

Happy Mother's Day



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Christian Family Sunday - May 11th 2025

Mother's Day

10:30am St. James United Church Family in Worship

Guest: Mae Bedford LLWL

"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING JESUS - THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Music:

Lighting the Christ candle

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings, and Direction.

Those persons wishing to remain seated for the service are welcome do so for your personal comfort and spiritual reflection. Your presence and participation enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith together.

Gathering Song **VU# 624 Give to us laughter**

Call to Worship: **(Responsive)**

Leader: Come, mothers and those who mother! Come all who have mothers--

People: **through birth, adoption, or fostering, or simply by being taken under the wing of someone with a kindly, mothering soul.**

Leader: Come, those for whom today is difficult and confusing, those for whom today brings anger and grief.

People: **Today we worship in music and prayer the God who loves us with a maternal love beyond anything we could ask for or imagine, beyond what we hope.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn **VU# 603 In loving partnership we come**

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Remember the loving forgiveness you have received. Think of a person who has forgiven you. They forgave because they love dearly. God loves more deeply, more abundantly, and grants us peace and grace. We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!!!

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

Psalm 100 page 820-821 **Make a joyful noise**

Family Hymn **VU# 365 Jesus loves me**

Story: Change?

Scripture Lessons:

1st Corinthians 13: 4-13 One body with many parts

Colossians 3: 12-17 Living the new life

Lesson Reader: May House

Ministry of Music: Diane Stewart

Message: Family

Hymn **VU# 574 Come let us sing of a wonderful love**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offering Song **VU# 537 Your work, O God, needs many hands**
(stay seated)

Offering Prayer:

Jesus gave all he had, and he continued to give even beyond the grave. He just couldn't help it. Bless these gifts with that extraordinary love. Amen.

Prayers of the people

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn **VU# 556 Would you bless our homes and families**

Benediction

We extend our thanks to the people of May House for their hospitality and the serving of refreshments in the Muriel Bridge Room following the service.

SPECIAL UPCOMING SERVICES

May 18th 10:30 am - Victoria Day Weekend

June 8th 10:30am - Pentecost Sunday

SUMMER SERVICES:

For July and August Sundays this year, St. James UC. & Colborne Village UC. & First Baptist will be worshipping together in a shared worship format.

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Shared Summer Worship Schedule for July and August 2023 - (All worship services are at 10:30 am)

July 6 th	St. James United Church – Canada Day plus1
July 13 th	First Baptist Church
July 20 th	First Baptist Church
July 23 rd	Colborne Village United @ (Old Windham UC)
July 27 th	Colborne Village United @ (Old Windham UC)
July 31 st	
August 3 rd	St. James United Church
August 10 th	St. James United Church
August 17 th	St. James United Church
August 24 th	Colborne Village United Church

Bible Reading - May 11, 2025

Reader: May House

1 Corinthians 13: 4-13

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Bible Reading - May 11, 2025

Reader: May House

Colossians 3: 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.