



St. James United Church
Announcements
February 26, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Sun. Feb. 26th – 10am – Baden-Powell Service** and **Wafflemania** luncheon
 - **Tues. Feb. 28th - 2:30 pm - EDGE Committee Meeting** at SJUC
 - **Sun. Mar. 5th – 10am – Worship Service - *Hymnsing***
 - **Sun. Mar. 12th – 10am – Worship Service - *Communion and Membership Sunday***
 - **Mon. Mar. 13th – 1pm – The Annual World Day of Prayer Service** 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 & fellowship to follow.*
 - **Sun. Mar. 19th – 10am – Worship Service - *Mental Health Awareness Sunday - A Beginning***
 - **Sun. Mar. 26th – 10am – Worship Service - *Mental Health Awareness Sunday - The Journey Continues; Fellowship Lunch***
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Welcome Back to Sunday School!

Our Sunday school program has resumed at St. James and we are looking forward to seeing our young families again. Please join us in the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for the beginning of the service. Children will then go off to Sunday school with Clasina Brands and Shirley King.



This Sunday is our **Baden Powell Service** and **Wafflemania luncheon!**

Children can stay upstairs for this special service or join our Sunday school teachers for a fun Sunday school activity. Join special guests from 2nd Innisfil Scouts in the basement after church for waffles, birthday cake and ice cream!

We are excited to inform you that St. James will be hosting Camp Awesome this summer! Shining Waters Regional Council of the United Church of Canada is hosting **Bees for Peace** (<https://www.beesforpeace.org/>) an organization that recently received funding from the Embrace the Spirit Fund to work with us to create a new summer experience. It is a half-day, week-long experience for ages 5 - 12 with snacks provided. Stay tuned for dates and more information to follow.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley King, Christian Development Committee at shirleyking@rogers.com

Hope to see you this Sunday!

Sunday Mornings throughout Lent

Beginning March 5th, you are invited to join Patricia on Sunday Mornings before church service as we journey through Lent with *wisdoms* to reflect on. All who are interested will gather in Noah's Ark Sunday School room from 9:15 to 9:45.

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP... from Pastor Patricia



Here is another sign of our church *getting back to normal*...It is wonderful to be able to once again, invite the 2nd Innisfil Scout Group into our church for World Scout Day! Worship will take on the essence of a *Scouts Own*.

Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, describes the Scouts Own as "*A voluntary uplifting of their hearts . . .*

in thanksgiving for the joys of life,

and a desire to seek inspiration and strength for greater love and service for others."

Could the theme of this intergenerational service get any better than that? I don't think so. I look forward to the Spirit of Fun as we welcome the youth and their families to our special service!

Our guest readers will be the 2nd Innisfil Scout Group.



See you on Sunday!

Pastor Patricia

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

Greeters: Hilary Mallett & Karen Given

Lay Reader(s): 2nd Innisfil Scout Group

Refreshments: Mary McGrath & Clasina Brands

This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Lent.

Although we will be focusing on World Scout Day, we must not forget that our Lenten Journey has begun. Think on these words from Isaiah as you contemplate what this season will look like for you:

Isaiah 58:6 (NLT) “No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.”

What do you want your Lenten Journey to be like this year?

Here are some Lenten practice ideas for you to consider (found on Godspace)

AN ADVENTURE:

This practice of Lent might include physical activity to get you outside or it might include creative activity that you've been putting off or neglecting. Where do you experience the love and presence of Jesus? When and how do you feel closest to God? That's your Healthyplace.



This could this be your area of practice and focus this Lent.

OR

Do you need to experience something new with God? Trying the adventure of a silent retreat or a sabbath practice. Planning more fun and play with God. Perhaps learning something new with God, like reading a biography, learning

FASTING:

Practice fasting from politics, news, whining, technology, social media, shopping, or anything getting in the way of your relationship with Jesus.



And of course, there is always fasting from a particular food or drink.

SERVING:



Showing God's love in a practical way! Who in your life, your family, your neighborhood, or at work is in need of extra love, help, or compassion?

What are some practical ways you can serve and give to them during Lent this year?

Ask Jesus to show you. Take time to brainstorm with friends or family, make a list, pray about this.

MUSIC and ART:



Create a play list for your Lenten practice.
Play music as a part of your Lenten practice
Create a collage or other art piece as a part of your practice.

**SOOOOO... What is Jesus inviting you to focus on
as you practice Lent this year?
What do you need in your spiritual life as you begin Lent?
How can you grow closer to Jesus
between now and Easter Sunday?**



Keeping in Touch

A recent phone conversation with Walter Boyd, a long-time 9th Line neighbour, inspired me. There I was, intent on asking him about his daily activities, when suddenly I am answering his queries about Merv's ice-fishing and how are things at St. James! Walter at 92, always makes a point of reaching outside his own life to check in on others. His recollection of harsh Innisfil winters of the past is full of remarkable detail with a real knack for remembering names and precise locations. He is so easy to listen to! ~ Author: Donna Wice

Can you update us on any of our older members?

A Community Partner to know about:

Did You Know that, among many other things, **Hospice Simcoe** provides these 2 programs free of charge?

LIVING WELL PROGRAM

Hospice Simcoe's Living Well program is available to individuals diagnosed with a life limiting illness. This weekly program gives participants an opportunity to connect with others in a group setting, while enjoying treats, conversation, activities and occasionally guest speakers.

CIRCLE OF CARE; SUPPORTING CAREGIVERS

Available to individuals caring for a family member/friend diagnosed with a life limiting illness, this weekly support group gives caregivers the opportunity to share their stories, while receiving support from other group participants and our facilitators. Guest speakers and special activities may be planned.

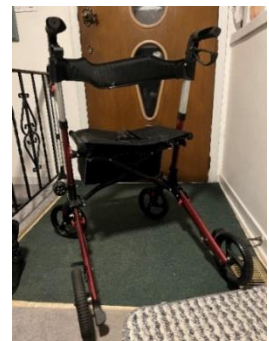
Call 705-725-1140 or see <https://hospicesimcoe.ca/> for more information & services.

A Funny Bone Moment 🤔

My husband found an app that guesses a person's age by evaluating a picture of the person's face. It missed John's age by fifteen years to the young side. He liked that. It missed mine by five years to the old side. So I retook it. It added seven more. Then ten. I quit before it pronounced me dead.

Feel free to send in one of your own. After all, *laughter is the best medicine!*

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



Lasagna Supper!

Join



Gilford United Church

Wednesday March 1st 2023

\$25 per person (\$10 children under 10)

TWO seatings 4:45 pm or 6:00 pm

Lasagna (vegetarian option available), salad, buns and dessert, coffee and tea

To reserve your spot!

Deadline February 22nd

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Thank you for your continued support of our small community church

- **March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Supper at Churchill United Church. Details to come.**

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