



## *St. James United Church*

**Announcements  
Summer Worship  
July 9, 2023**

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**Thank you to this Sunday's volunteers who make our time of gathering meaningful & fun:**

**Greeter:** Hilary Mallett

**Lay Reader:** Various (Blanket Exercise)

**Refreshments:** Barb Johnston & Sharon Fabricius

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### Keeping in Touch *Author: Karen Kelly*

John and I are on holidays with the family and we are a short distance from Sharon and Ron McPhee, so we stopped in for our usual visit. Sharon and Ron were in the choir for many years at St. James and Sharon is a cousin of mine. Ron is much better than last year. All 3 children were very active in the musical life at St. James.

Ron's health has improved and he is now able to walk without assistance, and their ramp to the house has been removed. Ron praises Sharon as he says, without her support, he would never have survived. He told us he married well! He drove the other day for the first time in a year and a half and says it is much more difficult than it was before. Unfortunately, he can no longer golf, jog, or play pickleball. He says swimming is the only thing he can do that makes him feel normal. I did tell him about disc golf and he is going to check it out, as there are 2 courses in Peterborough. One is 5 minutes from their son Mark's home and the other is close to their condo.

With pride, they told us Lisa's oldest son won a \$100,000 scholarship. He is currently enrolled in Waterloo University doing an electrical and mechanical engineering co-operative degree.

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

Before I talk about this week's worship, I would like to share an observation with you. It was interesting last week, as I looked upon the congregation, that I saw signs... body language...suggesting that *perhaps* not everyone is willing to openly receive "more" words of truth and reconciliation. Was it just my read, or is there some truth to my observation? I do not judge; rather I hope that everyone finds their own willingness to understand the history of Canada's original people, and our role in that history. It's a history well worth understanding. For some insightful reading, check out the link below:

[https://files.ontario.ca/trc\\_report\\_web\\_mar17\\_en\\_1.pdf](https://files.ontario.ca/trc_report_web_mar17_en_1.pdf)

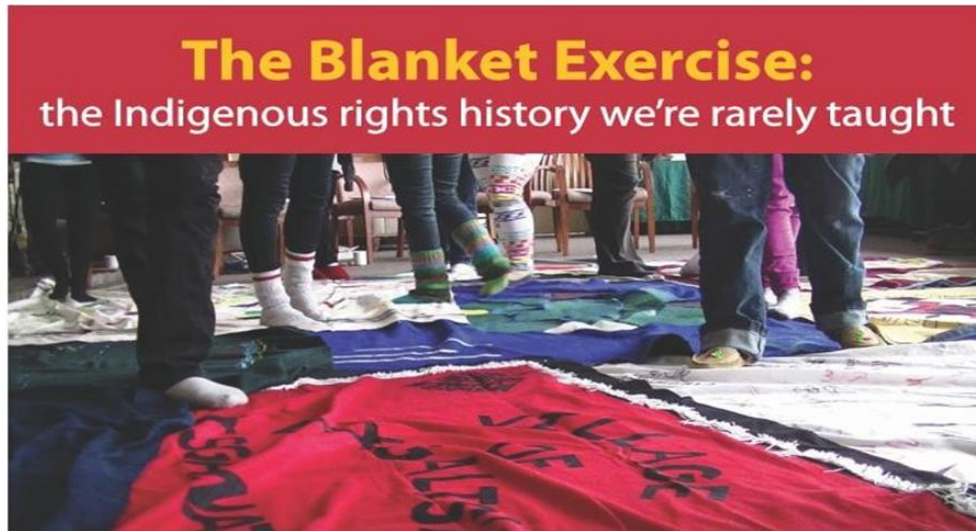
This month we continue to open ourselves to the sacred ways and understanding of Indigenous and Native people. It is my hope that this week's work and words shine a light on pathways to reconciliation.

On Sunday, you will experience the teachings of the Blanket Exercise...

In 1996, the Aboriginal Rights Coalition worked with Indigenous elders and teachers to develop The Blanket Exercise, an interactive way of learning the history most Canadians are never taught.

It has since been offered thousands of times since its development.

This is a Sunday where I encourage you to bring a friend or neighbour to church!



*Oh... and did you find out what a boomwhacker is???*

**We will be gathering  
DOWNSTAIRS  
for this week's worship service!!**

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In 2006, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission issued 94 Calls to Action that provide concrete suggestions for churches, governments and Canadians to continue the journey to reconciliation.

Here is one of them...

### **Call 59**

We call upon churches to develop ongoing education strategies to ensure that their respective congregations learn about their church's role in colonization and in residential schools, and why apologies are necessary.

### **Prayer**

God of reason and understanding, we love to talk about theology, but sometimes our talk leads to actions of violence, not love. Sometimes our practices divide rather than reconcile. Lead us to face the truth of the past and to work for peace in the future. Remind us that confession from the heart leads to healing of the heart; that words of truth build trust. Stir us to respond to your longing for a new creation to heal and restore the circle of your people. Let us work for reconciliation. Amen.

~ *A Time for Hope: Worship Resources*

[https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/22444/A Time for Hope-](https://www.commonword.ca/FileDownload/22444/A_Time_for_Hope-)

## *Something Upcoming to Think About...*

Are you interested in discovering your  
inner ministry potential?

Have you wanted to lead a Sunday service at SJUC but wasn't sure  
how to go about doing it?

Would you like to have a bit more confidence when replacing Pastor  
Patricia in her absence?

There is an opportunity for Lay Worship Leader Training for those  
within our own congregation who answered "yes" to any of these  
questions!

Please note that this light training is not at all  
the same as,  
nor a replacement for, the

**Licensed Lay Worship Leader course.**

*PURPOSE:* To develop skills in lay worship leadership among individuals by  
providing an introduction to liturgy, lay theology and preaching.

*GOAL:* To create a base of worship leaders within your own church to  
support the work of ministry personnel by providing pulpit supply, or co-  
leading in worship.

Session One: Worship Leadership - Sept 23, 2023 - 10am-2pm • Lay  
ministry in the United Church of Canada - parameters of the lay leader • Self  
reflection and evaluation - why are you here? • What is theological  
reflection? • Professional boundaries and working with Ministry Personnel •  
Developing learning goals

Session Two: Liturgy - Oct 21, 2023 - 10am-2pm • The elements of worship - style, content, intention • Music in worship - How to use the hymn book • A Conversation with God: Writing Prayers • Understanding learning styles and using audio/visual aids • copyright and licenses

Session Three: Putting it all together - Nov 18, 2023 - 10am-2pm • Worship Resources • Lectionary • Gathering • Re-Worship • Preaching and Teaching - the art of story • Begin creating a service of worship and sermon

Session Four: Testing it out - Dec 2, 2023 - 10am-2pm • Write a liturgy • Present a five-minute sermon.

Participants will be asked to attend all four sessions where possible, as each session builds upon the previous session.

There will be some light pre-reading before each session.

Interested?

Contact: Pastor Patti at [patti@bondheadunitedchurch.ca](mailto:patti@bondheadunitedchurch.ca)

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2023

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## A Blessing in the Midst of Wildfires

JUNE 09, 2023



Let there be gentle rain, off and on,  
and cooling temperatures until all fires are out,  
and all people and flocks are safely housed and cared for.

May caregivers care well for those fighting fires:  
nourish, shelter, and love them into healing.

May goodly rest fortify the strength and will to persist  
for all who are affected by these fires from coast to coast.



May God be with all who face fear and heat and smoke.  
May God bless those who work to stop the fires.  
May some balance come for those displaced, lost, or hurt.  
They are not alone. We are not alone.  
May God send peace into all the upset, frustration, and fright.  
Thank you, God, for what you are doing in and through us. Amen.

~ Diane Trollope, Sudbury, Ont., 2023 [gathering.ca](https://gathering.ca)

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from Shining Waters Region...



## Climate Motivator Youth Program Launches



The United Church of Canada is launching its first-ever Climate Motivators program this summer, involving 15 youth from across the country. Each student is sponsored by a local community of faith and works together on local climate justice and environmental needs.

The program is co-led by three young adult climate coordinators and supervised by the GO Project in partnership with the General Council Office. All coordinators and motivators are funded through the Canada Summer Jobs Program. The program is based on the United Church's four climate pillars:

- Getting Our House in Order,
- Connecting with the Earth,
- Raising our Spirited Voices,
- Responding to Climate Impact.

The program provides youth with the opportunity to express their passions and act, deepen their relationship with their faith, build community with peers, and work with church leadership, including Moderator Carmen Lansdowne. Find out more, and read the [full news story](#).

**Supporting Community Summer Fun:**

**Save the Date...**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>: Bond Head United Church  
Annual Pork Barbeque**



**Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute  
Presents "Kindie" (Kids –Indie) Recording Artist  
Darrelle London**

**SUNDAY, 13 AUGUST, 2023**

**2:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

**Doors open at 1:30 P.M.**

Meet the Artist Reception after the show

**Location:** Tec-We-Gwill Women's  
Institute Hall (Newton Robinson)  
4380 Line 10  
Bradford West Gwillimbury

**Cost:**

16 and over: \$10

Under 16: \$5

5 and under: FREE

Darrelle will be playing songs from her latest album  
PRIMARY, released Friday, Mar. 24, 2023.



**To reserve a seat, contact Andrea Nolan at [andrea\\_rbm@yahoo.ca](mailto:andrea_rbm@yahoo.ca) or 705-458-8964.**

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