



St. James United Church
Announcements
February 12, 2023
Annual Congregational Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- **Mon. Feb. 13th – 1pm – UCW Meeting** (upper room) Roll call is for items for Elizabeth Fry. We have been told that they need new underwear and pyjamas. Please bring these to the meeting.
 - **Sun. Feb. 19th – 10am – Worship Service and Inclement Weather Date for ACM** (if needed)
 - **Sun. Feb. 26th – 10am – Baden Powell Service and Wafflemania returns!** Join special guests from 2nd Innisfil Scouts in the basement after church for fruit, waffles, syrup, birthday cake and ice cream! See Pat Edmonds if you are able to contribute an item.
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A Prayer as we Prepare for Our ACM



O Holy One,

As we meet on Sunday regarding ordinary and extraordinary matters of SJUC - matters which will ultimately affect the church and community around us,

be with us in our discussions.

Give us insight and courage to do your will with compassion and reverence, as stewards and companions

for the benefit of St. James, the community and beyond.

Help us to know and believe in the gifts you have given us individually and collectively.

Inspire us to solve the challenges we may face and to take joy in our shared triumphs, both mundane and grand.

In faith and hope, we trust in your presence and guidance as we prepare our thoughts and spirits for the Congregational Meeting this Sunday.

Amen.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... from Pastor Patricia



This Sunday will be busy, so be sure to put on your running shoes and thinking caps!!

On Sunday we will enjoy some wake-up coffee and morning muffins at 9:30 in the Upper Room



Then, we will be filled with God's word as we worship from 10:00 - 10:30



AND last, but not least, we'll hold our ACM beginning @10:40 in the sanctuary.



WOW!! What a great Sunday to be there! And yes...

I really mean it 😊

This is an exceptionally significant time of gathering to:
***connect, celebrate what God has been doing across our church family
and in the community, share new initiatives and
do the practical business side of St. James ministry.***

It is a time when we share the good things we accomplish together while
enjoying being part of an extended kingdom family.

We can't be the church we are in 2023 without you being there!

So be sure to come in, come in and sit down because YOU are a part of the
family!!! *See you there, Patricia*

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

Greeter: Mary McGrath

Lay Reader: Mary McGrath

Refreshments: Donna Wice

**This is a reminder that the sign-up sheet for Lay Reader is in the Upper Room where we gather
for fellowship. If you are interested in being a reader, let me know and we can make that
happen!! ~ Pastor Patricia**



Please note that Pastor Patricia will be away on vacation for the week of
February 13-19 inclusive.

Please call the Board Chair, Joyce Feren @ 705-431-2204 or
Congregational Life Chair, Linda Winson @ 705-431-7149
if an emergency arises.



Dear Friend:

The news continues to unfold about the devastating earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria. The death toll continues to rise – numbers are pointing to over 5,000 – depending on the source. This is shattering news and adds to the challenges of the war in this area for over a decade.

The UCC has posted a prayer and short statement in response to this crisis. While the earthquake was on the border, the tremors were felt as far away as Lebanon and Cyprus. At this time, we are issuing an appeal to help recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria. It is hard to tell what other areas are affected or the extent of the damage from this seismic event.

Amid this current uncertainty, you can be certain that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. Give generously by clicking [here](#). You may also text UCCDISASTER to 41444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Siladi".

Kent Siladi

Director of Philanthropy

Many of you will remember Rev. Bruce Sweet, who was a pulpit supply minister in 2022 while I was on vacation.

Rev. Sweet is now the part time minister at Bradford United, but is also continuing his ministry in worshipping outdoors.

Here is an opportunity to join him for 2 evenings of worship.

Maybe I will see you there! ~ Patricia

God in the Woods



We will meet twice in February:

**Our first gathering will be Sunday, February 19, 3-4pm
at the Barrie Arboretum.**

**This is Transfiguration Sunday as well as the Sunday before Lent
and both of these will form our theme.**

For those who are unfamiliar, we worship outdoors.

**We do not worship "out in creation"
but rather as "part of creation".**

Bring a friend. All are welcome.

Dress for the weather.



**And our second meeting will be Friday, February 24, 7-8pm.
This is always held on the evening of the full moon.**

Our activity is much the same as the Sunday afternoon event except that we walk together in silence with pauses to share insights into our theme.

This too is at the Arboretum. Bring a friend and a flashlight.

Directions to the Arboretum

The Arboretum is found in the North-West corner of Sunnidale Park.

As you are driving North-West on Sunnidale, towards the intersection with Cundles Rd., the Arboretum will be on your right. And, as you approach the intersection, you will see a cleared space on the shoulder for parking. I will be waiting there for you here. ~ *Bruce*

[Let's Connect! The United Church of Canada: The Big Picture](#)

at online event

February 15, 2023 @ 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Let's Connect!

The United Church of Canada: The Big Picture

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is the second in a series of forums for elected Lay Representatives from Shining Waters Regional Council with an overview of The United Church of Canada. This event is also being offered to any interested lay leaders in both Shining Waters and Canadian Shield regions.

Join us for a conversation with Jennifer Henry, Senior Program Development and Strategy Lead for the General Council. Jennifer will share details about the new strategic plan for the United Church and how it will be implemented.

For more details about the new strategic plan please see The United Church of Canada website: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/welcome-united-church-canada/our-call-and-our-vision>

[PDF of UCC Strategic Plan 2023-2025](#) (24 Pages)

Draft Agenda

6:45 Informal start: come and say hello, visit for a few minutes before we start

7:00 Welcome and opening

7:10 Big Picture The United Church of Canada: Jennifer Henry

7:40 Q+A and conversation

7:55 Wrap up and thanks

8:00 Closing Prayer

Have a question? Send it along on the registration form below. A Zoom link will be sent to you with the confirmation of your registration once you hit submit.

Register here: <https://shiningwatersregionalcouncil.ca/communities-of-faith/lets-connect-registration/>



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10:00am-2:00pm



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OVERNIGHT

Nov.1 - April 30
9:00pm-8:00am

This project has received funding support from the County of Simcoe

I have been speaking with Jodi Greenstreet, Executive Director of WOW Living in Bradford. The services at WOW are available to the Stroud and the Innisfil community.

Do you know someone who can use their services?

Here is a bit of what Jodi had to say about WOW:

"The LORD has grown our volunteer TEAM to 52 people, which is how we are able to provide the Cafe services 7 days/week. ANYONE in need is welcome to come and enjoy a hot cup of coffee, warm meal and a welcoming community. We have computers, printers, and a fax machine people can use, and our TEAM has assisted people with filling out forms, creating resumes, etc. Since 2020 this amazing volunteer TEAM has assisted 44 people find safe and affordable housing and 38 of them are still housed.

Only God could do this in the housing market that we are in currently!"

Let's keep their valuable services in mind! *Patricia*

Community

March 1 - Gilford Lasagna Supper! Details to come.

March 17 - Churchill St. Patrick's Day Supper! - Details to come.

If anyone knows of someone who is in need of a walker, please contact Linda Severson-Winson at 705-431-7149.



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