



St. James United Church
Announcements
April 23, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Apr. 23rd – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Wed. Apr. 26th – 9:30am** (to approx. 11:30am) – **Social Morning** (upper room)
 - **Sun. Apr. 30th – 10am – Worship Service;** "Pasta Plus" Lunch After Church and celebration of April Birthdays. All are welcome. Freewill donations appreciated.
 - **Wed. May 3rd – 9:30am – Social Morning** (upper room)
 - **Sun. May 7th – 10am – Worship Service**
 - **Mon. May 8th – 1pm – UCW Meeting** (upper room)
 - **Wed. May 10th – 9:30am – Social Morning** (upper room)
 - **Sun. May 14th – 10am – Worship Service**
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Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful & fun.

Greeter: [Alyssa Seefried](#)

Lay Reader: [Karen Given](#)

Refreshments: [Shirley Parker](#)

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP...

from Pastor Patricia

**Are you inspired enough by Creation itself,
that it calls you to care?**

Many people have had their most profound spiritual experience
in nature.

If this hasn't happened to you yet, just take a stroll in a forest
and feel the awe and wonderment.

As we behold the power and love of God in the majestic trees, a
mountain range, a sunset, or in the timelessness of the ocean, we
can't help but be moved. But remember that creation also includes
humans – our families, communities, and created landscapes.

God created all things of Heaven and Earth, and God is our
inspiration to care for both wild places and our own cities and
backyards.

**This Sunday we celebrate Earth Week and
the joy of caring for God's Creation
for more than just a week on the calendar.**

Remember these words...

Genesis 2:15

“The Lord God took the newly made man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Job 12:7-10

“Ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”

New at St. James!

Please come on out for a weekly **Social Morning**, beginning on **Wednesday April 26th at 9:30am**. Bring your needlepoint, knitting, embroidery, crocheting etc. and join us for a morning of fun and laughs. We'll gather in the upper room. Tea and coffee will be available. **Please bring your own coffee mug**. Gentlemen, don't be afraid to join us!

Should you have any questions, please speak with me. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday mornings! ~ Karen Given



Strawberry Supper 2023

There is nothing like warm weather to generate thoughts of a Strawberry Supper at St James. So here is what has been decided on so far:

Date: Friday June 23rd, 2023

Style: Both Takeout (you select salads) and In-Person Dining

Cost: \$25.

Volunteers Needed: 40

Menu: Choice of 5 salads, ham, dinner roll, pickles, strawberries, ice cream and cookies if dining in. Remove ice cream if getting takeout.

Tickets Available by May 31st





Here is an excerpt from one of my favorite books:
*Becoming Rooted: One Hundred Days
of Reconnecting with Sacred Earth;*
by Randy Woodley.

As we celebrate Earth Week, it's good to remember
that

All My Relations are important to God. ~ *Patricia*

“All My Relations” is an important phrase used by Indigenous peoples in North America to express their worldview about the interconnectedness of all creation; from people, to animals and insects, to plants and inanimate objects.

***In times of change learners inherit the earth;
while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal
with a world that no longer exists.***

—Eric Hoffer

Some estimates suggest that 70 percent of modern medications are made from natural plants. More than six hundred plant species have been lost to human encroachment and pollution over the last several hundred years. These two facts worry me. Why would human beings promote systems, structures, ideologies, and lifestyles that work against their own survival?

Good air quality is also a medicine. So is clean water. And healthy soil. Even a stress-free life is known to prolong people's lives. It seems to me that people in the Western world are working against their own self-interest—against their own healing—and against their own grandchildren's well-being. What will it take to change?

The only way I see such a destructive lifestyle changing is if people begin adopting different values and then living out these values. Our Indigenous ancestors figured this out—by trial and error and through necessity—so many years ago. These are the ancient values I have tried to communicate in this book, and the values that help us reconnect to sacred Earth.

- Respect: Respect everyone. Everyone and everything is sacred.
- Harmony: Seek harmony and cooperation with people and nature.
- Friendship: Increase the number and depth of your close friends and family.
- Humor: Laugh at yourself; we are merely human.
- Equality: Everyone expresses their voice in decisions.
- Authenticity: Speak from your heart.
- History: Learn from the past. Live presently by looking back.
- Balance work and rest: Work hard, but rest well.
- Generosity: Share what you have with others.
- Accountability: We are all interconnected. We are all related.

This is by no means a comprehensive list. But if we nurture these values in our lives, we will become more rooted in the community of creation. Begin working your way down the list and incorporating these Indigenous values into your own life. Search for songs, ceremonies, and stories from your own ancestry. Look for friends who align with these values. Then commit to immersing yourself in a new way of living. Good medicine awaits us as we seek the healing of ourselves and of sacred Earth. The journey continues.



Just in case you missed the great work we are doing...

Thank you to everyone for your gifts of treasure and food to the
Innisfil foodbank!



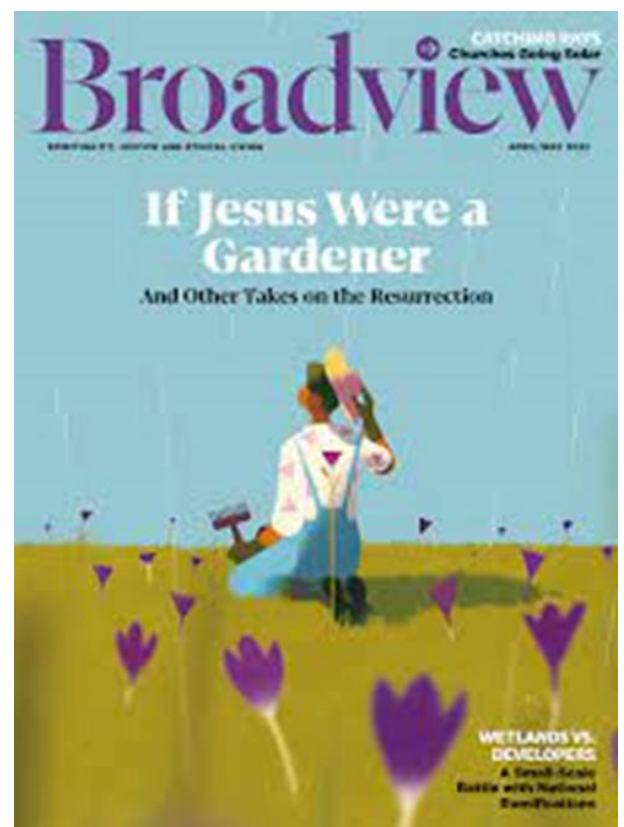
Thanks to St. James United Church for a donation of \$1000
for our foodbank!

Broadview Subscription Renewal

If you subscribe to Broadview magazine, or would like to, the cost is \$25.00 for a year.

See the samples in the Narthex...
it is a great magazine filled with
current topics that give plenty of
food for thought!

**Please speak to Shirley King to
place an order or if you have
any questions.**



Open Hands Canada at Burton Avenue UC

We are excited about our youth exchange to Miawpukek First Nation in Conne River, NFLD, July 3rd. The group will be fully immersed in a variety of cultural experiences and activities.

How can YOU help? Join a fundraising event; coffee house, walk-a-thon, NFLD cold plate dinner, silent auction and NFLD music.

For more information, please speak to Heather Walker.

Bond Head United Church



Jesus Revolution Sunday May 7th

A celebration of the music of the “Jesus Revolution” era of the 1970s hosted by Joyful Noise. Come dressed in your favourite 1970’s era clothing: bell bottoms, psychedelic shirts, flower power hats...be creative!

What’s Happening at Trinity United in Beeton?

Plant, Book, Bake & Small Treasure Sale

**Saturday, June 10
8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**



We're looking for donations of flowers & plants (labelled), books (no text books), baking (wrapped & labelled) and small treasures (jewelry, games, puzzles, ornaments, etc).

Donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday, June 9th from 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 3:00 - 7:00 PM.

Please contact Linda & Rich Melanson (905- 551-3049) for more info.

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