



*St. James United Church*  
**Announcements**  
**February 19, 2023**

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**Upcoming Events:**

- **Sun. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Baden Powell Service and Wafflemania returns!** Join special guests from 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
  - **Sun. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Worship Service**
  - **Sun. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Worship Service**
  - **Mon. Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> – 1pm – The annual World Day of Prayer Service will be held at St. James.** It will feature a video service, “I have heard about your faith” written by the women of Taiwan and presented by women across Canada. An opportunity will be provided to contribute to the many projects supported by WICC in 170 countries around the world. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.
  - **Sun. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Worship Service**
  - **Sun. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> – 10am – Worship Service**
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**Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful and fun.**

**Greeter:** Karen Given

**Lay Reader:** Hilary Mallett

**Refreshments:** Barb Johnston & Lorraine Stapleton

**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**

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**Keeping in Touch**

I called Audrey Kirby for her birthday and she was surprised to hear from me. I mentioned that she had always called me on my birthday, so I was just returning the favour for a change. We talked about her grandchildren and her church that she now attends. Since she no longer drives, Audrey relies on her friends and family to get her to church and around to do shopping etc. Audrey mentioned that she misses our congregation and told me to say hello to everyone and please keep in touch and call anytime for a chat.

Author: Harry Visser

**Can you update us on any of our former members?**



The United Church  
of Canada

We hold in [prayer](#) the people impacted by the devastating earthquakes on February 6.

Please consider circulating the following in your bulletin or on your social media pages:

On Monday, February 6, a series of powerful earthquakes struck southern Türkiye (Turkey) near the border with Syria. The quakes caused extensive damage and loss of lives. At time of writing, the death toll has surpassed 20,000 people, and thousands more are missing.

The winter weather makes the situation even more dire for people who are without shelter, warm clothes, blankets, water, and food. Some of the people affected by the earthquake were already displaced by conflict.

Today, people need emergency shelter, blankets, mattresses, clean water, food, and hygiene items.

We join Mission & Service partners the Middle East Council of Churches, ACT Alliance, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and the Humanitarian Coalition to show tangible support for the people of Türkiye and Syria.

Please offer your community the opportunity to donate to these efforts.

Individuals can donate [directly online](#) and by phone (416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738 using Visa or MasterCard).

Your congregation can send a cheque to:

The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 200  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

*Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Türkiye" on the face of your cheque.*

You can send the funds with your next Mission & Service transfer, or by e-transfer to [FUCC@united-church.ca](mailto:FUCC@united-church.ca) and send a confirmation email to [FUCC@united-church.ca](mailto:FUCC@united-church.ca) with a completed transfer form.

Blessings,

Sarah Charters  
Executive Officer, Philanthropy

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## **Community**

**March 1 - Gilford Lasagna Supper! Details to come.**

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

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



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. ~ Bruce**

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



### What we offer

- warm meals & coffee/tea
- help finding resources & navigating systems
- Computers/printers/fax
- Welcoming & comfortable atmosphere

31 Frederick Street  
Bradford  
905-778-2048

**EVERYDAY**

Nov.1 - April 30  
10:00am-2:00pm



**Extreme Cold  
Warming Centre**

**-15 celcius**

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**OVERNIGHT**

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

This project has received funding support from the County of Simcoe

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