations.**



For those who choose to, we can car pool from our church parking lot, or by arranging it with each other!

**Check out this GREAT short Video!**

Click on this link... [https://youtu.be/HQBx6ho0\\_gM](https://youtu.be/HQBx6ho0_gM)



Brew a cup of tea or pour a glass of your favourite drink, and snuggle in with a good book. Oh, and you can discuss the book with at least two friends—the Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of The United Church of Canada, and her guest—in one of Canada’s biggest book clubs.

Starting Sept. 21, 2023, and ending in June 2025, these (mostly) monthly book club sessions will feature fiction, non-fiction and poetry written by (mostly) Canadian authors.

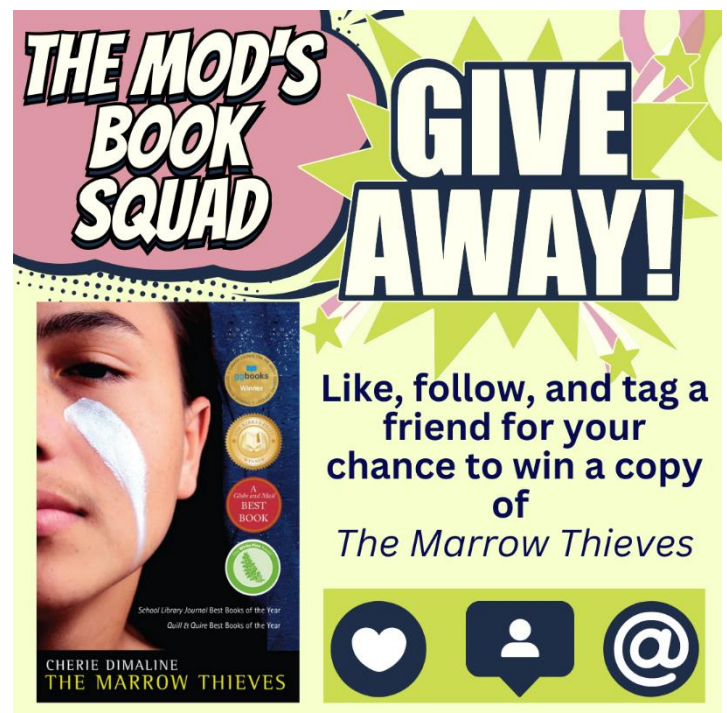
There will be bold ideas. There will be daring connections. There will be content you can dig your teeth into. And guaranteed, there will be laughter. Because the Mod is like that.

## Get reading and join the discussion!

1. Visit your local library or purchase the books from [United Church Bookstore \(opens in a new tab\)](#)!
  - o Get 15% off your purchase of two or more books featured in The Mod’s Book Squad at the United Church Bookstore with the discount code MODSQUAD (applied at checkout). Visit [the collection \(opens in a new tab\)](#) to see all available featured books.
2. Register for the monthly discussions [on ChurchX \(opens in a new tab\)](#) (create or log into your account to register). All sessions run 6:30-8:00 p.m. EST.
3. Read whichever books strike your fancy. Tune in to one session, some, or all of them.

## The List

- *The Marrow Thieves*: Cheri Dimaline
  - o [Discussion: September 21, 2023](#)
  - o Guest: John Thatamanil
- *Doughnut Economics*: Kate Raworth
  - o [Discussion: October 19, 2023](#)
  - o Guest: John Havens
- *The Wall Between*: Raja Khouri & Jeffrey Wilkinson
  - o [Discussion: November 30, 2023](#)
  - o Guest: Raja Khouri
- *The Long Road Home*: Debra Thompson
  - o [Discussion: January 25, 2024](#)
  - o Guest: Debra Thompson
- *Net Positive*: Andrew Winston & Paul Polman
  - o [Discussion: February 22, 2024](#)
  - o Guest: Andrew Winston
- *A Ministry for the Future*: Kim Stanley Robinson
- *Cobalt*: Charlie Angus
- *A Psalm for the Wild Built*: Becky Chambers



- *Heartland*: Sarah Smarsh
- *The Perfection of the Morning*: Sharon Butala
- *Washington Black*: Esi Edugyan
- *Maximum Canada*: Doug Saunders
- *True Reconciliation*: Jody Wilson Raybould
- *Bramah and the Beggar Boy*: Rene Siklikar
- *Faith as Protest*: Karen Hamilton
- *The Undertaking of Billy Buffone*: David Giuliano
- *Undivided Love*: Janet Gear
- *The Other Side of the River*: Alf Dumont

To find out more, e-mail [flourishing@united-church.ca](mailto:flourishing@united-church.ca)

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## Leading our children through the Season of Creation...



~ from...*Mother Natured ~ Nature Play Club*  
**STICKY NATURE BRACELETS**



Show your kids how to create the ultimate charm bracelet with this sticky activity. They are sure to enjoy collecting treasures from the garden, and it's a great way to get them to spend intentional time outside looking closely at nature.

### You will need:

- strips of cardboard trimmed to wrap around your child's wrist
- Double-sided tape
- Masking/cello tape

### Making the bracelets:

1. Help your children wrap double-sided tape around their strip of cardboard, then peel back the tape covering to expose the adhesive surface.
2. Secure the bracelet around your child's wrist with a piece of tape.
3. Set off on your nature walk with the bracelets - you may like to stick to your own backyard or go to a nearby park.
4. As you walk around with your child, encourage them to pick out some small materials that interest them and stick it to the tape on their wrist bands.
5. Encourage your child to be gentle and respectful of the environment and consider the materials they collect carefully.
6. Ask your child about the materials they chose.

### Play extensions:

- Create matching crowns or nature super hero cuffs.
- When your child has finished with their nature bracelet, place it in a compost bin and discuss why adding items to a compost helps the environment. (Make sure to remove the tape first.)
- Enjoy this activity seasonally and focus on collecting natural materials that celebrate the season.

### What are they learning?

- Exploring and investigating
- Developing new vocabulary and language skills
- Strengthening fine motor muscles, visual motor integration and control
- Use of descriptive language to name their collected materials
- Caring and showing respect for natural living things
- Broadening their understanding of the world
- Making predictions and generalizations about aspects of the natural world around them
- Making use of their senses to explore the natural environment
- Understanding the interdependence between land, plants and people.



The Barrie County Chordsmen

presents

# It's the **MUSIC** that Brings us Together

STUDENTS  
\$10

ADULTS  
\$25

## Featured Guests



**Toronto Northern Lights**



**The Barrie County Chordsmen**

A 2-hour show jam packed with performances by the Barrie County Chordsmen (2015 Ontario Champions), Toronto Northern Lights (2013 International Champions) and the Barrie Soundwaves (Sweet Adelines International) choruses, plus several quartets including Nostalgia Express (2019 Ontario Senior Champions), Gummie Boys, and Prime Time!!!

**Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

2 PM / DOORS OPEN 1:30 PM

**Hi-Way Church**

50 ANNE STREET NORTH, BARRIE

Tickets & Info – call 705-791-1367 or visit our website [www.barriecountychordsmen.com](http://www.barriecountychordsmen.com)

Tickets also available at THE PARTY STORE, 21 Commerce Park Dr, Barrie