



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday - May 25th 2025 - “*Rural Life Sunday*”
10:30am - St. James United Church Family in Worship
Theme: **“The Blessings of Being A Rural Church!”**
“Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living”

SEEKING GOD’S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

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

The Life and Work of the St. James Church Family -

Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are welcome to do so for your personal comfort and spiritual reflection. Your presence and full participation enriches us as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together throughout this Easter Season. May this be a time of praise, worship and fellowship for all of us!

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

Leader: We gather as disciples of Jesus to rejoice in what God has done.

All: Our God whose power and presence shines in Jesus, is with us still, to help us seek justice, resist evil, and find the pathway to more abundant living.

Leader: We are a blessed people, called to be good stewards of this world, that God loves so much.

**All: All honor and glory and praise be to our God.
Let us join our hearts, voices and spirits together in worship!**

Hymn of Praise: **VU# 412 “This Is the Day”**

Prayer of Approach (**unison**)

Loving and gracious God, open our hearts and minds as we gather in this place of worship, music, fellowship and prayer. Open our ears to listen eagerly for Your Word. Renew our faith and energy this day, in order that we may serve You more fully every day. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH : WE LISTEN

Psalter: **VU#786** Psalm 67 **"God's Blessings"**

Fa,mily Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

John 14:23-29 "Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit to teach"

Acts 16: 9-15 "A Community of Women down by the river"

Lay Reader: Zeke Gulabsingh

Choir Anthem: **"Christ Has No Body Now, But Yours"**

- S.C. Warner / R. Gunn

Message: **"Our Faith Journey Through The Countryside!"**

Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn **VU# 520** **"We Plough the Fields"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Presentation and Dedication of the Offering

Offertory: **VU# 537** **"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"**

Offertory Prayer (unison)

We now present our “Sacred Gifts” for dedication. Honor the work of loving hands and heartfelt intentions. May these gifts find some creative ways to work for the betterment of Your Kingdom, here on earth. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn **VU# 678 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”**

Benediction

Postlude Music

Please join together for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Muriel Bridge Room, after the Postlude Music.

UPCOMING SERVICES

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| June 8 th | 10:30am - 100 th Anniversary of United Church of Canada |
| June 15 | 10:30 - Honoring Rev. Barrie Bain for his 50 years of ministry with the United Church of Canada |
| June 22 | There will be a Strawberry Social following the service |
| June 29 | This being Rev. Barrie’s last service until September, we will enjoy a pot luck luncheon after the service. |

SUMMER SERVICES - 10:30 am:

For the month of July, services will be at St. James and for the month of August, services will be at Colborne Village.

On line banking is Available: Donations may be made to St. James at stjamesbanking@gmail.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YOU ARE INVITED: Colborne Village Church invites you to come and hear their guest speaker - Maureen Russell On May 31 at 10:00 am. Topic: New Hospice in Port Dover. Refreshments to follow. Call Joan Barnes if you plan on attending 519-426-2007.

AMICITIA UNIT: Tuesday June 10 - 7:00PM UCW will be hosting guest speaker Lyndsey Ross talking about her expanded business Absolute Home care, Coffee and Goodies afterwards. All women are invited to attend. We are extending an invitation to St. Paul's Presbyterian and Colborne Village Women. Let Jody know if you are able to attend.

LADIES - SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday July 8 lunch at Riverside 11:30AM and Tuesday August 12 dinner at The Barrel. 5:30PM as a social time for women.

Bible Reading - May 25, 2025
Reader: May House - Zeke Gulabsingh

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.