



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday (9 to noon)

Sunday September 6th 2026

10:30am St. James Church Family in Worship

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Theme: **"PROCEEDING FORWARD WITH FAITH!"**

"Spiritual Growth, Compassionate Living"

SEEKING GOD'S PEACE - WE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Prelude Music:

GOOD MORNING! Words of Welcome, Greetings and Announcements. Persons wishing to remain seated during the service are invited to do so. Your presence with us here enriches our time of fellowship as we gather to make our journey of faith and actions together through this Season of Creation, a time of Praise, Worship and Sacred Partnerships!

Call to Worship – (Responsive)

Leader: We gather on this First Sunday of September,
in praise and prayer to celebrate God's love,
that welcomes us from all walks of life.

All: We enter this sacred space where we find a sense of welcome and acceptance to be ourselves in this community of faith.

Leader: In this sanctuary, we await the touch of God's Spirit:
"Refreshing, Renewing and Revitalizing!"

All: We are not alone. We are "Welcome Guests in God's House." Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise **VU# 401 "Worship the Lord"**

Prayer of Approach: (*unison*)

Spirit of the Living God, who gathers the church into one body, we gather again in Christ's name to worship You. Make us aware of Your Presence in what we say and do and dream. Strengthen the ties of faith and affection that hold us together as your people. Strengthen us for love and service in our small corner of Your vast creation. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEEKING GOD'S TRUTH - WE LISTEN

Psalter : **VU #873** Psalm 149 **"Sing to God a new song"**
Refrain #1 **"Hallelujah"**

Family Hymn: **VU# 639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"**

Family Focus: Storyteller: Rev. Barrie

Scripture Lessons:

Matthew 18:15-20 **"Where two or three are gathered in my name"**

Romans 13:8-14 **"Owe no one anything but love"**

Lesson Reader: September House

Musical Selection: Diane Stewart

Message: **GOD WORKS BETTER - - (With 2 or 3)**
Rev. Barrie Bain Preaching

Hymn : **VU# 574 "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"**

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS - WE RESPOND

Dedication of the Offering

Offertory Response: **VU# 538 “For the Gift of Creation”**

Offertory Prayer (**unison**)

Ever-giving God, we bring our gifts as a response to the many gifts You offer to us. We have been blessed in so many ways; may our response this day be a means of blessing others. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (**unison**)

Hymn VU# **635 “All the Way My Saviour Leads Me”**

Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude Music Selection:

You are invited to join together in the Muriel Bridge Room for refreshments and fellowship provided by the volunteers from September House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Free Clothing Giveaway** - Sept. 18 and 19th. Help is needed on the Friday to set up. Donations accepted after Labour Day Mon.-Thurs. 9-12 during office hours.
2. **Fair Parking** - Oct. 6-12 Closer to the time Bill will have a sign up sheet.
3. **Frosty Fair** - Nov. 14 8:30-12. Your donations for the general store, jewellery, penny table, blind auction, knitting , surprise packages and baked goods will be needed. Items can be brought to the church anytime. For surprise packages anything is good but we are lacking in things for men.

4. **Eising Craft Sale** - Nov. 16-21. It is a week long this year
5. **St. James Church Fundraiser** - A Christmas Carol by Stephen Bourne Dec. 5 7:00PM. Freewill Offering. Help will be needed for light refreshments.

Posters for all this are made and are on the shelf outside the office. Please take and pass around Norfolk County.

MEETING DATES

Amicitia Unit - Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7:00 pm, MBR

Stewardship Committee - Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30 pm, MBR

Council - Tuesday , September 22, 1:00 pm, MBR

Bible Reading - September 6, 2026
Reader: September House

Matthew 18:15-20

‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.